

NOBLE CALEDONIA



MS ROYAL CROWN

RIVER CRUISING ALONG THE RHINE, MAIN & DANUBE

2021

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EXPLORING BY RIVER ABOARD THE MS ROYAL CROWN



Travelling across Europe by river offers an insight that cannot easily be had by more conventional forms of transport. The leisurely pace and quietness of the vessel allows you to be at one with your surroundings and the ever changing scenery and immediate accessibility of an area so steeped in history are just some of the many advantages of exploring by river.

We have been offering river cruises since our establishment in 1991 and in that time have witnessed an incredible growth in the number of vessels plying the rivers of Europe. The new, ultra-modern river cruise ships can accommodate hundreds of passengers, however, we have once again chosen to charter the charming MS Royal Crown for a series of cruises along the European Waterways in 2021. Built in 1996 to accommodate just 90 guests, she is in a class of her own and features exquisite furniture, expensive materials and Art Deco style cabins which give the vessel its unique atmosphere.

Our Guest Speakers, who will accompany you on board the MS Royal Crown will add to your enjoyment with informative talks and, after 30 years of operating cruises along the rivers of Europe, we have accumulated the very best of local guides for our excursions. Their enormous wealth of knowledge and their own individual views provide colour to our trips leaving you with a lasting memory of all you see. In addition to the excursions, we have included drinks with lunch and dinner, as well as gratuities in the price which makes for all-round ease and enjoyment when travelling aboard the MS Royal Crown.

Whether your main interest lies in history, politics, art, wine, music or simply enjoying the stately pace as we navigate through ever changing scenery, we believe we offer the most comprehensive range of river journeys along the Rhine, Main and Danube for the genuine traveller.



Royal Suite

MS ROYAL CROWN

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.

YOUR 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, 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.



Premium Suite



Deluxe Suite



Lido Bar

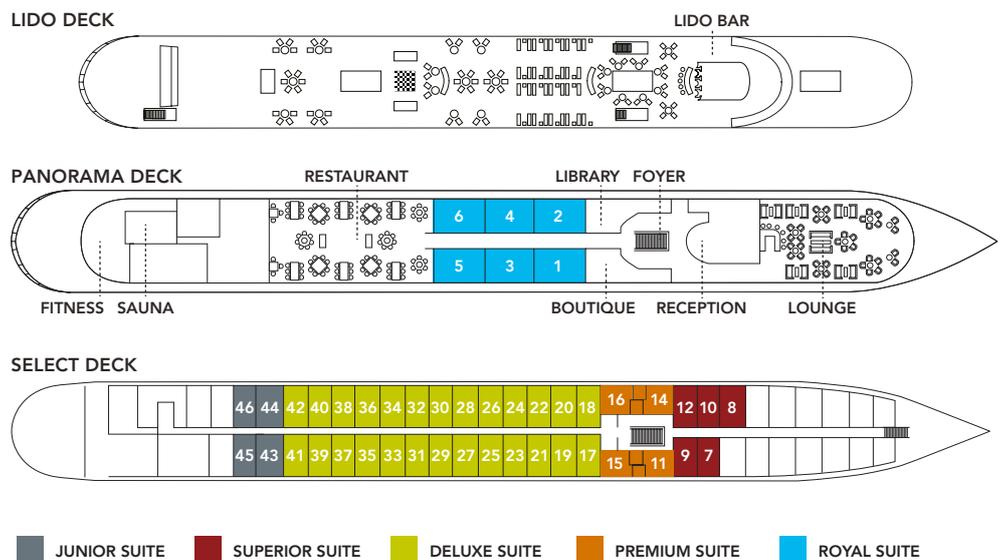


Cabin hospitality



Bathroom

DECK PLAN



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.



The Restaurant



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.

Farewell Gala Dinner

Appetiser

Salmon with honey mustard dressing
and fresh garden lettuce

Soup

Broccoli cream soup with gorgonzola croutons

Warm Appetiser

Grilled king prawn on saffron risotto with herb sauce

Sorbet

Cassis sorbet with sparkling wine

Main

Pink roasted slices of Beef Tenderloin served with béarnaise sauce,
gratin potatoes and fresh garden vegetables

Desserts

"Dessert Parade"

Baked Alaska MS Royal Crown

or

Cheese plate with crackers, nuts and grapes



Lounge Bar



Sun Deck

YOUR SPACE

The elegant Lounge Bar is defined by its 1930s 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 a 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 musician 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.





The Lounge

SPRING FLOWERS & THE GOLDEN AGE OF DUTCH ART

A cruise exploring the art treasures & horticultural highlights of The Netherlands aboard the MS Royal Crown

15th to 25th April 2021 with Guest Speaker Lydia Bauman

& 25th April to 5th May 2021 with Guest Speaker Dr Sophie Oosterwijk

Spring is the perfect time of year to immerse yourself in the cultural and horticultural splendours of the Netherlands. During our voyage aboard the wonderfully comfortable MS Royal Crown, we will explore the countryside in some depth, visiting the magnificent flower displays of the Keukenhof, the historic Castle and Gardens of Middachten, the picturesque towns of the Zuider Zee, the Hortus Botanicus, the oldest botanical garden in the Netherlands and of course the art treasures of Amsterdam and The Hague.



April and May are ideal months for our journey, the bulbs will be at their best and the landscape touched by the arrival of spring. 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.

GUEST SPEAKERS



Lydia Bauman
15th April Departure

Lydia Bauman is a Polish born artist and art historian. Educated at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne (BA in Fine Art) and Courtauld Institute of Art, London (MA in Art History, Distinction) she is now herself a passionate educator whose teaching is informed by her own understanding of the artists craft.

She has acquired wide experience of teaching through her engagement with numerous and varied adult education groups and through her work at the Tate Gallery, National Portrait Gallery and the National Gallery. She is the author of the forthcoming book "Great Themes in Art".



Dr Sophie Oosterwijk
25th April Departure

Sophie was born in Gouda and studied English at Leiden and Medieval Studies at York before obtaining two doctorates in Art History (Leicester) and English Literature (Leiden). She is a recognised specialist in Early Netherlandish, Flemish and Dutch art and previously taught Art History at the Universities of Leicester,

Manchester and St Andrews before returning to the Netherlands to take up a research post at Utrecht University. Sophie is currently a freelance researcher and a regular guest lecturer for the University of Cambridge, NADFAS (now The Arts Society), and other organisations. She is also co-editor of the international journal Church Monuments published annually by The Church Monuments Society, and she has published widely, especially on death, the danse macabre and commemorative art. Sophie is a lively and entertaining speaker who specialises in discussing art in its historical and cultural context.

THE ITINERARY

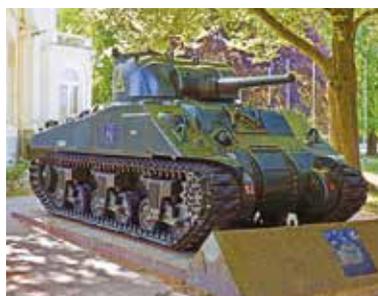
Day 1 London/Bristol or Edinburgh to Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Fly by scheduled flight or travel by Eurostar train via Brussels. On arrival into Amsterdam transfer to the MS Royal Crown and embark. Moor overnight.

Day 2 Keukenhof Gardens. After breakfast we will drive from Amsterdam to the Keukenhof Gardens for a morning in this extraordinary horticultural heaven. With 32 hectares of flowers, more than seven million bulbs in bloom and 800 varieties of tulips, this is a truly unique and unforgettable experience. We will return to the MS Royal Crown for a late lunch followed by an afternoon at leisure in Amsterdam. Moor overnight in Amsterdam.

Day 3 Naarden & Amsterdam. After breakfast we will depart for the ancient fortified town of Naarden, one of the best-preserved in Europe with a fascinating history. A military work of art, it has the shape of a 12-pointed star and a double ring of moats. On arrival enjoy a walking tour, followed by some free time. After lunch on board, the afternoon is at leisure to either explore independently or join the included tour to the Rijksmuseum. Housing some of the greatest examples of Western European painting and decorative arts, it boasts works by Vermeer, Goya, and Rubens. Here, Rembrandt's famous 'The Night Watch' hangs in the Hall of Honour.

Day 4 Haarlem. After breakfast, depart for a morning walking tour of Haarlem, including the Windmill de Adriaan. Our tour concludes with a visit to the Frans Hals Museum, home to a spectacular display of 16th and 17th century portraits, still lifes and landscapes. Return to the MS Royal Crown for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore the city's pretty streets and café culture. Sail in the early evening towards Hoorn.



The 'Hartenstein' Airborne Museum, Arnhem



Amsterdam



Keukenhof Gardens



Leiden



Windmills of Kinderdijk



The pretty village of Marken



Delft

Day 5 Hoorn, Edam & Marken. This morning we will take a walking tour of the beautiful 16th century town of Hoorn and after lunch on board we will visit two 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 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 when the island was flooded quite regularly and, the reason why the houses were built on stilts and mounds. Sail in the early evening towards Arnhem.

Day 6 Arnhem. Arrive this morning into Arnhem. After breakfast on board join an excursion to visit the memorable Airborne Museum 'Hartenstein'; this renovated building houses the world's largest collection of militaria from Operation Market Garden. 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 included visit to the unique Middachten Castle & Gardens. Middachten has never been sold but has 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 in the evening towards Dordrecht.

