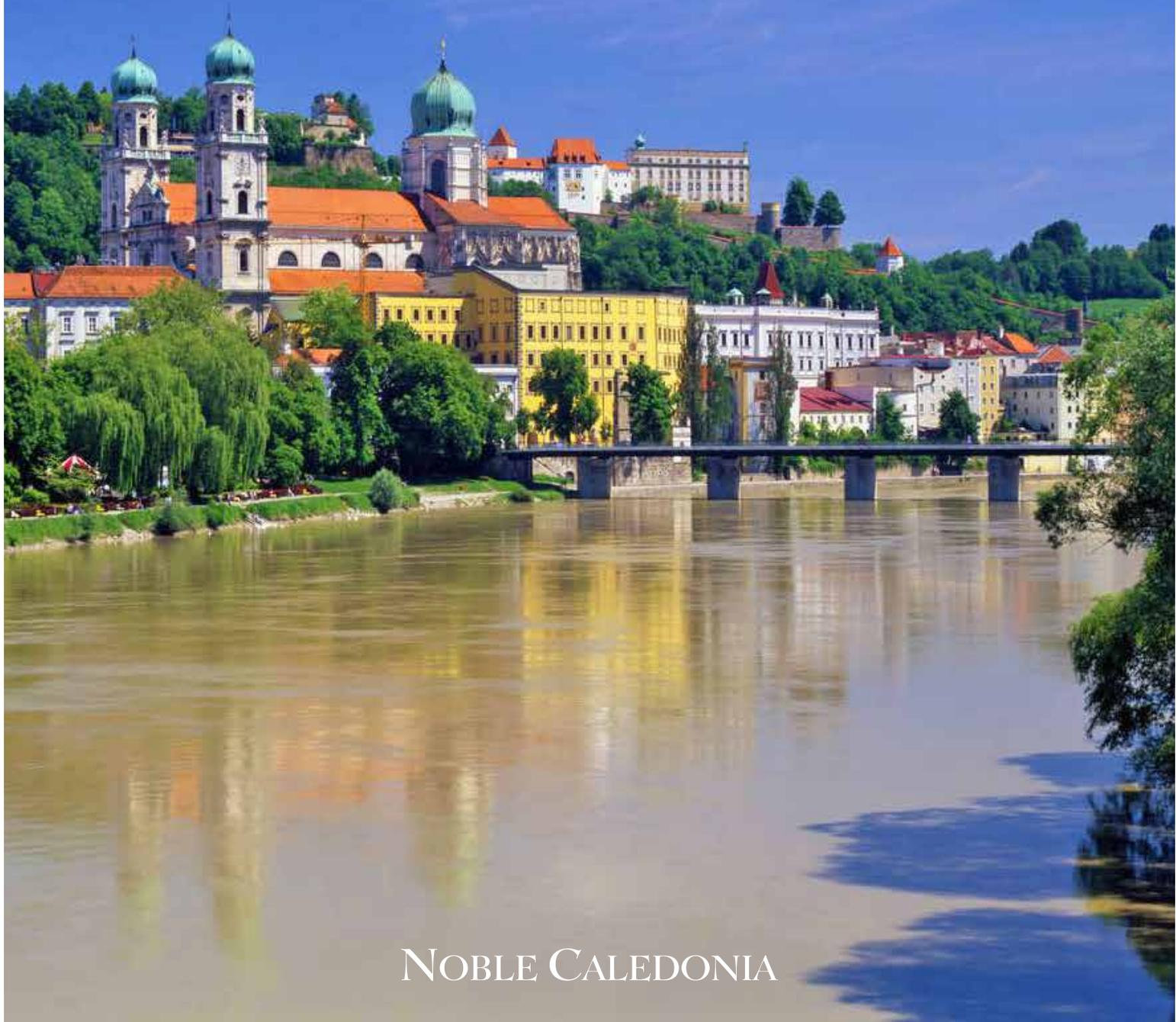


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THE ENCHANTING DANUBE

A cruise from the Delta wetlands to Regensburg
with musical and cultural highlights and Guest Speaker Professor Jeremy Black
aboard the MS Royal Crown

