



Join us aboard the wonderfully comfortable 100-passenger MS River Crown for this musical journey along the Danube.

With our friends at London Festival Opera and our elegant river vessel, we can promise you a marvellous experience. Our eight night journey between Regensburg and Budapest will be a celebration of Mozart's life, and of the many great composers from this golden age of music. We will visit charming small towns and villages as well as the cities of



Salzburg, Bratislava and Budapest, enjoying some of the finest works of music from the concertos of Mozart and the waltzes of Johann Strauss to opera and folk tunes in idyllic settings. We will also visit the city most celebrated for its musical heritage and Austria's capital, Vienna, whose classical period was a golden age in Viennese musical life. Mozart lived here for the last decade of his life and exerted great influence on the musical life of the capital.

In addition to our excursions and music ashore, we will also enjoy exclusive gala performances by London Festival Opera on board the MS River Crown in the intimate atmosphere of the lounge. The life and times of Mozart as well as the music of this golden age will be brought vividly to life by our Guest Speaker who will accompany the trip.









#### MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS

- Highlight performances by London Festival Opera
- String quartet at the superb Mozarteum Conservatory in Salzburg
- Concert of Dvorak and Mozart music in Bratislava
- A visit to the fascinating Mozarthaus Museum in Vienna
- Tour of the Liszt Ferenc Memorial Museum in Budapest

# EXCLUSIVE PERFORMANCES BY LONDON FESTIVAL OPERA



We are delighted to announce that our long-time associates, London Festival Opera, will be joining us for three performances during the cruise. Bringing together established opera singers from major British opera companies, London Festival Opera has achieved a considerable reputation for presenting opera and music performances in a wide variety of worldwide venues. They will perform a Mozart Opera Celebration featuring arias and ensembles from The Marriage of Figaro, Cosi Fan Tutte and Don Giovanni, in period costume. Other opera concerts include 'A Night in Vienna' and an Opera Soirée on board the MS River Crown whilst we are moored in Passau and Vienna

## The Itinerary

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

**Day 2 Regensburg.** After breakfast enjoy a guided stroll around Germany's largest and best-preserved Medieval city, Regensburg. See the twin-spired Cathedral Dom St Peter, the tower houses followed by a visit to the Turn and Taxis Palace. Return to the MS River Crown for lunch and an afternoon at leisure.

**Day 3 Passau.** 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 return to the ship for lunch. Sail in the late afternoon, and in the early evening London Festival Opera will present an Opera Soirée of Handel, Verdi, Gounod, Bizet and Puccini on board the MS River Crown. Arrive in Linz this evening and moor overnight.

Day 4 Linz for Salzburg, Austria. From our berth in Linz we depart for Salzburg, the 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, including a visit to the house known as Geburtshaus where he was born. We also take a walk through the lovely gardens of the Mirabell Palace. Before we leave, we will enjoy a special concert of music by a string quartet at the Mozarteum Conservatory. Return to the ship and sail this evening.

Day 5 Melk & Durnstein. Today we will see the great Baroque Abbey of Melk, situated high above the Danube. On a morning excursion we will visit this imposing abbey including the Imperial Staircase, the Marble Hall and the abbey church followed by a performance by London Festival Opera featuring arias and ensembles from The Marriage of Figaro, Cosi Fan Tutte, and Don Giovanni. We then sail on through the beautiful Wachau Valley and arrive later this afternoon in the pretty town of Durnstein, where King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned. Enjoy some free time ashore to explore and perhaps sample some of the town's delicious Marillenschnaps or strudel. Sail in the evening.

**Day 6 Vienna.** After breakfast today depart for a guided city tour which will include the famous Ringstrasse, the Old Quarter and St Stephan's Cathedral. Return to the ship for lunch and the afternoon will be at leisure to explore













independently or you may like to join the included visit to the Mozarthaus, a three storey museum where Mozart lived from 1784-1787, during which time he wrote the world-famous opera 'The Marriage of Figaro' and three of the six Haydn Quartets. We will stand in the room where Mozart and Beethoven met and where Haydn told Mozart's father "your son is the greatest composer I know in person or by name". Return to the ship and enjoy a pre-dinner performance in the lounge by London Festival Opera of 'A Night in Vienna' including the works of Mozart, Johann Strauss and Lehár.

Day 7 Bratislava, Slovakia. This morning we will take 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 St Martin's Cathedral where a string quartet will perform a concert of music by Mozart and Dvorak. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a leisurely afternoon on board as we sail to Budapest.

**Day 8 Budapest, Hungary.** We have the day to explore Hungary's elegant capital city. Spend the morning on an excursion that will include the old quarter visiting the Matthias Church, the Fisherman's Bastion and the Royal

Budapest

Palace (outside view). Return to the ship for lunch. This afternoon is at leisure to relax or sightsee independently or for those who wish there will be an included tour to the Liszt Ferenc Memorial Museum, located in the Old Academy of Music. Liszt spent a significant part of the last five years of his life here (from 1881 to 1886) and his furniture, portraits, books, pianos along with other personal belongings are on display.

**Day 9 Budapest to London.** Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for your return scheduled flight to London.

\*Please note that 2nd October 2026 departure operates in the reverse direction to that shown, from Budapest to Regensburg. Full itinerary can be viewed online.

#### PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

## **SPECIAL OFFER** – SAVE £300 PER PERSON FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

CATEGORY	DECK	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
Premium with French Balcony	Middle Deck	£4195	£3895
Premium with French Balcony	Upper Deck	£4395	£4095
Deluxe with French Balcony	Middle Deck	£4995	£4695
Deluxe with French Balcony	Upper Deck	£5295	£4995
Queen Suite with Balcony	Upper Deck	£5995	£5695
Standard Single with porthole	Main Deck	£4195	£3895
Premium with French Balcony	Middle Deck	£5495	£5195

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Eight nights aboard the MS River Crown on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Shore excursions & music events as described • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Performances by London Festival Opera

• Gratuities • Transfers • Port & airport taxe

Not Included: Travel insurance.



# 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 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. 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, hairdryer, small refrigerator and individually controlled air-conditioning.

#### YOUR DINING

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 and a tea or coffee. 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.



Illustration of Restaurant post-refurbishment



Queen Suite



Illustration of Deluxe Cabin with French Balcony post-refurbishment



Lounge & Bar (prior to refurbishment)



The Club (prior to refurbishment)

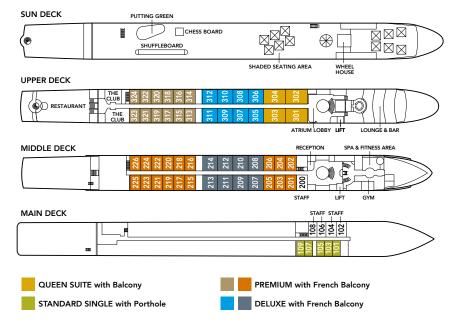


Premium Cabin with French Balcony (prior to refurbishment)



Atrium Lobby (prior to refurbishment)

## DECK PLAN





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