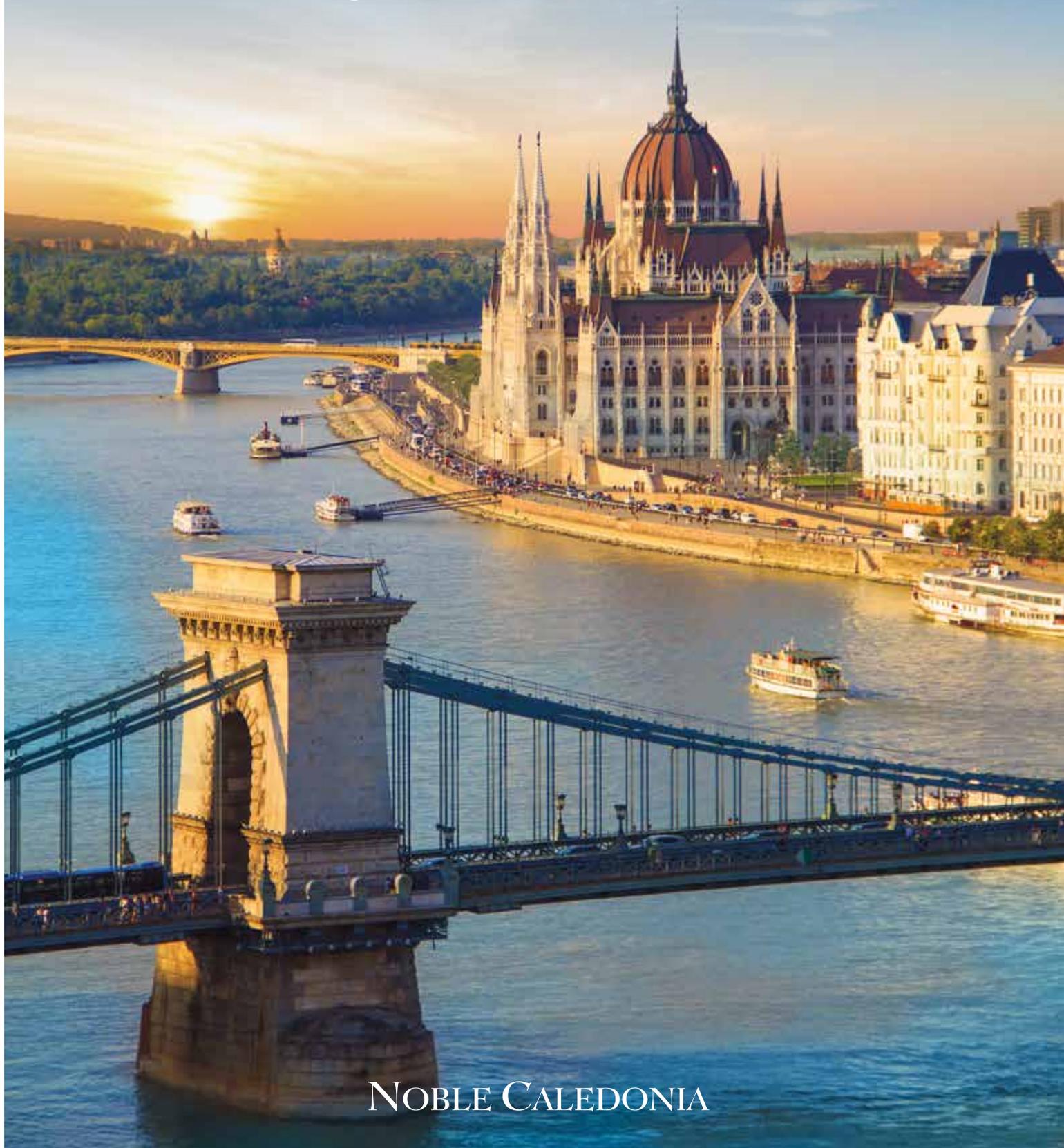


ACROSS EUROPE BY RIVER

A Journey from Amsterdam to the Black Sea
aboard the MS Royal Crown

3rd to 26th June & 11th September to 4th October 2018

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NOBLE CALEDONIA

Join us aboard the charming MS Royal Crown for our ultimate grand tour of Europe as we sail clear across the continent, visit eight countries, travel more than 2200 miles and yet only have to unpack once. This is the perfect trip for those who enjoy seeing something new every day, as the MS Royal Crown transports you in considerable comfort between great cities, towns and villages, past ever-changing landscapes where the slow speed of the vessel allows us to absorb the views of town and country.

