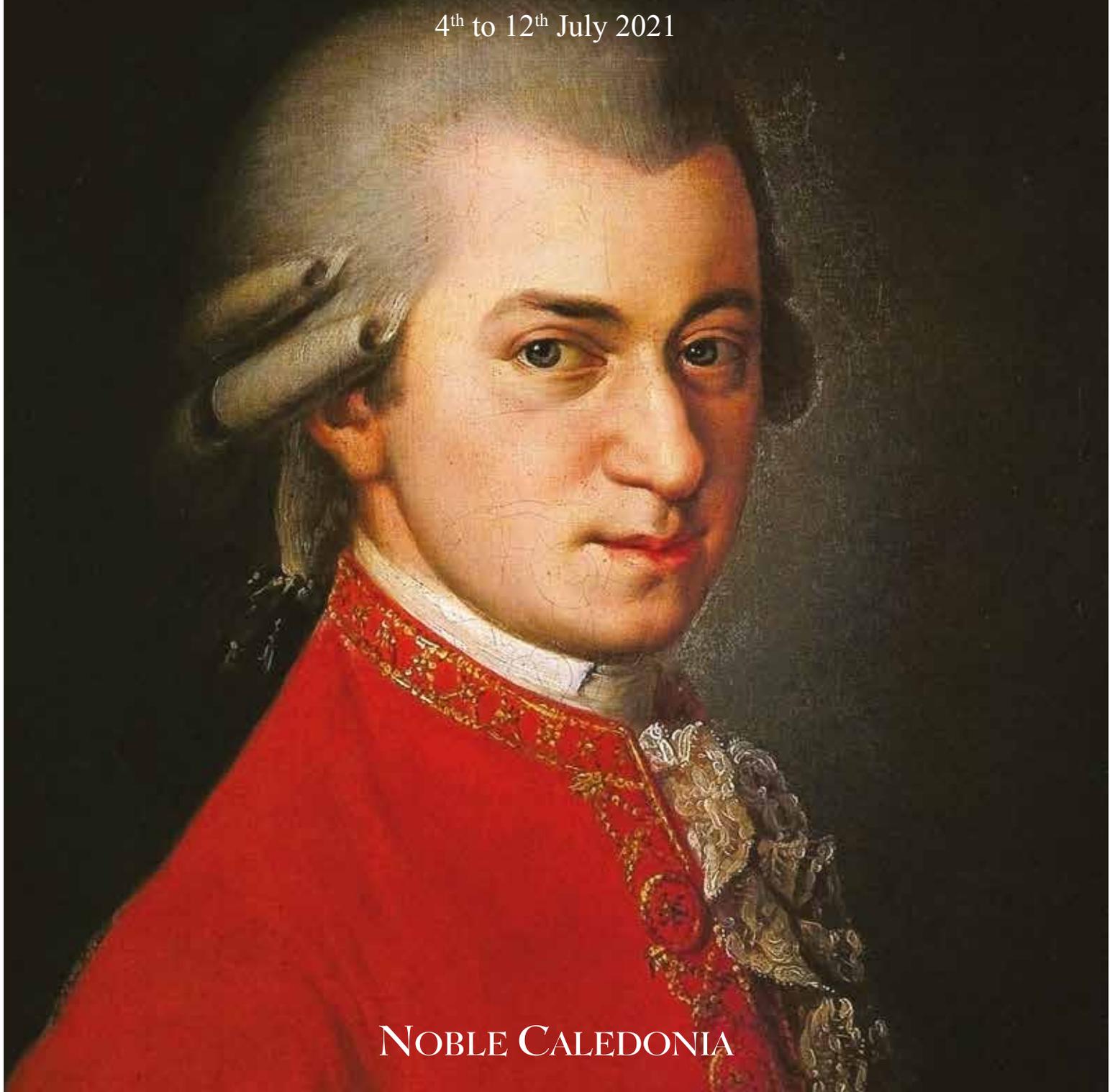


MOZART & THE GOLDEN AGE OF MUSIC

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Explore the wonderful music & opera of the Danube
with Guest Speaker Misha Donat and London Festival Opera
aboard the MS Royal Crown

4th to 12th July 2021



NOBLE CALEDONIA

The magic of Mozart has once again placed its spell and the demand for music inspired trips along the Danube continues unabated and with our friends London Festival Opera, we can promise you a marvellous experience. Our musical journey from Budapest to Regensburg is a celebration of Mozart's life, and of the many great composers from this Golden Age. During this eight night river cruise we will visit small towns and villages as well as the cities of Budapest, Bratislava and Salzburg, enjoying some of the finest works of music from the concertos of Mozart and Johann Strauss's waltzes to opera and folk tunes in idyllic settings. We will also visit the city most celebrated for its music 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 and Empress Maria Theresa herself trilled arias on the stage of the Schlosstheater at Schonbrunn.

