

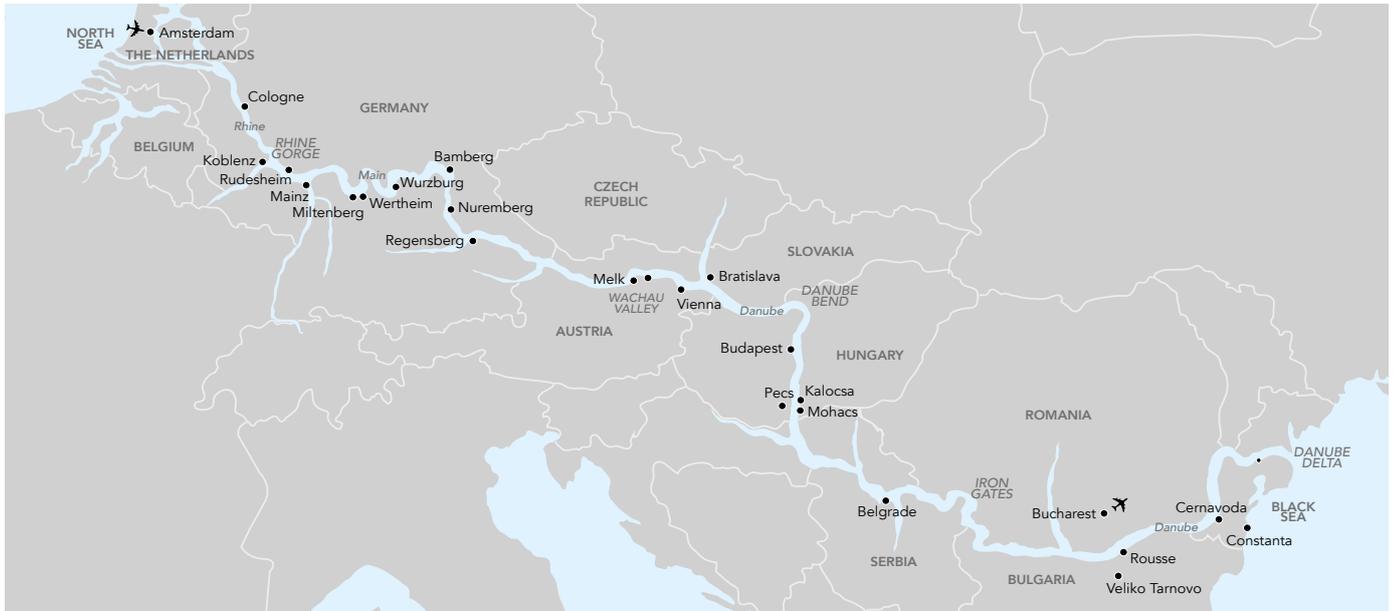
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A JOURNEY ACROSS EUROPE

A cruise between Amsterdam & the Black Sea
aboard the MS Royal Emerald

9th May to 1st June 2019



Amsterdam

Join us for the ultimate grand tour of Europe as we sail clear across the continent, visit eight countries, travel more than 2200 miles and yet only have to unpack once. This is the perfect trip for those who enjoy seeing something new every day,

as the MS Royal Emerald transports you in considerable comfort between great cities, towns and villages, past ever-changing landscapes with the slow speed of the vessel allowing you to absorb the views of town and country. Sailing aboard the MS Royal Emerald is the perfect way to explore the rich riverside culture of the Rhine, Main and Danube. Each port of call has its own unique character waiting to be discovered whilst on one of our guided excursions and from historic locations to iconic buildings, our itinerary is brimming with highlights. There will of course also be ample time to relax on board and enjoy some truly beautiful scenery especially whilst cruising through the dramatic Rhine Gorge and through the spectacular Iron Gates.

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the unique Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam
- Explore the charming towns & villages along the Romantic Rhine
- Visit the grand cities of Vienna & Budapest
- Wine tasting in Wurzburg
- Dvorak & Mozart concert by a string quartet in Bratislava
- Magnificent scenery whilst cruising through the Iron Gates

The Itinerary

Day 1 London/Manchester/Bristol/Edinburgh to Amsterdam, Netherlands. Fly by scheduled flight and transfer to the MS Royal Emerald. Moor overnight in Amsterdam.

