

SPECIAL
OFFER – SAVE
£200
PER PERSON

A WEEK ON THE DANUBE

A journey between Budapest & Regensburg
aboard the MS River Crown

27th September to 4th October & 4th to 11th October 2024



NOBLE CALEDONIA

A river journey, like no other allows you to gently absorb the landscape, appreciate the subtle changes in architecture and reflect on the many ways the river you are travelling along has influenced the course of history. More than any other European river the Danube has set the historical pulse of Central Europe, the vital crucible of culture that draws on influences of East and West.



Journey with us aboard the elegant, 100-passenger MS River Crown along the most romantic section of the Danube River between Budapest and Bavaria. Within the course of seven nights we will travel through Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany and accomplish a comprehensive look at an area of infinite cultural riches. Along the way we will enjoy the delights of Budapest, Bratislava and Vienna, the beauty of the Wachau Valley and the timeless tranquillity of Medieval towns and villages. Travel through the idyllic, rolling pastures and vineyards, past centuries old villages, towns and imperial cities which have witnessed the fascinating and turbulent history of Middle Europe.

Our river vessel will take us through borders and from place to place along the Danube with great ease, allowing us to relax and enjoy the scenery and the numerous stops without the distraction of long road journeys, traffic jams and border delays. The bountiful months of September and October is the perfect time to enjoy a trip along the Danube, the high season crowds have departed and the temperatures are ideal for exploring.



GUEST SPEAKERS

PROFESSOR RICHARD BUTTERWICK-PAWLIKOWSKI

27th September 2024 Departure



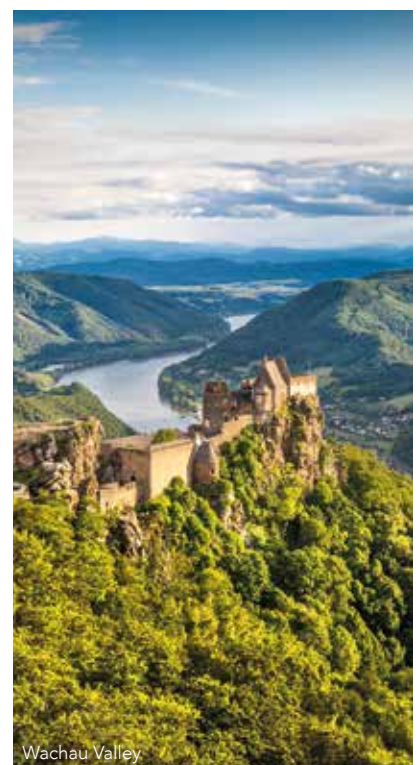
Richard graduated in History from Cambridge, before obtaining his doctorate from Oxford. He taught European history at Oxford and Queen's University Belfast before moving to the School of Slavonic and East European Studies at University College London, where he has been Professor of Polish-Lithuanian History since 2013. He is also Principal Historian of the Polish History Museum in Warsaw. Richard's academic interests range across the history and culture of Europe, especially in the eighteenth century. An admirer of the Baroque and Classical styles in the arts, he delights in Mozart's operas. He has published four single-authored books, four edited books, and many articles in scholarly periodicals and collections, and is in frequent demand as a speaker at international conferences.

MAJOR GENERAL PATRICK CORDINGLEY

4th October 2024 Departure



Major General Patrick Cordingley was commissioned into the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards in June 1965. He commanded the Desert Rats during the 1991 Gulf War and his huge tank formation led the British and American attack, which breached the Iraqi defences. In 1992 he took command of the 2nd UK Division before being appointed as the military adviser to the late Sultan Qaboos Al Said of Oman and his retirement from the Army in 2000. Following his retirement, Patrick completed eight years as chairman of a technology company. During this time he also worked for the BBC as a military commentator. He is now chairman of Defence and Security Forum, past chairman of the trustees of the Gilbert White's House with the Oates Collection, the National Memorial Arboretum Appeal and past Master of the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers. He was a visiting scholar at Hull University, where he is a Doctor of Science. He is the author of two best-selling books and was made an OBE in the 2017 Birthday Honours List for services to the National Arboretum.