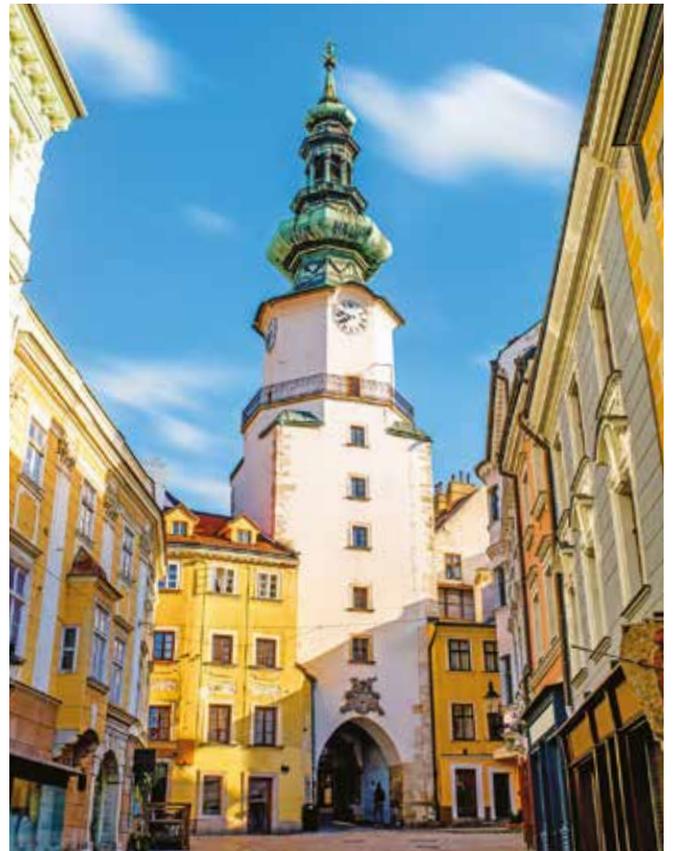
In addition to our excursions and music ashore, we will also enjoy 'highlight' performances by London Festival Opera aboard our wonderfully comfortable vessel in the intimate atmosphere of the lounge. The life and times of Mozart as well as the music of this Golden Age will be brought vividly to life by our Guest Speaker who will accompany the trip.



Regensburg Cathedral and the Old Stone Bridge

MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS

- Highlight performances by London Festival Opera
- An onboard piano recital by renowned artist Agnes Kovacs
- Concert of Dvorak and Mozart music in Bratislava
- String quartet at the superb Mozarteum Conservatory in Salzburg
- The grand cities of Budapest & Vienna
- A visit to the fascinating Mozarthaus Museum in Vienna
- Tour of the Liszt Ferenc Memorial Museum in Budapest



St Michael's Watch Tower and Gate, Bratislava

Guest Speaker - Misha Donat



After a period spent composing music for films and theatre, Misha Donat worked for more than 25 years as a senior music producer at BBC Radio 3, where he collaborated with many of the world's leading musicians. He now spends his time as a freelance writer, lecturer and translator. He has written articles for *The London Review of Books* and *The Guardian*, and has lectured on music extensively in both England and America. He contributes programme notes on a regular basis to the Wigmore Hall, the South Bank, the Edinburgh Festival and the Aldeburgh Festival, among other venues. Misha has written a large number of CD booklets for such labels as Decca, Philips, Hyperion and ECM, and has recently completed the translation of a book by Andras Schiff. He is currently working on new editions of the Beethoven piano sonatas and late string quartets for the German publisher Barenreiter.

LONDON FESTIVAL OPERA



We are delighted that 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 have 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*, *Così fan tutte*, *Don Giovanni* and *The Magic Flute*, in period costume, in the beautiful setting of Melk Abbey. Other opera concerts include *A Night in Vienna* and an *Opera Soiree* on board the MS *Royal Crown* whilst we are moored in Vienna and Passau.



