

# FOUR RIVERS OF GERMANY

A CRUISE THROUGH THE ENCHANTING VALLEYS OF THE NECKAR, RHINE, MOSELLE & SAAR RIVERS Aboard the MS Thurgau Saxonia

> 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST TO 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER & 12<sup>TH</sup> TO 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026



Join us aboard the MS Thurgau Saxonia for a seven night journey that promises to be a scenic treat as we cruise between Saarbrucken and Stuttgart along four of Europe's rivers. We have planned our voyages for late summer, a wonderful time to explore Europe by river, the weather is warm, the evenings longer, and the popular towns and cities are not overly busy with tourists.

Our river odyssey begins in Saarbrucken on the River Saar and we will sail through unspoilt landscapes, past fascinating small towns towards Bernkastel. 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. Upon reaching Rudesheim the River Rhine shows her unique beauty; high on the hills are legendary castles, sunlit vineyards and charming villages scattered along



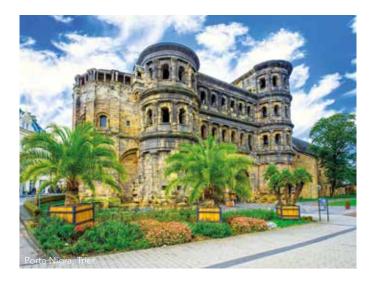
both of its banks. Last, but not least, we journey along the River Neckar, one of Germany's most idyllic rivers, cruising past tiny villages and majestic castles such as Neckargemund, Neckarsteinach and Hirschhorn.

To complement our time sailing along these four picturesque rivers, we will enjoy guided excursions of which the highlights include the picturesque town of Heidelberg, a wine tasting in Bernkastel and the fascinating Medieval town of Bad Wimpfen. Our floating hotel, the MS Thurgau Saxonia which we have exclusively chartered for these unique journeys, will transport us in comfort and with a maximum of just 70 passengers on board along with our expert team and Guest Speaker, we can promise you a marvellous experience.



## **ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Experience four rivers in eight days
- Explore Trier, the oldest city in Germany
- Enjoy a wine tasting in the Medieval town of Bernkastel
- Visit the picturesque town of Heidelberg
- Tour the Baroque Ludwigsburg Palace and its beautiful gardens



# THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 London to Saarbrucken, Germany.** Fly by scheduled flight to Frankfurt. On arrival transfer to the MS Thurgau Saxonia moored in Saarbrucken. Sail in the early evening and meet your fellow guests and crew this evening during dinner on board.

Day 2 Saar River Cruising & Trier. Spend a leisurely morning cruising along the Saar River arriving over lunch in lovely Trier, the oldest city in Germany. Trier was once the capital of the Roman Western Empire and retains one of the most impressive groups of Roman monuments north of the Alps. Here we will see the Roman ruins including the impressive Porta Nigra, the most important ancient monument in the city and the largest Roman city gate extant. Sail this evening to Bernkastel where we moor overnight.

Day 3 Bernkastel & Moselle River Cruising. After breakfast a morning walking tour will include the Medieval market square and lovingly decorated half-timbered houses and will end with a wine tasting of some of the region's glorious wines. Return to the ship for lunch as we continue cruising this afternoon through the beautiful Moselle Valley.

Day 4 Rhine Gorge & Rudesheim. A morning of cruising takes us along the romantic Rhine. Enjoy witnessing some magnificent scenery including the Rhine Gorge, the striking hilltop castles and the legendary Lorelei Rock. Later this afternoon we arrive into Rudesheim 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 overnight allowing time ashore for independent sightseeing; perhaps visit the famous Drosselgasse with its numerous cafes, bars and live music.



Day 5 Rhine River Cruising & Heidelberg. After a morning cruising on the Rhine River we will join the Neckar River at Mannheim and in the early afternoon we arrive in Heidelberg. This most picturesque and romantic of cities is home to Germany's oldest university dating back to 1386. An afternoon tour will include the dramatically sited castle, the old town with its famous palace and the city gates. We will moor overnight for anyone wishing to take an after dinner stroll.

Day 6 Neckar River Cruising & Bad Wimpfen. Spend the morning cruising down the Neckar River passing idyllic villages and majestic castles such as Neckergemund, Neckarsteinach and Hirschhorn on our way to Bad Wimpfen. As we approach, we will see the dramatic skyline of the town which is dominated by the largest Hohenstaufen Imperial palace north of the Alps and its imperious Medieval towers. Although only small, the town is fascinating with a wonderful array of monuments that testify to its richly varied history, dating back to pre-historic times. During our afternoon walking tour we will experience the unique atmosphere of the Medieval town centre with its half-timbered houses in Alemannic and Franconian architectural styles.

