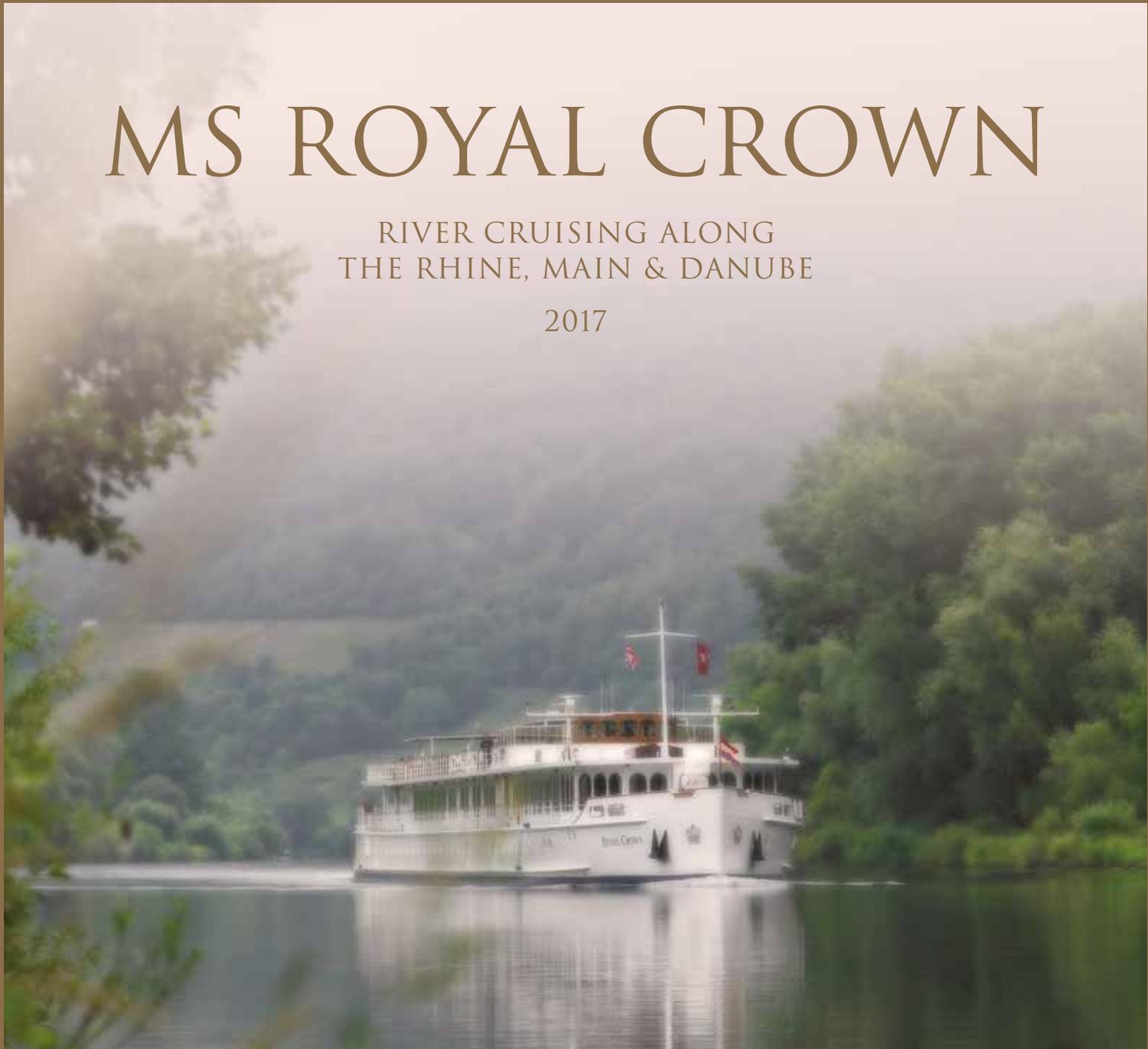


MS ROYAL CROWN

RIVER CRUISING ALONG
THE RHINE, MAIN & DANUBE

2017



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ROYAL CROWN - RIVER CRUISING AT ITS BEST

We are delighted to have once again chartered the MS Royal Crown for a series of cruises along the European waterways in 2017. 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, the 90 passenger MS Royal Crown was designed for the rivers flowing through the heart of Europe. Exquisite furniture, expensive materials and Art Deco style cabins 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 spacious, teak Sun Deck, lido bar, a mini 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 airconditioning 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



Sun Deck



Deluxe Suite



Friendly service



The main staircase

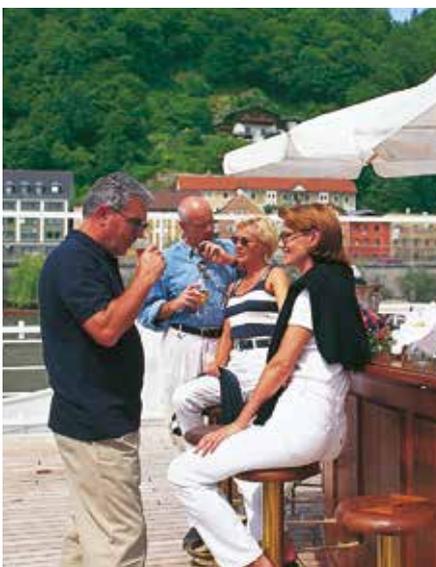
YOUR SPACE

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 coffee, tea or a light snack such as a salad or sandwich from the snack menu. 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 on

MS Royal Crown 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 under the umbrella 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 newspapers are also supplied.

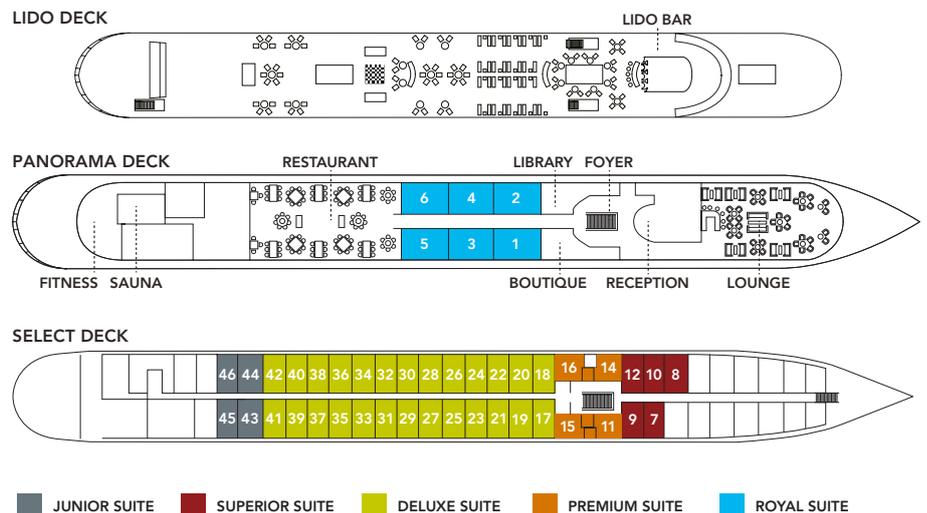
YOUR DINING

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



Lido Bar

DECK PLAN





The Restaurant

SPRING FLOWERS & THE GOLDEN AGE OF DUTCH ART

A river cruise exploring the artistic treasures & horticultural highlights of the Netherlands

8th to 18th April 2017

Spring is the perfect time of year to immerse yourself in the cultural and horticultural splendours of the Netherlands, the bulbs will be at their best and the landscape is touched by the arrival of spring. During our ten night voyage we will explore the countryside in some depth, visiting the wonderful gardens of the Keukenhof, the beautifully restored palace and gardens of Het Loo, discovering the shores of the Zuider Zee and the marvellous windmills of Kinderdijk and of course viewing the artistic treasures of Amsterdam and The Hague. The itinerary we have designed is, we believe, a perfect mix of horticulture, history, art and Dutch lifestyle and makes for a colourful and endlessly interesting cruise.



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London, Bristol, Manchester or Glasgow to Amsterdam. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Royal Crown and embark. Enjoy Welcome Drinks and Dinner onboard this evening. Moor overnight in Amsterdam.

Day 2 Amsterdam. After breakfast onboard this morning we will visit the Rijksmuseum, arguably Amsterdam's most important art venue. Housing some of the greatest examples of Western European painting and decorative arts, the museum boasts works by Vermeer, Goya, and Rubens. Here, Rembrandt's famous 'The Night Watch' hangs in the Hall of Honour. Return to the MS Royal Crown for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Moor overnight.

Day 3 Amsterdam. After breakfast today we will depart for a Canal Cruise, one of the most enjoyable ways to see this unique city. Afterwards we continue on to the Van Gogh Museum, which houses one of the world's largest collection of works by the artist, including "Almond Blossom" and "The Bedroom". Return to the vessel for a late lunch and an afternoon at leisure. Alternatively join the optional excursion to visit the Hermitage Museum and the new exhibition: "1917: From Romanov to Revolution". This fascinating display explores what happened to the art collections of the Tsars after the Winter Palace was captured and how artists responded to the political upheavals of 1917 and beyond. Sail in the evening to Hoorn where we will moor overnight.