Passau Cathedral and the Old Town



Mozart's statue, Vienna



Hohensalzburg Fortress and the Salzach River

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Budapest, Hungary. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Royal Crown for embarkation. After dinner you will be entertained by the heartwarming music of the Lugosi Band. Moor overnight in Budapest.

Day 2 Budapest. 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 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. This evening we join our fellow travellers for welcome drinks and dinner, followed by a performance by renowned pianist Agnes Kovacs. Sail in the late evening.

Day 3 Bratislava, Slovakia. Enjoy a relaxing morning on board as we cruise to Bratislava, the Slovak capital, arriving in the early afternoon. After lunch on board depart for 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. The tour ends with a visit to the impressive Palfy Palace for a concert of music by Dvorak and Mozart by a string quartet. In 1762 Mozart played a concert here at the age of six. Later this evening we continue our cruise towards Vienna.

Day 4 Vienna, Austria. After breakfast today depart for a guided city tour which will include the famous Ringstrasse, the Old Quarter and St Stephen's Cathedral. Return to the ship for lunch and the afternoon will be at leisure to explore independently or you may like to join our 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 Lehar.

Day 5 Durnstein & Melk. Arrive this morning in the charming town of Durnstein, set in Austria's beautiful Wachau Valley. It was here that Richard

the Lionheart was held captive on a Crusader journey. We will have a gentle walking tour and some time to stroll through the pretty streets and perhaps sample some of the region's delicious "marille" (apricot brandy). We return to the ship for lunch and continue our short sail on to Melk. On arrival enjoy a guided tour of the abbey and a performance by London Festival Opera featuring arias and ensembles from The Marriage of Figaro, Cosi Fan Tutte, and Don Giovanni. Return to the ship and this evening we sail towards Linz.

Day 6 Linz for Salzburg. After breakfast we depart for 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. Visits will be made to the house known as Tanzmeisterhaus where he spent his early life, and the Residenz. 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 on this evening towards Germany.



London Festival Opera performing in Melk Abbey

PRAGUE POST-CRUISE EXTENSION

12th to 15th July 2021

We are offering the opportunity to spend three nights after your cruise in the romantic city of Prague, the ancient capital of Charles IV's Bohemian Kingdom, set on the banks of the Vltava River. Prague is a delightful and easy city to explore on foot and there is a full day at leisure to discover and sightsee at your own pace. Included in your stay is a walking tour of the city's famous sights, a half day panoramic tour including Prague Castle and a private visit to the serene and historic Strahov monastery library, and an evening music event at the famous Estates Theatre or the State Opera House (schedules permitting).

The Itinerary

Day 1 Regensburg to Prague, Czech Republic. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Prague (approx. 3 hours). On arrival check in to the hotel where we will have lunch before joining our local guide for a walking tour of the Old City including Wenceslas Square, where the Velvet Revolution took place, the Old Town Square, with its famous astronomical clock and finally Charles Bridge and the church of St Nicholas. The remainder of the evening is at leisure. **(B, L)**

Day 2 Prague. After breakfast depart by coach for a panoramic tour of the city beginning with a private visit to the impressive Strahov monastery library with its amazing collection of ancient books and manuscripts. We then visit the Basilica and the Convent building before continuing to the castle, scene of the famous defenestration in 1618 which led to the start of the 30 Years War. Finally, visit the magnificent St Vitus Cathedral and walk along Golden Lane before returning to the hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Tonight, schedules permitting, there will be an included music event at the Estates Theatre or State Opera House. **(B)**

Day 3 Prague. Today is free to sightsee and explore at your own pace. Perhaps visit the beautiful old Jewish quarter with its well-preserved synagogues and the old town square or enjoy the city's wonderful café culture and excellent shopping. **(B)**

Day 4 Prague to London. After breakfast transfer to the airport for our return flight to London. **(B)**

Prices per person Based on double occupancy

Twin: £895 Single: £1045

Price Includes: Three nights hotel accommodation, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch), ticket for an evening music event, gratuities, transfers.
Not Included: Travel insurance.



Fisherman's Bastion, Budapest

Day 7 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 return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon is free to relax or explore ashore further. In the early evening London Festival Opera will present an Opera Soiree of Handel, Verdi, Gounod, Bizet and Puccini on board the MS Royal Crown.

Day 8 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 treasury and the tower houses followed by a visit to the Turn and Taxis Palace. Return to the MS Royal Crown for lunch and an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner.

Day 9 Regensburg to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Munich airport for the return scheduled flight to London.