Day 7 Dordrecht & Kinderdijk. Enjoy a relaxing morning cruise as we head towards Dordrecht. After lunch on board there will be an excursion to see the nearby marvellous Windmills of Kinderdijk, of which there are 19 in total, dating from 1740. The remainder of the day is free to explore Dordrecht with its old-world atmosphere and quaint shops, cottages and canals. Sail on towards Veere this evening.

Day 8 Veere & Middelburg. 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. Enjoy free time here to explore at your own pace. Return to the ship and sail on to the lovingly restored Medieval town of Middelburg whose 12th century abbey is one of the oldest in the Netherlands. Join an afternoon guided walking tour on arrival. Sail this evening to Rotterdam.

Day 9 Delft & The Hague. From Rotterdam we depart for a full day tour. Our first stop will be Delft, birthplace of Vermeer. Here we enjoy a walking tour of the pretty town, followed by lunch and a visit to the Delft Blue Pottery. Afterwards, we continue to The Hague for a visit to the beautiful Mauritshuis Museum with its marvellous collection of Dutch Golden Age paintings. Moor overnight in Rotterdam.

Day 10 Leiden. After breakfast we depart for the vibrant city of Leiden, a treasure trove of narrow streets and canals, lined with beautiful 17th century buildings, including ancient almshouses. On our walking tour we will see the old harbour, Beestenmarkt square and the charming Weddesteege, where the world-famous painter Rembrandt was born. We continue with a visit to the Hortus Botanicus, the oldest botanical garden in the Netherlands. Return to the ship for a late lunch and sail towards Amsterdam. This evening join your fellow travellers for the farewell drinks and dinner.

Day 11 Amsterdam to London/Bristol or Edinburgh. Disembark after breakfast and return to the UK by scheduled flight or travel by Eurostar to London St Pancras.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

SPECIAL OFFER – SAVE £200 PER PERSON FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

CATEGORY	DECK	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
Junior Suite	Select	£3295	£3095
Superior Suite	Select	£3395	£3195
Deluxe Suite	Select	£3695	£3495
Premium Suite	Select	£4195	£3995
Royal Suite	Panorama	£4695	£4495
Deluxe Suite for sole use	Select	£4595	£4395

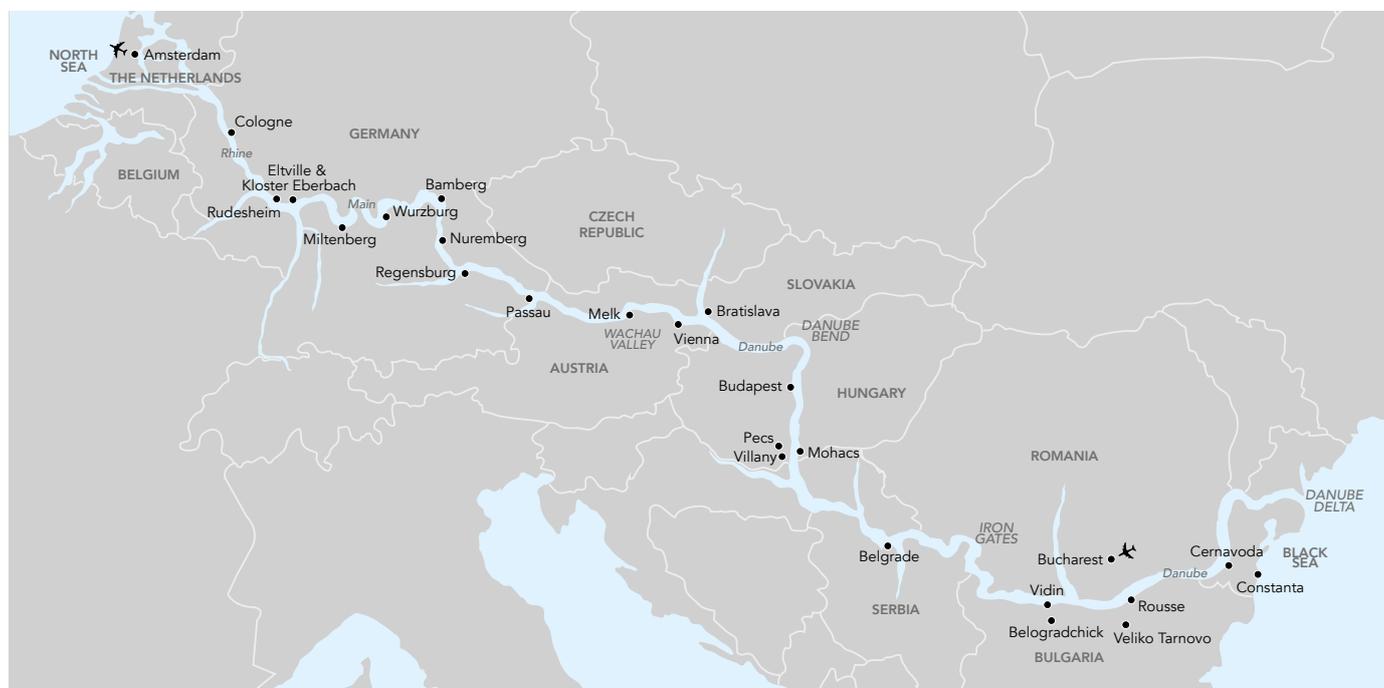
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Not Included: Travel insurance.

ACROSS EUROPE BY RIVER

A river voyage from the Danube Delta to Amsterdam aboard the MS Royal Crown with highlight performances by London Festival Opera

28th May to 20th June 2021



Join us aboard the charming MS Royal Crown for our ultimate grand tour of Europe as we sail clear across the continent, visit eight countries, travel more than 2200 miles and yet only have to unpack once. This is the perfect trip for those who enjoy seeing something new every day, as the MS Royal Crown transports 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 and Main including Miltenberg and Rudesheim; wine tasting in Wurzburg and musical performances. There will of course also be plenty of time to relax on board and enjoy some truly beautiful scenery especially whilst cruising through the dramatic Rhine Gorge and through the spectacular Iron Gates.

GUEST SPEAKERS



Major Gordon Corrigan On board 28th May to 8th June 2021

Gordon Corrigan spent most of his adult life as an officer of the Royal Gurkha Rifles, serving mainly in the Far East but also in Cyprus, Berlin, Northern Ireland and Belize. He is now a military historian and the author of a number of books on subjects ranging from the Hundred Years War to the Peninsula War to the First and Second World

Wars. To date he has been the presenter of five TV series dealing with various aspects of military history. He conducts military history study tours and is a regular speaker on Noble Caledonia cruises. He is an Honorary Research Fellow of the Universities of Birmingham and Kent, a Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society, a Member of the British Commission for Military History, and a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Farriers.



Neil Taylor On board 8th to 20th June 2021

Neil visited Germany frequently as a child seeing many ruined towns. He has lectured on group tours and cruises to Austria and Germany most years since the 1970s, having studied German history at Cambridge University. He has followed political developments in them throughout that time, and has a particular interest in comparing how Germany as two countries and Austria

as one dealt with the legacy of World War II. He has also kept abreast of the remarkable architectural restoration throughout the area, as evident in the small villages along the Rhine as in the big cities.



White Pelican, Danube Delta



Saint Sava Cathedral, Belgrade



Belogradchik Rocks and Fortress



Decebal Statue, Iron Gates Gorge, Danube



Pecs

SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCE BY LONDON FESTIVAL OPERA



We are delighted to announce that our long time associates London Festival Opera will be presenting 'A Feast of Opera' in three enchanting historic settings - Amorbach Abbey for an Opera Gala featuring the works of the great German, French and Italian composers, Kloster Eberbach for a recital covering three centuries of great operatic repertoire, and Vollarads Castle for a recreation of a 19th century

Opera Soirée performed in period evening dress. Bringing together artists from the major British opera companies including the Royal Opera, English National Opera and Glyndebourne Festival Opera, the company has a considerable reputation and has appeared in some of the world's leading venues including as a guest company in one of Italy's greatest opera houses, La Fenice.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Bucharest, Romania. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Royal Crown in Fetesti (approx. 2.5 hour drive). Sail this evening.

Day 2 Danube Delta. The vast Danube Delta is one of the most important wetlands left in Europe. We will access this unique region from Miła 35 at the entrance to the delta and explore by local boats. Return to the vessel and enjoy a relaxing afternoon sailing along the Danube. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for welcome drinks and dinner.

Day 3 Constanta. Early this morning we arrive in Cernavoda at the entrance to the Black Sea Canal. Drive to nearby Constanta, a popular resort city. Its colourful history dates back to ancient Greek and Roman times. On a guided tour we will see the Museum of National History and Archaeology and the Museum of Ethnography.

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, we will visit the museum town of Arbanassi.

Day 5 Belogradchik & Vidin. Arrive this morning in the Bulgarian port of Vidin. After breakfast on board 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. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon we visit Vidin for a performance by the wonderful Vidin Symphonic Orchestra in the Philharmonic concert hall.

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.

Day 7 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. Our tour ends with a superb local folklore performance ashore. Sail this afternoon towards Hungary.