Day 4 Hoorn for Edam, Volendam & Marken. Spend a morning at leisure in the pretty 16th century town of Hoorn. After lunch onboard our guided excursion allows us the opportunity to experience three unique communities of the Zuider Zee. Our first call will be at Edam, a tranquil little town with drawbridges across canals and charming historic houses with lovely facades. Continue on to Volendam which has always been a fishermen's village, and despite the closing of the Zuider Zee in 1932, the bustling harbour area with its many boats is still a major attraction. Our final visit will be to the fascinating village of Marken which was separated from the mainland after a storm surge in the 13th century. Here the houses and the traditional costumes are reminiscent of the past. In the past the island was flooded quite regularly, and for this reason, houses were built on stilts and on mounds. Return to Hoorn and sail in the early evening.

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Rijksmuseum, Van Gogh Museum & Kroller Muller Museum
- Het Loo Palace & Gardens
- Mauritshuis in The Hague
- Windmills at Kinderdijk
- Keukenhof Gardens at Lisse
- Botanical Gardens at Utrecht
- 12th century Doorwerth Castle near Arnhem



The Old Harbour, Hoorn



Keukenhof Gardens



The East Gate and Bridge, Delft



Rembrandt's 'The Night Watch' - Rijksmuseum



The Palace and Gardens of Het Loo

Day 5 Arnhem & Het Loo. Arrive this morning into Arnhem and after breakfast join the guided excursion to the Palace of Het Loo, the favoured summer residence of the Dutch Royal family from 1686 to 1975. The palace and grounds have undergone a spectacular restoration returning them to their original 17th century splendour. Return to the MS Royal Crown for lunch and this afternoon there will be a choice of excursions. Choose to visit the private art collection at the Kroller Muller Museum of late 19th and 20th century paintings or enjoy a tour to the nearby 12th century Doorwerth Castle, situated in beautiful surroundings on the Rhine and home to three museums. The interior has been restored to its 18th century state. Sail this evening.

Day 6 Dordrecht & Kinderdijk.

A leisurely morning cruising across southern Holland to Dordrecht. After lunch we will join an excursion to see the marvellous Windmills of Kinderdijk, of which there are 19 in total dating from 1740. Later, join the guided walk through Dordrecht with its old world atmosphere and quaint shops, cottages, courtyards and canals. Sail this evening towards Veere.

Day 7 Veere & Middleburg. Today we explore Southern Zeeland, starting in the 13th century town of Veere. Formerly a seaport but now within a lake due to the Delta works carried out in the 1960s. It is a charming place with well-preserved houses and a marina. Return to the vessel and sail on to the lovingly restored Medieval town of Middelburg whose 12th century abbey is one of the oldest in the Netherlands. Enjoy an afternoon walking tour on arrival before our evening sailing to Rotterdam.

Day 8 Rotterdam, The Hague, Delft. From Rotterdam we head for The Hague for a visit to the Mauritshuis with its marvellous collection of Dutch Golden Age paintings. Continue on to Delft, birthplace of Vermeer. We will see the place where he painted his famous "View of Delft" and have a tour of the Delft Blue Pottery. Return to the vessel for a late lunch and an afternoon at leisure. Alternatively you may wish to join an optional tour to Boijmans Museum which houses some of Europe's greatest masterpieces. Sail in the evening towards Utrecht.

Day 9 Keukenhof Gardens & Haarlem. After breakfast we will drive to nearby Keukenhof Gardens for a morning in this extraordinary horticultural heaven. We will continue overland to charming Haarlem and enjoy lunch on arrival in a local restaurant. Visit the 17th century Church of St. Bavo, immortalised in the artwork of Dutch painters Pieter Saenredam and Gerrit Berckheyde. Also see the busy market square and 14th century town hall before visiting the Frans Hals Museum, home to a spectacular display of 16th and 17th century portraits, still life's and landscapes. Return to the vessel for an overnight mooring in Utrecht.



Canal in Amsterdam

Day 10 Utrecht. After breakfast depart for a visit to Utrecht's Botanical Gardens at Fort Hoofddijk, a unique natural treasure consisting of thousands of plant species. After lunch onboard, enjoy an afternoon of cruising as we head towards Amsterdam. This evening join your fellow travellers for Farewell Drinks & Dinner. Moor overnight.

Day 11 Amsterdam to London, Bristol, Manchester or Glasgow. Disembark after breakfast and return to the UK by scheduled flight.

PRICES PER PERSON
Based on double occupancy

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Not Included: Travel Insurance, optional excursions on days 3 and 8.

GLORIES OF LIFE & ART IN THE LOW COUNTRIES

A river voyage along the Dutch Waterways from Amsterdam to Bruges

18th to 28th April 2017

Our ten night springtime cruise offers a wonderful mix of culture, history and scenic cruising. For art lovers we have included Amsterdam's fine art establishments whilst for horticultural enthusiasts we will visit the botanical splendours of Keukenhof and the pretty towns of the Zuider Zee. We continue our journey on to the famous windmills at Kinderdijk and spend a relaxing afternoon in Dordrecht. We also visit Southern Zeeland's charming and lesser known ports of Middelburg and Veere. Last, but not least, we spend two days in the beautiful Flemish cities of Ghent and Bruges where you can explore their historic canals, charming cobbled streets and Medieval buildings. We will enjoy the great comfort of the MS Royal Crown as we criss-cross the intricate network of rivers and waterways that make the Low Countries such a unique region and will witness the gentle landscape and picturesque cities and towns which so inspired the Old Masters.



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Day 3 Amsterdam. After breakfast today we will depart for a Canal Cruise, one of the most enjoyable ways to see this unique city. Continue on to the Van Gogh Museum, which houses one of the world's largest collection of works by the artist, including "Almond Blossom" and "The Bedroom". After a late lunch onboard, enjoy an afternoon at leisure or join an optional excursion to visit the Hermitage Museum and the exhibition: "1917: From Romanov to Revolution". This fascinating display explores what happened to the art collections of the Tsars after the Winter Palace was captured and how artists responded to the political upheavals of 1917 and beyond. Moor overnight in Amsterdam.

Day 4 Keukenhof Gardens & Haarlem. From Amsterdam, drive to the nearby Keukenhof Gardens for a morning in this extraordinary horticultural heaven. After our visit continue overland to charming Haarlem where we will enjoy lunch on arrival. Visit the 17th-century Church of St. Bavo, immortalised in the artwork of Dutch painters Pieter Saenredam and Gerrit Berckheyde. Also see the busy market square and 14th-century town hall before visiting the Frans Hals Museum, named for one of the most celebrated painters of the Dutch golden age. View the Frans Hals' Civic Guard and see the spectacular display of 16th and 17th century portraits, still life's, and landscapes. Return to the MS Royal Crown and sail in the late evening to Hoorn and moor overnight.

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ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam
- Keukenhof Gardens & historic Haarlem
- Old world charms of Dordrecht
- Exploring Southern Zeeland
- Beautiful Flemish cities of Bruges & Ghent



Canal houses in Amsterdam



The medieval Belfry and Rosary Quay, Bruges

Centraal Museum, with its collection of old, modern and applied art. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Sail in the evening to Kinderdijk.

Day 7 Kinderdijk & Dordrecht. After breakfast onboard there will be an excursion to see the marvellous Windmills of Kinderdijk, of which there are 19 in total, dating from 1740. Return to the ship for lunch and sail on to Dordrecht. This afternoon you are free to explore Dordrecht with its old world atmosphere and quaint shops, cottages and canals. Sail on towards Middleburg this evening.

Day 8 Veere & Middleburg. Today we explore Southern Zeeland, starting in the 13th century town of Veere. Formerly a seaport but now within a lake due to the Delta works carried out in the 1960s. It is a charming place with well-preserved houses and a marina. Return to the vessel and sail on to the lovingly restored Medieval town of Middelburg whose 12th century abbey is one of the oldest in the Netherlands. Enjoy an afternoon walking tour on arrival before an overnight sailing to Ghent.

Day 9 Ghent. This morning we will explore the highlights of this Flemish gem, including St Bavo's Cathedral, home to the unique altarpiece "The



The Gravensteen, Ghent

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Drawbridge and the town of Edam



The windmills of Kinderdijk

Adoration of the Mystic Lamb", painted by the Van Eyck brothers in 1432. We also visit the ancient port at Graslei with its unique row of historical buildings, St Nicholas' Church and the grandiose Castle of the Counts (Gravensteen). Return to the vessel for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore further independently.

Day 10 Ghent for Bruges. From Ghent we will drive to Bruges for a guided walking tour. Bruges was one of the largest and finest cities in Europe. The 15th century Belfry still dominates the centre as it did then and the Town Hall, St John Hospital and the Begijnhof border the narrow canals. We will see some of the most important places and buildings which survive from the Middle Ages including the Basilica of the Holy Blood, City Hall, the Begijnhof, Minnewater and the Belfry and Church of Our Lady. Our tour will end with a visit to a local chocolatier and a delicious tasting. Sail to Amsterdam this evening.