Bratislava



Melk Abbey



Vienna



Schonbrunn Palace, Vienna



Passau

27TH SEPTEMBER 2024 ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Budapest, Hungary. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive and transfer to the MS River Crown for embarkation.

Day 2 Budapest. After breakfast our guided tour will include the old quarter, visiting the Mathias' Church and the Fisherman's Bastion from where there are stunning views of the city. After lunch on board, the afternoon will be free to explore at leisure before we sail this evening.

Day 3 Bratislava, Slovakia. Arrive over lunch in the Slovak capital of Bratislava. Join a guided walking tour of the city, formerly known as Pressburg, a former capital of Hungary. See the old quarter, the ornate Baroque Palace and the ancient city gates. Finish your tour with a visit to the beautiful Klarissen Church where a string quartet will perform a concert of music by Dvorak and Mozart.

Day 4 Vienna, Austria. A morning city tour of Austria's elegant capital will take us around the famous Ringstrasse and the Old Quarter including St Stephan's Cathedral. Alternatively join a tour to see Schonbrunn Palace and Gardens, the favourite summer residence of Maria Theresa. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon is at leisure to explore this majestic city further at your own pace.

Day 5 Krems & Durnstein, Wachau Valley. Spend the day in the Wachau Valley famous for its landscapes, vineyards and castles. From our berth in Krems we drive to Graffenegg Castle. Developed over seven centuries, here we will see traces of Gothic, Baroque and Neo-Gothic architecture with soaring towers, stylish staircases and atmospheric arcades. Also see the 32 hectares of grounds including rare plants, trees and sculptures. Over lunch we sail the short distance to the pretty town of Durnstein, where King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned. Enjoy some free time ashore to explore and perhaps sample some of the town's delicious Marillenschnaps or strudel before we enjoy a tasting of some of the region's excellent wines.

Day 6 Melk. Spend the morning in Melk with its majestic Baroque abbey situated on a cliff, high above the Danube. A morning guided tour of the abbey, includes the Imperial Staircase, the Marble Hall and the abbey church. Relax on board this afternoon and maybe join a lecture as we spend time sailing along the Danube.

Day 7 Passau, Germany. Over breakfast we arrive in Passau, where the Inn and Ilz rivers join the Danube. Our guided walking tour will include the old town of this Bavarian city and the breathtaking Cathedral of St Stephan which contains one of the world's largest church pipe organs. Enjoy an organ recital before returning to the vessel for lunch. The afternoon is free to explore at your own pace before we sail in the early evening.

Day 8 Regensburg to London. Disembark and transfer to Munich airport for your return scheduled flight to London.

PRAGUE POST-CRUISE EXTENSION 4TH TO 7TH OCTOBER 2024



After disembarking the MS River Crown, we are offering a three night extension to discover the marvellous city of Prague.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Regensburg to Prague, Czech Republic. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Prague (approx. 3 hours). On arrival we will have lunch before joining our local guide for a walking tour of the Old City including Wenceslas Square, the Old Town Square, with its famous astronomical clock and finally Charles Bridge and the Church of St Nicholas. After checking in to our hotel, the remainder of the evening is at leisure. (B, L)

Day 2 Prague. A morning panoramic tour of the city begins with a private visit to the impressive Strahov Monastery library with its amazing collection of ancient books and manuscripts. We then visit the Basilica and the Convent building before continuing to the castle, scene of the famous defenestration in 1618. Finally, visit the magnificent St Vitus Cathedral and walk along Golden Lane before returning to the hotel. The remainder of the day and evening is at leisure. (B)

Day 3 Prague. Enjoy a day at leisure to sightsee and explore at your own pace. (B)

Day 4 Prague to London. After breakfast transfer to the airport for our return flight to London. (B)

Prices per person Based on double occupancy

Twin: £1095 Single: £1395

Price Includes: Three nights hotel accommodation, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch), wine & soft drinks with included lunches, excursions as described, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

4TH OCTOBER 2024 ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Regensburg, Germany. Fly by scheduled flight to Munch and on arrival transfer to the MS River Crown in Regensburg for embarkation.