Bratislava



Prince Bishop's Residenz Palace, Würzburg



Melk Abbey



Cologne Cathedral



Budapest

Day 8 Pecs & Villany, Hungary. This morning we arrive in the port of Mohacs for our full day scenic tour of Pecs and Villany. The city of Pecs enjoys a fine position on the slopes of the Mecsek Hills and our tour 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 for 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 are full-bodied, spicy and of the highest quality. Sail in the evening towards Budapest.

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 for lunch and spend the afternoon at leisure. Tonight, there will be a 'Budapest by Night' cruise as we sail on towards Slovakia.

Day 10 Bratislava, Slovakia. Cruise through Hungary to Slovakia, arriving in the capital in the mid-afternoon. Enjoy a walking tour of the city and see the old quarter, the ornate Baroque Palace and the ancient city gates. Our tour will finish with a visit to the Klarissen Church where a string quartet will perform a concert of music by Dvorak and Mozart.

Day 11 Vienna, Austria. A morning city tour of Austria's elegant capital will take us around the famous Ringstrasse, and the Old Quarter including St Stephan's Cathedral. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, there will be an optional evening of music ashore at the State Opera House or similar, subject to availability and depending on schedules.

Day 12 Vienna. After breakfast join our delightful tour to the Vienna Woods, including a visit to the Mayerling hunting lodge, where scandal once rocked the royal family, as well as the Cistercian Abbey of Heiligenkreuz. Return to the ship for lunch and either enjoy an afternoon at leisure or join our optional excursion to Schonbrunn Palace and Gardens, the favourite summer residence of Maria Theresa. Sail overnight towards Melk.

Day 13 Wachau Valley & Melk. Enjoy a morning cruise as we sail through the beautiful Wachau Valley towards the great Baroque Abbey of Melk, situated high above the Danube. After lunch, depart for a guided tour of

the abbey, including the Imperial Staircase, the Marble Hall and the abbey church.

Day 14 Passau, Germany. Arrive in the early afternoon in Passau, where the Inn and Ilz rivers join the Danube. After lunch on board join a guided walk through the Old Town. Tour the breathtaking Cathedral of St Stephan, which contains the world's largest church pipe organ. Return to the MS Royal Crown and 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 vessel for lunch and sail on towards Nuremberg.

Day 16 Nuremberg. Join a morning guided tour of this historic city, capital of Franconia. See the old city within the vast walls and visit Zeppelin Field and the Palace of Justice. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure here to explore further.

Day 17 Bamberg. We will 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. This afternoon the ship remains in Bamberg, allowing you free time to explore further. Sail onwards in the late afternoon.

Day 18 Würzburg. After a morning of scenic cruising, arrive in Würzburg, the wine capital of Franconia. Our tour of this attractive town will include the old town with its impressive collection of churches and the Prince Bishop's Residenz Palace. The tour of this magnificent palace will end with a wine tasting in the Residenz Cellar.

Day 19 Miltenberg. We arrive today in 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. Return to the vessel for lunch followed by a short drive to nearby Amorbach Abbey for an afternoon performance of celebrated opera arias and ensembles by London Festival Opera.

PRE-CRUISE BUCHAREST EXTENSION

25th to 28st May 2021

Day 20 Eltville & Kloster Eberbach. Arrive this afternoon into the small town of Eltville and transfer the short distance to nearby Kloster Eberbach, established in the 13th century by Cistercian monks from Clairvaux in France, and the outstanding backdrop to the film "The Name of the Rose". Our visit here will include a performance of popular repertoire by London Festival Opera and a chance to taste wine made from the world-famous Steinberg vineyard. Afterwards return to the MS Royal Crown and enjoy some free time in Eltville before we sail.

Day 21 Rudesheim. After breakfast depart by coach to nearby Vollrads Castle. This grand estate has been the Greiffendau residence since the 14th century and the making of wine on this site can be traced back to 1211. We will also sample some of their splendid wines during our tour. Afterwards, enjoy the final concert by London Festival Opera with a performance in period costume for an added visual impact. Return to the MS Royal Crown for lunch and sail this afternoon through the scenic Rhine Gorge as we head towards Cologne.

Day 22 Cologne. This morning we will visit 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. Enjoy lunch on board and a relaxing afternoon cruising towards Amsterdam.

Day 23 Amsterdam, Netherlands. Arrive into Amsterdam this morning and visit one of the great art houses of Europe. Choose between the Rijksmuseum, with its splendid collection of old masters, including Rembrandt's famous "The Night Watch". Alternatively, you may prefer a visit to the Van Gogh Museum, which offers one of the world's largest collection of works by the artist, including "Almond Blossom" and "The Bedroom". Enjoy an afternoon at leisure and this evening join your fellow travellers for the farewell drinks and dinner.

Day 24 Amsterdam to London. Disembark this morning for the return scheduled flight to London.



Amsterdam

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

SPECIAL OFFER – SAVE £500 PER PERSON FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

CATEGORY	DECK	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
Junior Suite	Select	£7495	£6995
Superior Suite	Select	£7595	£7095
Deluxe Suite	Select	£7895	£7395
Premium Suite	Select	£8295	£7795
Royal Suite	Panorama	£8795	£8295
Deluxe Suite for sole use	Select	£8895	£8395

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 23 nights aboard the MS Royal Crown on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Performances by London Festival Opera • Gratuities • Transfers • Port & airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, optional tour on day 12 and music evening ashore in Vienna on day 11.

Please note: Return flights from UK regional airports are available on request and subject to availability.

If you would like to spend some time in Bucharest before embarking the MS Royal Crown, we are offering a three night pre-cruise extension.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Bucharest, Romania. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to your hotel for a three night stay.

Day 2 Discover Bucharest. After breakfast enjoy a panoramic tour of the city's highlights, including the National Theatre, the University Square, the National Art Museum, the Opera House, the Military Academy, the Arch of Triumph, and the Free Press House. We complete the morning with a walking tour of the Old Town. Enjoy lunch in "Carul cu Bere", Bucharest's oldest beer house, with its colourful Belle Epoque interior and classic Romanian fare. This afternoon we will 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. Tonight join your fellow travellers for a welcome drink and dinner in the hotel. **(B, L, D)**

Day 3 Snagov & Mogosoaia. After breakfast at the hotel, depart for our visit to Snagov Monastery. This monastery was founded in 1408 by Mircea the Elder, Vlad Dracul's grandfather. Vlad, also known as Vlad Tepes is the historical character on whom Bram Stoker's book Dracula is based and is said to be buried here by the monks in 1476. We continue on to visit Mogosoaia Palace, built in the 17th century in the Romanian Renaissance style. After lunch in a local restaurant we return to Bucharest for an evening at leisure. Dinner will be under your own arrangements tonight. **(B, L)**

Day 4 Bucharest to Fetesti. After breakfast there will be free time to relax, sightsee or shop at leisure before your afternoon departure for Fetesti (approx. 2.5 hour drive). On arrival embark the MS Royal Crown. **(B)**

Prices per person Based on double occupancy

Twin: £795 Single: £945

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.



Romanian Athenaeum, Bucharest

THREE RIVER ODYSSEY

A river journey from Amsterdam to Budapest aboard the MS Royal Crown
with Guest Speaker Paul Atterbury

20th June to 4th July 2021

Join us aboard the MS Royal Crown for a journey which will take us along the most romantic sections of the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers. Embarking in Amsterdam we will have two weeks ahead of us as we make our way along the Rhine, passing some of Germany's most charming places, including the dramatic Rhine Gorge. In the German city of Mainz we will leave the Rhine and begin our journey along the River Main through the lovely Franconian countryside to the Main-Danube Canal. It was the opening of this canal, a great feat of engineering, that allows our vessel to connect through to the Danube River. From here we will sail along the Danube to our final destination of Budapest.



This detailed look at three of Europe's great rivers will offer a captivating and endlessly romantic journey. The river Main in particular meanders through some of Bavaria's most beautiful landscapes, dotted with vineyards, historic towns and villages, peaceful monasteries and imposing Medieval castles. Our journey offers gentle cruising through wonderful scenery and well planned excursions at a relaxed pace, with some afternoons at leisure to relax or explore independently.

GUEST SPEAKER



Paul Atterbury

Paul Atterbury is a writer, lecturer, exhibition curator, social historian, tour guide and broadcaster specialising in the art, architecture, design and history of the 19th and 20th centuries. Trained initially as a graphic designer, he then worked in publishing, later becoming Historical Advisor to the Royal Doulton Group and editor of Connoisseur magazine. Independent since 1981,

he has lectured all over Britain, in Europe, the USA, throughout Australia and on many cruise ships. He has written or edited over 50 books, covering subjects such as travel, art, antiques and collecting, design, canals and railways, and the First World War. He has curated four exhibitions for the Victoria & Albert Museum in London, notably Pugin in 1994 and the Victorian Vision in 2001, along with exhibitions for other institutions in Britain and the USA. For the past 28 years he has been a member of the BBC's Antiques Roadshow team of experts, and has appeared on other TV and radio programmes, usually in the field of art, antiques and history. Paul is a judge for the National Railway Heritage Awards, a trustee of the Railway Heritage Trust and co-director of the Dorchester Literary Festival. Paul lives with his wife in Weymouth, Dorset.



