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# FOUR RIVER ODYSSEY

A cruise through the enchanting valleys of the Saar, Moselle,  
Rhine & Neckar Rivers aboard the MS Lafayette  
with Guest Speaker Professor Martyn Rady

18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June\* & 24<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021



NOBLE CALEDONIA

Join us aboard the MS Lafayette for a six night journey that promises to be a scenic treat as we cruise along four of Europe's rivers between Luxembourg and Strasbourg. We have planned our voyages for the month of June as it is a wonderful time to explore Europe by river, the weather is warm, the evenings become longer, and the popular towns and cities are not yet busy with tourists.

Our river odyssey begins in Saarbrücken on the River Saar and we will sail through unspoilt landscapes, past fascinating small towns towards Berncastel. From here we continue along the beautiful Moselle River travelling through this historic region first cultivated by the Romans. The river's intricate and picturesque path meanders between steeply terraced vineyards and hills with riverbanks home to attractive towns and villages. At Koblenz we reach the Rhine and turn towards Rudesheim – here the River Rhine shows her unique beauty; high on the hills are legendary castles, sunlit vineyards and chocolate box villages scattered along both of its banks.

Last, but not least, we journey along the River Neckar, one of Germany's most idyllic, cruising past tiny villages and majestic castles such as Neckargemund, Neckarsteinach and Hirschhorn. We turn back at Eberbach and reach Strasbourg in France where our cruise ends. To complement our time sailing along these four picturesque rivers, we will enjoy guided excursions of which the highlights include a wine tasting in Berncastel and the picturesque town of Heidelberg.



The Moselle River Valley at Berncastel

## The Itinerary

**Day 1 London to Luxembourg City, Luxembourg.** Fly by scheduled flight and on arrival transfer to the MS Lafayette in Saarbrücken (transfer is approximately 1.5 hours). We set sail this afternoon along the Saar River heading towards Berncastel. This evening enjoy welcome drinks and dinner on board.

**Day 2 Berncastel to Cochem, Germany.** Here in the heart of the Moselle Valley we will explore beautiful Berncastel on a morning walking tour. See the Medieval market square and lovingly decorated half-timbered houses and end our tour with a wine tasting of some of the region's glorious wines. Return to the vessel for lunch and a relaxing afternoon of cruising along the Moselle River as we make our way to Cochem. Arrive this evening and moor overnight.

**Day 3 Cochem to Koblenz.** The town of Cochem is famous for its 11th century Schloss and the Reichsburg set impressively on a tree clad hill above a bend of the river. On a guided tour walk along its winding Medieval streets and see the Baroque town hall. Return to the vessel for lunch and spend the afternoon cruising,



taking in the scenery of pretty villages and rustic vineyards as we sail towards Koblenz. We arrive into Koblenz this evening and after dinner take some time to explore the narrow streets in the historic old town.

**Day 4 Scenic cruising to Rudesheim.** Our morning of cruising takes us along the romantic Rhine. Enjoy the magnificent Rhine Gorge, the striking hilltop castles and the legendary Lorelei Rock. Arrive into Rudesheim after

lunch and join a walking tour of this lively town, including a visit to the entertaining Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum. The ship will remain here until the late evening allowing time ashore for independent sightseeing; perhaps visit the famous Drosselgasse with its numerous cafes, bars and live music.

**Day 5 Heidelberg to Eberbach.** This morning we arrive in the port of Mannheim from where we depart for our tour to Heidelberg. This most picturesque and romantic of cities is home to Germany's oldest university dating back to 1386. A morning tour will include the dramatically sited castle, the old town with its famous palace and the city gates. Rejoin the ship which will have sailed to Heidelberg. Enjoy lunch on board and this afternoon we sail along the Neckar River, passing idyllic villages and majestic castles such as Neckargemund, Neckarsteinach and Hirschhorn. Arrive into Eberbach in the early evening and spend some free time exploring this ancient city.