28th May to 12th June 2020



NOBLE CALEDONIA

Join us as we navigate the Danube River from the delta wetlands in the east to the romantic city of Regensburg in the west. We travel through the heart of Europe visiting seven countries; Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Hungary, Austria, the Czech Republic and Germany. This is one of the world's great journeys, following as it does one of the most important trade routes since the earliest of times, linking the east with the west. We will journey through some of Europe's most beautiful landscapes, visiting the great historic cities of Budapest and Vienna, as well as picturesque riverside and inland towns. From the great comfort of our vessel we will cruise effortlessly, enjoying the varied scenery and architecture whilst learning more about a region that has seen more of its fair share of conflicts, revolutions and wars. The combination of music, traditional culture, wine tasting and folklore along the way makes for a fascinating trip. To enhance your holiday further we are offering a six-night pre-cruise extension in the magical region of Transylvania in Romania, offering the chance to visit some of the last untouched and least travelled areas of Europe.



Guest Speaker - Professor Jeremy Black



We are delighted to be joined on board by Guest Speaker Jeremy Black. Jeremy is a prolific historian with specialties in world military history, the history of tourism, and both the 18th and 20th century. Educated at Cambridge and Oxford, he is Professor at Exeter having previously been Professor at Durham. He received his MBE for services to stamp design.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Bucharest, Romania. Fly by scheduled flight to Romania's capital city. On arrival transfer to Fetesti (approx. 2 hours) and embark the MS Royal Crown. Sail in the early evening.

Day 2 Danube Delta. The vast Danube Delta is one of the most important wetlands left in Europe and today we arrive at Mila 35, situated at the entrance to the delta. Here we join local boats and set off for our cruise to explore the wetlands. Return to the MS Royal Crown for lunch and sail this afternoon. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner this evening.

Day 3 Constanta. Early this morning, arrive in Cernavoda at the entrance to the Black Sea Canal and 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. Sail this afternoon towards Rousse.

Day 4 Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria. From Rousse we depart by coach for a full-day tour 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. 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, famous for its 17th and 18th century architecture and the unique Church of the Nativity of Christ. We return to the MS Royal Crown at Nikopol and sail.

Day 5 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 6 Belgrade, Serbia. A morning guided tour of Belgrade will visit 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 to the ship for lunch. Sail in the afternoon to Novi Sad for an overnight mooring.

Day 7 Novi Sad. After breakfast we depart for a visit of Novi Sad, in the Serbian northern province of Vojvodina. The city is rich in historic buildings including the fortress, Bishop's House, Clock Tower and numerous churches, some of which will be seen on our morning tour. Our exploration of Greater Novi Sad includes a wine tasting in nearby Sremski Karlovci where we sample some excellent wines of the former Yugoslavia. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon relax on board as we cruise towards Hungary.

Day 8 Pecs & Villany, Hungary. This morning we arrive in the port of Mohacs and depart after breakfast for a full day scenic tour of Pecs and Villany. The city of Pecs enjoys a fine position on the slopes of the Mecsek Hills and our 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. Continue on to the town of Villany for lunch and wine tasting. Villany is one of Hungary's top wine regions, known for its reds and



Decebal's Head sculpted in rock, Iron Gates Gorge



Palais Liechtenstein, Vienna



Durnstein



Cathedral of Saint Sava, Belgrade



White Pelican in the Danube Delta



Vineyards of Villany

rosés. Thanks to the area's sub-Mediterranean climate, wines are full-bodied and spicy and of the highest quality. Sail in the early evening towards Budapest.

Day 9 Budapest. Arrive this morning and explore Hungary's elegant capital. Our guided tour will include the old quarter, a visit to the Matthias' Church and the Fisherman's Bastion, from where there are stunning views of the city. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure to relax or explore ashore at your own pace. Before dinner this evening there will be an onboard performance by Hungarian pianist Agnes Kovacs, and later a memorable "Budapest by Night" sailing as we sail on to Austria.