Each port of call has its own unique character waiting to be discovered whilst on one of our guided excursions. From historic locations to iconic buildings, our itinerary is brimming with highlights including the grand cities of Vienna and Budapest; the picturesque towns along the Rhine including Miltenberg and Rudesheim; wine tasting in Wurzburg and music performances including an organ recital in Passau. There will of course also be plenty of time to relax on board and enjoy some truly beautiful scenery especially whilst cruising through the dramatic Rhine Gorge and through the spectacular Iron Gates.

If you have never experienced a river journey it is difficult to explain the sheer pleasure that comes from travelling across Europe observing everyday life on the banks of the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers. You can let the world slip by as you relax on the sun deck or in the lounge and delight in awe-inspiring panoramic views of the passing scenery. Guided excursions with excellent local guides and interesting talks by our Guest Speakers will create an enjoyable, informative and lively atmosphere on board as we sail along the European waterways.



SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCE BY LONDON FESTIVAL OPERA

We are delighted to announce that London Festival Opera will perform a series of concerts during our time in Melk and Vienna, including a recital of arias and ensembles from Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*, *Così fan tutte*, *Don Giovanni* and *The Magic Flute* in the beautiful and historic setting of Melk Abbey. They will also present an *Opera Soirée* of Verdi, Bizet, Offenbach and Puccini and *A Night in Vienna* in costume, featuring the works of Mozart, Johann Strauss and Lehár aboard the MS Royal Crown.



London Festival Opera - *A Night in Vienna*



Melk Abbey

THE ITINERARY

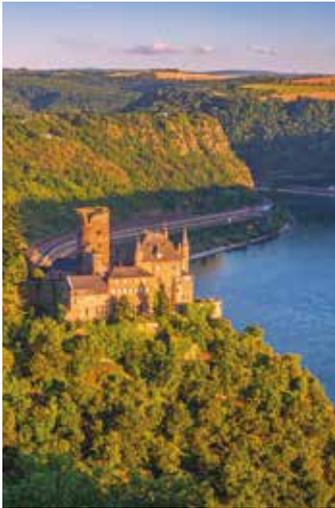
Day 1 London/Manchester/ Bristol/Edinburgh to Amsterdam, Netherlands. Fly by scheduled flight and transfer to the MS Royal Crown. Moor overnight in Amsterdam.

Day 2 Amsterdam. After breakfast there will be a choice of tours. Depart for a visit to the Rijksmuseum, arguably Amsterdam's most important art venue which houses some of the greatest examples of Western European painting and decorative arts and boasts works by Vermeer, Goya and Rubens. Here, Rembrandt's famous *The Night Watch* hangs in the Hall of Honour. Alternatively, you may prefer to take a canal cruise and admire the city from a glass-top boat as you glide past 17th century homes, churches and 16th century merchant houses. Return to the MS Royal Crown for lunch and sail towards Cologne. This evening join your fellow travellers for Welcome Drinks and Dinner on board.

Day 3 Cologne, Germany. This morning we will cruise the legendary Rhine passing Duisburg and Dusseldorf before arriving in Cologne for a tour to see the city's famous cathedral. The cathedral is the largest Gothic church in northern Europe, with a total area of almost 8000 square metres and room for more than 20,000 people. It also features the second tallest spire and largest facade in the world. Afterwards visit a "Brauhaus" to sample some of the local Kolsch beer.

