

# GLORIES OF THE MAIN & RHINE

A SCENIC JOURNEY FROM BAVARIA TO BASLE Aboard the MS River Crown

10<sup>th</sup> TO 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2026

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A utumn is one of the loveliest times in Middle Europe when the forests and Vineyards are in full colour. Enjoy the colourful foliage, the tranquil beauty of the countryside and the contrasts and vibrancy of the cities and towns along the Main and Rhine rivers as we cruise along them aboard the elegant, 100-passenger MS River Crown. If you have not cruised along such rivers before, nothing can prepare you for the peace and beauty of it. To relax on deck or in the beautiful lounge whilst the world floats by is a fortifying experience. Such vistas cannot be appreciated from any other means of transport, the stately pace and quietness of the vessel allows you to be at one with your surroundings.



This is a river voyage through idyllic landscapes, past centuries old villages, towns and cities which have witnessed the fascinating and turbulent history of Middle Europe. From Regensburg we cruise along the tranquil waters of the Main River

visiting the enchanting towns of Bamberg and Miltenberg and continue onwards along the Rhine to explore the fascinating cities of Heidelberg and Strasbourg in addition to the splendid town of Colmar. Over the course of ten nights our river vessel will transport us along the Main and Rhine in considerable comfort and with great ease, allowing us to relax and enjoy the scenery and interesting guided excursions. When combined with some daytime cruising, informative talks from our Guest Speaker as well as the opportunity to sample some wonderful wines along the way, we have a fascinating trip.





## THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 London to Munich, Germany.** Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS River Crown in Regensburg.

**Day 2 Regensburg.** On our guided morning tour we will stroll around this World Heritage listed historic city. Widely regarded as the Medieval wonder of Germany, we will see the majestic twin-spired cathedral Dom St Peter, the ancient Romanesque Porta Praetoria and the tower houses. The afternoon is free to explore this charming town at your own pace.

**Day 3 Nuremberg.** Nuremberg's long and sometimes troubled history has left its mark on the city and there is plenty to discover during our afternoon tour. Visit the World War II sites, including the Third Reich Party Rally Grounds, and discover the city's spectacular Medieval architecture.

**Day 4 Bamberg.** Arrive in Bamberg this morning, one of Germany's most beautiful historic towns. Its geographical location, some 40 miles north of Nuremberg, was a key factor in preserving its magnificent architectural heritage from the ravages of war. Every European style from the Romanesque onwards has left its mark on Bamberg, each bequeathing at least one major building. Return to the ship for lunch and sail this afternoon as the MS River Crown leaves the Main-Danube Canal and enters the River Main.

**Day 5 Wurzburg.** This morning we arrive in historic Wurzburg, the wine capital of Franconia. We will tour this lovely town including the old town with its collection of churches which range in style from Romanesque to Gothic, Renaissance to Baroque, as well as the magnificent Prince Bishop's Residenz Palace. Our visit will end with a wine tasting of local



wines before we return to the MS River Crown for lunch and spend a relaxing afternoon on board sailing towards Miltenberg.

Day 6 Miltenberg. We arrive today in the pretty Franconian town of Miltenberg, renowned for its half-timbered Medieval houses. On a walking tour see the picturesque triangular shaped Marktplatz and the restored castle. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon sailing.

Day 7 Mainz. Arrive this morning in atmospheric Mainz where our guided walking tour will include the Hoefchen ("Little Court"), residence of the city's archbishops until the 15th century, the Kirschgarten with its romantic half-timbered houses and Marian-Fountain. Our tour will end with a visit to the Johan Gutenberg Museum. The afternoon is free to explore further independently.

Day 8 Mannheim for Heidelberg. From our berth in Mannheim, we visit nearby Heidelberg to enjoy this most picturesque and romantic of German cities which is home to Germany's oldest university, dating back to 1386. 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.

Day 9 Kehl, Germany for Strasbourg, France. From the nearby town of Kehl, our guided tour this morning will introduce us to the delights of Strasbourg including the fascinating old quarter. Start with the Quai de la Petite France where the River III 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. After lunch on board you can choose to spend the afternoon at leisure or alternatively join a scenic tour along Alsace's "Route des Vins", including a tasting of the region's splendid wines.

Day 10 Breisach, Germany for Colmar, France. From our berth in Breisach, we will cross the River Rhine into France and drive to the capital of the Upper Rhine region, Colmar. 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 walk through the charming Old Town, with delightful patrician houses and winding lanes and enjoy some free time before our drive back to Breisach to reboard the MS River Crown. The afternoon is free for independent exploration in Breisach.

