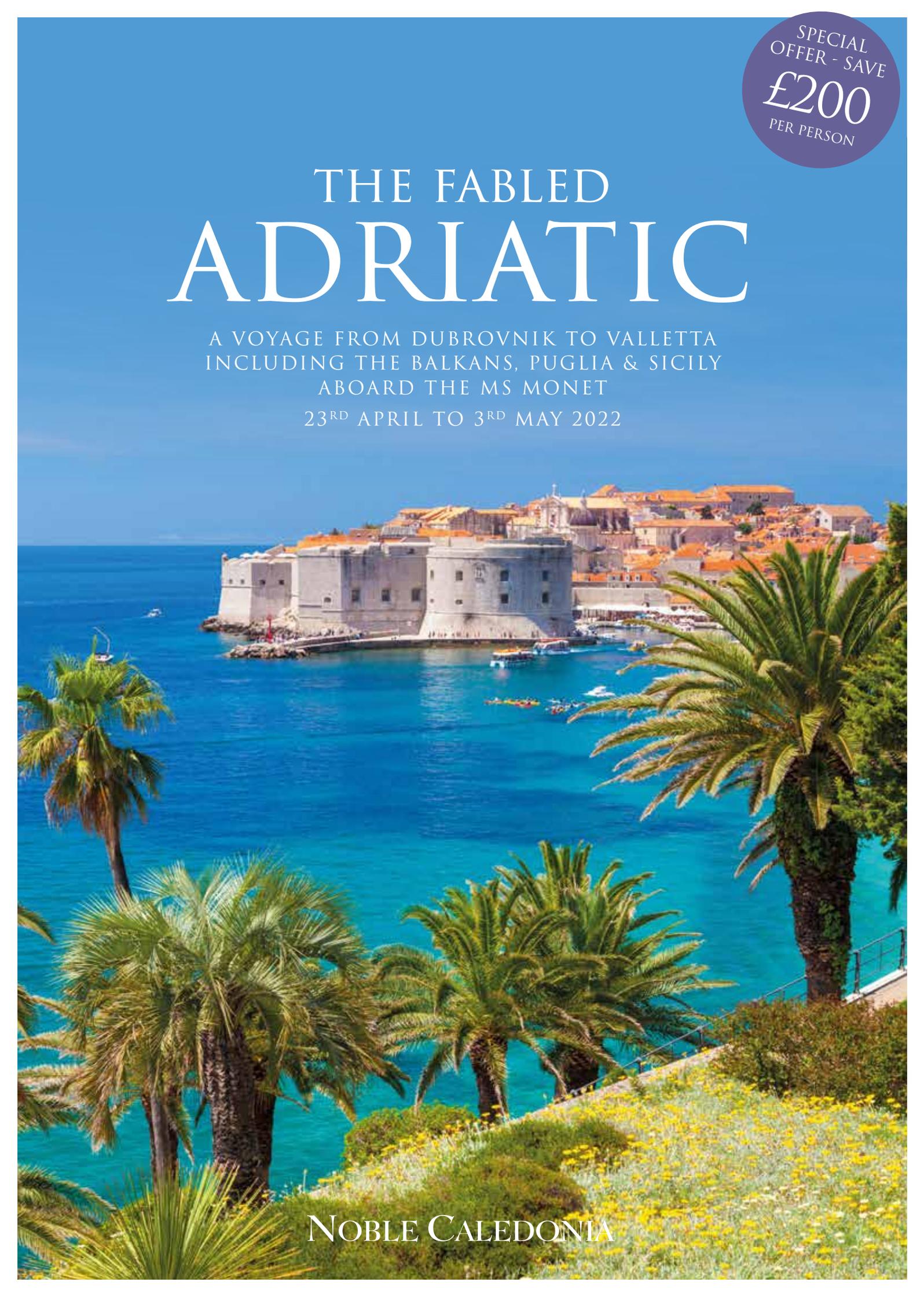


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THE FABLED ADRIATIC

A VOYAGE FROM DUBROVNIK TO VALLETTA
INCLUDING THE BALKANS, PUGLIA & SICILY
ABOARD THE MS MONET

23RD APRIL TO 3RD MAY 2022



NOBLE CALEDONIA



During this delightful voyage from the magnificent city of Dubrovnik to the grand harbour of Valletta we will explore the beautiful Adriatic with its intense blue sea, picturesque coastline and charming villages, towns and cities. We have designed our itinerary to combine time in the Balkans, Puglia, the heel of Italy, and Sicily, all of which are easy to visit individually but difficult to combine independently in a ten night trip. The whole coastline offers a wealth of historical and natural world wonders and our voyage will be particularly enjoyable as it includes some daytime sailing, allowing for time to relax on deck as you enjoy the stunning views, as well as some time at leisure to explore under your own steam.