Wurzburg



Bamberg



Amsterdam



Cologne Cathedral



Mainz

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Amsterdam, 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; depart for a visit to the Rijksmuseum, arguably Amsterdam's most important art venue. Housing some of the greatest examples of Western European painting and decorative arts, it boasts works by Vermeer, Goya, and Rubens. Alternatively, you may prefer to join the tour to nearby Zaanse Schans and see the historic windmills, distinctive wooden houses and artisan workshops. Return to the MS Royal Crown for lunch and sail towards Cologne. This evening join your fellow travellers for welcome drinks and dinner on board.

Day 3 Cologne, Germany. This morning we will cruise along the legendary Rhine. Pass Duisburg and Dusseldorf before arriving in Cologne for a 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 guided tour will continue with a visit to a "Brauhaus" to sample some of the local Kolsch beer. Sail this evening.

Day 4 Koblenz & Rudesheim. Arrive in Koblenz for a morning walking tour of this historic commercial centre. Return to the ship and sail mid-morning through the dramatic Rhine Gorge to Rudesheim, passing romantic castles, lush vineyards and the infamous Lorelei rock. We sail to Rudesheim in the late 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. Return to the MS Royal Crown for dinner, after which there will be some free time to perhaps visit the town's lively Drosselgasse.

Day 5 Mainz. We spend the morning in atmospheric Mainz where our guided walking tour 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. Our tour will end with a visit to the Johannes Gutenberg Museum. Sail at lunchtime as we enter the River Main.

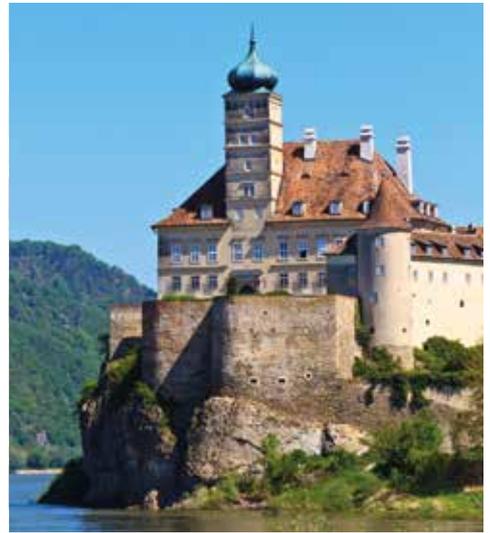
Day 6 Miltenberg & Wertheim. During this morning's walking tour, see the pretty Franconian town of Miltenberg, known for its half-timbered Medieval houses. Return to the ship for lunch whilst sailing on to beautiful Wertheim. Enjoy some free time in this charming market town.

Day 7 Wurzburg. Arrive this morning in historic Wurzburg, the wine capital of Franconia. We will tour this lovely town including the magnificent Prince Bishop's Residenz Palace. Our visit will end 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 Romanesque to Gothic, Renaissance to Baroque, before returning to the ship for lunch as we sail to Bamberg.

Day 8 Bamberg. This morning we enter the Main-Danube Canal at Bamberg, one of Germany's most beautiful historic towns. Its geographical location, some 40 miles north of Nuremberg, was a key factor in preserving its magnificent architectural heritage from the ravages of war. Every European style from the Romanesque onwards has left its mark on Bamberg, each bequeathing at least one major building. We arrive around midday, and after lunch on board there will be a guided walking tour of this beautiful Medieval city.



Passau



Schonbuhel Castle, Wachau Valley



Melk Abbey



Budapest

Day 9 Nuremberg. The city of Nuremberg's long and sometimes troubled history has left its mark on the city and there is plenty to discover during our morning tour. Three towering castles overlook Nuremberg, and its old city which is contained within vast walls is a joy to explore. Visit the World War II sites, including the Third Reich Party Rally Grounds and discover the city's spectacular Medieval architecture. Sail at lunchtime and continue cruising through the highest point of any commercial waterway in Europe, 1331 feet above sea level.

Day 10 Regensburg. Early this morning we enter the Danube River, arriving in Regensburg after breakfast. Join a guided stroll around historic Regensburg, and see the highlights such as the Old Town Hall, the World Heritage listed city centre and the ancient Romanesque Porta Praetoria. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

Day 11 Passau. Arrive this morning in Passau, where the Inn and Ilz rivers join the Danube. Our guided walking tour will include the old town of this Bavarian city and the breathtaking Cathedral of St Stephen which contains one of the world's largest church pipe organs. Enjoy an organ recital before returning to the vessel for lunch and an afternoon sailing.

Day 12 Melk & the Wachau Valley to Vienna, Austria. This morning we will reach the picturesque Wachau Valley, famous for its wine. We will moor in Melk under the shadow of the great Baroque Abbey, situated on a cliff high above the Danube. Enjoy a guided tour of the abbey. During lunch continue sailing through the Wachau to Durnstein, where King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned. Visit the nearby village of Weissenkirchen to sample the excellent local wine, accompanied by some Schrammel music performed by local musicians. This afternoon sail towards Vienna.

Day 13 Vienna. This morning there will be a choice of tours. 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. Alternatively, you may prefer a visit to the impressive Zentralfriedhof (Vienna Central

Cemetery), the second largest in Europe, and with honorary graves of renowned Austrian musicians, historians and politicians. We also visit the Church of St Charles Borromeo, a significant Art Nouveau church building. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon is at leisure to explore this majestic city further.

Day 14 Budapest, Hungary. Enjoy the morning cruising. Arrive this afternoon to Hungary's elegant capital and join an excursion to explore Hungary's old quarter, the Matthias Church and the Fishermen's Bastion. This evening join your fellow travellers for the farewell drink and dinner.

Day 15 Budapest to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for your return scheduled flight.

PRICES PER PERSON

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CATEGORY	DECK	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
Junior Suite	Select	£4595	£4295
Superior Suite	Select	£4695	£4395
Deluxe Suite	Select	£4895	£4595
Premium Suite	Select	£5795	£5495
Royal Suite	Panorama	£6295	£5995
Deluxe Suite for sole use	Select	£5295	£4995

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 14 nights aboard the MS Royal Crown on a full board basis • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Gratuities • Transfers • Port & airport taxes.

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MOZART & THE GOLDEN AGE OF MUSIC

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

4th to 12th July 2021

The magic of Mozart has once again placed its spell and the demand for music inspired trips along the Danube continues unabated and with our friends London Festival Opera, we can promise you a marvellous experience. Our musical journey from Budapest to Regensburg is a celebration of Mozart's life, and of the many great composers from this

Golden Age. During this eight night river cruise we will visit small towns and villages as well as the cities of Budapest, Bratislava and Salzburg, enjoying some of the finest works of music from the concertos of Mozart and Johann Strauss's waltzes to opera and folk tunes in idyllic settings. We will also visit the city most celebrated for its music heritage and Austria's capital, Vienna, whose classical period was a golden age in Viennese musical life. Mozart lived here for the last decade of his life and exerted great influence on the musical life of the capital and Empress Maria Theresa herself trilled arias on the stage of the Schlosstheater at Schonbrunn.

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



Passau Cathedral and the Old Town



St Michael's Watch Tower and Gate, Bratislava



London Festival Opera performing in Melk Abbey

GUEST SPEAKER



Misha Donat

After a period spent composing music for films and theatre, Misha Donat worked for more than 25 years as a senior music producer at BBC Radio 3, where he collaborated with many of the world's leading musicians. He now spends his time as a freelance writer, lecturer and translator. He has written articles for The London Review of Books and The Guardian, and

has lectured on music extensively in both England and America. He contributes programme notes on a regular basis to the Wigmore Hall, the South Bank, the Edinburgh Festival and the Aldeburgh Festival, among other venues. Misha has written a large number of CD booklets for such labels as Decca, Philips, Hyperion and ECM, and has recently completed the translation of a book by Andras Schiff. He is currently working on new editions of the Beethoven piano sonatas and late string quartets for the German publisher Barenreiter.

LONDON FESTIVAL OPERA



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

featuring arias and ensembles from The Marriage of Figaro, Così Fan Tutte, Don Giovanni and The Magic Flute, in period costume, in the beautiful setting of Melk Abbey. Other opera concerts include A Night in Vienna and an Opera Soiree on board the MS Royal Crown whilst we are moored in Vienna and Passau.

THE ITINERARY

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

Day 2 Budapest. We have the day to explore Hungary's elegant capital city. Spend the morning on an excursion that will include the old quarter visiting the Matthias Church, the Fisherman's Bastion and the Royal Palace (outside view). Return to the ship for lunch. This afternoon is at leisure to relax or sightsee independently or for those who wish there will be an included tour to the Liszt Ferenc Memorial Museum, located in the Old Academy of Music. Liszt spent a significant part of the last five years of his life here (from 1881 to 1886) and his furniture, portraits, books, pianos along with other personal belongings are on display. This evening we join our fellow travellers for welcome drinks and dinner, followed by a performance by renowned pianist Agnes Kovacs. Sail in the late evening.

Day 3 Bratislava, Slovakia. Enjoy a relaxing morning on board as we cruise to Bratislava, the Slovak capital, arriving in the early afternoon. After lunch on board depart for a guided walking tour of the city, formerly known as Pressburg, a former capital of Hungary. See the old quarter, the ornate Baroque Palace and the ancient city gates. The tour ends with a visit to the impressive Palfy Palace for a concert of music by Dvorak and Mozart by a string quartet. In 1762 Mozart played a concert here at the age of six. Later this evening we continue our cruise towards Vienna.

