

SPECIAL
OFFER - SAVE
UP TO
£1200
PER PERSON

CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEAR ON THE RHINE

Festive cruises between Amsterdam & Basle
aboard the MS Royal Crown

21st to 28th December 2021 &
28th December 2021 to 4th January 2022

NOBLE CALEDONIA

If you are looking for a seasonal break, our cruise along the beautiful Rhine over Christmas and New Year may be of interest offering as it does a relaxing journey as we gently wind our way between the great city of Amsterdam and Basle in Switzerland. Ashore you will see a wonderful mix of the historic and cultural diversity of the region, witness stunning scenery and visit fairy-tale castles as well as Medieval towns and villages, all with their own unique history and adorned with twinkling lights and festive decorations. All this will be achieved from the comfort of our floating hotel, the 90-passenger MS Royal Crown, and you can take life at your own pace and relax on board whilst sailing past ever-changing landscapes and enjoy the included guided excursions.

Christmas in this region is a special time and our cruise has been planned to include Amsterdam, city of the 'Golden Age' with its artistic and historic treasures, Cologne with the opportunity to attend Midnight Mass in its magnificent cathedral and a relaxing Christmas Day sailing through the beautiful Rhine Gorge with a traditional dinner on board. Highlights of our New Year cruise include the charming Alsace town of Obernai, the historic cities of Bonn and Speyer, New Year's Eve celebrations on board in Mannheim with a special Gala Dinner and a leisurely start to 2022 as we cruise along the legendary Rhine followed by visiting the pretty village of Bacharach. For those who would like to celebrate both Christmas and New Year on board our two cruises can be combined into a 14 night voyage.

Christmas & New Year on the Rhine – Combination Cruise

21st December 2021 to 4th January 2022

If you wish to celebrate both Christmas and New Year together, our two cruises can be combined and booked as a 14 night cruise. For the combined cruise, day 8 will include a morning tour of Basle followed by lunch in a local restaurant. Full itinerary details can be viewed online.



Stahleck Castle and the Rhine Gorge



Cologne Cathedral



Heidelberg's city gate



The 'Hartenstein' Airborne Museum, Arnhem

CHRISTMAS ON THE RHINE

21st to 28th December 2021

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Fly by scheduled flight and on arrival transfer to the MS Royal Crown. Moor overnight in Amsterdam.

Day 2 Amsterdam. After breakfast we depart on a canal cruise and admire the city from a glass-top boat as we glide past 17th century homes, churches and 16th century merchant houses. Return to the MS Royal Crown for lunch. This afternoon we visit the Rijksmuseum, arguably Amsterdam's most important art venue. Housing some of the greatest examples of Western European painting and decorative arts, it boasts works by Vermeer, Goya, and Rubens. This evening join your fellow travellers for welcome drinks and dinner.

Day 3 Arnhem. Arrive this morning into Arnhem. After breakfast join an excursion to visit the memorable Airborne Museum 'Hartenstein'; this renovated building houses the world's largest collection of militaria from Operation Market Garden. Return to the MS Royal Crown for lunch and enjoy a leisurely afternoon on board as sail towards Cologne.

Day 4 Cologne, Germany. This morning we arrive in Cologne. Depart for a tour to see the city's famous cathedral, the largest Gothic church in northern Europe with the second tallest spire and largest façade in the world. Our guided tour will continue with a visit to a "Brauhaus" to sample some of the local Kolsch beer. After lunch enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. This evening there will be the opportunity to attend Midnight Mass in Cologne Cathedral.

Day 5 Christmas Day sailing through the Rhine Gorge to Rudesheim. Enjoy a relaxing day as we sail through the beautiful Rhine Gorge with good food and Christmas festivities on board. We will arrive into Rudesheim in the afternoon and on arrival will enjoy a musical concert accompanied with mulled wine.

Day 6 Mannheim for Heidelberg. From our berth in Mannheim, we set off after breakfast for an excursion to the University City of Heidelberg, with its Baroque style old town and castle, immediately conjuring images of romance and beauty. During our guided tour which will include a visit to the city's castle and gardens, we will stroll through Heidelberg's enchanting old town and see its Renaissance building, 'Zum Ritter', which survived the



fire of 1693. Return to the vessel for lunch and sail this afternoon towards Strasbourg.

Day 7 Strasbourg, France. After breakfast our guided tour will introduce us to the delights of Strasbourg. Start with a cruise through the fascinating old quarter of Petite France, where the River Ill splits into a number of canals, see the Ponts Couverts, a series of wooden bridges dating back to the 13th century, the Place Gutenberg and the Cathedral of Notre Dame, the tallest Medieval building in Europe. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a leisurely afternoon sailing. This evening, a string quartet will perform a concert of music by Mozart and Dvorak followed by the farewell drinks and dinner.

Day 8 Basle, Switzerland to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for your return scheduled flight to London.



The Medieval Ponts Couverts, Strasbourg

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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CAT	DECK	CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEAR – 7 NIGHTS	
		Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Junior Suite	Select	£2895	£2395
Superior Suite	Select	£3195	£2695
Deluxe Suite	Select	£3295	£2795
Premium Suite	Select	£3495	£2995
Royal Suite	Panorama	£3995	£3495
Deluxe Suite for sole use	Select	£3295	£2795

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 7 or 14 nights aboard the MS Royal wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia only • Transfers • Gratuities • Port taxes • Airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.



