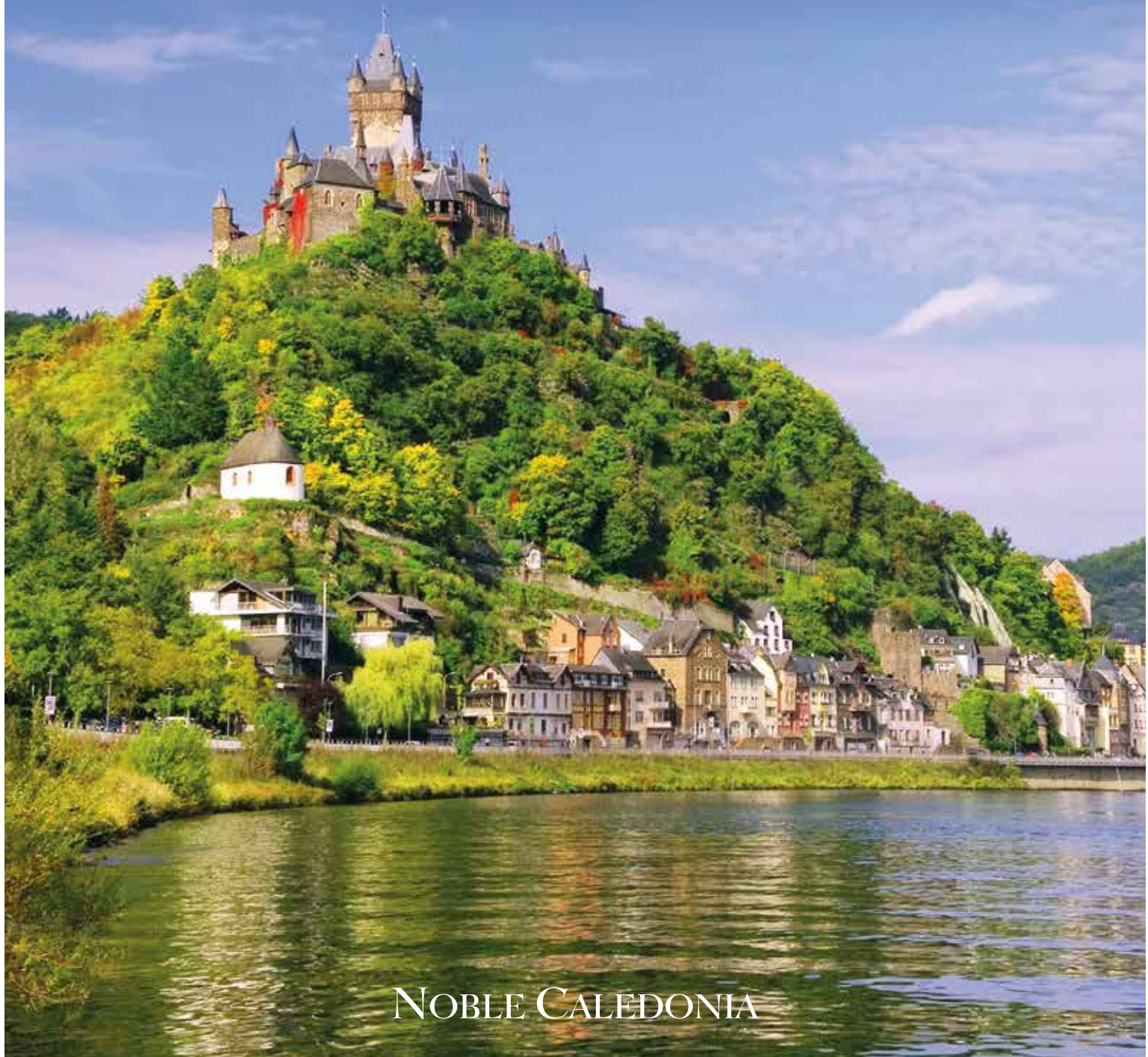


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# RIVER DEEP & MOUNTAIN HIGH

A cruise along the picturesque Rhine & Moselle Rivers  
from the Low Countries to Basle aboard the MS Royal Crown