Day 4 Vienna, Austria. After breakfast today depart for a guided city tour which will include the famous Ringstrasse, the Old Quarter and St Stephan's Cathedral. Return to the ship for lunch and the afternoon will be at leisure to explore independently or you may like to join our included visit to the Mozarthaus, a three storey museum where Mozart lived from 1784-1787, during which time he wrote the world-famous opera "The Marriage of Figaro" and three of the six Haydn Quartets. We will stand in the room where Mozart and Beethoven met and where Haydn told Mozart's father "your son is the greatest composer I know in person or by name". Return to the ship and enjoy a pre-dinner performance in the lounge by London Festival Opera of 'A Night in Vienna' including the works of Mozart, Johann Strauss and Lehár.

Day 5 Durnstein & Melk. Arrive this morning in the charming town of Durnstein, set in Austria's beautiful Wachau Valley. It was here that Richard the Lionheart was held captive on a Crusader journey. We will have a gentle walking tour and some time to stroll through the pretty streets and perhaps sample some of the region's delicious "marille" (apricot brandy).

POST-CRUISE PRAGUE EXTENSION 12th to 15th July 2021



Regensburg

We return to the ship for lunch and continue our short sail on to Melk. On arrival enjoy a guided tour of the abbey and a performance by London Festival Opera featuring arias and ensembles from *The Marriage of Figaro*, *Così fan tutte*, and *Don Giovanni*. Return to the ship and this evening we sail towards Linz.

Day 6 Linz for Salzburg. After breakfast we depart for Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and famous for its architectural treasures and music festival. Our guided excursion will concentrate on Mozart's family and his musical contemporaries. Visits will be made to the house known as Tanzmeisterhaus where he spent his early life, and the Residenz. We also take a walk through the lovely gardens of the Mirabell Palace. Before we leave, we will enjoy a special concert of music by a string quartet at the Mozarteum Conservatory. Return to the ship and sail on this evening towards Germany.

Day 7 Passau, Germany. Enjoy a morning walking tour of the ancient fairytale city of Passau, the meeting point of the Danube, Ilz and Inn Rivers. See the old town and cathedral that houses one of the largest pipe organs in the world. After a short organ recital return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon is free to relax or explore ashore further. In the early evening London Festival Opera will present an Opera Soiree of Handel, Verdi, Gounod, Bizet and Puccini on board the MS Royal Crown.

Day 8 Regensburg. After breakfast enjoy a guided stroll around Germany's largest and best-preserved Medieval city, Regensburg. See the twin-spired cathedral Dom St Peter, the treasury and the tower houses followed by a visit to the Turn and Taxis Palace. Return to the MS Royal Crown for lunch and an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner.

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

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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

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Not Included: Travel insurance.

NB: Music performances and venues subject to change.

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

The Itinerary

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

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

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

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

Prices per person Based on double occupancy

Twin: £895 Single: £1045

Price Includes: Three nights hotel accommodation, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch), excursions, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, ticket for an evening music event, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.



Charles Bridge, Prague



ROSES OF THE RHINE

A journey along the Main & Rhine Rivers celebrating the region's splendid gardens aboard the MS Royal Crown with Guest Speaker Rosemary Legrand

12th to 22nd July 2021

The month of July is a wonderful time to explore Europe by river; the weather is warm and the long summer days are perfect for exploring the natural beauty of Germany and The Netherlands' spectacular gardens which will be in bloom. Join us aboard the wonderfully comfortable MS Royal Crown as we journey to the very heart of Europe's most enchanting horticultural wonders with a plethora of historical, cultural and scenic delights to be enjoyed along the way.

Our journey begins in Nuremberg where we will discover the wonderfully preserved Hesperides Gardens, developed in the 17th and 18th centuries by rich tradesmen. After encountering the awe-inspiring architecture of Bamberg and wine-tasting in Wurzburg, we continue to Baden-Baden for a visit to the beautiful rose gardens and Steinfurth, the oldest rose village in Germany. Here you can relax beneath the elegant rose arches and learn about the art and cultural history of the rose in the Rose Museum. Another horticultural delight will be our visit to the Japanese Gardens of Leverkusen, with their 15,000 square metres of rare plants from many different parts of East Asia. Arriving into The Netherlands we will visit the magnificent moated house of De Wiersse in Arnhem and the pretty town of Delft before returning to the ship for the farewell dinner and a soothing string quartet concert on board.

There will of course also be plenty of time to relax on board to observe everyday life on the banks of the Main and Rhine rivers and delight in the panoramic views of the passing scenery. Guided excursions with excellent local guides and interesting talks by our Guest Speaker, Rosemary Legrand, will enhance your holiday further and for those wishing to explore Bavaria we are offering a three night extension to this beautiful region.



Nuremberg



Collegiate Church, Baden-Baden



Baroque Gardens, Nuremberg

GUEST SPEAKER



Rosemary Legrand

Rosemary is a former nursery owner and daughter of the late George Hyde, who was a hybridist of azaleas and rhododendrons. Many of his award-winning hybrid plants can be seen at the Royal Horticultural Society's gardens at Wisley, Surrey, the de Rothschild rhododendron gardens at Exbury, Hampshire, and the National Trust Gardens at Kingston Lacy in Dorset. Rosemary

had the honour of presenting HM The Queen with a collection of her late father's azaleas named after the Queen's former Head Gardener, Fred Nutbeam, at Chelsea Flower Show in 1996. She has travelled extensively to gardens in many parts of the world and is an experienced public speaker. She is on RHS Speakers Register and also speaks for NAFAS; she wrote a number of contributions for the book, '1001 Gardens you must see before you die' and an article for the Royal Horticultural Society 'Rhododendron, Camellia and Magnolia 2014 Year Book'.



Delft



Japanese gardens, Leverkusen

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Munich, Germany. Fly by scheduled flight to Munich. On arrival transfer to the MS Royal Crown moored in Regensburg. Sail in the early evening.

Day 2 Nuremberg. Enjoy a morning of cruising and lunch on board. This afternoon we will explore Nuremberg, the capital of Franconia, on a guided tour of the old city with its vast walls and fortifications. We then continue to the lovely Hesperides Gardens, developed in the 17th and 18th centuries by rich tradesmen and often referred to as the "Baroque Gardens". Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner this evening.

Day 3 Bamberg. Arrive in Bamberg this morning and enjoy a tour of one of Germany's loveliest cities. Its 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 period onwards has left its mark on Bamberg, each bequeathing at least one major building. We continue on to Rosengarten, located in the inner courtyard of the New Residenz. It was designed in 1733, framed by lime trees and an elegant garden pavilion with splendid views of Bamberg. Our morning tour will end with a performance by a string quartet in the Residenz. Return to the ship for lunch as we cruise towards Wurzburg.

Day 4 Wurzburg. Arrive this morning in historic Wurzburg, the wine capital of Franconia, where our tour will include the old town with its impressive collection of churches and the Prince Bishop's Residenz Palace. Our visit to this magnificent palace will end with a wine tasting in the Residenz Cellar.

Day 5 Cruising. Enjoy a day cruising on the Main River.

Day 6 Rastatt for Baden-Baden. After breakfast, depart on a full day tour to the Rosenneuhengarten Beutig and Baden-Baden. We begin with a visit to the beautiful rose gardens in which 100 rose novelties are presented and awarded every year. The 3000 square metre garden area on the hillside is divided into four major fields with the middle way of the garden covered with rose arches and situated in semi-circular arcades are statues of Aphrodite, Hebe and Bacchus. After lunch in a local restaurant we continue onto 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, and the fully pedestrianised old quarter is packed with charming houses, exclusive boutiques and cafés. 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. This evening enjoy a piano recital on board whilst we sail to Mainz.

Day 7 Mainz for Steinfurth, Bad Nauheim. This morning we visit the charming village of Steinfurth for the famous rose garden and museum. Steinfurth is the oldest rose village in Germany; in the district of Bad Nauheim roses have been cultivated for more than 150 years and shipped all over the world. The permanent exhibition "Rosy Times" tells of this



Cologne

tradition and of the art and cultural history of the rose in the Rose Museum. Return to the ship in Mainz and set sail this afternoon through the beautiful Rhine Gorge.

Day 8 Cologne. After breakfast depart on a morning tour to visit the Japanese Gardens in Leverkusen. These stunning gardens have 15,000 square metres of rare plants from many different parts of East Asia along with enchanting sculptures, ornate lanterns and arched gates. After lunch on board, visit the city's famous cathedral, one of the largest Gothic churches in northern Europe with the second tallest spire and largest facade in the world, before continuing to a "Brauhaus" to sample some of the local Kolsch beer. Alternatively, visit the Cologne Botanical Garden, established in the 19th century and home to more than 10,000 species of plants.