Day 11 Amsterdam to London/Bristol/Manchester or Glasgow. Arrive this morning and disembark after breakfast. Transfer to the airport for your return scheduled flight to the UK.

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EASTERN TREASURES

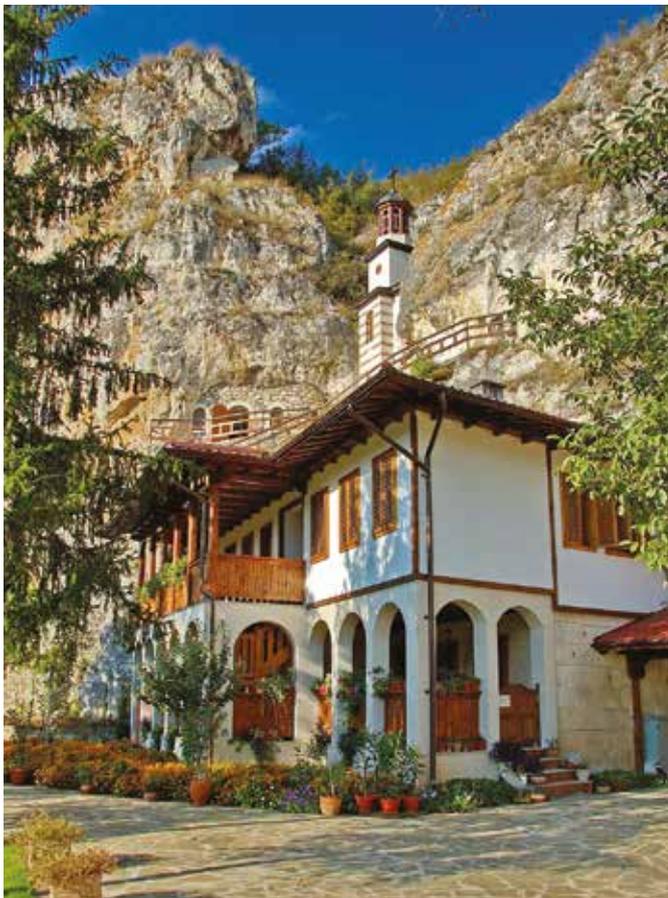
A cultural exploration from the delta lands of the Danube to the plains of Hungary

12th to 24th June 2017

Join us as we navigate the Danube River from the delta in the east to Budapest. We travel from the Black Sea shores to the heart of Europe visiting Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Croatia and Hungary. This is one of the world's great journeys, following as it does one of the most important trade routes since the earliest of times, linking the east with the west.

We will travel through some of Europe's most beautiful landscapes, from the delta lands of the Danube, past the distant Carpathian Mountains to the plains of Hungary. We will visit the great cities of Bucharest, Budapest and Belgrade as well as riverside villages and towns along the Danube. From the great comfort of our vessel we will travel effortlessly, enjoying the varied scenery and architecture whilst learning more about a region that has seen more of its fair share of conflicts, revolutions and wars. The combination of modern and traditional culture along the way makes for a fascinating time away.

To enhance your holiday further we are offering a five night pre-cruise extension in the beautiful region of Transylvania in Romania, during which you will travel through some of the last untouched and least travelled areas of Europe.



St Demetrius Basarbovski Monastery, Rousse

EXCLUSIVE PERFORMANCES BY SHERBAN LUPU



We will be joined on board by Sherban Lupu, one of the world's leading performers of Romanian composer and virtuoso George Enescu's music. Romanian-born, Sherban studied at the Bucharest Conservatory with George Manoliu and later in London at the Guildhall School of Music, taking lessons and masterclasses with legendary violinists Yehudi Menuhin. He specializes in the music of his native Romania and Eastern Europe as well as the virtuoso romantic repertoire.

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Danube Delta wetlands
- The rock monastery of St Demetrius Basarbovski in Bulgaria
- Arbanassi, famous for its 17th and 18th century architecture and the unique Church of the Nativity of Christ
- Spectacular sailing through the Iron Gates
- The wine region of Villany in Hungary
- The historic city of Osijek in Croatia
- Hungarian horse display at Kalocsa
- "Queen of the Danube" - Budapest



Church of St Peter and St Paul, Osijek



Pelicans, Danube Delta



The Village Museum, Bucharest



Puszta Horse Show, Kalocsa



Veliko Tarnovo

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Bucharest, Romania. Fly by scheduled flight and transfer (approx. three hours) to the MS Royal Crown in Cernavoda. Sail this evening.

Day 2 Tulcea. Today we arrive in Tulcea, situated at the entrance to the Danube Delta. Enjoy a boat trip into the delta wetlands, famous for its birdlife. Sail in the early afternoon and meet your fellow travellers this evening at the welcome drinks and dinner. There will be an after dinner recital by Sherban Lupu.

Day 3 Bucharest. Arrive this morning in the port of Oltenita from where we drive to Bucharest. We will explore the main sights of the city and see the boulevards with their decidedly French style. After lunch in a local restaurant there will be a choice of afternoon visits. You may choose to visit the Parliament Palace, the second largest administrative building in the world at 3.77 million square feet. This gargantuan construction is Ceausescu's most infamous creation and makes for a fascinating tour. Alternatively, you may prefer to visit the unique Village Museum, an open-air ethnographic museum located in the Herastrau Park, showcasing traditional Romanian village life. The museum contains 272 authentic peasant farms and houses from all over Romania. We rejoin the vessel in Giurgiu and sail on to Rousse.

Day 4 Rousse, Bulgaria. After breakfast join a city tour of Rousse, birthplace of Nobel Prize winner for literature, Elias Canetti. After a brief walking tour of the city centre, drive a short distance to visit the Monastery of St Demetrius Basarbovski, a fascinating rock monastery dating back to the 12th century. Return to Rousse for a wine tasting session of some splendid Bulgarian wines. This afternoon is at leisure for individual exploration and, with its stunning architecture, charming restaurants and shops, there is much to see here. This evening there will be an after dinner performance by Sherban Lupu. Moor overnight.

Day 5 Veliko Tarnovo. Disembark and enjoy a tour to the city of 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. Rejoin the ship at Svistov and sail.

Day 6 Cruising through the Iron Gates. Today the scenery becomes truly spectacular as you cruise through the Iron Gates, a narrow Danube gorge between the Carpathian and Balkan Mountains.



City Hall Square, Pecs



Chain Bridge and Parliament Building, Budapest

Day 7 Belgrade, Serbia. Spend the afternoon in this interesting city. A half-day tour highlights the city's main attractions, including the Kalemegdan fortress as it looms over the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers, Saint Sava Cathedral, the largest Orthodox Church in the world, and Tito's Memorial. Our tour will end with a spectacular Folklore performance. Sail this afternoon towards Croatia.

Day 8 Osijek, Croatia. Arrive this afternoon in Vukovar, Croatia. Disembark and join the excursion to nearby Osijek, located in the Slavonian region of Croatia and picturesquely positioned on the Drava River. On arrival join a walking tour of this historic and lively city; see Tvrda, the oldest part of the town and the neo-gothic Church of St Peter & Paul with its 90 metre high bell tower, 40 stained glass windows and stonework from the Viennese sculptor Eduard Hauser. Enjoy some free time here to explore at leisure, perhaps visit the impressive Church of St Anthony, erected on the remains of a Turkish minaret. Later we return to the ship and sail on towards Hungary.

Day 9 Pecs & Villány, Hungary. From the port of Mohacs, depart after breakfast for a full day scenic tour of Pecs and Villány. The city of Pecs enjoys a fine position on the slopes of the Mecsek Hills. The visit will feature the sites associated with the city's Roman Ottoman Hapsburg past, as well as a short organ recital in the splendid Pecs Cathedral. Continue on to the town of Villány for lunch and a wine tasting. Villány is one of Hungary's top wine regions, known for its reds and rosés. Thanks to the area's sub-Mediterranean climate, wines from Villány are full-bodied and spicy and of the highest quality. Sail in the early evening towards Kalocsa.

Day 10 Kalocsa. Arrive this morning in charming Kalocsa, renowned for paprika production. Your tour of the Puszta district will include the town and a spectacular display of horsemanship. Depart in the afternoon for a relaxing cruise along the glorious Danube towards Budapest.

Day 11 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 and the Fisherman's Bastion, and spend the afternoon relaxing or exploring independently. After dinner be on deck to experience a "Budapest by Night" cruise, a chance to see this beautiful city's lights in the evening. Moor overnight.

Day 12 Budapest. After breakfast today we depart for our visit to Godollo. It was the favoured home of Sissy, the wife of Emperor Franz Josef, and in recent years the palace has been restored. Alternatively, spend a full day in Budapest exploring the delights of this historic city. Tonight enjoy your Farewell Gala Dinner on board.

Day 13 Budapest to London. Disembark after breakfast and return to London by scheduled flight.

