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THE MAJESTIC DANUBE

A JOURNEY FROM BUCHAREST TO REGENSBURG
ABOARD THE MS RIVER CROWN
WITH GUEST SPEAKER DAVID PICKARD
23RD SEPTEMBER TO 5TH OCTOBER 2027

NOBLE CALEDONIA



During this navigation of the Danube River from Romania in the east to the romantic city of Regensburg in the west we will travel through the heart of Europe visiting seven countries; Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany. From the earliest of times the Danube has been one of Europe's most important trade routes linking the eastern shores with central Europe and this stretch of the river offers a diversity of history and culture quite unlike anywhere else.

We will journey through some of Europe's most beautiful landscapes aboard the elegant, 100-passenger MS River Crown, visiting the historic cities of Belgrade, Budapest and Vienna, as well as picturesque riverside and inland towns. From the great comfort of our vessel we will cruise effortlessly, enjoying the varied scenery and architecture whilst learning about the fascinating history and culture of the region. The combination of music, traditional culture, wine tasting and folklore along the way makes for a fascinating trip. Our included tours with excellent local guides, together with interesting talks by our Guest Speaker, will create an enjoyable, informative and lively atmosphere as we sail along the majestic Danube.



Fisherman's Bastion, Budapest



Melk Abbey



Veliko Tarnovo

GUEST SPEAKER – DAVID PICKARD



David Pickard is one of the UK's foremost and most respected arts practitioners. His 40-year career includes leading the BBC Proms, Glyndebourne and the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, with roles at the Royal Opera House and the Regents Park Open Air Theatre among his earlier jobs. He combines an encyclopaedic knowledge of the classical music and operatic world with an engaging manner and a fund of stories about the highs and lows of live performance. David was educated at the King's School, Ely, where he was a chorister, and then at St Alban's School. He studied music at Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge, where he was awarded a Choral Exhibition. Although a keen amateur pianist and cellist, David realised early on that a performing career was best left to others, and on graduation embarked on the journey that would lead him to the Royal Albert Hall and 'the best job in classical music.'

spot. The sandstone has been weathered into all manner of bizarre shapes, and housed amongst the rocks is an Ottoman fort, built on the remains of a Roman structure. Return to the MS River Crown for lunch and this afternoon we will visit Vidin for a performance by the Vidin Symphonic Orchestra in the Philharmonic concert hall.

Day 4 Cruising through the Iron Gates. Today the scenery becomes truly spectacular as we cruise through the Iron Gates, a narrow Danube gorge between the Carpathian and Balkan Mountains. Enjoy a relaxing day on board, witnessing the beautiful scenery and attend a lecture by our onboard Guest Speaker.

Day 5 Belgrade, Serbia. A morning guided tour of Belgrade will visit the city's main attractions including the Kalemegdan fortress as it looms over the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers and Saint Sava Cathedral, the largest Orthodox Church in the world. Our tour will finish with a superb local folklore performance before we return to the ship for lunch. Enjoy the afternoon sailing towards Hungary.

Day 6 Pecs, Hungary. Spend a leisurely morning on board sailing to Mohacs and after lunch we will depart for a tour of the city of Pecs which enjoys a fine position on the slopes of the Mecsek Hills. Our guided tour of the city will feature the sites associated with the city's Roman, Ottoman, and Hapsburg past, as well as the splendid Pecs Cathedral where we will listen to the sound of its organ.

Day 7 Budapest. We have the day to explore Hungary's elegant capital. After breakfast our guided tour will include the old quarter, visiting the Matthias Church and the Fisherman's Bastion from where there are stunning views of the city. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore at your own pace before we sail in the early evening.

Day 8 Bratislava, Slovakia. Arrive over lunch in the Slovak capital of Bratislava. Join a guided walking tour of the city which was known as Pressburg and a former capital of Hungary. See the old quarter, the ornate Baroque Palace and the ancient city gates before our tour ends with a concert of music by Dvorak and Mozart by a string quartet. Sail this evening.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Giurgiu, Romania. Fly by scheduled flight to Bucharest. On arrival transfer to the MS River Crown in Giurgiu. This evening we will sail the short distance to Rousse where we moor overnight.

Day 2 Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria. From Rousse we depart by coach for a full day tour to Veliko 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 we visit the museum town of Arbanassi, famous for its 17th and 18th century architecture and the unique Church of the Nativity of Christ. We return to the MS River Crown which will have sailed to Nikopol and continue sailing this evening.

Day 3 Belogradchik & Vidin. Arrive today in the Bulgarian port of Vidin. From here we will drive to Belogradchik which is located close to the Serbian border. The Belogradchik Rocks are a famous Bulgarian beauty



Day 9 Vienna, Austria. A morning city tour of Austria's elegant capital will take us around the famous Ringstrasse and the Old Quarter including St Stephen's Cathedral. Alternatively, travel to the Vienna Woods, including a visit to the Mayerling hunting lodge, where scandal once rocked the royal family, as well as the Cistercian Abbey of Heiligenkreuz. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon join a tour to see Schonbrunn Palace and Gardens, the favourite summer residence of Maria Theresa.

Day 10 Wachau Valley & Melk. Spend the morning cruising through the beautiful Wachau Valley, famous for its wines, and arrive this afternoon in Melk with its majestic Baroque abbey situated on a cliff, high above the Danube. After lunch, depart for a guided tour of the abbey, including the Imperial Staircase, the Marble Hall and the abbey church. Continue on to Weissenkirchen to taste some of the wonderful wines of this region.