Day 4 Koblenz & Rudesheim. Arrive in Koblenz for a morning walking tour of this historic commercial centre. Return to the ship and sail mid-morning through the dramatic Rhine Gorge to Rudesheim, passing romantic castles, lush vineyards and the infamous Lorelei rock. Arrive into Rudesheim in the late afternoon and on arrival we take the Winzerexpress mini-train to visit Siegfried's Musical Instrument Museum, home to one of Germany's most fascinating collections of automated musical instruments. Return to the ship for dinner, after which there will be some free time for an independent visit to the town's lively Drosselgasse to sample the famous Rudesheimer Kaffee.

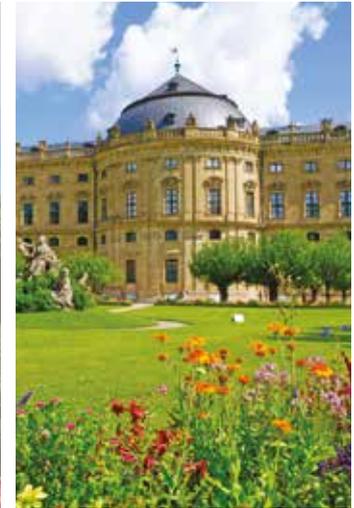
Day 5 Mainz. Arrive this morning in atmospheric Mainz where our walking tour will include the Hoefchen ("Little Court"), residence of the city's archbishops until the 15th century, the Kirschgarten with its romantic half-timbered houses and Marian-Fountain. Our tour ends with a visit to the Johan Gutenberg Museum.



Germany's picturesque Rhine Valley



City Hall building in Bamberg



Prince Bishop's Residenz Palace, Würzburg



Pelicans, Danube



Cathedral of Saint

Day 6 Miltenberg & Wertheim. During our guided walking tour this morning, see the pretty Franconian town of Miltenberg, known for its half-timbered Medieval houses. Sail during lunch to beautiful Wertheim and enjoy some free time in this charming market town.

Day 7 Würzburg. Arrive this morning in historic Würzburg, the wine capital of Franconia. Our guided tour of this lovely town includes the magnificent Prince Bishop's Residenz Palace with a wine tasting of local wines in the splendid cellars of the Residenz. Also see the old town with its collection of churches which range in style from Romanesque to Gothic, Renaissance to Baroque, before returning to the MS Royal Crown for lunch as we sail to Bamberg.

Day 8 Bamberg. This morning, enter the Main Danube Canal at Bamberg, one of Germany's most beautiful historic towns. Its geographical location, some 40 miles north of Nuremberg was a key factor in preserving its magnificent architectural heritage from the ravages of war. Every European style from the Romanesque onwards has left its mark, each bequeathing at least one major building. We arrive around midday, and after lunch on board we will have a walking tour of this beautiful Medieval city.

Day 9 Nuremberg. The city of Nuremberg's long and sometimes troubled history has left its mark on the city and there is plenty to discover during our morning tour. Three towering castles overlook Nuremberg and its old city which is contained within vast walls is a joy to explore. Visit the World War II sites, including the Third Reich Party Rally Grounds. Discover the city's spectacular Medieval architecture, including the 900 year-old ramparts that surround the city, the Imperial Castle and more. Sail at lunchtime and continue cruising through the highest point of any commercial waterway in Europe, 1331 feet above sea level.

Day 10 Regensburg. Early this morning we enter the Danube River, arriving in Regensburg after breakfast. Join a guided stroll around historic Regensburg, and see the highlights such as the Old Town Hall, the World Heritage listed city centre and the ancient Romanesque Porta Praetoria. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon is at leisure to relax on board or explore the town further.

Day 11 Passau. Arrive this morning 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. This afternoon we will sail towards Austria.

Day 12 Melk & the Wachau Valley to Vienna, Austria. This morning we will reach the picturesque Wachau Valley, famous for its wine. We will moor in Melk under the shadow of the great Baroque Abbey, situated on a cliff high above the Danube. Enjoy a guided tour of the abbey followed by a performance by London Festival Opera featuring aria ensembles from *The Marriage of Figaro*, *Così fan Tutte*, and *Don Giovanni*. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon we sail through the beautiful Wachau Valley towards Vienna.