Day 9 Arnhem, The Netherlands. Today we have a choice of excursions. You can join a morning tour to the De Wiersse Castle, which is surrounded by 38 acres of garden and 74 acres of landscape park and has been lived in and managed by the family since 1678. This beautiful historic garden features avenues and pergolas, fountains and statues, meadows and bridges over a gently flowing stream. Alternatively, depart for a full day tour to the Botanical Pond Garden of Ada Hofman (Botanische Vijvertuin van Ada Hofman). This beautiful two and a quarter hectare comprehensive pond garden was created in 1987 by Ada Hofman, author of various pond books. Approximately 30 gardens with 50 ponds are situated around three large natural ponds, together forming the large garden. They have succeeded in bringing together one of the largest collections of plants, shrubs and trees in the country, with around 3000 different species found in the garden. This is a haven for wildlife with many species found here including ring snakes, frogs, slow worms, various fish species, salamanders and lizards.

Day 10 Delft & The Hague. From Rotterdam we depart on a full day tour. Our first stop will be Delft, the birthplace of Vermeer, where we will enjoy a walking tour of the pretty town and a visit to the Delft Blue Pottery. After lunch in a local restaurant, we continue to The Hague for a visit to the Rose Garden in Westbroek Park. Early this evening join your fellow travellers in the lounge for a concert by a string quartet followed by a farewell dinner.

Day 11 Amsterdam to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for your return scheduled flight.

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Arnhem

PRE-CRUISE MUNICH EXTENSION 9th to 12th July 2021



Lake Tegernsee

If you would like to spend some time in Munich before embarking the MS Royal Crown, we are offering a three night pre-cruise extension including a morning tour to 'Rose Island' and a full day exploring Bavaria's blue alpine lakes and surrounds.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Munich, Germany. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to our hotel for a three night stay. This evening join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in the hotel. **(D)**

Day 2 Roseninsel. After breakfast, depart on a morning tour to visit Roseninsel (The Rose Island). This nearly two and a half acre island, located only 170 metres from the western shore of Lake Starnberg, has always enticed people with its special scenic attractions. Until the mid-19th century, the island was used by fishermen and farmers, but in 1850 King Maximilian II of Bavaria bought and remodelled the island into a summer retreat called 'Rose Island'. Return to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the afternoon and evening at leisure. **(B)**

Day 3 Bavarian Lakes. Today we spend the day visiting the picturesque Bavarian Lakes. Our first stop is Lake Tegernsee, known to be one of the cleanest lakes in Bavaria with stunning views of the Bavarian Alps behind. We continue to Prien to take a ferry to the Herrenchiemsee for lunch followed by a visit to the palace. Modelled on Versailles, this palace was built as a "Temple of Fame" for King Louis XIV of France, whom the Bavarian monarch fervently admired. After our tour we re-board the ferry and return to Munich. **(B, L)**

Day 4 Munich. Spend the morning exploring independently or relax in the hotel before we check out. Transfer to Regensburg for lunch followed by a walking tour around Germany's largest and best-preserved Medieval city. In the late afternoon we transfer to the MS Royal Crown and embark. **(B, L)**

Prices per person Based on double occupancy

Twin: £1145 Single: £1495

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GLORIES OF THE RHINE, MAIN & DANUBE

A journey from Basle to Budapest aboard the MS Royal Crown
with Guest Speaker The Right Reverend Graham James

15th to 27th September 2021



Durstein

Join us aboard the elegant MS Royal Crown and cruise from Basle to Budapest along the wonderfully scenic Rhine, the fascinating Main and majestic Danube rivers. From Switzerland we will sail effortlessly through France, Germany, Austria and Slovakia to Hungary. September is the perfect month for such a journey when the weather still holds its summer warmth and the crowds have departed the towns and villages.

We will cruise through ever changing landscapes of idyllic rolling hills, pastures and vines, past centuries old villages, towns and imperial cities which have witnessed the fascinating and turbulent history of Middle Europe. The region is known for its intriguing history, superb musical legacy and delightful wine production and we have included some interesting events at a variety of locations to complement our travels.

GUEST SPEAKER



The Right Reverend Graham James

The Rt Revd Graham James became Bishop of Norwich in 1999. He entered the House of Lords in 2004. Among his national responsibilities in the Church of England he was lead bishop on media issues for a long period, and has served on the Lords Select Committee on Communications. He has been a frequent presenter of Radio 4's "Thought for the Day". Earlier in his career

he travelled widely when serving at Lambeth Palace, and has lectured on cruises for the past 20 years.

THE ITINERARY

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

Day 2 Strasbourg, France. Arrive this morning and join a guided tour which 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. This afternoon, after lunch on board there will be a scenic tour along Alsace's "Route des Vins", including a tasting of the region's splendid wines. This evening join your fellow travellers for welcome drinks and dinner.

Day 3 Mannheim for Heidelberg, Germany. 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 and enjoy a relaxing afternoon on board.

Day 4 Miltenberg. Arrive this afternoon to Miltenberg. After lunch join a walking tour of this pretty Franconian town known for its half-timbered Medieval houses, ending with a glass of beer brewed locally in one of Germany's oldest breweries.

Day 5 Wurzburg. Arrive this morning in historic Wurzburg, the wine capital of Franconia. We will tour this lovely town including the magnificent Prince Bishop's Residenz Palace. Our visit will end 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 Romanesque to Gothic and Renaissance to Baroque. Return to the MS Royal Crown for a late lunch as we sail to Bamberg.

Day 6 Bamberg. This morning we enter the Main-Danube Canal at Bamberg, one of Germany's most beautiful historic towns. Its geographical location, some 40 miles north of Nuremberg, was a key factor in preserving its magnificent architectural heritage from the ravages of war. Every European style from the Romanesque onwards has left its mark on Bamberg, each bequeathing at least one major building. After lunch on board there will be a guided walking tour of this beautiful Medieval city which will end with a music performance at the Residenz.

Day 7 Nuremberg. Nuremberg's long and sometimes troubled history has left its mark on the city and there is plenty to discover during our tour. Three



Heidelberg

towering castles overlook Nuremberg, and its old city which is contained within vast walls is a joy to explore. Visit the World War II sites, including the Third Reich Party Rally Grounds and discover the city's wonderful Medieval architecture. Sail this afternoon, cruising through the highest point of any commercial waterway in Europe, 1331 feet above sea level.

Day 8 Regensburg. Enjoy a relaxing morning cruising before arriving into Regensburg in the early afternoon. After lunch on board, join a guided stroll around this historic city, widely regarded as the Medieval wonder of Germany. We will see the majestic twin-spired cathedral Dom St Peter, the treasury and the tower houses. After some free time in the old town we take a short drive to St. Emmeram's Abbey, the home of the Thurn and Taxis family. The family inaugurated the world's first postal service at the end of the 15th century.

Day 9 Passau. This morning we depart on a guided walking tour of the ancient fairy tale Bavarian city of Passau, the meeting point of the Danube, Ilz and Inn Rivers. See the old town and cathedral that houses the largest pipe organ in the world. After a short organ recital return to the ship for lunch and sail on to Austria.

Day 10 Melk, Durnstein & the Wachau Valley, Austria. Arrive this morning at Melk, where we visit the majestic Baroque Abbey situated on a cliff, high above the Danube. We then continue our cruise through the beautiful Wachau Valley, famous for its wines. Arrive after lunch into Durnstein for some free time in this pretty town where King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned. From here we depart by coach to the nearby village of Weissenkirchen to sample the excellent local wine, accompanied by some traditional Schrammel music.

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 an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, there will be an optional evening of music ashore at the State Opera House or similar, subject to availability and depending on schedules.

Day 12 Bratislava, Slovakia. Enjoy a walking tour of the city and see the old quarter, the ornate Baroque Palace and the ancient city gates. Our tour will finish with a wonderful concert in Palais Moise. Return to the ship for lunch and a leisurely afternoon on board as we sail to Budapest.

Day 13 Budapest, Hungary to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for your return scheduled flight.

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Based on double occupancy

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CATEGORY	DECK	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
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Deluxe Suite	Select	£4295	£4095
Premium Suite	Select	£4495	£4295
Royal Suite	Panorama	£4695	£4495
Deluxe Suite for sole use	Select	£4695	£4495

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Not Included: Travel insurance, optional excursion on day 11.

PRE-CRUISE LAKE CONSTANCE EXTENSION

12th to 15th September 2021

Join us before your cruise for a three-night stay in the romantic resort of Meersburg on Lake Constance in southern Germany. The particularly scenic situation of Meersburg, which is built on a steep vineyard right by the lake, has been attracting tourists for centuries. Aside from its splendid geographic situation and romantic corners, Meersburg also has many museums and cultural treasures for you to explore at your own pace. This is a wonderful opportunity to relax and unwind in luxurious surroundings. We have a limited number of rooms available at the charming Romantik Hotel Residenz am See, so we recommend early booking to avoid disappointment.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Lake Constance, Germany. Fly by scheduled flight to Zurich and on arrival transfer to your hotel in Meersburg, stopping en-route at the world famous Schaffhausen waterfalls, one of the three highest waterfalls in Europe. This evening join your fellow travellers for dinner. (D)

Day 2 The Flower Island of Mainau. Enjoy breakfast at your hotel, after which we will depart for a visit to the Flower Island of Mainau, immaculately maintained and the perfect place to stroll and enjoy the gardens and their beautiful scenery or relax in one of the cafés. The island has a Baroque palace, built in 1740, and there is also a substantial arboretum and an Italian Rose Garden laid with pergolas and sculptures. Return to the hotel and spend the remainder of the day and evening at leisure. (B)

Day 3 Zeppelin Museum, Friedrichshafen. After breakfast we will depart for Friedrichshafen to visit the fascinating Zeppelin Museum, with its centerpiece of a full-scale mock-up of a 33 metre section of the Hindenburg (LZ 129), the largest airship ever built, measuring an incredible 245 metres long. After our visit here, we will have some free time in this delightful lakeside town. Return to the hotel and spend the remainder of the day and evening at leisure. (B)

Day 4 Lake Constance to Basle, Switzerland. Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and a morning at leisure before we transfer in the afternoon to Basle to embark the MS Royal Crown (transfer approx. 2.5 hours). We will stop en-route for a visit and refreshments at the beautiful petite Swiss town of Stein am Rhein. (B, L)

Prices per person Based on double occupancy

Twin: £975 Single: £1395

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

Not Included: Travel insurance.