PRICES PER PERSON

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Royal Suite	Panorama	£4395	£4195
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PRE-CRUISE EXTENSION



Bran Castle, Brasov



Sibiu



Sighisoara

PRE-CRUISE TRANSYLVANIA EXTENSION

7th to 12th June 2017

Transylvania is located in central Romania, a region of exquisite countryside surrounded by the arc of the dramatic Carpathian mountain chain. This region is home to some of Europe's best-preserved Medieval towns, most notably Brasov, featuring Old Saxon architecture and citadel ruins. We begin our five night tour in Sibiu, with its cobblestone streets and pastel-coloured houses. We also encounter stunning castles such as Bran, near Brasov – a Gothic fairy-tale structure associated with 15th century Walachian Prince Vlad Tepes, the inspiration for Bram Stoker's Dracula. We also visit the notable town of Biertan and its' 14th century UNESCO Church-Fortress, the fairytale Peles Castle, built by King Carol I in the 19th century, and the dramatic citadel at Rasnov, built to protect the region's villages from Tartarian invasion.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Sibiu, Romania. Fly by scheduled indirect flight from London to Sibiu. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to your four-star hotel for a two night stay. Dinner this evening will be at your hotel.

Day 2 Sibiu. After breakfast join a walking tour of colourful Sibiu, followed by some free time before lunch in the old city. Later, drive to Sibiel, a pretty village situated 20 kilometres from Sibiu. Here we visit a unique and superb museum of glass painted icons, located in the old village church. This evening, enjoy a traditional dinner during which we will be able to talk to our local hosts about Romanian daily life in a Transylvanian village.

Day 3 Biertan-Sighisoara-Brasov. After breakfast depart for picturesque Biertan. Your first glimpse of the town's Medieval church is unforgettable; it towers over the square below, surrounded by vividly painted houses and backed by vineyards. On arrival we visit the UNESCO 14th century fortified church, once the home to the Lutheran Bishop of Transylvania. Continue on to Sighisoara and on arrival explore the Old Town with its cobbled streets, burgher houses and ornate churches. Also visit the Clock Tower known as the Council Tower, built in the second half of the 14th century and expanded in the

16th century. Enjoy lunch in "Dracula's House" restaurant followed by some free time. Continue on to Brasov where will be staying for three nights. Dinner this evening will be at a local restaurant.

Day 4 Azuga-Sinaia-Rasnov. After breakfast depart for a city tour of Brasov, including the City Hall Square, St Nicholas Church and the Old City. Afterwards we continue to Azuga in Prahova Valley, home of the Royal Cellar which is the wine supplier for the Royal family. We will stop at a local vineyard for lunch and enjoy some wine tasting. Continue on to see the fairy-tale Peles Castle, built by King Carol I in the 19th century. Afterwards we head back towards Brasov with a stop enroute at the Rasnov Citadel, a historic monument and landmark in Romania. This outstanding citadel was first mentioned in documents in the 1335, built as a defense against invading Tartarian armies. Please note that the entrance to the citadel is a 15 minute uphill walk for those who wish to visit inside. Dinner this evening will be at a local restaurant.

Day 5 Brasov. Brasov. After breakfast, visit the Black Church, followed by some free time in the Old City. We will have lunch in a local restaurant and the afternoon is at leisure to relax or explore independently. This evening enjoy dinner in the nearby resort town of Poiana Brasov.

Day 6 Brasov to Cernavoda. After breakfast depart for a visit to Bran to see the world famous 'Dracula's Castle', built as a fortress in 1212 by the Knights of the Teutonic Order. Vlad Tepes, better known as Vlad the Impaler, used the castle as headquarters for his incursions into Transylvania. We then depart for Ploiesti and enjoy lunch on arrival before continuing on our journey to Cernavoda, where we will embark the MS Royal Crown. Sail in the evening.

Prices per person Based on double occupancy

Twin: £695 Single: £795

Price Includes: Five nights accommodation at four-star hotels in Sibiu and Brasov, full board throughout, wine and soft drinks with lunch and dinner, all sightseeing as described, water during excursions, gratuities.

Not Included: Travel Insurance.

EAST OF BUDAPEST

Cruise along the majestic Danube with music and cultural highlights

2nd to 12th September 2017

The Lower Danube undoubtedly remains one of the most mysterious and least visited regions of Europe. From Hungary to Romania, this stretch of the Danube offers a diversity of history and culture quite unlike anywhere else. From the fall of communism emerged new and vibrant cities and towns of the east which we will visit during this fascinating river voyage. We travel from Budapest, the ‘Queen of the Danube’ with her glorious skyline of castles and cathedrals to Romania’s pretty resort of Constanta. During our journey we will visit five distinctive countries, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania and encounter their traditions, old and new.



It is the combination of modern and ancient culture, combined with the onboard music performances, that makes for a fascinating cruise and September, with its temperate weather and uncrowded sights, is the perfect time for exploring and sightseeing, as well as relaxing as we sail along. To enhance your holiday further we are offering a five night post-cruise extension to the famed Painted Monasteries region of Romania and the Republic of Moldova and its wine regions, during which you will travel through some of the last untouched areas of Europe.



St Stephen's statue, Fisherman's Bastion, Budapest

OUR VIEW

MS Royal Crown is the perfect way to explore the Danube which, from the earliest of times, has been one of Europe's most important trade routes linking the eastern shores with central Europe. Highlights will include our excursions with excellent local guides, from sampling local wines in Hungary and Bulgaria to folklore dancing from Serbia – as well as interesting talks by our Guest Speaker. We are also delighted to announce that Alda Dizdari, a violinist of brilliant style and dexterity, will join us on board and perform some wonderful repertoires to enchant us along the way. The combination of music, history and culture will create an enjoyable, informative and lively atmosphere as we sail along the Danube in all its early autumn glory.

ALDA DIZDARI

Alda Dizdari is an outstanding musician of immense diversity. Her triumphant debut at the Wigmore Hall and Southbank's



Purcell Room have already led to notable appearances on BBC Radio 3, solo performances in Europe and the USA and the release of three highly acclaimed CDs, one of which was recorded live from the Wigmore Hall. Now based in the UK, Alda was born into a family of musicians and left her native Albania from an early age to pursue her career in music. She studied in Romania with distinguished soloists and received a Bachelor

Degree from the University of Bucharest. She continued her Master Studies at the University of Illinois in USA and her Advanced Instrumental Studies in London, at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama with David Takeno where for two years she held the prestigious Leverhulme String Fellowship.

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- “Queen of the Danube” – Budapest
- Hungarian horse display at Kalocsa
- The wine region of Villany in Hungary
- The historic city of Osijek in Slavonia, Croatia
- Arbanassi, famous for its 17th and 18th century architecture and the unique Church of the Nativity of Christ
- The rock monastery of St Demetrius Basarbovski in Bulgaria



Belogradchik Rocks and Fortress



Cathedral of Saint Sava, Belgrade



The vineyards of Villany



Parliament Palace, Bucharest



Decebal's head, Iron Gates

THE ITINERARY

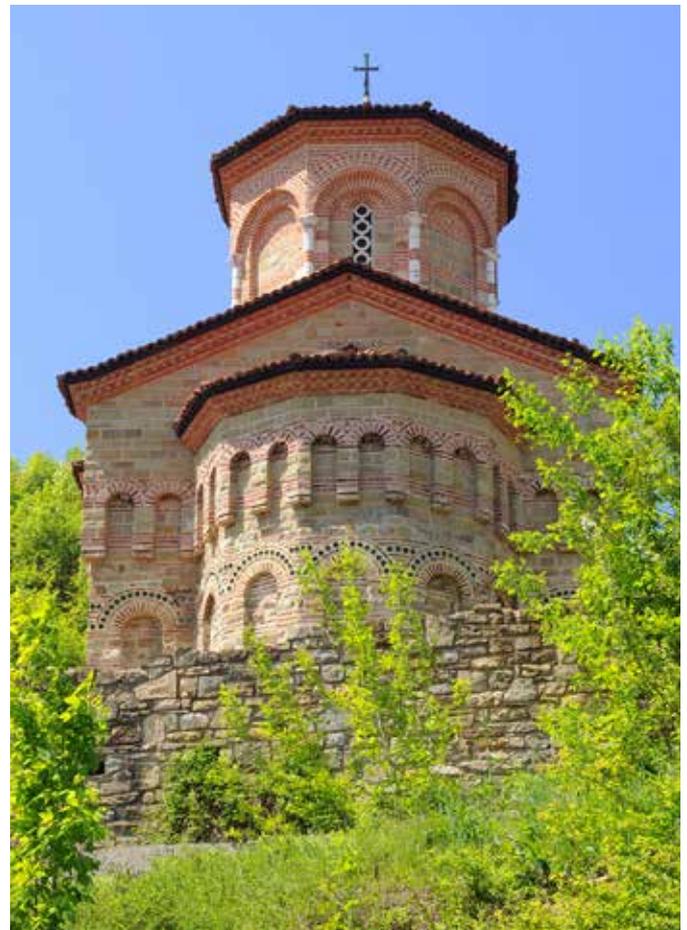
Day 1 London to Budapest, Hungary. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Royal Crown and embark.