Day 13 Vienna. 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. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon is at leisure to explore this majestic city further. In the early evening there will be an onboard

costumed performance by London Festival Opera, featuring an Opera Soirée with highlights from Verdi, Bizet, Offenbach and Puccini followed by dinner.

Day 14 Vienna. After breakfast join a tour to see Schonbrunn Palace and Gardens, the favourite summer residence of Maria Theresa. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. In the early evening there will be a performance of *A Night in Vienna* by London Festival Opera followed by dinner.

Day 15 Bratislava, Slovakia. Arrive this morning in the Slovak capital of Bratislava for a guided walking tour of the city, formerly known as Pressburg and 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. Return to the ship and cruise to Budapest arriving in the late evening.

Day 16 Budapest, Hungary. We have the day to explore Hungary's elegant capital. Spend the morning on an excursion that will include the old quarter, the Matthias Church and the Fishermen's Bastion. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon at leisure. Tonight there will be an optional evening of music ashore, depending on schedules this will be either at the State Opera House or the Erkel Theatre. Sail in the late evening.

Day 17 Kalocsa. Arrive this morning in charming Kalocsa, renowned for paprika production. Our tour of the Puszta district will include the town and a spectacular display of Hungarian horsemanship. Depart this afternoon for a relaxing cruise along the beautiful Danube, arriving in Mohacs in the early evening.

Day 18 Pecs. Depart after breakfast for a morning tour of Pecs. The city of Pecs enjoys a fine position on the slopes of the Mecsek Hills and our guided tour will feature the sites associated with the city's Roman Ottoman Hapsburg past, as well as a short organ recital in the splendid Pecs Cathedral.

Day 19 Belgrade, Serbia. Spend the morning in this interesting city. A half-day tour will include the city's main attractions, including the Kalemegdan fortress as it looms over the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers, Saint Sava Cathedral, the largest Orthodox Church in the world, and Tito's Memorial. Our tour will finish with a superb local folklore performance before returning



Schonbrunn Palace, Vienna



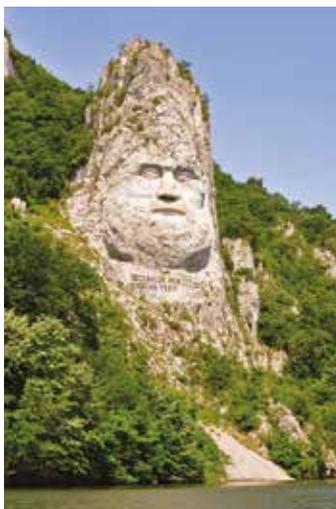
Delta



Sava, Belgrade



'The Night Watch' - Rijksmuseum



Decebal's head, Iron Gates

to the ship for lunch. This afternoon is at leisure, or you may like to join an optional excursion to the historic Serbian towns of Oplenac and Topola.

Day 20 Cruising through the Iron Gates. Today the scenery becomes truly spectacular as you cruise through the Iron Gates, a narrow Danube gorge between the Carpathian and Balkan Mountains.

Day 21 Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria. From Svistov, we drive to Veliko Tarnovo, the capital of the second Bulgarian Kingdom from 1187 to 1393. The city formed a natural fortress, located on three hills surrounding the Yantra River and a palace, fortifications and churches were built into the terrain. Across the river, ancient stone houses seemingly perched on top of each other rise up the steep riverbank. After lunch in a local restaurant, we will visit the museum town of Arbanassi before we rejoin the MS Royal Crown in Rouse and sail in the evening.

Day 22 Constanta, Romania. Early this morning, arrive in Cernavoda at the entrance to the Black Sea Canal. Drive to nearby Constanta, a popular resort city. Its colourful history dates back to ancient Greek and Roman times. On a guided tour we will see the Museum of National History and Archaeology and the Museum of Ethnography. Return to the ship for a late lunch and sail in the afternoon along the snaking Danube as we make our way to the Black Sea.

Day 23 The Black Sea & Tulcea. Awake early today to experience a sunrise cruise. Weather conditions permitting we hope to make a short voyage to the periphery of the Black Sea. Later we cruise to Tulcea, situated at the entrance to the Danube Delta and enjoy an afternoon boat trip into the delta wetlands. Tonight join your fellow travellers for a Gala Farewell Dinner.