Day 11 Linz for Salzburg. After breakfast today there will be an opportunity to join a full day tour to Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and famous for its architectural treasures and music festival. Our guided excursion will concentrate on Mozart's family and his musical contemporaries. After lunch in a local restaurant we will enjoy a special concert of music by Salzburg's most famous son before returning to the MS River Crown in the late afternoon. Alternatively, you can choose to join a morning guided tour of Linz, and after lunch on board enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

Day 12 Passau, Germany. Enjoy a morning walking tour of the ancient fairytale city of Passau, the meeting point of the Danube, Ilz and Inn Rivers. See the old town and cathedral that houses one of the largest pipe organs in the world. After a short organ recital we will return to the vessel.

Day 13 Regensburg to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to Munich Airport for our scheduled flight to London.



PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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CATEGORY	DECK	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
Premium with French Balcony	Middle Deck	£6295	£5795
Premium with French Balcony	Upper Deck	£6495	£5995
Deluxe with French Balcony	Middle Deck	£6995	£6495
Deluxe with French Balcony	Upper Deck	£7295	£6795
Queen Suite with Balcony	Upper Deck	£7895	£7395
Standard Single with porthole	Main Deck	£6295	£5795
Premium with French Balcony for sole use	Middle Deck	£6495	£5995

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 12 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 Speaker • Gratuities • Transfers • Port & airport taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance.

VIDEO FOOTAGE

For further insight into what to expect from a cruise aboard the MS River Crown, please refer to the video section on our website for our ship tour video of the vessel.



MS RIVER CROWN

We are delighted to have chartered the elegant 100-passenger MS River Crown, a spacious and well-designed vessel. The vessel offers the luxury of space and the public areas feature panoramic windows providing marvellous views of the passing landscapes. 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. While on board you will be looked after by our team of experienced staff including a Noble Caledonia Cruise Director, Cruise Manager and Tour Managers, all of whom have years of experience cruising the rivers of Europe. In addition you will be joined by a Guest Speaker who will provide a series of interesting talks, and a pianist will play each evening whilst you relax in the lounge.

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 have floor to ceiling panoramic windows which can be opened to 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 comprising of a sofa, armchair and table. 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 with separate bath and shower. Finally, there are five Standard single cabins on the Main Deck which measure 12 square metres and feature portholes. All cabins include ample storage space, a writing/dressing table, television, safety deposit box, hairdryer, small refrigerator and individually controlled air-conditioning.

YOUR DINING

While the most beautiful river scenery passes by, you can enjoy delicacies created by the Executive Chef and his team. The elegant restaurant which features floor to ceiling windows 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 with a live cooking station for eggs and omelettes. Lunch is also a buffet with a selection of fresh salads, soup, hot dishes and desserts available, whilst dinner is a served four course meal. In addition, to enhance your dining experience, 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

The spacious and elegantly decorated public rooms include the Restaurant and the Lounge and Bar which are located on the Upper Deck and feature floor to ceiling windows affording excellent views as you dine, relax or listen to the onboard lectures. In addition to the main lounge, there is also the Club which consists of two small lounges which are perfect if you are seeking somewhere quiet to relax with a good book and a tea or coffee. The Club is also where the small library is located along with some tables for playing bridge and board games. There is also the Atrium Lobby with comfortable seating where you can access tea and coffee 24-hours a day. The huge Sun Deck covers almost the entire length of the vessel with comfortable chairs and sun loungers and is the ideal location from where to watch the changing scenery when sailing. 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 area which includes a sauna, Jacuzzi, and some gym equipment.



The Restaurant



Queen Suite



Deluxe Cabin with French Balcony



The Lounge



Sun Deck

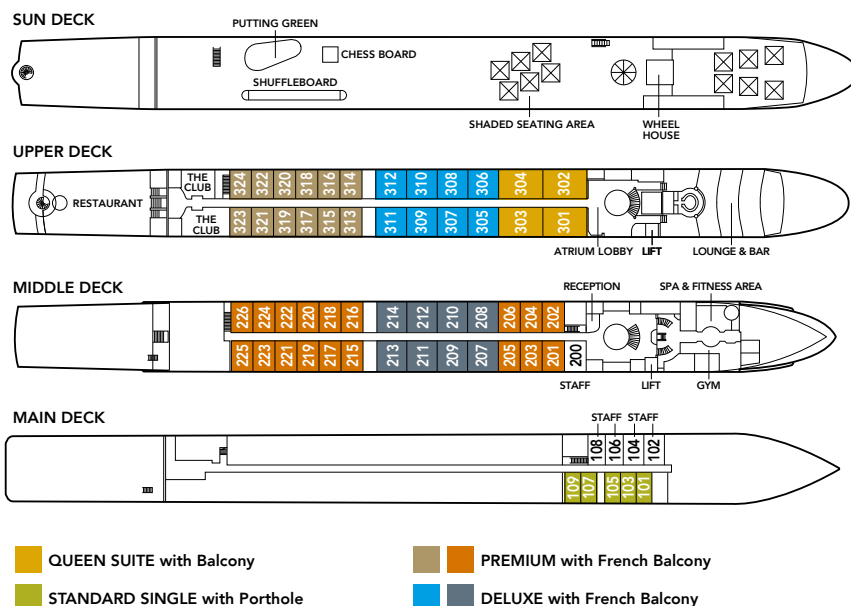


Premium Cabin with French Balcony



The Club

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