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RIVER DEEP & MOUNTAIN HIGH

A CRUISE ALONG THE PICTURESQUE RHINE & MOSELLE RIVERS
FROM BASLE TO THE LOW COUNTRIES ABOARD THE
MS RIVER CROWN WITH GUEST SPEAKER MARTIN SIXSMITH

20TH TO 30TH OCTOBER 2026

NOBLE CALEDONIA



Join us aboard the 100-passenger MS River Crown as we cruise along the mighty Rhine and lovely Moselle. This detailed look at two of Europe's great rivers will offer a captivating and endlessly romantic journey as we sail from Basle to Amsterdam experiencing the diverse scenery along the route. October is a wonderful month for such a cruise, the weather is ideal for touring and sightseeing and the crowds of tourists in the popular towns and cities along the rivers will have dispersed.

Our comprehensive journey includes some of the most interesting places in the Netherlands, the great wine producing areas along the Moselle and the historic cities of Koblenz and Cologne, combined with visits in France to Colmar and Strasbourg, an endlessly fascinating place in the delightful Alsace region. The scenery is stunning and makes an excellent combination with the artistic riches we shall see along the way from the wonderful collections on show in the museums and galleries to the fairytale castles and Medieval charms of the towns and villages along the rivers.

Each port of call has its own unique character waiting to be discovered whilst on one of our guided excursions and we have also ensured there is plenty of time to relax on board and enjoy some truly beautiful scenery whilst cruising. Our local guides and interesting talks by our Guest Speaker will create an enjoyable, informative and lively atmosphere on board.



Heidelberg



Bernkastel



Strasbourg



Delft

GUEST SPEAKER – MARTIN SIXSMITH



Martin Sixsmith is a writer, presenter and former television correspondent. He was the BBC's Central and Eastern Europe Correspondent in the 1980s, reporting on the political upheavals that changed the shape of the continent and the world. In the 1990s, Martin was the BBC's correspondent in Moscow and Washington. Between 1997 and 2002 he worked for the British Government as Director of Communications and Press Secretary to several cabinet ministers. He worked as a consultant on the BBC2 political sitcom *The Thick of It* and the 2010 movie *In the Loop*. In 2013, his book *The Lost Child of Philomena Lee* was made into the film *Philomena*, starring Judi Dench and Steve Coogan. It was nominated for four Oscars. His non-fiction books include *Putin's Oil*; *Moscow Coup*; *The Litvinenko File*; *Russia, A Thousand Year Chronicle of the Wild East*; and *The War of Nerves – Inside the Cold War Mind*. His latest book *My Sins Go With Me* is a story of bravery and treachery in the Resistance to Nazi occupation in World War Two. In 2011, he presented the BBC's 50-episode history of Russia on Radio Four. In 2014 he presented Radio Four's 25-part history of psychology and psychiatry.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Basle, Switzerland. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS River Crown. Sail this evening.

Day 2 Breisach, Germany for Colmar, France. From our berth in Breisach, we will cross the River Rhine into France and drive to Colmar, the capital of the Upper Rhine region. Our guided tour will 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 Matthäus Grunewald. We continue on for a short 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 for lunch. Spend the afternoon sailing and this evening join your fellow travellers for welcome drinks and dinner.

Day 3 Kehl, Germany for Strasbourg, France. After breakfast our guided tour will introduce us to the delights of Strasbourg. We will start with a cruise through the fascinating old quarter of Petite France where the River Ill splits into a number of canals. We will 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. Return to the MS River Crown for lunch. This afternoon is at leisure or alternatively join a scenic tour along Alsace's 'Route des Vins', including a tasting of the region's splendid wines.

Day 4 Mannheim, Germany 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. Our guided tour will include a visit to the city's castle and gardens and we will also stroll through Heidelberg's enchanting old town and see its Renaissance building, 'Zum Ritter', which survived the fire of 1693. Return to the ship for lunch and spend a leisurely afternoon on board sailing.

Day 5 Rudesheim, the Rhine Valley & Koblenz. After breakfast, join the Winzer Express mini-train to visit Siegfried's Musical Instrument Museum, home to one of Germany's most fascinating collections of automated musical instruments. Our late-morning cruising takes us along the romantic Rhine. Enjoy the magnificent scenery from the Rhine Gorge with the striking hilltop castles and the legendary Lorelei Rock. This afternoon we will arrive in Koblenz for a walking tour of this historic commercial centre. Sail this evening.