Day 2 Amsterdam. After breakfast depart for a visit to the Rijksmuseum, arguably Amsterdam's most important art venue. Housing some of the greatest examples of Western European painting and decorative arts, it boasts works by Vermeer, Goya and Rubens. Here, Rembrandt's famous 'The Night Watch' hangs in the Hall of Honour. Return to the MS Royal Emerald for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Alternatively join an optional canal cruise or an optional visit to the Van Gogh Museum which houses one of the world's largest collection of works by the artist. This evening join your fellow travellers for Welcome Drinks and Dinner on board.

Day 3 De Hortus Botanical Gardens. We will take a short drive to De Hortus Gardens for a morning in this extraordinary botanical heaven. De Hortus is one of the oldest Botanical Gardens in the world, starting life as a herb garden for doctors and apothecaries and now housing 6000 plants, many of which are rare or endangered. Following our visit we will return to MS Royal Emerald for a late lunch and sail on towards Cologne.

Day 4 Cologne, Germany. This morning cruise the legendary Rhine. Pass Duisburg and Dusseldorf before arriving in Cologne for a tour to see the city's famous cathedral. The cathedral is the largest Gothic church in northern Europe, with a total area of almost 8000 square metres and room for more than 20,000 people and the second tallest spire and largest facade in the world. Afterwards visit a "Brauhaus" to sample some of the local Kolsch beer. Sail in the evening.

Day 5 Koblenz, Burg Thurant & Alken. After breakfast today we depart for a gentle walking tour of Koblenz's historic commercial centre. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon we set off for our scenic trip to nearby Alken. Our first stop will be at majestic Burg Thurant, whose ancient ruins dominate the village from on high. The views from here are wonderful. We then visit Alken, one of the Moselle's oldest settlements, tracing its roots to Celtic and Roman times. Enjoy a wine tasting here, followed by some free time to explore the streets with half-timbered houses and flower-filled window boxes. Later we return to the MS Royal Emerald in Koblenz where we moor overnight.

Day 6 Rhine Gorge to Rudesheim. Depart Koblenz this morning and sail through the dramatic Rhine Gorge to Rudesheim, passing romantic castles, lush vineyards and the infamous Lorelei rock. Arrive into Rudesheim in the late afternoon, and on arrival we take the Winzerexpress mini-train to visit Siegfried's Musical Instrument Museum, home to one of Germany's most fascinating collections of automated musical instruments. Return to the ship for dinner, after which there will be some free time before we set sail later this evening. Perhaps visit the town's lively Drosselgasse to sample the famous Rudesheimer Kaffee.



Melk Abbey



Matthias Church and Fisherman's Bastion, Budapest



Interior of Melk Abbey



Prince Bishop's Residenz Palace, Würzburg

Day 7 Mainz. Arrive early this morning in atmospheric Mainz. Our walking tour here 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 ends with a visit to the Johan Gutenberg Museum. Sail at lunchtime as we enter the River Main.

Day 8 Miltenberg & Wertheim. This morning on a walking tour, see the pretty Franconian town of Miltenberg, known for its half-timbered Medieval houses. Return to the ship for lunch whilst sailing on to beautiful Wertheim where you can enjoy some free time in this charming market town.

Day 9 Würzburg. Arrive this morning in historic Würzburg, the wine capital of Franconia. Our guided tour of this lovely town will include the magnificent Prince Bishop's Residenz Palace. Our visit will end with a tasting of local wines in the splendid cellars of the Residenz. Also see the old town with its collection of churches which range in style from Romanesque to Gothic, Renaissance to Baroque, before returning to the ship for lunch as we sail to Bamberg.

Day 10 Bamberg. This morning, enter the Main Danube Canal at Bamberg, 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. We arrive around midday, and after lunch on board we will have a walking tour of this beautiful Medieval city. Return to the ship and sail in the early evening.

Day 11 Nuremberg. Nuremberg's long and sometimes troubled history has left its mark on the city and there is plenty to discover during our morning tour. Three towering castles overlook Nuremberg, and its old city which is contained within vast walls is a joy to explore. Visit the World War II sites, including the Third Reich Party Rally Grounds. Discover the city's spectacular Medieval architecture, including the 900 year-old ramparts that surround the city, the Imperial Castle and more. Sail at lunchtime and continue cruising through the highest point of any commercial waterway in Europe, 1331 feet above sea level.

Day 12 Regensburg. Early this morning we enter the Danube River, arriving in Regensburg after breakfast. Join a guided stroll around historic Regensburg, and see the highlights such as the Old Town Hall, the World Heritage listed city centre and the ancient Romanesque Porta Praetoria. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a relaxing afternoon of cruising as we head towards Melk.