Lake Constance

THE ENCHANTING EAST

A river journey between Budapest & Bucharest aboard the MS Royal Crown

27th September to 5th October & 3rd to 11th October* 2021

Join us aboard the wonderful MS Royal Crown as we journey between the grand city of Budapest in Hungary and Romania's bustling capital, Bucharest. From the earliest of times the Danube has been one of Europe's most important trade routes linking the eastern shores with central Europe and this stretch of the river offers a diversity of history and culture quite unlike anywhere else.

We will sail through Hungary, Serbia and Bulgaria witnessing some of Europe's most beautiful landscapes and visit the great historic cities of Bucharest, Belgrade, and Budapest as well as picturesque riverside towns. From the great comfort of our vessel we will cruise 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. Our included tours with excellent local guides, together with interesting talks by our Guest Speaker, will create an enjoyable, informative and lively atmosphere as we sail along the majestic Danube. To enhance your holiday further, we are offering a six night extension in the beautiful region of Transylvania in Romania, travelling through some of the last untouched and least travelled areas of Europe.



Budapest



Donji Milanovac

THE ITINERARY

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

Day 2 Budapest. Spend the morning on an excursion exploring Hungary's elegant capital city. Our tour will include the old quarter visiting the Matthias Church, the Fisherman's Bastion and the Royal Palace (outside view). After lunch on board, enjoy some time at leisure before we sail this evening.

Day 3 Kalocsa. Arrive early this morning and depart on a tour of Kalocsa, renowned for paprika production. Your tour of the Puszta district will include the town and a spectacular display of Hungarian horsemanship. We will have lunch in a local restaurant before returning to the MS Royal Crown in Mohacs.

Day 4 Belgrade, Serbia. A morning guided tour of Belgrade will visit 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 finish with a superb local folklore performance before returning to the ship for a late lunch. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure before we set sail.

Day 5 Donji Milanovac & Iron Gates. Wake up to find yourself in the most beautiful scenery of the whole cruise - the entrance to the Iron Gates. Sail some 80 kilometres with mountains on either side culminating in the entrance to the Kazan Gorges, where the Danube reaches its narrowest point and the highest point of the river's banks. This afternoon we visit the charming Serbian town of Donji Milanovac. Our tour includes a visit to the first historical centre of Lepenski Vir, where excavations caused by the flooding of the river in 1972 led to archaeological discoveries that proved the existence of an Iron Age settlement from 7000 BC. We then continue to the fascinating Golubac Fortress which was built at the entrance of the



Saint Sava Cathedral, Belgrade

Iron Gate gorge, a place where the Danube's widest stream flows into a pass of the Carpathian Mountains. The Fortress represented an important military border stronghold, built purposely in response to the military and strategic significance of the area.

Day 6 Belogradchik & Vidin, Bulgaria. Arrive this morning in the Bulgarian port of Vidin. After breakfast on board we will drive to Belogradchik which is located close to the Serbian border. The Belogradchik Rocks are a famous Bulgarian beauty spot and the sandstone has been weathered into all manner of bizarre shapes. Housed amongst the rocks is an Ottoman fort, built on the remains of a Roman structure. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon we visit Vidin for a performance by the wonderful Vidin Symphonic Orchestra in the Philharmonic concert hall.

Day 7 Veliko Tarnovo. 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 and a palace, fortifications and churches were built into the terrain. After lunch in a local restaurant, we will visit the museum town of Arbanassi.

Day 8 Giurgiu to Bucharest, Romania. Disembark this morning and transfer to Bucharest (approx. 2 hour drive). On arrival there will be a panoramic tour of the city's highlights. After a local lunch, we will check in to our hotel for an overnight stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure before we meet for dinner at the hotel this evening.

Day 9 Bucharest to London. Check out after breakfast and transfer to the airport for the return scheduled flight to London.

*Please note that the 3rd October departure operates in the reverse direction to that shown from Bucharest to Budapest. The full itinerary can be viewed online at www.noble-caledonia.co.uk

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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CATEGORY	DECK	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
Junior Suite	Select	£2795	£2595
Superior Suite	Select	£2995	£2795
Deluxe Suite	Select	£3295	£3095
Premium Suite	Select	£3695	£3495
Royal Suite	Panorama	£4195	£3995
Deluxe Suite for sole use	Select	£3795	£3595

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Seven nights aboard the MS Royal Crown on a full board basis • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Overnight hotel accommodation in Bucharest with breakfast • Lunch & dinner on day 8 • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Gratuities • Transfers • Port & airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

TRANSYLVANIA & ROYAL ROMANIA EXTENSION

5th to 11th October 2021

(post-cruise extension for 27th September departure)

27th September to 3rd October 2021

(pre-cruise extension for 3rd October departure)

We are offering the opportunity to explore Transylvania with our six night post cruise extension.



Bran Castle

The Itinerary

Day 1 Bucharest, Romania. This morning enjoy a morning tour of Parliament Palace, the second largest administration building in the world. After lunch in a local restaurant enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B, L)

Day 2 Bucharest to Sinaia to Brasov. Depart Bucharest after breakfast and travel to Brasov. Our first stop en-route will be Sinaia to see the fairytale Peles Castle, built by King Carol I in the 19th century.

We then continue on to the town of Azuga in Prahova Valley, home of the Royal Cellar – the wine supplier for the Royal family. We will enjoy lunch and a wine tasting here at a local vineyard and continue onto Brasov where we will stay for two nights. (B, L, D)

Day 3 Brasov & Bran. Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of Brasov including the Black church. Lunch will be in a local restaurant, after which we continue to Bran to visit 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 return to Brasov in the late afternoon with the remainder of the day at leisure. (B, L)

Day 4 Sighisoara to Biertan to Sibiu. After breakfast depart for the town of Sighisoara where we will explore the delightful old town. We continue to Dracula's house where Vlad Tepes was born in 1431. After a local lunch we continue to picturesque Biertan and visit the UNESCO 14th century fortified church. We will then continue on to Sibiu and check in to our hotel for a three night stay. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Sibiu & Sibiel. After breakfast join a walking tour of colourful Sibiu with some time at leisure to enjoy lunch independently. Later this afternoon, we drive to Sibiel, a pretty village situated 20 kilometres from Sibiu where we will visit the superb museum of glass painted icons, located in the old village church. We will enjoy dinner hosted by some local people with some of their traditional Romanian fare. (B, D)

Day 6 Alba Iulia. After breakfast depart for Alba Iulia, the town where Ferdinand and Marie were crowned Kings of the Great Romania. On arrival we visit the stunning White Citadel and the Coronation Cathedral, as well as the Unification Museum. Lunch will be in a local restaurant, followed by some time here at leisure. Return to Sibiu and our final dinner this evening will be at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Sibiu to London. After breakfast this morning, transfer to the airport for your indirect scheduled flight to London.

*Please note that the pre-cruise extension for the 3rd October cruise operates in the reverse direction to that shown, from Sibiu to Bucharest. Full itinerary can be viewed online.

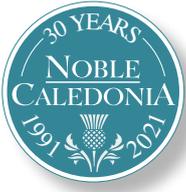
Prices per person Based on double occupancy

Twin: £1225 Single: £1575

Price Includes: Six nights hotel accommodation, meals as described (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner), wine & soft drinks with lunch & dinner, excursions, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

FROM BUDAPEST TO BASLE



A river journey along the Danube and Main in celebration of Noble Caledonia's 30th Anniversary aboard the MS Royal Crown with Guest Speaker Dr Alan Borg

11th to 23rd October 2021

In October 2021, Noble Caledonia will be celebrating our 30th anniversary and what better way to mark the occasion than offering a cruise aboard the charming MS Royal Crown along the Danube and Main, rivers along which we have been operating cruises since our establishment.

This is a river voyage through idyllic rolling landscapes of pastures and vines, past centuries old villages, towns and imperial cities which have witnessed the fascinating and turbulent history of Middle Europe. Over the course of twelve nights our river vessel will take us through borders and from place to place along the Danube and Main with great ease, allowing us to relax and enjoy the scenery and interesting guided excursions. When combined with some day time cruising, some fabulous musical interludes, informative talks from our Guest Speaker as well as the chance to sample some wonderful wines along the way, we have a fascinating trip.

In addition to all the usual highlights of such an itinerary, we have included some special celebratory events including a concert by a string quartet in Bratislava's Klarissen Church and another concert in Grafenegg Castle by members of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. Before our special anniversary dinner on the final evening, we will be joined on board by pianist Martin Ivanov for an exclusive performance.