24<sup>th</sup> June to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022



NOBLE CALEDONIA



Amsterdam



Medieval Rheinstein Castle in the Rhine Valley

Early summer is a wonderful time to explore Europe by river, the weather is warm, the evenings become longer, and the Rhine and Moselle's popular towns and cities are not yet busy with tourists. Join us aboard the MS Royal Crown as we cruise from Amsterdam to Basle experiencing the captivating and diverse scenery along the route. We will visit some enchanting ports of call such as the traditional town of Cochem, the ancient city of Speyer, famous for its mighty cathedral and the charming spa town of Baden-Baden with its unique setting and ambiance. The fairytale castles and Medieval charms of the towns and villages we encounter during this detailed look at two of Europe's great rivers makes for a truly memorable voyage.

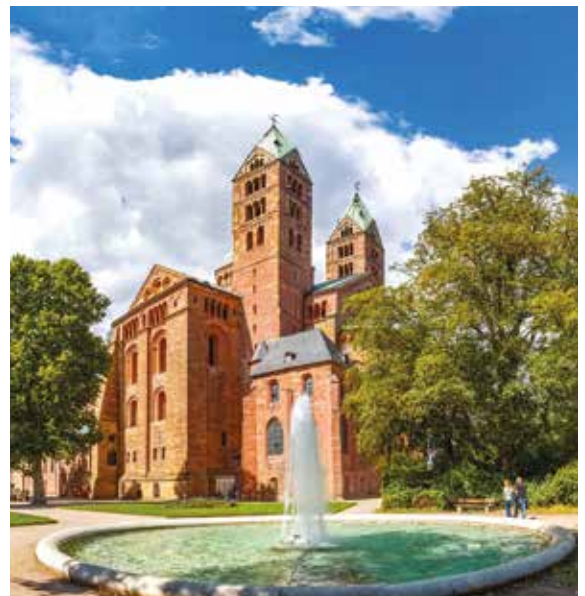
Each port of call has its own unique character waiting to be discovered whilst on one of our guided excursions and we have also ensured there is plenty of time to relax on board and enjoy some truly beautiful scenery whilst cruising. Our local guides and interesting talks by our Guest Speaker will create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



### Guest Speaker - Nicholas Merchant



Nicholas Merchant's career has mirrored his abiding interest in Antiques. He has worked for some of the major Auction Houses in London as well as running his own book business devoted to the Decorative and Fine Arts. His particular interest is English 18th century furniture and Country Houses. However, his interest is broad and he likes to discuss objects, not just for themselves but in their historical context. Nicholas is much in demand as a lecturer which has taken him to the United States, South Africa, Europe and all over the United Kingdom, including the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. Since joining the panel of lecturers of the NADFAS (now the Arts Society) in 2004 his convivial style of lecturing has resulted in over 500 lectures all over the world on many aspects of the Decorative and Fine Arts; he is President of the Leeds branch of the Society. Nicholas was for many years chairman of the West Yorkshire Art Fund Committee. The Art Fund raises money to help save our artistic heritage from going abroad. Nicholas leads cultural tours and short breaks across the UK for antique collectors and those interested in fine arts.



Speyer Cathedral



Half-timbered houses in La Petite France district of Strasbourg



Heidelberg

## The Itinerary

**Day 1 London to Amsterdam, the Netherlands.** Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Royal Crown. Moor overnight in Amsterdam.

**Day 2 Amsterdam.** After breakfast there will be a choice of tours today. Explore the city of the 'Golden Age' on an excursion which will include the incomparable Rijksmuseum with its splendid collection of old masters. Alternatively, visit the city's superb Maritime Museum and discover how the sea has shaped Dutch culture. Return to the MS Royal Crown for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. This evening join your fellow travellers for welcome drinks and dinner on board.