Day 7 Lauffen & Ludwigsburg Palace. Overnight we sail to Lauffen, the base for our morning visit to Ludwigsburg Palace. The residential palace was built at the beginning of the 18th century under Duke Ludwig Eberhard and is one of the largest preserved German Baroque palaces. This "Swabian Versailles", formerly the residence of the Wurttemberg dukes and kings, is picturesquely situated in the middle of the Blooming Baroque gardens. Return to the ship for lunch and a leisurely final afternoon cruising on the Neckar River before we arrive in Stuttgart and moor overnight.

**Day 8 Stuttgart to London.** Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

#### Pre-cruise Alsace Extension 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August 2026 & 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September 2026



Before embarking the MS Thurgau Saxonia, we are offering the opportunity to spend three nights in the charming town of Colmar, capital of the Alsace region. Colmar offers an intriguing glimpse of 1,000 years of European history, with its wonderfully preserved

historical centre, careful restoration, traditional hospitality and friendly ambience. Lying near the vine covered foothills of the southern Vosges, the town boasts picturesque 16th and 17th century burghers' houses, art treasures, delicious cuisine and superb wines.

# THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 London to Colmar, France.** Fly by scheduled flight to Basle. On arrival transfer to our hotel in Colmar for a three night stay. After settling into your room meet for dinner tonight. **(D)** 

Day 2 Colmar. After breakfast join a walking tour of Colmar, including a visit to the Unterlinden Museum which is home to the Isenheim Altarpiece, an altarpiece sculpted and painted by Niclaus of Haguenau and Matthias Grunewald. The remainder of your day will be at leisure to sightsee independently. (B)

Day 3 Colmar & Alsace Wine Region. This morning is free to relax. In the afternoon we will travel into the surrounding Alsace wine growing region. With vastly contrasting terrain, from plains to slopes and mountains, it boasts 37 wine-growing communities and 30 Grands Crus. We will visit one of the vineyards to learn more about the wine production before enjoying a tasting. Return to Colmar and meet for dinner this evening. (B, D)

Day 4 Colmar & Strasbourg to Saarbrucken, Germany. Check out this morning and drive to Strasbourg where on a walking tour will 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. After lunch we transfer to Saarbrucken to embark the MS Thurgau Saxonia. (B, L)

#### PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £1195 Single: £1395

Price Includes: Three nights hotel accommodation, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner), Tour Manager, tours as described, gratuities, transfers. Not Included: Travel insurance.

#### PRICES PER PERSON Based on double occupancy

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CAT	DECK	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
В	Main Deck Double	£3095	£2795
A	Upper Deck Double	£3495	£3195
В	Main Deck Double for sole use	£4095	£3795

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

**NB**: Ports subject to change, water levels and weather conditions may affect the itinerary.



# MS THURGAU SAXONIA

For our journey along the rivers of Germany we have chartered the charming MS Thurgau Saxonia. Renovated in 2020, this comfortable ship offers a tranquil atmosphere on which to relax and enjoy the picturesque views of the passing landscapes. The vessel can accommodate up to 84 passengers but we will be limiting numbers to just 70 for our charters in order to enhance our guests' experience.

#### Your Cabin

All cabins are tastefully furnished and feature individually controlled air-conditioning, private bathroom with shower, television, minibar, hairdryer, safe and wardrobe. All cabins measure 12 square metres and are furnished with a fixed double bed with two mattresses. Cabins on the Main Deck feature two picture windows which cannot be opened. Cabins on the Upper Deck boast floor-to-ceiling windows of which the upper section can be opened.

#### Your Space

Spread over three decks, the ship's public areas are spacious and elegantly decorated with panoramic windows allowing you to enjoy the passing scenery. These include the elegant Restaurant and the Panorama Lounge Bar which is situated on the Upper Deck. Stylishly decorated with clusters of armchairs and sofas set around tables, this area boasts panoramic floor-to-ceiling windows and is the perfect place to spend time at leisure and socialise with new friends. The Sun Deck includes awnings, chairs, tables and sun loungers. There is no lift aboard the vessel and access to the decks is via stairs.

#### Your Dining

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Meals are taken in the Restaurant on the vessel's Main Deck which seats all passengers in an open seating arrangement and features delicious local and international dishes. Breakfast is buffet style with hot and cold items, and lunch and dinner are a mix of buffet items and a served set menu with a choice of three main courses including a vegetarian option. House wine, beer and soft drinks are included with lunch and dinner on board.



## DECK PLAN

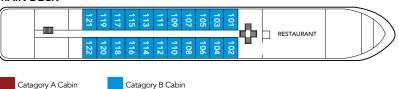
#### SUN DECK



#### UPPER DECK



#### MAIN DECK



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