Day 13 Melk, Austria. Enjoy a leisurely morning cruising, arriving into Melk after lunch, where we will enjoy a guided tour of the magnificent abbey. Return to the ship for lunch and continue sailing through the beautiful Wachau Valley towards Vienna.

Day 14 Vienna. This morning we offer a choice of Viennese tours. Firstly, a city tour of Austria's elegant capital. See the famous Ringstrasse, and the Old Quarter including St Stephan's Cathedral. Alternatively, you may prefer to join a tour to see Schonbrunn Palace and Gardens, the favourite summer residence of Maria Theresa. Return to the MS Royal Emerald for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure to relax or explore this grand city further.

Day 15 Bratislava, Slovakia. Arrive early this morning in the Slovak capital of Bratislava. Join a guided walking tour of the city, formerly known as Pressburg, a former capital of Hungary. See the old quarter, the ornate Baroque Palace and the ancient city gates. Finish your tour with a visit to the beautiful Klarissen Church where a string quartet will perform a concert of music by Dvorak and Mozart.

Day 16 Budapest, Hungary. We have the day to explore Hungary's elegant capital. Spend the morning on an excursion that will include the old quarter, the Matthias Church and the Fishermen's Bastion. After lunch on board enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

Day 17 Kalocsa. Arrive this morning in charming Kalocsa, renowned for paprika production. Our tour of the Puszta district will include the town and a spectacular display of Hungarian horsemanship. Depart this afternoon for a relaxing cruise down the beautiful Danube as we make our way towards Mohacs.

Day 18 Pecs. From Mohacs we depart on a morning's excursion to Pecs. Lying between the Danube and Drava Rivers in southern Hungary, the historic city of Pecs enjoys a fine position on the slopes of the Mecsek Hills. Our excursion will feature the sites associated with the city's Roman Ottoman Hapsburg past. Return to the ship in Mohacs and enjoy an afternoon cruising.

Day 19 Belgrade, Serbia. Spend the morning in this interesting city. A half-day tour highlights 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. Sail in the late evening.



Decebalus' Head, Iron Gates

Day 20 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 21 Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria. From Svistov, we drive to Veliko



Cathedral of Saint Sava, Belgrade



White Pelican in the Danube Delta

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, visit the museum town of Arbanassi before we re-join the MS Royal Emerald in Rousse and sail in the evening.

Day 22 Constanta, Romania. Early this morning, arrive in Cernavoda at the entrance to the Black Sea Canal. Drive to nearby Constanta, a popular resort city with a colourful history dating back to ancient Greek and Roman times. On a guided tour see the fascinating Museum of Ethnography and also visit the Archaeological Museum. Return to the ship for a late lunch and sail in the afternoon along the snaking Danube as we make our way to the Black Sea.

Day 23 The Black Sea & Danube Delta. Awake early today to experience a sunrise cruise and weather conditions permitting we hope to make a short voyage to the periphery of the Black Sea. Later we cruise to Mila 35, situated at the entrance to the Danube Delta and enjoy an afternoon boat trip into the delta wetlands. This afternoon we depart for our overnight cruise to Fetesti. Tonight join your fellow travellers for a Farewell Dinner.

Day 24 Bucharest to London/Manchester/Bristol/Edinburgh. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for your return scheduled flight to the UK.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

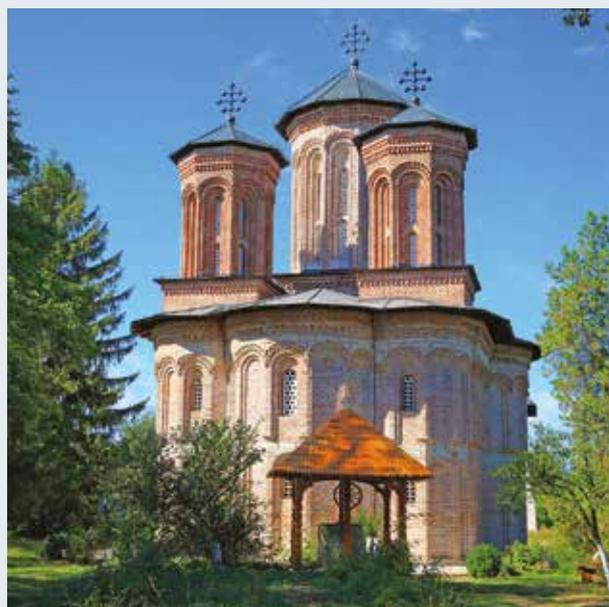
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CATEGORY	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
1 Standard Suite	£5945	£5445
2 Balcony Suite	£6545	£6045
3 Deluxe Balcony Suite	£6745	£6245
4 Junior Balcony Suite	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
5 Royal Balcony Suite	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
1 Standard Suite for sole use	£5945	£5445
2 Balcony Suite for sole use	£6545	£6045
3 Deluxe Balcony for sole use	£6745	£6245