Day 24 Bucharest to London/Manchester/Bristol/Edinburgh. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for your return scheduled flight to the UK.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

SPECIAL OFFER – SAVE £500 PER PERSON FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

CAT	DECK	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
Junior Suite	Select	£6895	£6395
Superior Suite	Select	£6995	£6495
Deluxe Suite	Select	£7095	£6595
Premium Suite	Select	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
Royal Suite	Panorama	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
Deluxe Suite for sole use	Select	£7095	£6595

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 23 nights aboard the MS Royal Crown on a full board basis • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Shore excursions • Music events as described • Performances by London Festival Opera • Cruise Director • Tour Manager • Guest Speaker • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes • Airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, optional evening ashore in Budapest, optional tour in Belgrade.

NB. Ports and schedules subject to change due to water levels, to availability.

POST-CRUISE BUCHAREST EXTENSION

26th to 29th June & 4th to 7th October 2018

Bucharest is known for its wide, tree-lined boulevards, glorious Belle Epoque buildings and a reputation for the high life (which in the 1900s earned its nickname of "Little Paris"). During our stay in this dynamic and fascinating capital, we will visit its most iconic structure, the massive, communist-era Parliament Palace, which has 1100 rooms. We will also explore 'Old Bucharest' in the nearby historic Lipschani district. We will spend a day outside of the city for our visit to the mysterious Snagov Monastery which is situated north of Bucharest on an island in the middle of Snagov Lake, and said to be the burial place of the Prince of Wallachia, Vlad Tepes III, a folk hero in Romania who was revered for his leadership and fierce protection of his subjects. We will also visit Mogosoaia Palace, with its notable architectural influences from the Venetian and Ottoman eras. Our accommodation will be the four star Park Inn by Radisson, a comfortable and centrally located hotel.



Snagov Monastery

The Itinerary

Day 1 Cernavoda to Bucharest. Disembark the MS Royal Crown in Cernavoda and transfer to Bucharest (approx. 3 hour drive). On arrival there will be a panoramic city tour of the city's highlights. Afterwards we will relax over lunch at the Phoenicia Restaurant. Continue to the Park Inn by Radisson for a three night stay.

Day 2 Discover Bucharest. After breakfast we set off for a visit to the Parliament Palace, the second largest administrative building in the world at 3.77 million square feet. This gargantuan construction is Ceausescu's most infamous creation and makes for a fascinating tour. After our tour we will enjoy lunch in "Carul cu Bere", Bucharest's oldest beer house, with its colourful Belle Epoque interior, stained-glass windows and classic Romanian fare. This afternoon enjoy a walking tour of the Old Town, including a visit to Stravropoleos Church, Lipschani Lane, Manuc's Inn and the Old Princely Court. The remainder of the day and evening will be at leisure.

Day 3 Bucharest to Snagov to Mogosoaia. After breakfast we will depart for our visit to Snagov Monastery. This monastery was founded in 1408 by Mircea the Elder, Vlad Dracul's grandfather. Vlad, also known as Vlad Tepes is the historical character on whom Bram Stoker's book Dracula is based and is said to be buried here by the monks in 1476. We will enjoy lunch in a local restaurant and continue to visit Mogosoaia Palace, built in the 17th century in the Romanian Renaissance style. Return to Bucharest for an evening at leisure.

Day 4 Bucharest to London/Manchester/Bristol/Edinburgh. After breakfast at your hotel there will be free time to relax, sightseeing or shop at leisure before we transfer to the airport for return scheduled flight to the UK.

Prices per person Based on double occupancy

Twin: £495 Single: £625

Price Includes: Three nights accommodation at the Park Inn by Radisson Hotel on bed and breakfast basis • Lunch on days 2 & 3 • Drinks with included meals (wine/beer/soft drinks) • All sightseeing and entrances as described • Transfers • Services of a local English speaking guide throughout.

Not Included: Travel insurance, dinners, lunch on day 4.

NB. Minimum numbers apply.