**Day 3 Arnhem.** We arrive into Arnhem in the morning and will have a choice of morning excursions. Arnhem is well known because of the airborne paratrooper landings and the battles around the bridge over the Rhine. There will be an excursion 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 MS Royal Crown for lunch and enjoy a leisurely afternoon in Arnhem or you may like to join the guided tour to the unique Middachten Castle and Gardens. Middachten has never been sold and instead always passed from one generation to another. As a result, the interior of the castle still has many of the original household effects, including a large collection of portraits. The gardens, as they are now, came into being around 1900 when the garden architect, Hugo Poortman, brought back elements of the former Baroque style into the landscaped gardens, keeping trees in his "neo" Baroque garden. Sail towards Cologne this evening.

**Day 4 Cologne, Germany.** This morning we will cruise along the Rhine, arriving into the grand city of Cologne in the early afternoon. After lunch on



Cologne Cathedral

board depart for a tour to see the city's famous cathedral which is the largest Gothic church in northern Europe with a total area of almost 8000 square metres, room for more than 20,000 people and the second tallest spire and largest facade in the world.

**Day 5 Koblenz.** Depart this morning for a visit to Burg Thurant, one of the most romantic castles in the whole Moselle area. The castle was first built in the 12th century. The interior is charming and offers superb views over the River Moselle. The castle is also famous for its vineyards and we will taste the excellent

Riesling after our tour. Continue on for a short walking tour through the charming village of Alken on the bank of the Moselle before returning to the ship in Koblenz.

**Day 6 Cochem & Cruising the Moselle.** This morning we arrive at Cochem on the Moselle River, famous for its 11th century Schloss and the Reichsburg, and set impressively on a tree clad hill above a bend of the river. Enjoy a guided walking tour along Cochem's winding Medieval streets to see the Baroque Town Hall. Our tour will end with a wine tasting before returning to the MS Royal Crown for lunch. Spend the afternoon relaxing on board as we sail towards Bernkastel situated in the heart of the Moselle Valley.

**Day 7 Bernkastel.** After breakfast we depart for an exploration of this lovely town and sample some of the locally produced wines. Return to the MS Royal Crown for lunch and enjoy a leisurely afternoon sailing.

**Day 8 Sailing the Rhine Gorge to Rudesheim.** Our morning of cruising takes us along the romantic Rhine. Enjoy the magnificent scenery from the Rhine Gorge to Rudesheim, the striking hilltop castles and the legendary Lorelei Rock. We will arrive into Rudesheim in the afternoon and on arrival join the Winzerexpress mini-train to visit Siegfried's Musical Instrument Museum, home to one of Germany's most fascinating collections of automated musical instruments.

**Day 9 Mannheim for Heidelberg & Speyer.** From our berth in Mannheim, we visit nearby Heidelberg where we have the morning to enjoy this most picturesque and romantic of German cities which is home to Germany's oldest university, dating back to 1386. Our tour will include the castle, a dramatically sited red sandstone ruin that dominates the city, the old town with its famous marketplace and the city gates. Return to the MS Royal Crown for lunch as we sail to Speyer for a walking tour which will include the mighty cathedral; the Romanesque basilica was founded by Emperor Conrad II in 1030 and is one of the largest and most impressive edifices in Germany.

**Day 10 Rastatt for Baden-Baden.** After breakfast, we will drive to the beautiful spa town of Baden-Baden. This elegant Belle-Epoque resort is one of Germany's best kept secrets. The spa assembly rooms and famous casino form the focal point of the town, both architecturally and socially. The old quarter is full of charming houses, exclusive boutiques and cafés and is fully pedestrianised. After a guided tour there will be some free time to wander around this remarkable town which somehow manages to retain its old-world charm and yet be very much of the 21st century. Return to the MS Royal Crown for lunch and enjoy a leisurely afternoon on board as we sail towards Strasbourg.

## POST-CRUISE BLACK FOREST EXTENSION

6th to 9th July 2022

Join us on our post-cruise tour to Germany's Black Forest, a magical land full of cultural traditions. Home to elaborate cuckoo clocks, striking half-timbered houses and quaint towns, we will spend our time exploring some of the forest's highlights. Our base will be the city of Freiburg, a friendly town boasting a host of gabled townhouses, cobblestone lanes and cafe-rimmed plazas.