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 23 nights aboard the MS Royal Emerald on full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Cruise Director • Tour Manager • Guest Speaker • Transfers • Port Taxes • Airport taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance, optional excursion on day 2.

BUCHAREST POST-CRUISE EXTENSION

1st to 4th June 2019



Snagov Monastery

If you would like to explore Bucharest, we are offering a three night extension in the city which is known for its wide, tree-lined boulevards, glorious Belle Epoque buildings and a reputation for the high life (which in the 1900s earned its nickname of “Little Paris”).

The Itinerary

Day 1 Fetesti to Bucharest. Disembark the MS Royal Emerald in Fetesti and transfer to Bucharest (approx. 2.5 hour drive). On arrival there will be a panoramic city tour of the city's highlights. Afterwards we will relax over lunch before continuing to our hotel for a three night stay.

Day 2 Discover Bucharest. After breakfast we set off for a visit to the Parliament Palace, the second largest administrative building in the world at 3.77 million square feet, (please note that closure at short notice is possible if unannounced official functions are taking place). This gargantuan construction is Ceausescu's most infamous creation and makes for a fascinating tour. After our tour we will enjoy lunch in “Carul cu Bere”, Bucharest's oldest beer house, with its colourful Belle Epoque interior, stained glass windows and classic Romanian fare. This afternoon enjoy a walking tour of the Old Town. The remainder of the day and evening will be at leisure.

Day 3 Bucharest to Snagov to Mogosoaia. After breakfast we will depart for our visit to Snagov Monastery. This monastery was founded in 1408 by Mircea the Elder, Vlad Dracul's grandfather. Vlad, also known as Vlad Tepes is the historical character on whom Bram Stoker's book Dracula is based and is said to have been buried here by the monks in 1476. We will enjoy lunch in a local restaurant and continue to visit Mogosoaia Palace, built in the 17th century in the Romanian Renaissance style. Return to Bucharest for an evening at leisure.

Day 4 Bucharest to London/Manchester/Bristol/Edinburgh. After breakfast at your hotel there will be free time before we transfer to the airport for return scheduled flight to the UK.

Prices per person Based on double occupancy

Twin: £655 Single: £845

Price Includes: Three nights accommodation at a four-star hotel on bed and breakfast basis, lunch on days 1, 2 & 3, drinks with included meals (wine/beer/soft drinks), all sightseeing and entrances as described, transfers, services of a local English speaking guide throughout, gratuities.

Not Included: Travel insurance, lunch on day 4, dinners.



MS ROYAL EMERALD

We are delighted to have chartered the MS Royal Emerald for a series of river cruises along Europe's main waterways in 2019. This elegant vessel was built in 2008 and offers a range of luxurious and comfortable suites, the majority with outdoor balconies. The atmosphere on board is friendly and welcoming and with its expansive Sun Deck there is ample opportunity to watch the world gently pass by as you relax on board your floating hotel.

YOUR SUITE

There are five grades of cabin categories:

Royal Balcony Suites (Category 5: 314-317) are situated on the Diamond Deck and measure 300 to 315 square feet and offer an outdoor balcony, lounge area and an oversized bathroom.

Junior Balcony Suites (Category 4: 201-202 & 301-302) are situated on the Diamond and Sapphire Decks and measure 250 square feet.

All have a private, full length balcony and stylish ensuite bathroom featuring a large vanity basin and spacious shower.