Day 2 Budapest. We will explore Hungary's elegant capital today. Spend the morning on an excursion that will include the old quarter, the Matthias Church and the Fishermen's Bastion. Spend an afternoon at leisure or join an excursion to Szentendre, Hungary's most romantic little town. On arrival enjoy a walking tour of the winding narrow streets where artists, galleries and handicrafts abound. Return to Budapest and join your fellow travellers in the evening for the Welcome Drinks and Dinner. After dinner enjoy a performance by Alda Dizardi in the lounge.

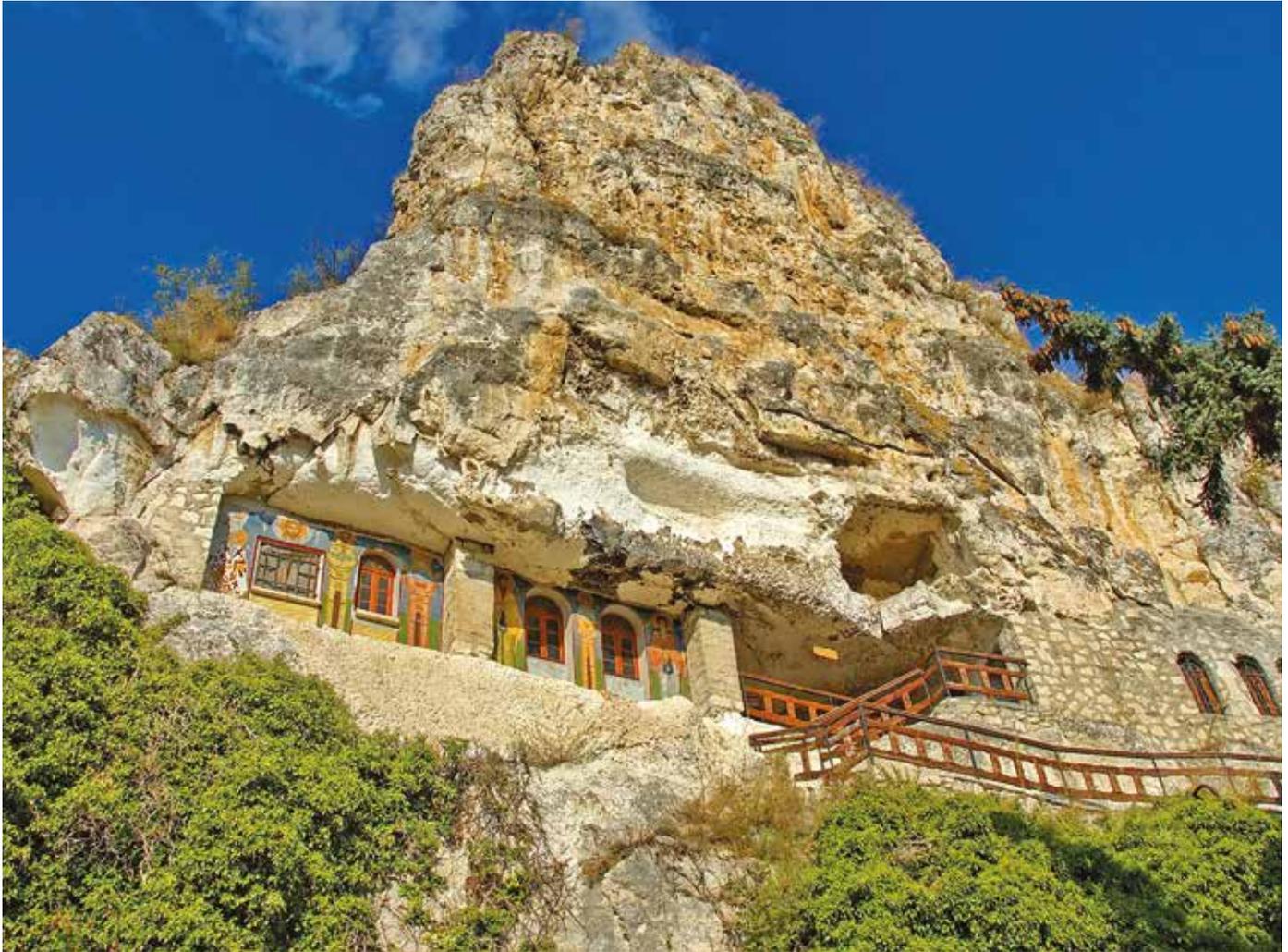
Day 3 Kalocsa. Arrive this morning in charming Kalocsa, renowned for paprika production. Your tour of the Pusztá district will include the town and a spectacular display of Hungarian horsemanship. Depart this afternoon for a relaxing cruise down the beautiful Danube, arriving in Mohacs in the early evening. Moor overnight.

Day 4 Pecs & Villany. Depart after breakfast for a full day scenic tour of Pecs and Villany. The city of Pecs enjoys a fine position on the slopes of the Mecsek Hills. The visit will feature the sites associated with the city's Roman Ottoman Hapsburg past, as well as a short organ recital in the splendid Pecs Cathedral. Continue on to the town of Villany where we will enjoy lunch and a wine tasting. Villany is one of Hungary's top wine regions, known for its reds and rosés. Thanks to the area's sub-Mediterranean climate, wines from Villany are full-bodied and spicy and of the highest quality. Sail this evening.

Day 5 Osijek, Croatia. Arrive today in Osijek, located in the Slavonian region of Croatia and picturesquely positioned on the Drava River. On arrival join a walking tour of this historic and lively city; see Tvrdá, the oldest part of the town and the neo-gothic Church of St Peter & Paul with its 90 metre high bell tower, 40 stained glass windows and stonework from



Church of St Demetrius of Thessaloniki in Veliko Tarnovo



The Rock Monastery of St Demetrius Basarbovski, Rouse

the Viennese sculptor Eduard Hauser. Enjoy some free time here to explore at leisure, perhaps visit the impressive Church of St Anthony, erected on the remains of a Turkish minaret. Evening performance by Alda Dizdari.

Day 6 Belgrade, Serbia. Spend the day in this interesting city. A half day tour highlights the city's main attractions, including the Kalemegdan fortress as it looms over the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers, Saint Sava Cathedral, the largest Orthodox Church in the world, and Tito's Memorial. This evening enjoy a Folklore performance on board the vessel.

Day 7 Cruising through the Iron Gates. Today the scenery becomes truly spectacular as you cruise through the Iron Gates, a narrow Danube gorge between the Carpathian and Balkan Mountains.

Day 8 Belogradchik & Vidin, Bulgaria. 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 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. The excursion will end with a visit to Vidin for a performance of classical music by a string quartet from the wonderful Vidin Philharmonic.

Day 9 Veliko Tarnovo. From Svistov, drive 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 visit the museum town of Arbanassi. Rejoin the ship in Rouse and moor overnight.

Day 10 Rouse. After breakfast join a city tour of Rouse, birthplace of Nobel Prize winner for literature, Elias Canetti. After our brief walking tour of the city centre, drive a short distance to visit the Monastery of St

Demetrius Basarbovski, a rock monastery dating back to the 12th century. Return to Rouse for a wine tasting session of some splendid Bulgarian wines. This afternoon is at leisure for individual exploration. With its stunning architecture, great museums, charming restaurants and shops, there is much to explore here. Tonight join your fellow travellers for the Farewell Gala Dinner on board, followed by a finale performance by Alda Dizdari. Sail this evening towards Romania.

Day 11 Bucharest, Romania to London. After breakfast this morning we disembark at the port of Cernavoda and drive to Bucharest, capital of Romania (approx. 3 hours). On arrival we will explore the main sights of this city, and see the boulevards with their decidedly French style. After lunch in a local restaurant we continue on to the airport for your return scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

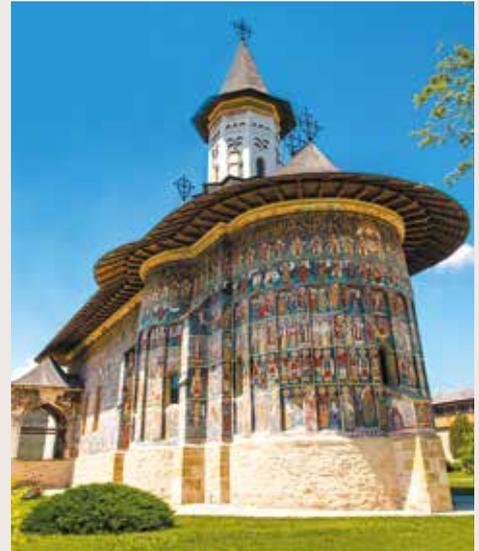
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Junior Suite	Select	£3095	£2895
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Price Includes: Economy class scheduled air travel, 10 nights aboard the MS Royal Crown on full board basis, house wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner, shore excursions and music events as described, Cruise Director, Tour Manager, Guest Speaker, gratuities, transfers, port taxes, airport taxes.
Not Included: Travel Insurance.