**Day 6 Speyer.** Enjoy a leisurely morning on board as we sail from Eberbach towards the handsome city of Speyer. Arrive in the late afternoon for our tour which will include the mighty cathedral; the Romanesque basilica was founded by Emperor

## Guest Speaker – Professor Martyn Rady



Martyn Rady is Professor of Central European History at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, a part of University College London. He has written books on German, Hungarian and Romanian history and has broadcast extensively on television and radio, discussing subjects ranging from contemporary politics in Central Europe to vampirism and the history of the Habsburg Monarchy.



The Old Neckar Bridge, Heidelberg



Half-timbered houses in La Petite France district of Strasbourg



The Reichsburg Castle and the town of Cochem



Siegfried's Music Museum, Rudesheim



Facade of Speyer Cathedral



Old Market Square, Eberbach

Conrad II in 1030 and is one of the largest and most impressive edifices in Germany. Return to the ship and this evening enjoy the farewell dinner as we sail towards Strasbourg.

**Day 7 Strasbourg, France to Basle, Switzerland to London.** Disembark after breakfast and join a brief tour of this delightful town including the fascinating old quarter. Continue to Basle airport for the return scheduled flight to London.

\*Please note that the 18th June departure operates in the reverse direction to that shown. The full itinerary can be viewed at [www.noble-caledonia.co.uk](http://www.noble-caledonia.co.uk)

## PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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

Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Main Deck Twin	£2195	£1995
Main Deck Single	£2195	£1995
Upper Deck Twin	£2495	£2295
Upper Deck Single	£2495	£2295

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Economy class scheduled air travel • Six nights aboard the MS Lafayette on a full board basis • All-inclusive drinks from 10am-11pm (please note that premium brands & sparkling wine are not included) • Shore excursions • Cruise Director • Tour Manager • Guest Speaker • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes • Airport taxes.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance.

NB. Works to locks on the Necker and Saar rivers are scheduled for 2021. The cruise itinerary has been planned based on the preliminary works schedule but is subject to change.

## PRE/POST CRUISE LUXEMBOURG EXTENSION

21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June & 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June\* 2021

We are offering the opportunity to spend three nights before or after your cruise exploring the tiny country of Luxembourg and its charming capital city with its dramatic clifftop setting.

### The Itinerary

**Day 1 London to Luxembourg City, Luxembourg.** Fly by scheduled flight to Luxembourg. On arrival enjoy a city tour of this interesting city before transferring to the hotel for check in. Enjoy time at leisure before meeting for dinner this evening. (L, D)

**Day 2 Vianden, Clervaux & Echternach.** Today we explore some of the highlights of Luxembourg's long history. Heading north we arrive at picturesque Vianden whose centuries-old castle offers impressive views of the surrounding area. There will be time to see the Trinitarian Church, built in 1248 in Gothic style, as well as hear about Victor Hugo's time in Vianden as an exile. Continue to the pretty town of Clervaux where we will have lunch in the restaurant of the chateau. In the afternoon we will visit Echternach, the oldest city in Luxembourg which has retained its Medieval ambiance. Return to Luxembourg City in the late afternoon and enjoy the evening at leisure. (B, L)

**Day 3 Luxembourg City.** Today is a day at leisure to explore Luxembourg City at your own pace and enjoy the many museums that the city has to offer before meeting for dinner this evening. (B, D)

**Day 4 Luxembourg City to Saarbrücken, Germany.** After breakfast, check out of the hotel and transfer to Saarbrücken via the charming little Moselle village of Remich, the centre of the Luxembourg wine growing industry. Here we will enjoy a local wine tasting with lunch. Continue to Saarbrücken where we will embark the MS Lafayette. (B, L)

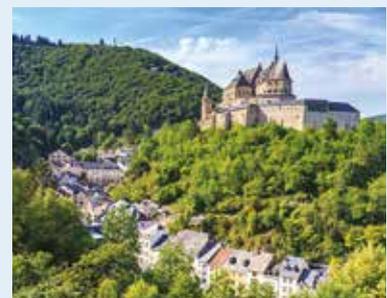
\* Please note that the 24th June departure operates as a post-cruise extension. The full itinerary can be viewed at [www.noble-caledonia.co.uk](http://www.noble-caledonia.co.uk)

**Prices per person** Based on double occupancy

Twin: £1095 Single: £1395

**Price Includes:** Three nights hotel accommodation in Luxembourg City at the Grand Hotel Cravat (or similar), meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner), tours as described, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance.