Day 2 Passau. Over breakfast we arrive in Passau, where the Inn and Ilz rivers join the Danube. Our guided walking tour will include the old town of this Bavarian city and the breathtaking Cathedral of St Stephan which contains one of the world's largest church pipe organs. Enjoy an organ recital before returning to the vessel for lunch. The afternoon is free to explore at your own pace before we sail in the early evening.

Day 3 Melk, Austria. Spend a leisurely morning cruising. In the early afternoon we arrive in Melk with its majestic Baroque abbey situated on a cliff, high above the Danube. A guided tour of the abbey, includes the Imperial Staircase, the Marble Hall and the abbey church. Return to the ship this evening as we continue our journey on the Danube.

Day 4 Durnstein & Krems, Wachau Valley. Spend the day in the Wachau Valley famous for its landscapes, vineyards and castles. This morning explore the pretty town of Durnstein, where King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned. Enjoy some free time ashore to explore and perhaps sample some of the town's delicious Marillenschnaps or strudel. Over lunch we sail the short distance to Krems from where we drive to Graffenegg Castle. Developed over seven centuries here we will see traces of Gothic, Baroque and Neo-Gothic architecture with soaring towers, stylish staircases and atmospheric arcades. Also see the 32 hectares of grounds including rare plants, trees and sculptures. We will also enjoy a tasting of some of the region's excellent wines.

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Day 7 Budapest, Hungary. After breakfast our guided tour will include the old quarter, visiting the Mathias' Church and the Fisherman's Bastion from where there are stunning views of the city. After lunch on board, the afternoon will be free to explore at leisure as we moor overnight.

Day 8 Budapest to London. Disembark and transfer to the airport for your return scheduled flight to London.



Fisherman's Bastion, Budapest

PRAGUE PRE-CRUISE EXTENSION 1ST TO 4TH OCTOBER 2024

Prague



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THE ITINERARY

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CATEGORY	DECK	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
Premium with French Balcony	Middle Deck	£3195	£2995
Premium with French Balcony	Upper Deck	£3395	£3195
Deluxe with French Balcony	Middle Deck	£3495	£3295
Deluxe with French Balcony	Upper Deck	£3795	£3595
Queen Suite with Balcony	Upper Deck	£4795	£4595
Standard Twin with porthole for sole use	Main Deck	£3195	£2995
Premium with French Balcony for sole use	Middle Deck	£4295	£4095

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Seven nights aboard the MS River Crown on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Gratuities • Transfers • Port & airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance



MS RIVER CROWN

The elegant 100-passenger MS River Crown is a spacious and well designed vessel. The atmosphere on board is friendly and informal and within days you will have made new friends in the open-seating restaurant, on the shore excursions or whilst relaxing in the comfortable public areas. You will find yourself amongst like-minded people in an English-speaking environment and for those who seek peace and quiet, there will always be the opportunity to find a secluded spot on the Sun Deck or simply rest in your well-appointed cabin. A musician will play each evening whilst you relax in the lounge, Guest Speakers will provide a series of interesting talks and our Cruise Director will host informative port briefings. After a day exploring ashore, you will return to the comfort and peace of a well-run and exceedingly comfortable vessel.

YOUR CABIN

The spacious cabins are arranged over three decks and are well planned and smartly furnished. Premium cabins on the Middle and Upper Deck measure 18 square metres and beds in these cabins can be configured as twin or double. Premium cabins feature a French Balcony providing wonderful views and access to fresh air. Also on the Middle and Upper decks are the Deluxe cabins with French Balcony which measure 22 square metres and feature fixed double beds along with a seating area. The four spacious, two room Queen Suites on the Upper Deck measure 30 square metres and feature both a French Balcony and separate balcony with chairs and a table, living room area with separable sliding door, a double bed and spacious bathroom with separate bath and shower. Finally, there are four Standard cabins on the Main Deck which measure 12 square metres and have fixed twin beds and portholes. All cabins feature ample storage space, a writing/dressing table, television, safety deposit box, small refrigerator, and individually controlled air-conditioning.