Deluxe Balcony Suites (Category 3: 303-312 and 203-212) are situated in prime locations on the Diamond and Sapphire Decks and measure

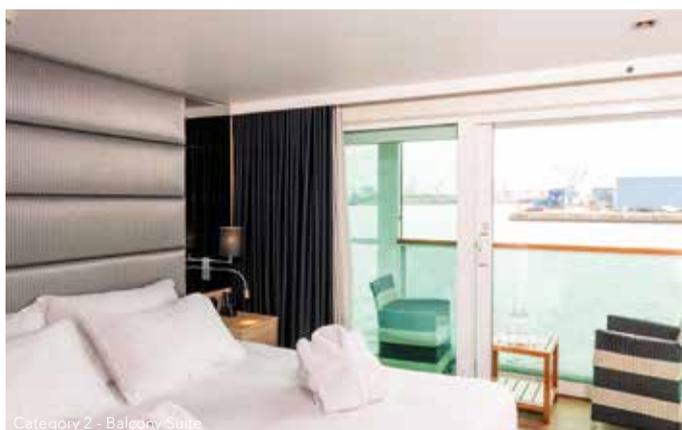
225 square feet. These suites offer a full length outdoor balcony, ensuite bathroom and are tastefully designed.

Balcony Suites (Cat 2: 318-335 and 214-235) are located on Diamond and Sapphire Decks and measure 205 square feet. They feature a full length outdoor balcony, ensuite bathroom and comfortable facilities.

Standard Suites (Cat 1: 100-112, 114-115 & 117) are located on the Jewel Deck and measure 160 square feet, and offer a spacious and clever layout to maximise your comfort. Windows in these cabins are picture windows, elevated to standing-height view and there is no balcony.



Category 3 Cabin



Category 2 - Balcony Suite



Category 5 - Royal Balcony Suite



Panorama Bar & Lounge



Crystal Dining Room



Open Air Lounge



L'Occitane Bath Products



Reception

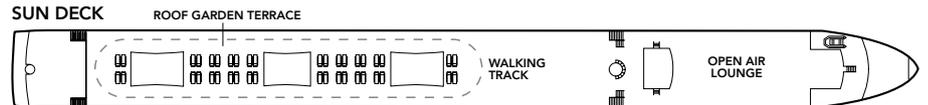
YOUR SPACE

Spread over four decks, the onboard facilities include the Crystal Dining Room which is situated on the Sapphire Deck and serves delicious fare in a comfortable setting with open seating throughout. The Panorama Lounge & Bar is situated on the Diamond Deck and is a convivial social space with large floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows which create a bright and airy ambience. On the spacious Sun Deck there is plenty of deck furniture where you can relax in the shade or enjoy the pleasant weather. There is also a Walking Track for those who wish to keep fit. To add to your comfort, the ship also offers a gift shop, a lift between the Sapphire and Diamond Decks and a Wellness Area on Jewel Deck.

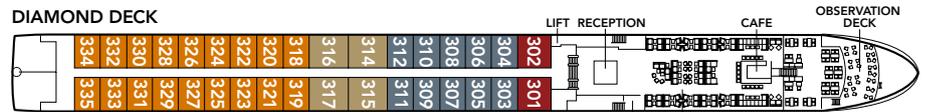
YOUR DINING

Meals are always taken in an open seating arrangement to allow you to meet and mingle with your fellow travellers. Breakfast and lunch are served buffet style and feature hot and cold dishes whereas dinner is served at your table. The cuisine is a selection of regional specialties and international dishes. House wine/beer and soft drinks are included with lunch and dinner. There is also a 24 hour tea & coffee station. A complimentary bottle of water is placed in all cabins and replenished each day and small water bottles are provided to take with you on shore excursions.

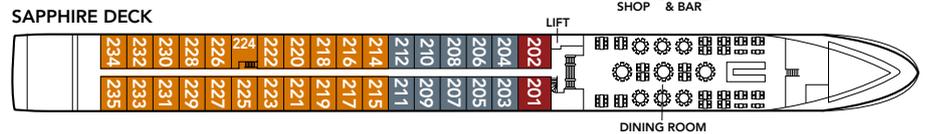
SUN DECK



DIAMOND DECK



SAPPHIRE DECK



JEWEL DECK



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- CATEGORY 3
- CATEGORY 4
- CATEGORY 5

LIFE ON BOARD

The vessel offers luxury and elegance in smart and refined surroundings, ensuring a welcoming and informal atmosphere on board. The friendly crew of 48 will do their utmost to ensure your stay is enjoyable, informative and agreeable

throughout. A daily briefing by the Cruise Director will offer information on the next day's activities and English-speaking local guides provide insider knowledge into the local culture, horticulture, architecture, and history.



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