Late spring is the perfect time for our journey as the summer crowds have yet to arrive but the weather is ideal for touring and sightseeing. Our voyage combines some 'must see' sites together with little known and rarely visited places that are totally unsuitable for vessels larger than ours. We will visit wonderful Medieval towns and explore fascinating ancient sites including Albania's coastal city of Durres with its Roman amphitheatre and the beautiful Sicilian city of Syracuse with its ancient Doric Temple of Apollo. A highlight for many will be our exploration of Kotor, Montenegro's 14th century walled fortress town fronted by a sublime bay and surrounded by limestone cliffs. In addition we have three full days to discover the delightful region of Puglia with its prehistoric dwellings, traditional trulli abodes and splendid Baroque architecture.

This heady mix of ports is certainly one of our most fascinating itineraries and, with a maximum of just 50 guests, our trips ashore will be a pleasure as we explore with our Guest Speaker and local guides, adding immeasurably to our knowledge of the region.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Dubrovnik, Croatia. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the MS Monet. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we moor overnight.

Day 2 Dubrovnik & Kotor, Montenegro. Dubrovnik is a breathtaking sight and its many historic and cultural treasures have earned it the designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Founded by the Romans in the 7th century, it eventually came under the influence of the Byzantine Empire, then Venice, Hungary and

finally Turkey. This morning our local guides will lead us through the bustling old town taking in the beautiful civic buildings, the Rector's Palace, the Romanesque-Gothic Dominican and Franciscan Monasteries and the Sponza Palace. Return to the ship for an afternoon at sea. Be on deck in the late afternoon as we sail through the stunning fjord-like scenery into Kotor where we moor overnight.

Day 3 Kotor. On a morning walking tour we will explore this Medieval town and UNESCO

World Heritage Site. This really is an extraordinary place full of marvellous architecture and pretty town squares. Our tour will include the 12th century Cathedral of St Tryphon, the ancient town gates, the Maritime Museum and Romanesque churches including St Luke's. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy the afternoon to explore at your own pace. Those feeling active may wish to take the strenuous climb to the Castle of San Giovanni which offers wonderful views over the bay and town below.

Day 4 Durres, Albania. Arrive in Albania at the coastal city of Durres which was colonised by the Greeks in 627 BC and still has the remains of a 15,000 seat amphitheatre, the second largest in the Balkans. This morning we will head inland to Tirana where we will see the fascinating nuclear bunker built by the dictator Enver Hoxha in the 1970s and only recently opened to the public. This underground building is packed with original artefacts from the communist period. Afterwards continue walking through the city centre to see the mosque, Clock Tower and the "Bloku" area of



Medieval gate, Durres



Lecce



Trulli houses

the city. After lunch at a local farm we return to Durres to visit the Medieval city and the Archeological Museum before sailing in the late afternoon.

Day 5 Monopoli & Alberobello, Italy. Arriving into Italy we drive into the Puglian countryside which is scattered with 'trulli', limestone dwellings built with dome or conical roofs. We will enjoy a pleasant walk in Alberobello, a fairy-tale trulli village and a UNESCO World Heritage Site and see the St Anthony Church also built in trullo style. Afterwards we visit 'Cantina Albea' and its wine museum, home to pictures and old instruments used in the past for the production of wine, where

we will enjoy a tasting along with a talk on the wine production. Return to the ship for lunch and a free afternoon in Monopoli where you can wander through the historic centre, visit the cathedral or see the Castello di Carlo V.

Day 6 Brindisi & Ostuni. From our berth in Brindisi we head to the "White City" of Ostuni, so called due to the almost blinding sunlight reflecting on the walls of its whitewashed dwellings. Ostuni has a privileged position as it was built on three hills and from the top of the town you can enjoy a stunning view of the Adriatic coast from which Ostuni is separated by an ocean of centuries-old olive trees. The town has maintained its Medieval