Day 6 Bernkastel. Spend the morning cruising to Bernkastel, located in the heart of the Moselle Valley. After lunch on board we will depart for an exploration of this lovely town, including the Medieval market square and church before we sample some of the locally produced wines.

Day 7 Cochem. The town of Cochem is famous for its 11th century Schloss and the Reichsburg, set impressively on a tree clad hill above a bend of the river. On our guided tour we will walk along its winding Medieval streets and see the Baroque Town Hall. This afternoon we cruise back up the Moselle, rejoining the Rhine and reaching Cologne after midnight.



Day 8 Cologne. After breakfast there will be a guided tour to see the city's famous cathedral. The cathedral is the largest Gothic church in northern Europe, with the second tallest spire and largest façade in the world. Our tour will continue with a visit to a 'Brauhaus' to sample some of the local Kolsch beer. After lunch on board, this afternoon is at leisure for independent exploration before we sail this evening towards Arnhem.

Day 9 Arnhem, the Netherlands. This morning's guided tour will be to the Palace of Het Loo, the favoured summer residence of the Dutch Royal family from 1686 to 1975. This afternoon there will be a choice of two included excursions: you can choose to join a tour to the Airborne Museum at Villa Hartenstein, the allied headquarters during the Battle of Arnhem, and nowadays dedicated to the historic military 'Operation Market Garden' in World War II. Alternatively, you may like to visit the private art collection at the Kroller Muller Museum with its late 19th and 20th century paintings. Return to the ship and sail towards Rotterdam.

Day 10 Rotterdam for Delft. This morning we depart for Delft, birthplace of Vermeer. We will enjoy a walking tour of this pretty town and a visit to the Delft Blue Pottery. After lunch on board, the afternoon is at leisure before we meet this evening for farewell drinks and dinner on board as we sail to Amsterdam.

Day 11 Amsterdam to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the 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	£5295	£4795
Premium with French Balcony	Upper Deck	£5495	£4995
Deluxe with French Balcony	Middle Deck	£5995	£5495
Deluxe with French Balcony	Upper Deck	£6295	£5795
Queen Suite with Balcony	Upper Deck	£6895	£6395
Standard Single with porthole	Main Deck	£5295	£4795
Premium with French Balcony for sole use	Middle Deck	£6295	£5795

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 Speaker • Gratuities • Transfers • Port & airport taxes.

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 late 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.



Restaurant



Queen Suite



Deluxe Cabin with French Balcony



Lounge & Bar



Sun Deck

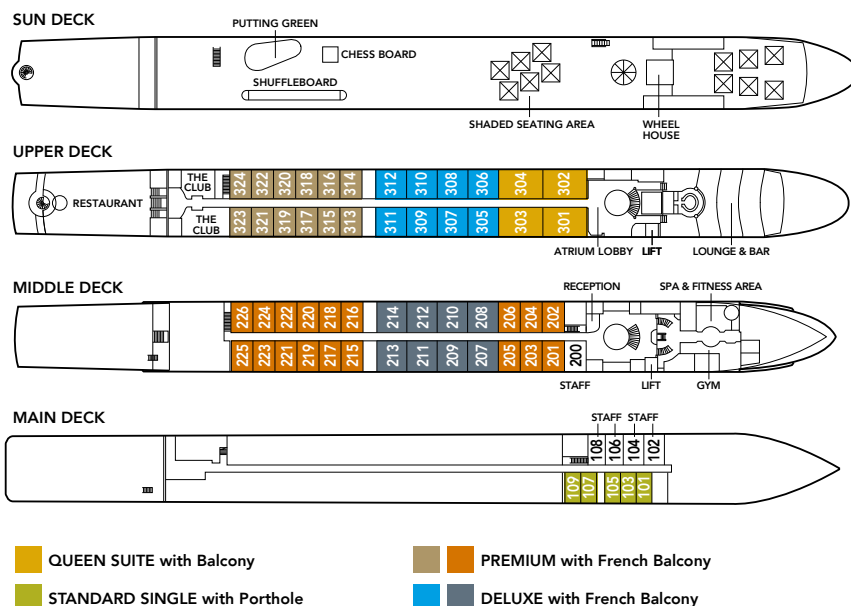


Premium Cabin with French Balcony



Atrium Lobby

DECK PLAN



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