### The Itinerary

**Day 1 Basle to Freiburg, Germany.** Disembark the MS Royal Crown and enjoy a panoramic tour of Basle followed by a short walking tour and some free time. We transfer to Freiburg where we enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before continuing to our hotel for a three night stay. This evening join your fellow travellers for a welcome drink and traditional "Black Forest" dinner. (L, D)

**Day 2 Freiburg.** After breakfast at the hotel we will depart on a walking tour of this vibrant city. Explore the cobblestone streets, the spectacular Minster with its 116-metre tall tower, and see its 'Bächle', or miniature canals, which were once used to supply water for drinking. After our tour, we visit a master baker who will demonstrate how to make the famous Black Forest Gâteau, followed by a sample of this delicious cake. The remainder of your day is at leisure to explore independently. (B)

**Day 3 The Pigtail Train & Titisee-Neustadt.** This morning we will drive to the town of Blumberg and board the little Pigtail train. The German name, Sauschwänzlebahn, literally meaning pigtail, is derived from the curve of the rail track, built between 1887 and 1890, necessary to keep the gradient of the line below 1%. Depending on the day, the wagons will be either pulled by a diesel or steam engine. The journey ends in Weizen and we will have lunch in a local restaurant, including a chance to sample some of the locally brewed beers. We continue on to the pretty lakeside village of Titisee-Neustadt, where there will be some free time to stroll along the lakeside promenade or relax in one of the shoreside cafes. Return to Freiburg for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

**Day 4 Basle to London.** Check out this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London. (B)

**Prices per person** Based on double occupancy

Twin: £1095 Single: £1395

**Price Includes:** Three nights hotel accommodation, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner), excursions, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers

**Not Included:** Travel insurance.



Titisee-Neustadt

**Day 11 Strasbourg, France.** After breakfast our guided tour will introduce us to the delights of Strasbourg. Start with a cruise through the fascinating old quarter of Petite France, where the River Ill splits into a number of canals, 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 ship for lunch and enjoy the afternoon at leisure. This evening enjoy a performance by pianist, Martin Ivanov on board.

**Day 12 Breisach for Colmar.** From our berth in Breisach, we will cross the River Rhine into France and drive to the capital of the Upper Rhine region, Colmar. We 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 Mattheus 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 Royal Crown. This evening join your fellow travellers for farewell drinks and dinner.

**Day 13 Basle, Switzerland to London.** Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for your return scheduled flight to London.

### PRICES PER PERSON

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CATEGORY	DECK	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
Junior Suite	Select	£4095	£3895
Superior Suite	Select	£4195	£3995
Deluxe Suite	Select	£4495	£4295
Premium Suite	Select	£4995	£4795
Royal Suite	Panorama	£5495	£5295
Deluxe Suite for sole use	Select	£5495	£5295

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Economy class scheduled air travel • 12 nights aboard the MS Royal Crown on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Transfers • Gratuities • Port & airport taxes.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance.



## 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 2022.

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

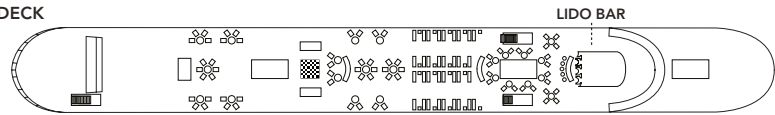
The elegant Lounge Bar is defined by its 30s inspired Art Deco style, with textured carpets, carved mahogany and plush sofas which create a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere. Experience unforgettable views from the large windows as you enjoy tea or coffee. The Lounge is also where our Guest Speakers 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

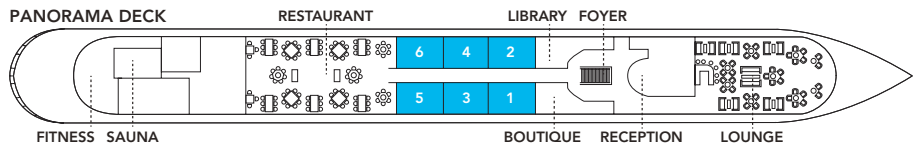
sauna with shower facilities, and a fitness room. There is also a small boutique and a library with a selection of books and games. Daily news sheets are also supplied.

## 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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