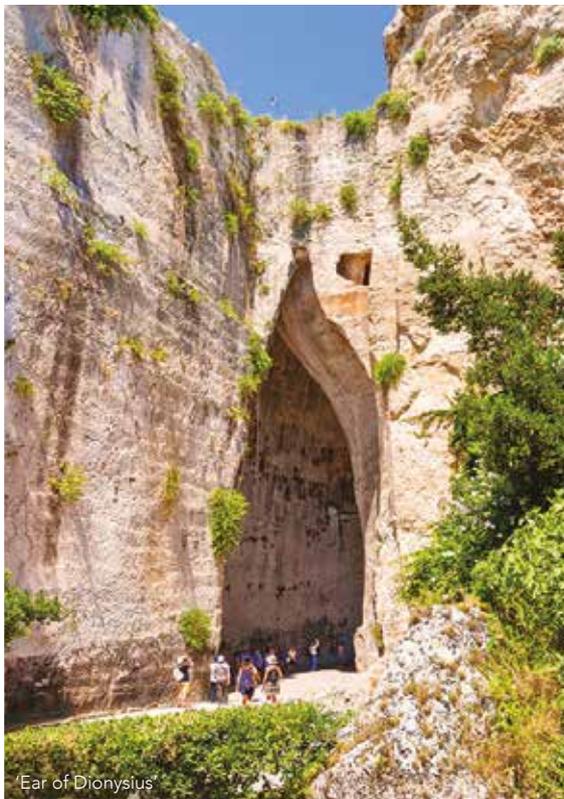
atmosphere which we will experience as we walk through the meandering, narrow and picturesque streets of the old town which lead to the impressive 15th century cathedral, a beautiful example of Apulian Romanesque style. Spend the afternoon at leisure in Brindisi, maybe take a stroll along the waterfront promenade and see the Roman Arch which marks the end of the Roman Road "Via Appia" used by pilgrims, soldiers and traders as they travelled to Greece and the Holy Land. Alternatively, visit the 12th century Tempio di San Giovanni al Sepolcro or wander the palm-tree lined Corso Garibaldi.

Day 7 Otranto & Lecce. After breakfast we will drive to Lecce,

often referred to as 'The Florence of the South' with its amazing collection of Baroque architecture. A guided walk will include a visit to the beautifully decorated Santa Croce Basilica and Piazza Duomo, considered one of the finest and most impressive squares in southern Italy. We return to the ship for lunch and the afternoon is free to explore Otranto independently, maybe walk the winding streets or along the seaside promenade. The highlight is the wonderful cathedral with its Medieval mosaic floor created by the monk, Pantaleone, between 1163 and 1165. You can also see the Chapel of the Dead which shows the bones and skulls of 813 martyrs killed by the invading Turks in 1480.



Monopoli harbour



'Ear of Dionysius'



Ostuni

Day 8 Croton. The Calabrian port of Croton is on the site of the ancient Greek City of Kroton. Whilst little remains of the Greek city, it was one of the most important settlements of Magna Graecia, where Pythagoras set up a school in 530 BC and whose athletes were very successful at the Olympic Games. We will take a scenic drive inland this morning to Santa Severina, one of Italy's prettiest towns overlooking the Neto River valley. We will explore the majestic Carafa Castle which was built by the Normans in 1076 and is surrounded by strong, crenellated walls with a moat on three sides and containing intricate underground labyrinths and stables, with the remains of Medieval frescoes. Also see the cathedral, the beautiful Byzantine baptistery and wander the town's tangled streets. On our return to the ship we will stop at one of the vineyards that produces the famous Calabrian wine, Ciro, for a tasting accompanied by typical Calabrian food. Spend the afternoon at sea as we sail to Sicily.

Day 9 Syracuse, Sicily. Syracuse was one of the main cities of the ancient "Magna Graecia" (the Great Greece) founded by the Greeks in 734 BC. By the 5th century Syracuse was a political and military power throughout the Mediterranean and rivalled Athens as the largest and most beautiful city in the Greek world. After breakfast we will visit the Neapolis Archaeological Park where we find a well-preserved Greek theatre with seats carved from limestone.

Paradise Quarry, now an attractive garden and orange grove, was the primary source of that limestone and is the site of the curious 'Ear of Dionysius', a vast grotto with an amplifying resonance. We will continue to explore Ortigia old town where we will find the Temple of Apollo, considered to be Sicily's most ancient Doric temple and the Baroque cathedral, erected over the remains of the Temple of Minerva. There will be free time this afternoon to explore from our central berth before we sail this evening.

Day 10 Valletta, Malta. Arrive this morning in the grand harbour of Valletta, the 16th century "Fortress City" built by the Knights of St John. Our tour will include the highlights of Valletta with its stunning views across the harbour from the Barakka Gardens. We will explore Merchants Street, containing the surviving auberges built by the Knights of St John of Jerusalem, together with the palace where Napoleon Bonaparte is believed to have stayed in 1798. Our final stop will be at St John's Cathedral. After lunch on board the afternoon is free to relax or join a drive to Mdina. Originally given the name of "Citta Nobile", the city is now known as the "Silent City". Mdina is Phoenician in origin and was the fortified capital of the island before the arrival of the Knights.