Day 10 Vienna, Austria. Enjoy a relaxing morning cruise and lunch on board. Arrive into Vienna and after lunch depart for a city tour of Austria's elegant capital that will take us around the famous Ringstrasse and the Old Quarter including St Stephan's Cathedral. Moor overnight in Vienna.

Day 11 Vienna. After breakfast depart for a morning visit to the Palais Liechtenstein, home to The Princely Collections. We will see masterpieces from the early Renaissance to the Biedermeier era, as well as beautiful tapestries, porcelain and furniture. Our tour ends with a classical concert by a string quartet from the Vienna Philharmonic in one of the palace's sumptuous ballrooms. Return to the MS Royal Crown for a late lunch and an afternoon at leisure. Alternatively join the tour to the Vienna Woods, including a visit to the Mayerling hunting lodge, where scandal once rocked the royal family, as well as the Cistercian Abbey of Heiligenkreuz. We will set sail this evening.

Day 12 Durnstein & Melk. Arrive this morning in 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. We then sail on through the beautiful Wachau Valley towards the great Baroque Abbey of Melk, situated high above the Danube. On arrival in the afternoon depart for an excursion to see this imposing abbey, followed by an uplifting performance by a clarinet quintet. Return to the ship and sail this evening for Linz.

Day 13 Linz for Salzburg or Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic. From the town of Linz a choice of full day tours will be available today. Enjoy a trip to the exquisite town of Cesky Krumlov set on the Vltava River in Bohemia's southern region, and one of the most picturesque in Europe. We will visit the stunning castle and take a walking tour of the Old Town, followed by some free time to explore at leisure. Alternatively, depart for Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and famous for its architectural treasures and music festival.

Our guided excursion will concentrate on Mozart's family and his musical contemporaries. Visits will be made to the house known as Tanzmeisterhaus where he spent his early life, and the Residenz. We also take a walk through the lovely gardens of the Mirabell Palace. Both tours include lunch in a local restaurant. Return to the ship and sail this evening towards Germany.

Day 14 Passau, Germany. 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 and continue our cruise this afternoon towards Regensburg.

Day 15 Regensburg. Arrive this morning in Regensburg and after breakfast enjoy a guided stroll around Germany's largest and best-preserved Medieval city. See the twin-spired cathedral Dom St Peter, the treasury and the tower houses. Our tour will end with an inspiring A Capella performance. Return to the MS Royal Crown for lunch and an afternoon at leisure. This evening join your fellow travellers for the farewell drink and dinner.

Day 16 Regensburg to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Munich airport for your return scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

SPECIAL OFFER – SAVE £200 PER PERSON FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

CATEGORY	DECK	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
Junior Suite	Select	£4695	£4495
Superior Suite	Select	£4795	£4595
Deluxe Suite	Select	£5095	£4895
Premium Suite	Select	£5595	£5395
Royal Suite	Panorama	£6095	£5895
Deluxe Suite for sole use	Select	£6195	£5995

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 15 nights aboard the MS Royal 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.

PRE-CRUISE TRANSYLVANIA & ROYAL ROMANIA EXTENSION

22nd to 28th May 2020



Council Square, Brasov



Sibiu



Sighisoara



Biertan

Before joining the MS Royal Crown we are offering the opportunity to explore Transylvania with our six night stay. Transylvania is located in central Romania and is a region of exquisite countryside surrounded by the arc of the dramatic Carpathian mountain chain. The region is home to some of Europe's best-preserved Medieval towns which we will explore during our pre-cruise extension.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Sibiu, Romania. Fly by scheduled indirect flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to our four-star hotel for a three-night stay. Tonight, gather for the traditional bread and salt welcome, followed by a welcome drink and dinner at the hotel.

Day 2 Sibiu & Sibiel. After breakfast join a walking tour of colourful Sibiu a town visited by the Queen together with King Ferdinand in May 1919, followed by some free time before lunch in the old city. Later, drive to Sibiel, a pretty village situated 20 kilometres from Sibiu. Here we visit a unique and superb museum of glass painted icons, located in the old village church. This evening enjoy a traditional dinner during which we will be able to talk to our local hosts about Romanian daily life in a Transylvanian village. Return to our hotel in Sibiu.