Day 11 Basle, Switzerland to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to Basle airport for our scheduled flight to London.

#### **PRICES PER PERSON** Based on double occupancy

#### SPECIAL OFFER - SAVE £500 PER PERSON FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

CATEGORY	DECK	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
Premium with French Balcony	Middle Deck	£7295	£6795
Premium with French Balcony	Upper Deck	£7495	£6995
Deluxe with French Balcony	Middle Deck	£8195	£7695
Deluxe with French Balcony	Upper Deck	£8495	£7995
Queen Suite with Balcony	Upper Deck	£9495	£8995
Standard Single with porthole	Main Deck	£7295	£6795
Premium with French Balcony	Middle Deck	£8495	£7995

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 10 nights aboard the MS River Crown on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest

Not Included: Travel insurance.

NB: The Sun Deck will be closed whilst sailing through sections of the Rhine-Main-Danube canal and the River Main.



Premium Cabin

MS River Crown

Restaurant

## MS RIVER CROWN

We are delighted to have chartered the elegant 100-passenger MS River Crown, a spacious and well-designed vessel which was built in 2008 and is undergoing a comprehensive upgrade in 2025. The atmosphere on board is friendly and informal and within days you will have made new friends in the open-seating restaurant, on the shore excursions or whilst relaxing in the comfortable public areas. You will find yourself amongst like-minded people in an English-speaking environment and for those who seek peace and quiet, there will always be the opportunity to find a secluded spot on the Sun Deck, in one of the relaxing public areas or to simply rest in your well-appointed cabin. Guest Speakers will provide a series of interesting talks and our Cruise Director will host informative port briefings. After a day exploring ashore, you will return to the comfort and peace of a well-run and exceedingly comfortable vessel.

#### YOUR CABIN

The spacious cabins are arranged over three decks and are well planned and smartly furnished. Premium cabins on the Middle and Upper Deck measure 15.5 square metres and beds in these cabins can be configured as twin or double. Premium cabins feature a French Balcony providing wonderful views and access to fresh air. Also on the Middle and Upper decks are the Deluxe cabins with French Balcony which measure 22 square metres and feature fixed double beds along with a seating area. The four spacious, two room Queen Suites on the Upper Deck measure 30 square metres and feature both a French Balcony and separate balcony with chairs and a table, living room area with separable sliding door, a double bed and spacious bathroom. Finally, there are five Standard single cabins on the Main Deck which measure 12 square metres and feature portholes. All cabins feature ample storage space, a writing/ dressing table, television, safety deposit box, small refrigerator, and individually controlled air-conditioning.

#### YOUR DINING

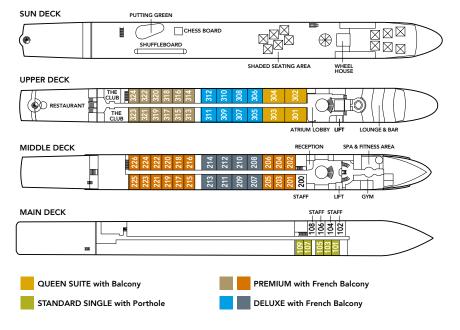
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While the most beautiful river scenery passes by, enjoy delicacies created by the Executive Chef and his team. The restaurant has open seating, allowing you to sit where and with whom you like at each meal. In the morning for early risers, tea, coffee and pastries are available. Breakfast is served buffet style, lunch is a combination of a delightful buffet and hot dishes served to order and dinner is a served four course meal. In addition, house wine, beer and soft drinks are included at both lunch and dinner. Afternoon tea is also provided with a choice of cakes and to finish the day, snacks are available in the lounge in the late evening.

#### YOUR SPACE

A well designed feature of the MS River Crown is the positioning of the Restaurant and the Lounge and Bar on the Upper Deck. These public areas have floor to ceiling windows, affording excellent views as you dine, relax or listen to the onboard lectures. There is also an Atrium Lobby with seating where you can access tea and coffee 24-hours a day, whilst the Club area on board comprises of two small lounges, a perfect place if you are seeking somewhere to relax with a good book. The huge Sun Deck covers almost the entire length of the vessel, interrupted only by the bridge and is the ideal location to watch the changing scenery. There is also a putting green and a large chess board on the Sun Deck for your enjoyment. For some time out, you can relax in the wellness centre which includes a sauna with shower facilities, and a fitness room.

### DECK PLAN



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