ROYAL CROWN - RIVER CRUISING AT ITS BEST

We are delighted to have chartered the MS Royal Crown for two journeys across Europe from Amsterdam to the Black Sea in 2018.

This elegant vessel combines the nostalgic charm of the 1930s with the comfort and service of a four-star vessel.

No expense has been spared to create not only a vessel that is beautiful to look at, but also a great joy to travel on.

Spacious teak decks, elegant public rooms and staterooms with mahogany, rosewood and marble, together with rich fabrics and specially designed furniture, all blend together to create a unique river vessel.



Built in 1996 and refurbished in 2010, the 90 passenger MS Royal Crown was designed for the rivers flowing through the heart of Europe. Exquisite furniture, expensive materials and accessories give the vessel its unique atmosphere. Facilities on board include a library, boutique, fitness area, lounge with panoramic views and a restaurant with open seating.

Outside there is a large Sun Deck, Lido Bar, a putting green and large scale chessboard. On board the efficient air-conditioning system ensures a comfortable temperature. Two powerful engines propel the vessel up to a speed of 12 knots.



Royal Suite



Premium Suite

YOUR CABIN/SUITE

MS Royal Crown has 45 suites which range in size from 145 square feet to the spacious Royal Suites which measure 200 square feet. All suites are fitted with spacious rosewood cupboards, a dressing table, satellite TV and radio, a safety deposit box, individually controlled air-conditioning and en-suite facilities with shower and hairdryer. Suites on the Select Deck have portholes and the Royal Suites on the Panorama Deck have large windows.



Lounge



Restaurant



Deluxe Suite



Friendly service



Sun Deck

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 breakfast is served buffet style, lunch is a delightful buffet with hot and cold choices and dinner is a served four course meal. In addition house wine, beer and soft drinks are included at both lunch and dinner.

YOUR SPACE

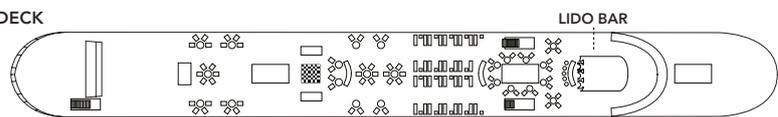
The elegant Lounge Bar is defined by its 30s inspired Art Deco style, with textured carpets, carved mahogany and plush sofas which create a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere. Experience unforgettable views from the large windows as you enjoy tea or coffee. The Lounge is also where our Guest Speakers will entertain you with informative presentations. In the evenings, let the day come to an end with a choice of beverages from the extensive menu accompanied by a pianist playing a Steinway & Sons grand piano. The huge Sun Deck on MS Royal Crown covers almost the entire length of the vessel, interrupted only by the bridge and the Lido Bar (open when weather permits) where you can enjoy a drink under the umbrella such as fresh juice, a milkshake, or even a cocktail.

Recline on a sun lounger and read a book or watch the changing scenery. There is also a putting green and a large chess board for your enjoyment. For some time out, relax in the wellness centre which includes a sauna with

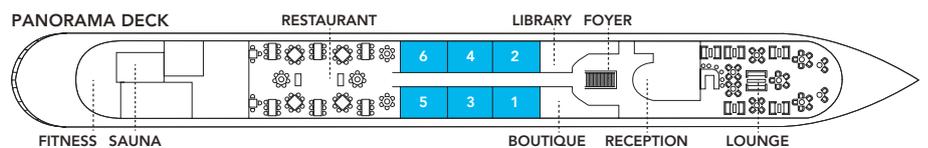
shower facilities, and a fitness room. There is also a small boutique and a library with a selection of books and games. Daily news sheets are also supplied.

DECK PLAN

LIDO DECK



PANORAMA DECK



SELECT DECK



JUNIOR SUITE
 SUPERIOR SUITE
 DELUXE SUITE
 PREMIUM SUITE
 ROYAL SUITE

Please note that Junior, Deluxe & Superior Suites have fixed twin beds. Premium and Royal Suites have fixed double beds with separate mattresses and duvets, so can be made up as twins if required.

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