Vianden Castle and village



Upper Deck Twin Cabin



Lounge



Restaurant



Main Deck Twin Cabin

# MS LAFAYETTE

For our river odyssey we have chartered the charming MS Lafayette from our associates CroisiEurope. Accommodating just 82 guests this delightful vessel is ideal for exploring the Rhine, Moselle, Necker and Saar Rivers in comfort. There is a relaxed and informal atmosphere on board and you will find yourself amongst like-minded fellow guests in an English-speaking environment.

### Your Cabin

The MS Lafayette features 43 outside cabins all of which are stylishly decorated and feature individually controlled air-conditioning, private bathrooms with showers, flat screen TV, hairdryer, safe and wardrobe. The cabins are spread across the Main and Upper Decks and have twin beds that can be positioned separately or together as a double bed. Most of the cabins are 14.17 square metres, however there are three larger cabins on the Main Deck that measure at 14.63 square metres and have a fixed double bed. Cabins on the Main Deck feature two large windows, and those on the Upper Deck feature French balconies and sliding floor to ceiling windows.

### Your Space

The vessel offers plenty of space to relax, unwind and watch the world go by. The Sun Deck is equipped with comfortable loungers and for those who prefer the shade, an awning under which there are chairs and tables. The Lounge Bar is situated on the Upper Deck and boasts floor to ceiling panoramic windows and is the perfect place to spend time at leisure and make new friends. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available in the reception area and Lounge Bar though there may be sections of the river where internet connection is slow or not available.

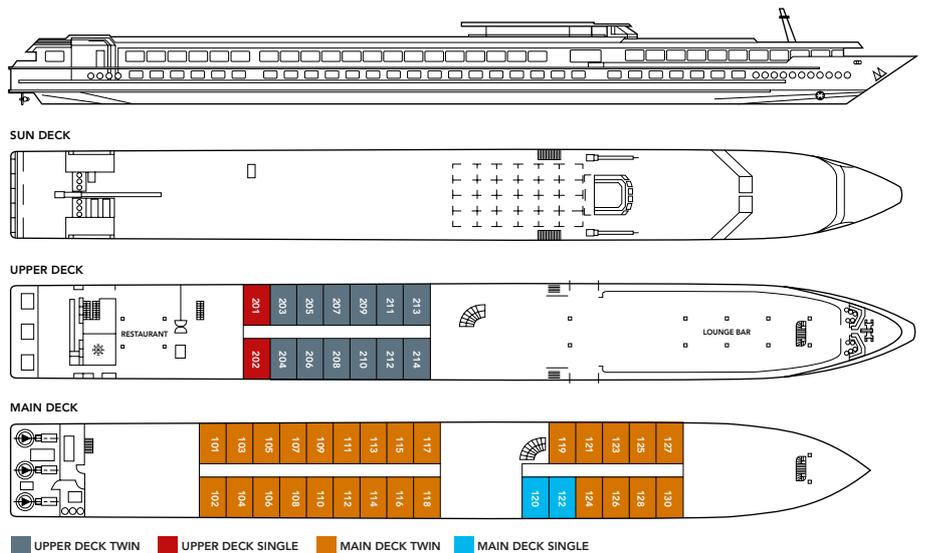
### Your Dining

Breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner are served in the stylish restaurant located on the Upper Deck which seats all passengers in one sitting. The excellent cuisine features delicious local and international dishes. Breakfast and lunch are buffet style with hot and cold items, and dinners are served set menu with a choice of either two main courses or a vegetarian option. Alcoholic and soft drinks are included in your holiday price (excluding premium brands) as are tea and coffee which are available throughout the day on a self-serve basis and with meals.

### Life On Board

Our cruise along the European waterways is a leisurely experience with plenty of time to relax on board. The charming and friendly French crew members speak excellent English and provide a great, personal service. In addition to our Cruise Director and Tour Manager, we will also be joined by a Guest Speaker who will deliver informative and interesting lectures on board.

### DECK PLAN



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Our current booking conditions apply to all reservations and are available on request.

Cover image: Medieval Rheinstein Castle in the Rhine Valley near Rudesheim