YOUR DINING

While the most beautiful river scenery passes by, enjoy delicacies created by the Executive Chef and his team. The restaurant has open seating, allowing you to sit where and with whom you like at each meal. In the morning for early risers, tea, coffee and pastries are available from 06.30 hours. Breakfast is served buffet style, lunch is a combination of a delightful buffet and hot dishes served to order and dinner is a served four course meal. In addition, house wine, beer and soft drinks are included at both lunch and dinner. Afternoon tea is also provided with a choice of cakes and to finish the day, snacks are available in the lounge in the late evening.

YOUR SPACE

A well designed feature of the MS River Crown is the positioning of the Restaurant and the Lounge and Bar on the Upper Deck. These public areas have floor to ceiling windows, affording excellent views as you dine, relax or listen to the onboard lectures. There is also a small library on board and The Club, a perfect place if you are seeking somewhere to relax with a good book and a tea or coffee. The huge Sun Deck covers almost the entire length of the vessel, interrupted only by the bridge and is the ideal location to watch the changing scenery. There is also a putting green and a large chess board on the Sun Deck for your enjoyment. For some time out, you can relax in the wellness centre which includes a sauna with shower facilities, and a fitness room.



Deluxe Suite



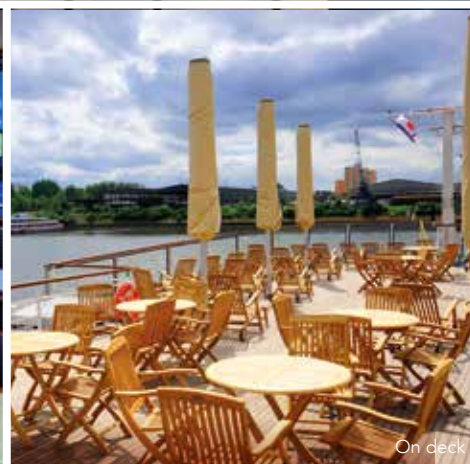
Queen Suite



Restaurant



Theatre Lounge & Bar



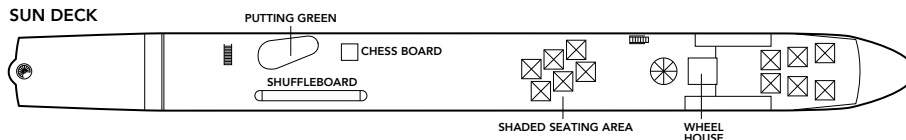
On deck



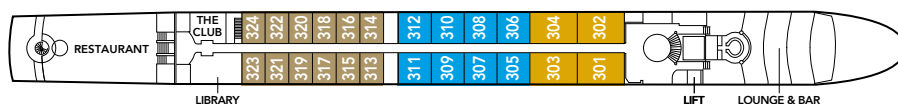
The Lobby

DECK PLAN

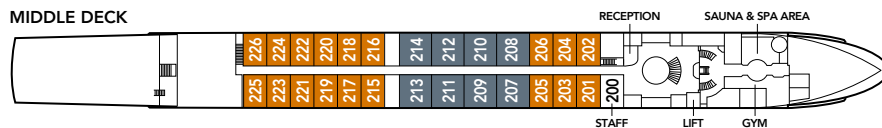
SUN DECK



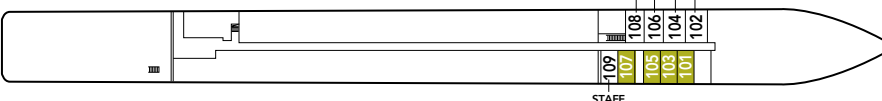
UPPER DECK



MIDDLE DECK



MAIN DECK



- QUEEN SUITE with Balcony
- STANDARD TWIN with Porthole (sole use)
- PREMIUM with French Balcony
- DELUXE with French Balcony

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