Day 11 Valletta to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.



Valletta

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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

| Cat | Cabin Description | Brochure Price | Special Offer Price |
|-----|--|----------------|---------------------|
| D | Twin/Double with portholes on Camille/Parisien Deck | £3995 | £3795 |
| C | Twin/Double with windows on Parisien/Lumiere Deck | £4295 | £4095 |
| B | Superior Double with windows of Lumiere Deck | £4695 | £4495 |
| A | Deluxe Twin with windows on Lumiere Deck | £4995 | £4795 |
| D | Twin/Double with portholes on Camille/Parisien Deck for sole use | £5495 | £5295 |

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 10 nights aboard the MS Monet on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance.



MS MONET

We are delighted to have chartered the MS Monet, a 220 foot motor yacht accommodating a maximum of just 50 guests, for a series of cruises in the Mediterranean for 2022. Originally built in 1970, MS Monet was converted and launched as a passenger ship in 1998, fully renovated in 2016 and upgraded again in 2018. If you find large resort style vessels accommodating many thousands of passengers attractive then of course this isn't the vessel for you. However, if you prefer an informal and warm atmosphere more akin to a private yacht combined with an itinerary dedicated to both discovery and relaxation then you need look no further.



Category A Cabin



Category C Cabin

Your Cabin

All the cabins on board the MS Monet are designed for comfort and have a warm and inviting feel with light fabrics and wood trimmings. Cabins range in size from 9 to 22 square metres and Categories A, B & C are equipped with windows, while those in Category D have portholes. Cabins 104-107, 112, 119, 205 and 210-215 feature twin beds and all other cabins have fixed double beds. Facilities include en-suite bathroom with shower, television, minifridge, safety deposit box, air-conditioning and hairdryer.

Your Space

The public areas include a main lounge and bar with comfortable sofas on the Lumiere Deck, a restaurant located on the Parisian Deck and the Lumiere Open Deck al fresco dining area where meals can be enjoyed when weather permits. The gym can be found on the Parisian Deck and the Lumiere Sun Deck provides a delightful sun exposed space with sun loungers and a Jacuzzi, ideal for relaxation and wonderful views.

Your Dining

Located on the Parisian Deck, the glass enclosed indoor dining room seats all passengers in a single sitting with unassigned seating and allows for wonderful panoramic views of the stunning scenery as we sail. The Lumiere Open Deck provides a generous covered area where guests can enjoy meals al fresco, weather permitting. Food is served at the table or displayed on the hot and cold buffet stands. The menu is international, with a focus on local specialties. A choice of house wine, beer and soft drinks are served with lunch and dinner.



Lumiere Open Deck



Lounge



Restaurant



Lounge

Life On Board

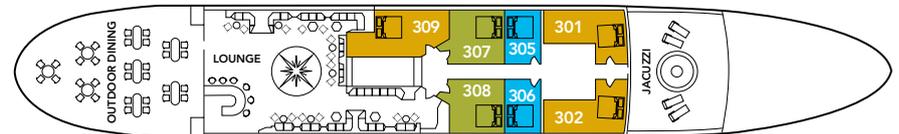
During the day, life on board focuses around the indoor lounge area, and the indoor and outdoor dining spaces, as well as the open and inviting deck areas including the Jacuzzi. These are natural gathering places and perfect for enjoying your meals al fresco, relaxing in a comfortable chair with a good book or socialising with your fellow passengers and enjoying the views.



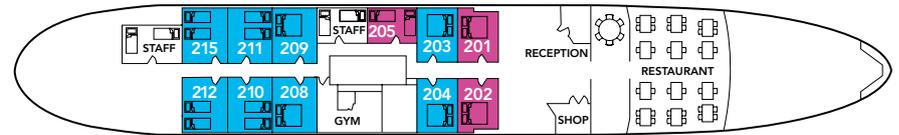
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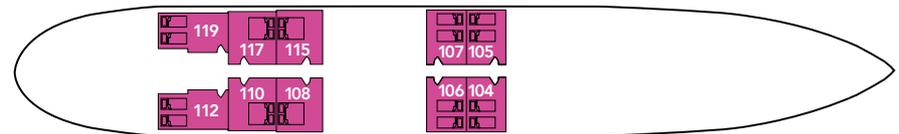
LUMIERE DECK



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