Day 3 Sibiu & Alba Iulia. After breakfast depart for Alba Iulia, the town where Ferdinand and Marie were crowned Kings of the Great Romania. On arrival we visit the stunning White Citadel and the Coronation Cathedral, as well as the Unification Museum. Lunch will be in a local restaurant, followed by some time here at leisure. Return to Sibiu and dinner this evening will be at our hotel.

Day 4 Biertan to Sighisoara to Brasov. After breakfast depart for picturesque Biertan. Your first glimpse of the town's Medieval church is unforgettable; it towers over the square below, surrounded by vividly painted houses and backed by vineyards. On arrival we visit the UNESCO 14th century fortified church, once the home to the Lutheran Bishop of Transylvania. Continue on to Sighisoara and explore the Old Town with its cobbled streets and ornate churches. Enjoy lunch in "Dracula's House" restaurant followed by some free time. Continue on to Brasov where we will be staying for three nights. Dinner this evening will be at a local restaurant.

Day 5 Azuga to Bran to Rasnov. After breakfast depart for a city tour of Brasov, including the City Hall Square, St Nicholas Church and the Old City. Afterwards we continue to Azuga in Prahova Valley, home of the Royal Cellar which is the wine supplier for the Royal family. We will stop at a local vineyard for lunch and enjoy some wine tasting. After lunch we continue to the world famous 'Dracula's Castle', built as a fortress in 1212 by the Knights of the Teutonic Order. Vlad Tepes, better known as Vlad the Impaler, used the castle as headquarters for his incursions into Transylvania. Afterwards we head back towards Brasov with a stop enroute at the Rasnov Citadel, a historic monument and landmark in Romania. This outstanding citadel was first mentioned in documents in the 1335, built as a defense against invading Tartarian armies. Please note that the entrance to the citadel is a 15-minute uphill walk for those who wish to visit inside. Dinner will be under your own arrangements this evening.

Day 6 Brasov. After breakfast, visit the Black Church, followed by some free time in the Old City. Lunch will be under your own arrangements today with an afternoon at leisure. The farewell dinner tonight will be in the nearby resort town of Poiana Brasov.

Day 7 Brasov to Fetesti. After breakfast depart for a visit to the fairy-tale Peles Castle, built by King Carol I in the 19th century. We continue to Ploiesti and enjoy lunch on arrival before continuing on our journey to Fetesti, where we will embark the MS Royal Crown.

Prices per person Based on double occupancy

Twin: £1225 Single: £1575

Price Includes: Six nights hotel accommodation, meals as described, wine & soft drinks with lunch & dinner, excursions, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance, dinner on day 5, lunch on day 6.



ROYAL CROWN - RIVER CRUISING AT ITS BEST

We are delighted to have chartered the MS Royal Crown for a series of European river cruises in 2020.

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

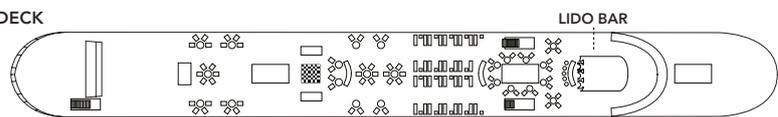
The elegant Lounge Bar is defined by its 30s inspired Art Deco style, with textured carpets, carved mahogany and plush sofas which create a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere. Experience unforgettable views from the large windows as you enjoy tea or coffee. The Lounge is also where our Guest Speakers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

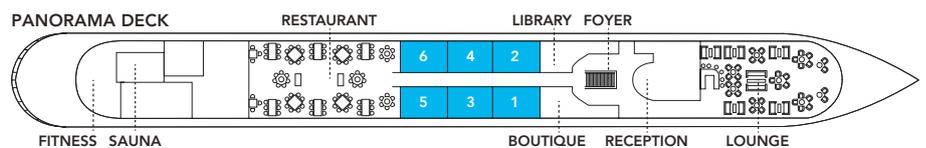
sauna with shower facilities, and a fitness room. There is also a small boutique and a library with a selection of books and games. Daily news sheets are also supplied.

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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