Vineyards of Bacharach and Stahleck Castle



Half-timbered houses, Colmar



Speyer Cathedral



Beethoven's house, Bonn



Heidelberg Castle and the Old Neckar Bridge

NEW YEAR ON THE RHINE

28th December 2021 to 4th January 2022

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Basle, Switzerland.

Fly by scheduled flight and on arrival transfer to the MS Royal Crown for embarkation. Sail this evening towards Strasbourg.

Day 2 Strasbourg, France.

After breakfast, there will be a choice of tours. Join a morning guided tour which will introduce us to the delights of Strasbourg including the fascinating old quarter. Start with a cruise through the fascinating old quarter of Petite France, where the River Ill splits into a number of canals, see the Ponts Couverts, a series of wooden bridges dating back to the 13th century, the Place Gutenberg and the Cathedral of Notre Dame, the tallest Medieval building in Europe. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure to explore independently. Alternatively, take a full day tour to the upper Rhine region to Colmar. On arrival we begin with a visit to the impressive Unterlinden Museum which dates back to the 13th century. Admire a fine collection of religious Medieval paintings and also paintings from the 20th and 21st centuries including works by Picasso and Monet. The highlight of the Museum is the Isenheim Altar, a



wonderful triptych created for the monastery at Isenheim by Mattheus Grunewald. We continue on for a short walk through the charming Old Town, with delightful patrician houses and winding lanes. After some free time enjoy a typical Alsatian lunch before driving north again to Riquewihr, one of the most famous wine villages in Alsace. Here we will taste the excellent local wines including gewurztraminer before we return to the ship in Strasbourg.

Day 3 Obernai. After breakfast we depart for the charming little Alsace town of Obernai, located at the foot of Mount St. Odile. The old town includes some beautiful examples of restored Medieval and Renaissance houses, many of them half-timbered. On arrival here enjoy some time exploring before we continue on to sample some of the region's splendid wines.

Day 4 Speyer & Heidelberg to Mannheim, Germany. From our berth in Speyer, there will be a choice of morning tours. Join a tour to visit the University City of Heidelberg, with its Baroque style old town and castle, immediately conjuring images of romance and beauty. During our guided tour which will include a visit to the city's castle and gardens, we will stroll through Heidelberg's enchanting old town and see its Renaissance building, 'Zum Ritter', which survived the fire of 1693. Alternatively, join a walking tour of Speyer which will include the mighty cathedral; the Romanesque basilica was founded by Emperor Conrad II in 1030 and is one of the largest and most impressive edifices in Germany. Return to the MS Royal Crown for lunch and sail to Mannheim. Tonight enjoy the New Year's Eve celebrations on board.

Day 5 Bacharach. Relax on board this morning as we cruise along the legendary Rhine. In the late afternoon we arrive into Bacharach, a charming and friendly town with historic buildings and the majestic backdrop of Stahleck Castle. Since the Middle Ages, Bacharach, named after Bacchus, the ancient Roman God of wine, has been the most important wine village in the Middle Rhine Valley. Return to the ship and enjoy sampling locally produced Rieslings.

Day 6 Bonn. This morning our walking tour will include a visit to Beethoven's House. The tour will finish with a concert by Martin Ivanov in the adjacent hall. Return to the MS Royal Crown for lunch and sail in the afternoon.

Day 7 Arnhem, the Netherlands. Arrive this morning into Arnhem. After breakfast join an excursion to visit the private art collection at the Kroller Muller Museum with its late 19th and 20th century paintings. Return to the MS Royal Crown for lunch and sail towards Amsterdam. In the evening join your fellow travellers for farewell drinks and dinner.

Day 8 Amsterdam to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for your return scheduled flight to London.

TIME ONLY

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR – 14 NIGHTS

Brochure Price Special Offer Price

£5495 £4295

£5895 £4695

£6095 £4895

£6395 £5195

£7495 £6295

£6095 £4895

MS Royal Crown on a full board basis • House
board team including Guest Speaker



'The Night Watch' - Rijksmuseum



ROYAL CROWN - RIVER CRUISING AT ITS BEST

We are delighted to have chartered the MS Royal Crown for our festive cruises over Christmas & New Year.

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

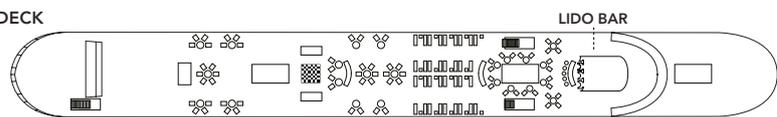
The elegant Lounge Bar is defined by its 30s inspired Art Deco style, with textured carpets, carved mahogany and plush sofas which create a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere. Experience unforgettable views from the large windows as you enjoy tea or coffee. The Lounge is also where our Guest Speakers 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 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 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

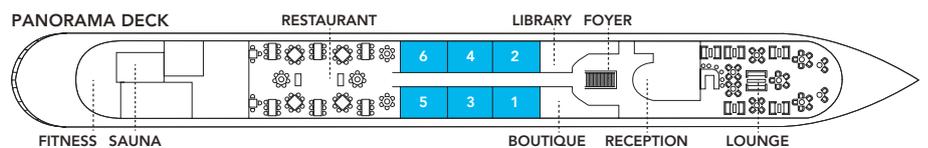
sauna with shower facilities, and a fitness room. There is also a small boutique and a library with a selection of books and games. Daily news sheets are also supplied.

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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