Vineyards of Cricova, Moldova



Sucevita Monastery, Bucovina

PAINTED MONASTERIES & MOLDAVIAN WINES

12th to 17th September 2017

We are offering a five night post-cruise extension to the beautiful north east region of Romania to visit the famed Painted Monasteries, including an overnight stay in the Republic of Moldova to experience the wine and culture of this little known state. These beautiful remote lands are steeped in history, tradition and culture and the itinerary includes many highlights as we travel amongst the plains and slopes of the eastern Carpathians. We start in Iasi, the cultural capital of Moldova and the most attractive city in the region. From here we travel across to Chisinau, the capital of the Republic of Moldova and from where we visit the extraordinary Cricova wine cellars, located beneath the hills just outside the city. These cellars are a maze of wine-filled vaults extending between 60 and 120 kilometres into the earth. Indeed, they are so big they are best navigated by car. Amongst the wines on display is a priceless group of bottles accumulated by Herman Goering, having been brought back by the Red Army at the end of World War II. Cricova is more than just a giant wine rack, it also produces wine, most notably the Kodrinskoie-sparkling, a unique methode champenoise made with Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. Returning to Romania, we will visit Tarpesti, a small rural village in the Moldova region before travelling on to Suceava, our base for excursions to the fascinating and unique painted Voronet and Sucevita monasteries; their fine exterior and interior frescoes have been preserved since Medieval times and in 1993 these unique monasteries received UNESCO's World Cultural Heritage status. We will also have the opportunity to visit Moldovita Monastery.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Bucharest to Iasi, Romania. Disembark the MS Royal Crown in Cernavoda and transfer to Bucharest by coach (approximately 3 hours). On arrival we explore the main sights of this impressive city and see the boulevards with their decidedly French style. After lunch in a local restaurant we continue on to the airport for the flight to Iasi, and on arrival transfer to our four-star hotel for an overnight night stay. Dinner will be at the hotel this evening.

Day 2 Iasi, Romania to Chisinau, Moldova. After breakfast this morning depart for Chisinau (approx. 2.5 hours), arriving around midday. After lunch in a local restaurant we depart for a guided tour, including Parliament House, the Central Market, City Hall, the Opera House and the Orthodox Cathedral. This evening enjoy dinner in a local restaurant with traditional Moldovian cuisine and music. Overnight stay in a four-star hotel.

Day 3 Cricova, Moldova to Iasi, Romania. After breakfast we depart for nearby Cricova for a tour of the famous cellar and a wine tasting.

Cricova cellar is a real underground town with a remarkable and historic collection of wines, and currently the number of bottles stored stands at around 1.3 million, with high profile politicians such as Vladimir Putin and Angela Merkel keeping their private wine collections here. Enjoy lunch and a wine tasting, after which we will return to Iasi. Enjoy an afternoon tour of this historic city, home to an impressive number of Orthodox churches (almost 100), most of them located in the so-called Golden Plateau. The oldest, the Princely Saint Nicholas Church, dates from the reign of Stephen the Great. The finest, however, are the 17th century St Paraschiva Metropolitan Cathedral and Trei Ierarhi Church, the last a curious example of Byzantine art, erected in 1635-1639 by Vasile Lupu. Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant serving typical Romanian rustic fare. Overnight at your hotel in Iasi.

Day 4 Iasi to Targu Neamt-Suceava to Radauti. After breakfast depart for Tarpesti, a small village in the Moldavia region, and on arrival make a visit to the private museum of Mr Popa; see his extraordinary and vast collection of artefacts and archaeological finds, followed by a performance of local folk dance by some of the village children. After lunch here continue on to Radauti with a panoramic city tour of Suceava Citadel en-route. On arrival into Radauti we check into our four-star hotel for a two night stay, and join your fellow travellers for a regional wine tasting session before dinner.

Day 5 The Painted Monasteries – Bucovina. After breakfast depart for the small town of Gura Humorului and visit the Catholic Church Cacica. On arrival see the beautiful Voronet Monastery – the "Sistine Chapel of the East" where the frescoes feature an intense shade of blue known in Romania as "Voronet blue". Continue on to Campulung-Moldovenesc and on arrival enjoy lunch in a local restaurant. Afterwards we will visit Moldovita Monastery and Sucevita Monastery, considered to be the greatest of the painted monasteries with its fortress-like appearance, towers and buttresses. Return in the late afternoon to our hotel for dinner followed by a folkloric show.

Day 6 Iasi to London (via Vienna). Breakfast at your hotel and travel back to Iasi for the return scheduled flight to London, via Vienna.

Prices per person Based on double occupancy

Twin: £695 Single: £865

Price Includes: Five nights accommodation at four-star hotels in Iasi, Chisinau and Radauti, full board throughout, wine, soft drinks with lunch and dinner, all sightseeing as described, Tour Manager, water during excursions, gratuities.

Not Included: Travel Insurance, drinks other than those stated.

ACROSS EUROPE BY RIVER

A journey between the Black Sea and Amsterdam

12th September to 5th October 2017



On this ultimate grand tour of Europe you will sail clear across the continent, visit eight countries, travel more than 2200 miles yet only unpack once as you settle aboard your wonderfully comfortable floating hotel, the MS Royal Crown. Trace the routes of emperors and kings as you cruise along the Rhine, Main and Danube and live the dream of Charlemagne, who 1200 years ago, dreamed of building a canal connecting the Rhine to the Danube. This is the perfect trip for those who enjoy seeing something new every day, as the MS Royal Crown will transport you in considerable comfort between great cities, towns and villages. Past ever-changing landscapes where the slow speed of the vessel allows us to absorb the views of town and country.

Each port of call has its own unique character waiting to be discovered whilst on one of our guided excursions. From historic locations to iconic buildings, our itinerary is brimming with highlights including the grand cities of Vienna and Budapest; the picturesque towns along the Rhine including Miltenberg and Rudesheim; wine tasting in Wurzburg and music performances including an organ recital in Passau. There will of course also be plenty of time to relax onboard and enjoy some truly beautiful scenery especially whilst cruising through the dramatic Rhine Gorge and through the spectacular Iron Gates.

If you have never experienced a river journey it is difficult to explain the sheer pleasure that comes from travelling across Europe observing everyday life on the banks of the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers. You can let the world slip by as you relax on the sun deck or in the lounge and delight in awe-inspiring panoramic views of the passing scenery. Guided excursions with excellent local guides and interesting talks by our guest speakers will create an enjoyable, informative and lively atmosphere onboard as we sail along the European waterways.

OUR VIEW

The MS Royal Crown is the perfect way to explore the rich riverside culture of the Rhine, Main and Danube. Elegantly decorated in a 1930s Art Deco style, the vessel transports you to a time when life moved at a slower pace and when people took the time to savour simple pleasures. Let the world slip by as you relax on the sun deck or in the lounge, delight in panoramic views of the passing scenery; lose yourself in the nostalgic sounds of classical music played live onboard. The destinations you will visit are just as romantic as the atmosphere aboard the vessel. The MS Royal Crown provides easy access to Europe's most lively and beautiful cities; each port of call has its own unique character waiting to be discovered. From historic locations to iconic buildings, your cruise itinerary is full of opportunities for making memories that will stay with you long after your return home. For your convenience, our prices include flights as well as gratuities, excursions and drinks with lunch and dinner.



Melk Abbey



Amsterdam



Half-timbered houses, Miltenberg

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London/Manchester/Birmingham/Bristol/Edinburgh to Bucharest, Romania. Fly by scheduled flight and transfer to the MS Royal Crown in Cernavoda (approx. 3 hours). Sail this evening.

Day 2 Tulcea. Today we arrive in Tulcea, situated at the entrance to the Danube Delta. Enjoy a boat trip into the delta wetlands, famous for its birdlife. Sail in the early afternoon and tonight meet your fellow travellers at the Welcome Drinks and Dinner.

Day 3 Constanta. This morning we arrive back in the port of Cernavoda and depart for our half day tour to Constanta, a popular resort city. Its colourful history dates back to ancient Greek and Roman times. On a

guided tour see the Museum of National History and Archaeology and the Roman mosaic. Return to the ship and sail on towards Rousse.

Day 4 Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria. From Rousse, enjoy a full day tour to the city of 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, visit the museum town of Arbanassi. Rejoin the ship at Nikopol and sail.

Day 5 Cruising Through the Iron Gates. Today the scenery becomes truly spectacular as you cruise through the Iron Gates, a narrow Danube gorge between the Carpathian and Balkan Mountains.

Day 6 Belgrade, Serbia. Spend the morning in this interesting city. A half-day tour highlights the city's main attractions, including the Kalemegdan fortress as it looms over the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers, Saint Sava Cathedral, the largest Orthodox Church in the world, and Tito's Memorial. Your tour ends with a superb local folklore performance ashore. Sail this afternoon towards Hungary.

Day 7 Pecs & Villany, Hungary. This morning we arrive in the port of Mohacs, and depart after breakfast for a full day scenic tour of Pecs and Villany. The city of Pecs enjoys a fine position on the slopes of the Mecsek Hills. The visit will feature the sites associated with the city's Roman Ottoman Hapsburg past, as well as a short organ recital in the splendid Pecs Cathedral. Continue on to the town of Villany, including lunch and wine tasting. Villany is one of Hungary's top wine regions, known for its reds and rosés. Thanks to the area's sub-Mediterranean climate, wines from Villány are full-bodied and spicy and of the highest quality. Sail in the evening towards Kalocsa.