We do hope to see many familiar faces on board so that we may express our thanks for the marvellous continued support that has allowed the company to progress to where we are today.



GUEST SPEAKER



Dr Alan Borg

Alan began his career teaching history of art at Indiana and Princeton Universities. Returning to Britain in 1970, he became Assistant Keeper in the Royal Armouries in the Tower of London. In 1982 he became Director General of the Imperial War Museum, where he was responsible for the complete refurbishment and reinterpretation of the Museum, the opening of the Cabinet War Rooms, the preservation of HMS Belfast and the development of Duxford Airfield as a major aviation museum. Appointed Director of the V&A in 1996, he undertook the redisplay of the entire sequence of British Galleries. He retired in 2001 and is currently Vice President of the Foundling Museum, and Librarian of the Priory of England and the Islands, the Venerable Order of St John. Awarded the CBE in 1991, he is also a Knight of the Order of St John. His publications include books on Romanesque art, the history of Arms and Armour, War Memorials and A History of Vauxhall Gardens. Alan knows central Europe well and has lectured on Noble Caledonia cruises in Austria and Germany many times. He specialises in the history of the Holy Roman Empire and the Gothic and Baroque architecture that flourished on the banks of the Danube.



Bratislava Castle



Nuremberg



Grafenegg Castle



Ringstrasse and Burgtheater, Vienna



Imperial Staircase, Melk Abbey

THE ITINERARY

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

Day 2 Bratislava, Slovakia. Enjoy a leisurely morning on board as we sail through Hungary to Slovakia, arriving in the capital in the afternoon. During our walking tour of the city, see the old quarter, the ornate Baroque Palace and the ancient city gates. Our tour will finish with a visit to the Klarissen Church where a string quartet will perform a concert of music by Dvorak and Mozart.

Day 3 Vienna, Austria. A morning city tour of Austria's elegant capital will take us around the famous Ringstrasse, and the Old Quarter including St Stephan's Cathedral. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure to relax on board or explore further independently. Tonight, there will be an optional evening of music ashore at the State Opera House or similar, subject to availability and schedules.

Day 4 Krems & Melk. This morning we will visit Grafenegg Castle, venue of one of Europe's most prestigious classical musical festivals. After a welcome glass of Austrian sparkling wine, enjoy a concert of music by Mozart in the beautiful Garden Hall played by members of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. We then continue to Krems to sample the delicious wines of the Wachau Valley. The winery has developed a fascinating 4D programme to accompany the wine tasting to complete a superb morning. We will return to the MS Royal Crown and sail towards the great Baroque Abbey of Melk, situated high above the Danube. After lunch, we depart for a guided tour of the abbey, including the Imperial Staircase, the Marble Hall and the abbey church.

Day 5 Passau, Germany. Arrive this morning in Passau, where the Inn and Ilz rivers join the Danube. Our guided walking tour will include the old town of this Bavarian city and the breathtaking Cathedral of St Stephan which contains one of the world's largest church pipe organs. We will enjoy an organ recital before returning to the vessel for lunch and a leisurely afternoon on board as we sail towards Regensburg.

Day 6 Regensburg. We will arrive this morning in Regensburg for a guided stroll around this historic city, widely regarded as the Medieval wonder of Germany. We will see the majestic twin-spired cathedral Dom St Peter, the treasury and the tower houses. After some free time in the old town we take a short drive to St Emmeram's Abbey, the home of the Thurn and Taxis family. The family inaugurated the world's first postal service at the end of the 15th century.

Day 7 Nuremberg. After a morning of cruising, arrive in Nuremberg. The city of Nuremberg's long and sometimes troubled history has left its mark on the city and there is plenty to discover during our afternoon tour. Three towering castles overlook Nuremberg, and its old city which is contained within vast walls is a joy to explore. Visit the World War II sites, including the Third Reich Party Rally Grounds and discover the city's spectacular Medieval architecture.



Regensburg



Heidelberg

Day 8 Bamberg. Arrive in Bamberg this morning and enjoy a tour of one of Germany's loveliest cities. Its 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 period onwards has left its mark on Bamberg, each bequeathing at least one major building. Our tour will end with a performance by a string quartet by members of the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra. Return to the ship for lunch as we cruise towards Wurzburg.

Day 9 Wurzburg. We arrive in Wurzburg mid-morning, the wine capital of Franconia. Our tour of this attractive town will include the old town with its impressive collection of churches and the Prince Bishop's Residenz Palace. We end the tour of this magnificent palace with a wine tasting in the Residenz Cellar.

Day 10 Miltenberg. We arrive today in the pretty Franconian town of Miltenberg, renowned for its half-timbered Medieval houses. On a morning walking tour see the picturesque triangular shaped Marktplatz and the restored castle followed by an organ concert in the beautiful Amorbach Abbey. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon sailing.

Day 11 Worms for Heidelberg. From our berth in Worms, we set off after breakfast for an excursion to the University City of Heidelberg, with its Baroque style old town and castle, immediately conjuring images of romance and beauty. During our guided tour which will include a visit to the city's castle and gardens, we will stroll through Heidelberg's enchanting old town and see its Renaissance building, 'Zum Ritter', which survived the fire of 1693. Return to the vessel in Mannheim and spend the afternoon on board as we sail to Strasbourg.

Day 12 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 a final afternoon on board with a performance by pianist, Martin Ivanov. 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.



Strasbourg

PRICES PER PERSON

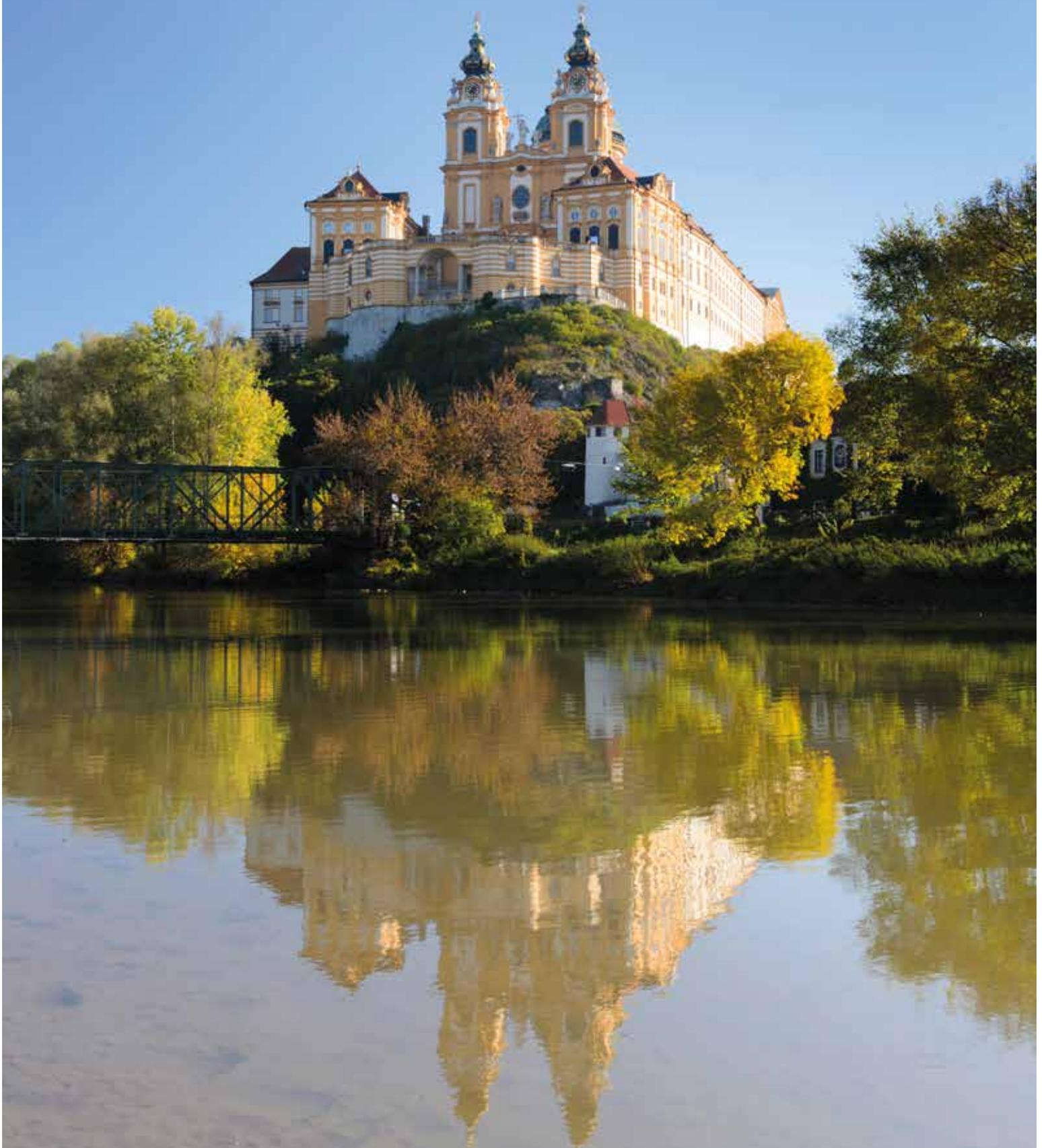
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Royal Suite	Panorama	£5495	£5295
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