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
Junior Suite	Select	£2995	£2695
Superior Suite	Select	£3195	£2895
Deluxe Suite	Select	£3495	£3195
Premium Suite	Select	£3795	£3495
Royal Suite	Panorama	£4295	£3995
Deluxe Suite for sole use	Select	£3995	£3695

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

Not Included: Travel insurance.

NB. Music performances and venues subject to change.



Charles Bridge



ROYAL CROWN - RIVER CRUISING AT ITS BEST

We are delighted to have chartered the MS Royal Crown for a series of European river cruises in 2021.

This elegant vessel combines the nostalgic charm of the 1930s with the comfort and service of a four-star vessel. No expense has been spared to create not only a vessel that is beautiful to look at, but also a great joy to travel on. Spacious teak decks, elegant public rooms and staterooms with mahogany, rosewood and marble, together with rich fabrics and specially designed furniture, all blend together to create a unique river vessel.



Built in 1996 and refurbished in 2010, the 90 passenger MS Royal Crown was designed for the rivers flowing through the heart of Europe. Exquisite furniture, expensive materials and accessories give the vessel its unique atmosphere. Facilities on board include a library, boutique, fitness area, lounge with panoramic views and a restaurant with open seating.

Outside there is a large Sun Deck, Lido Bar, a putting green and large scale chessboard. On board the efficient air-conditioning system ensures a comfortable temperature. Two powerful engines propel the vessel up to a speed of 12 knots.



Royal Suite



Premium Suite

YOUR CABIN/SUITE

MS Royal Crown has 45 suites which range in size from 145 square feet to the spacious Royal Suites which measure 200 square feet. All suites are fitted with spacious rosewood cupboards, a dressing table, satellite TV and radio, a safety deposit box, individually controlled air-conditioning and en-suite facilities with shower and hairdryer. Suites on the Select Deck have portholes and the Royal Suites on the Panorama Deck have large windows.



Lounge



Restaurant



Deluxe Suite



Friendly service



Sun Deck

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 breakfast is served buffet style, lunch is a delightful buffet with hot and cold choices and dinner is a served four course meal. In addition, house wine, beer and soft drinks are included at both lunch and dinner.

YOUR SPACE

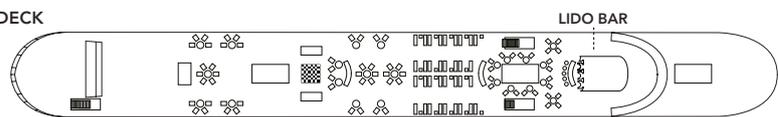
The elegant Lounge Bar is defined by its 30s inspired Art Deco style, with textured carpets, carved mahogany and plush sofas which create a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere. Experience unforgettable views from the large windows as you enjoy tea or coffee. The Lounge is also where our Guest Speakers will entertain you with informative presentations. In the evenings, let the day come to an end with a choice of beverages from the extensive menu accompanied by a pianist playing a Steinway & Sons grand piano. The huge Sun Deck covers almost the entire length of the vessel, interrupted only by the bridge and the Lido Bar (open when weather permits) where you can enjoy a drink such as fresh juice, a milkshake, or even a cocktail. Recline on a sun lounger and

read a book or watch the changing scenery. There is also a putting green and a large chess board for your enjoyment. For some time out, relax in the wellness centre which includes a

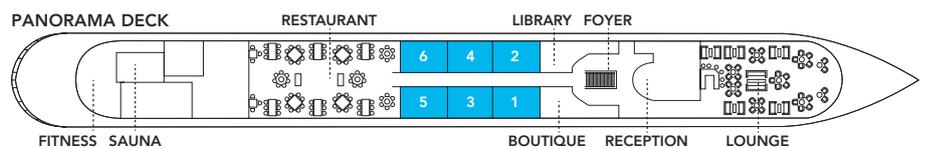
sauna with shower facilities, and a fitness room. There is also a small boutique and a library with a selection of books and games. Daily news sheets are also supplied.

DECK PLAN

LIDO DECK



PANORAMA DECK



SELECT DECK



JUNIOR SUITE
 SUPERIOR SUITE
 DELUXE SUITE
 PREMIUM SUITE
 ROYAL SUITE

Please note that Junior, Deluxe & Superior Suites have fixed twin beds. Premium and Royal Suites have fixed double beds with separate mattresses and duvets, so can be made up as twins if required.



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