Day 8 Kalocsa. Arrive early this morning in charming Kalocsa, renowned for paprika production. Your tour of the Puszta district will include the town and a spectacular display of horsemanship. Depart in the afternoon for a relaxing cruise along the beautiful Danube towards Budapest.

EXCLUSIVE PERFORMANCES BY LONDON FESTIVAL OPERA

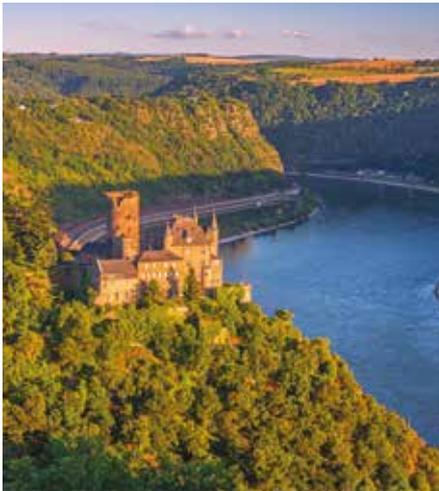


We are delighted that members of London Festival Opera will be joining us for three performances during your cruise. Bringing together established opera singers from major British opera companies, London Festival Opera have achieved a considerable reputation for presenting opera and music performances in a wide variety

of worldwide venues. They will perform a Mozart Opera Celebration featuring arias ensembles from *The Marriage of Figaro*, *Così fan Tutte*, *Don Giovanni* and *The Magic Flute* in the beautiful setting of Melk Abbey. They will also present their highlight production of Puccini's heart-rending masterpiece *Madame Butterfly* in costume and a magical repertoire "A Night in Vienna" onboard the MS Royal Crown whilst we are moored in Vienna.



Kalemegdan Fortress, Belgrade



Germany's picturesque Rhine Valley



Parliament building, Budapest



The half-timbered town hall, Bamberg

Day 9 Budapest. We have the day to explore Hungary's elegant capital. Spend the morning on an excursion that will include the old quarter, the Matthias Church and the Fishermen's Bastion. Return to the ship and spend the afternoon at leisure. Tonight there will be an optional evening of music ashore, subject to availability and depending on schedules - this will be either at the State Opera House or the Liszt Academy.

Day 10 Bratislava. Cruise through Hungary to Slovakia, arriving in the capital in the afternoon. Enjoy a walking tour of the city; see the old quarter, the ornate Baroque Palace and the ancient city gates. Finish your tour with a visit to the beautiful Klarissen Church where a string quartet will perform a concert of music by Dvorak and Mozart. Return to the vessel and sail this evening to Vienna.

Day 11 Vienna. 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. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon is at leisure to explore this majestic city further. In the early evening there will be an onboard performance by London Festival Opera of Puccini's heart-rending masterpiece *Madame Butterfly* in costume, followed by dinner in the restaurant.

Day 12 Vienna. After breakfast join a tour to see Schonbrunn Palace and Gardens, the favourite summer residence of Maria Theresa. Return to the

vessel for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. In the early evening there will be a performance of "A Night in Vienna" by London Festival Opera, followed by dinner in the restaurant.

Day 13 Wachau Valley & Melk. Early this morning, we sail through the beautiful Wachau Valley towards the great Baroque Abbey of Melk, situated high above the Danube. On arrival we enjoy a guided tour of the abbey followed by a performance by London Festival Opera featuring aria ensembles from *The Marriage of Figaro*, *Così fan Tutte*, and *Don Giovanni*.

Day 14 Passau. Arrive this morning in Passau, where the Inn and Ilz rivers join the Danube. Join the tour that will include a scenic drive and a guided walk through the Old Town. Tour the breathtaking Cathedral of St. Stephan, which contains the world's largest church pipe organ. After a short organ recital, return to the vessel for lunch and an afternoon at leisure before we sail on towards Regensburg.

Day 15 Regensburg. Enjoy a morning guided stroll around historic Regensburg, Germany's largest and best preserved medieval city. See the twin-spired cathedral Dom St Peter, the treasury and the tower houses. Return to the ship for lunch, and sail on towards Nuremberg.

Day 16 Nuremberg. Join a morning guided tour of this historic city, capital of Franconia. On our tour see the old city within the vast walls and visit Zeppelin Field and the site of the Nuremberg Trials, the Palace of Justice. Afternoon at leisure here to explore further.

Day 17 Bamberg. Arrive in Bamberg in the morning and enjoy a tour of one of Germany's loveliest cities. Its relative geographical location, some 40 miles north of Nuremberg, was a key factor in preserving its architectural heritage from the ravages of war. Every single European style from the Romanesque onwards, has left its mark on Bamberg, each bequeathing at least one major building. Upon arrival join a guided walking tour which will include a tasting of Rauchbier (smoked beer). This afternoon the ship remains in Bamberg, allowing you free time to explore further.

Day 18 Würzburg. After a morning of scenic cruising, arrive in Würzburg, the wine capital of Franconia. Tour this attractive town including the Prince Bishop's Residenz Palace and the old town with its impressive collection of



Vineyards of Villany



Great Black Cormorants, Danube Delta



Schonbrunn Palace, Vienna

churches. Your tour in this magnificent palace ends with a wine tasting in the Residenz Cellar, a chance to sample Franconian wines.

Day 19 Wertheim & Miltenberg. Morning at leisure in beautiful Wertheim, known as "Little Heidelberg". Return to the ship and sail on to the pretty Franconian town of Miltenberg, renowned for its half-timbered Medieval houses. On a walking tour see the picturesque triangular shaped Marktplatz and the restored castle.

Day 20 Mainz. Arrive this afternoon in atmospheric Mainz. Our walking tour here will include the Hoefchen ("Little Court"), residence of the city's archbishops until the 15th century, the Kirschgarten with its romantic half-timbered houses and Marian-Fountain. Your tour ends with a visit to the Johan Gutenberg Museum. Sail on to Rudesheim for an overnight mooring.

Day 21 Rudesheim & Koblenz. After an early breakfast we take a walking tour of the charming and lively riverside town of Rudesheim, including a visit to Siegfried's Musical Instrument Museum. We sail in the late morning on to Koblenz, cruising through the dramatic Rhine Gorge. On arrival into Koblenz in the late afternoon we take a walking tour of this historic town. This evening we sail overnight to Cologne.

Day 22 Cologne. We arrive this morning into Cologne, and take a tour to see the city's famous cathedral. The cathedral is the largest Gothic church in northern Europe with a total area of almost 8000 square metres and room for more than 20,000 people, and the second tallest spire and façade in the world. Afterwards visit a "Brauhaus" to sample some of the local Kolsch beer. Spend a relaxing afternoon cruising towards Amsterdam.

Day 23 Amsterdam. Arrive into Amsterdam at lunch time, and spend the afternoon exploring this fascinating city. You may like to take a canal cruise and admire the city from a glass-top boat as you glide past 17th century homes, churches and 16th century merchant houses. Then wander through Amsterdam's famed flower market along the banks of the canal. Alternatively visit the Rijksmuseum with its splendid collection of old masters.

Day 24 Amsterdam to London/Manchester/Birmingham/Bristol/Edinburgh. Disembark this morning for the return scheduled flight to the UK..

PRE-CRUISE BUCHAREST EXTENSION

9th to 12th September 2017

If you would like to extend your time in Bucharest we are offering a three night extension staying at a centrally located hotel. Further details on request or can be viewed online at:

www.noble-caledonia.co.uk



Romanian Athenaeum, Bucharest

PRICES PER PERSON

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Premium Suite	Select	£7595	£7095
Royal Suite	Panorama	£7995	£7495
Deluxe Suite for sole use	Select	£7095	£6595

Price Includes: Economy class scheduled air travel, 23 nights aboard the MS Royal Crown on full board basis, house wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner, shore excursions and musical events as described, guest speaker, services of a cruise director, performances by London Festival Opera, tour manager, transfers, port taxes, airport taxes, gratuities.

Not Included: Optional evening ashore in Budapest, travel insurance.

THE ROMANTIC RHINE & ENCHANTING MAIN

A river voyage from Amsterdam to Regensburg

5th to 16th October 2017

Join us for our journey along Germany's lovely rivers, the mighty Rhine, for so long one of Europe's main trading routes and the Main, the Rhine's longest tributary. We have planned a most comprehensive journey starting in Amsterdam, city of the "Golden Age", with all its artistic riches. We then cruise along the beautiful Rhine with its fairy-tale castles, majestic palaces and the region's enchanting Medieval towns and villages. At the ancient city of Bamberg we will enter the Main-Danube Canal and we continue our cruise until we reach the Bavarian city of Regensburg, situated on the confluence of the Danube, Naab and Regen rivers. From the Romantic to the Baroque, Gothic to Renaissance, centuries of history are inescapable around every corner and we have the added advantage of travelling in October, a lovely month to visit this region when the beauty of the passing scenery should be enhanced by the onset of autumn.



THE ITINERARY

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

Day 2 Amsterdam. Join the morning guided visit to the impressive Rijksmuseum with its splendid collection of old masters. Return to the MS Royal Crown for lunch and this afternoon there will be a choice of excursions. Depart for a canal cruise and admire the city from a glass-top boat as you glide past 17th century homes, churches and 16th century merchant houses. Alternatively you may wish to visit the historic Rembrandt's House Museum, where the painter worked and lived between 1639 and 1656. This evening join your fellow travellers for Welcome Drinks and Dinner on board. Moor overnight.

Day 3 Amsterdam. After breakfast today we will have a choice of tours. You can choose between the Van Gogh Museum, home to the world's largest collection of Van Gogh paintings, or alternatively visit the nearby picturesque village of Zaanse Schans, famous for its beautiful windmills. Here, you will enjoy a cheese-making demonstration and a tasting. Return to the ship for lunch and sail in the early afternoon.

Day 4 Cologne, Germany. Relax on board this morning as we cruise the legendary Rhine, passing Duisburg and Dusseldorf before arriving into Cologne. After lunch we will 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. Afterwards we will visit a local "Brauhaus" to sample some of the Kolsch beer before returning to the vessel and sailing to Koblenz in the Rhine Valley.

Day 5 Koblenz & Boppard. After breakfast today we depart for a walking tour of this historic commercial centre before travelling the short distance by coach to Namedy Castle for an event of royal delights. This magnificent royal residence was built by the Hausmann Knights of Andernach in the 14th century. Princess Heide von Hohenzollern is opening the doors of her home exclusively for our guests. Enjoy some free time to wander about the castle's interesting rooms, hidden nooks and gardens followed by lunch in Namedy Castle's ballroom. We will return to the MS Royal Crown at Boppard and enjoy an afternoon here in one of prettiest towns along the Rhine with its 14th century Carmelite Church.

Day 6 Rudesheim. Our morning will be spent cruising through the dramatic Rhine gorge to Rudesheim, passing romantic castles, lush vineyards and the infamous Lorelei Rock. On arrival we set off on the Winzerexpress mini-train to visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum, home to one of Germany's most fascinating collections of automated musical instruments. Continue by coach to beautiful Kloster Eberbach, established in the 12th century by Cistercian monks from Clairvaux in France, and the outstanding backdrop to the film "The Name of the Rose". Our tour will end with a tasting of their Riesling and Burgundy wines.

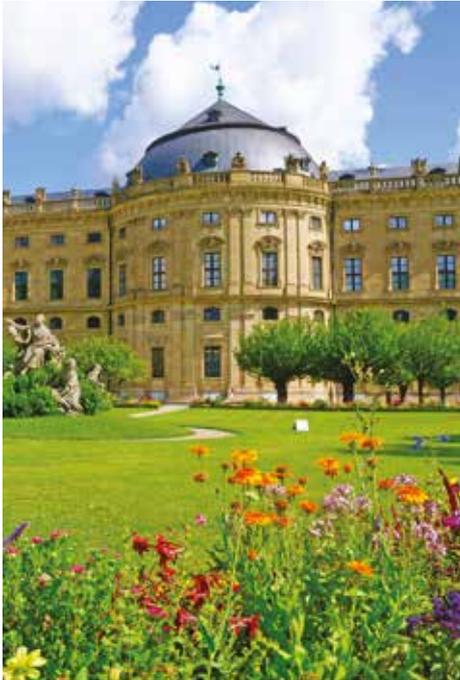
Day 7 Miltenberg. This afternoon we will disembark in Miltenberg, a pretty Franconian town set amongst the spectacular scenery of the Odenwald Forest. Its stunning half-timbered houses and historic buildings offer a wonderful insight into Medieval times.

Day 8 Wurzburg. Enjoy a morning cruising to Wurzburg where on arrival we will embark on a guided tour that will include the magnificent Prince Bishop's Residenz Palace. Our tour ends with a wine tasting of local wines in the splendid cellars of the Residenz. Also see the old town with its collection of churches, which range in style from Baroque, Romanesque, Gothic and Renaissance to Modern. Sail this evening on to Kitzingen.

Day 9 Rothenburg & Kitzingen. After breakfast we depart by coach on the Romantic Road to Rothenburg, the best preserved Medieval town in Germany. On arrival take a tour of this picturesque walled town with its

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- The art museums of Amsterdam: Rijksmuseum, Van Gogh & Rembrandt's House
- Beautiful Namedy Castle
- The Carmelite Church in Boppard
- The Cistercian Monastery at Eberbach
- The magnificent Prince Bishop's Residenz Palace in Wurzburg
- Rothenburg, the best preserved Medieval town in Germany
- The World Heritage listed city of Bamberg



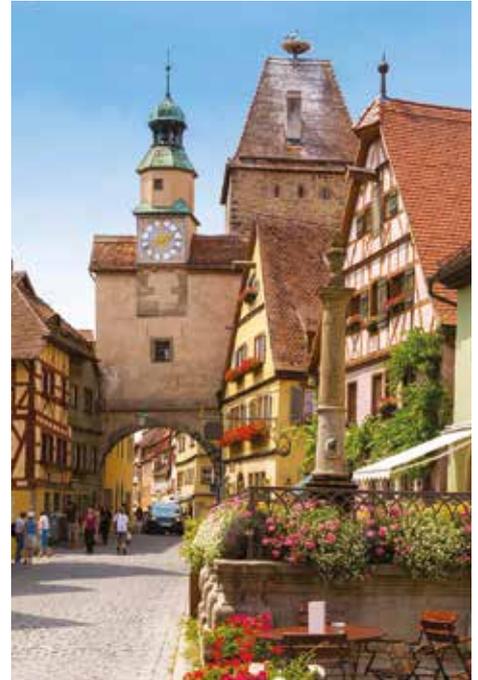
Prince Bishop's Residenz Palace, Würzburg



Vineyards of Rudesheim



Narny Castle



Medieval Rothenburg

splendid skyline of 42 gates and towers. After lunch on board there will be a walking tour of Kitzingen which will include the famous Leaning Tower, built during the 13th century. Legend has it that the golden ball that sits at the top of the crooked roof contains the heart of the original Count Dracula. Also see the Old Main Bridge, Kitzingen Church and the Renaissance Town Hall. End your tour with a wine tasting at Germany's oldest wine cellar, where you will taste several different wines and learn about the history of wine production in the region. Return to the ship and sail this evening towards Bamberg.

Day 10 Bamberg. Today we enter the Main-Danube Canal at Bamberg, one of Germany's most beautiful historic towns. On arrival take a tour of this World Heritage listed town, one of the few German cities that was not destroyed during the bombings of World War II. Bamberg also lies in the heart of a region that boasts nearly 300 breweries. Our tour will end with a performance at the Residenz by a string quartet from the wonderful Bamberg Symphony Orchestra. Later we cruise on through the Main-Danube Canal.

Day 11 Nuremberg. On arrival in Nuremberg enjoy a tour of this historic city. Visit World War II sites including the Reich Party Rally Grounds where six Nazi Party rallies were held between 1933 and 1938. Discover the city's spectacular Medieval architecture which includes the 900 year-old ramparts that surround the city, the Imperial Castle and more. Return to the MS Royal Crown for lunch and enjoy your final afternoon relaxing on board as we cruise towards Regensburg. Tonight join your fellow travellers for the Farewell Drinks & Dinner.

Day 12 Regensburg to London. Disembark after breakfast and enjoy some free time in Regensburg before transferring to Munich airport for your return scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Superior Suite	Select	£3195	£2995
Deluxe Suite	Select	£3395	£3195
Premium Suite	Select	£3595	£3395
Royal Suite	Panorama	£4195	£3995
Deluxe Suite for sole use	Select	£3395	£3195

Price Includes: Economy class scheduled air travel, 11 nights aboard the MS Royal Crown on full board basis, house wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner, shore excursions, Cruise Director, Tour Manager, Guest Speaker, gratuities, transfers, port taxes, airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel Insurance.

POST-CRUISE PRAGUE EXTENSION

16th to 18th October 2017

If you would like to spend some time in Prague before returning to London we are offering a two night extension.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Regensburg to Prague, Czech Republic. Disembark after breakfast and travel overland by coach to Prague (approx. 3 hours). On arrival check in to the four-star centrally located Esplanade Hotel for a two night stay on bed and breakfast basis. This afternoon there will be walking tour of some of Prague's highlights such as Wenceslas Square and the old town, and the remainder of the evening will be at leisure.



Old town square, Prague

Day 2 Prague. After breakfast at your hotel we will embark on a panoramic city tour, including visits to Prague Castle and St Vitus Cathedral as well as the old Jewish quarter. Return to your hotel and the remainder of the day is at leisure. Tonight there will an optional music event at the State Opera House (subject to availability and schedules).

Day 3 Prague to London. After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a morning at leisure to sightsee independently. Afternoon transfer to the airport for your return flight to London.

Prices per person Based on double occupancy

Twin: £325 Single: £395

Price Includes: Two nights accommodation at the Esplanade Hotel on bed and breakfast basis, tours on Day 1 and Day 2, transfers, gratuities.
Not Included: Travel insurance, optional music evening.



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