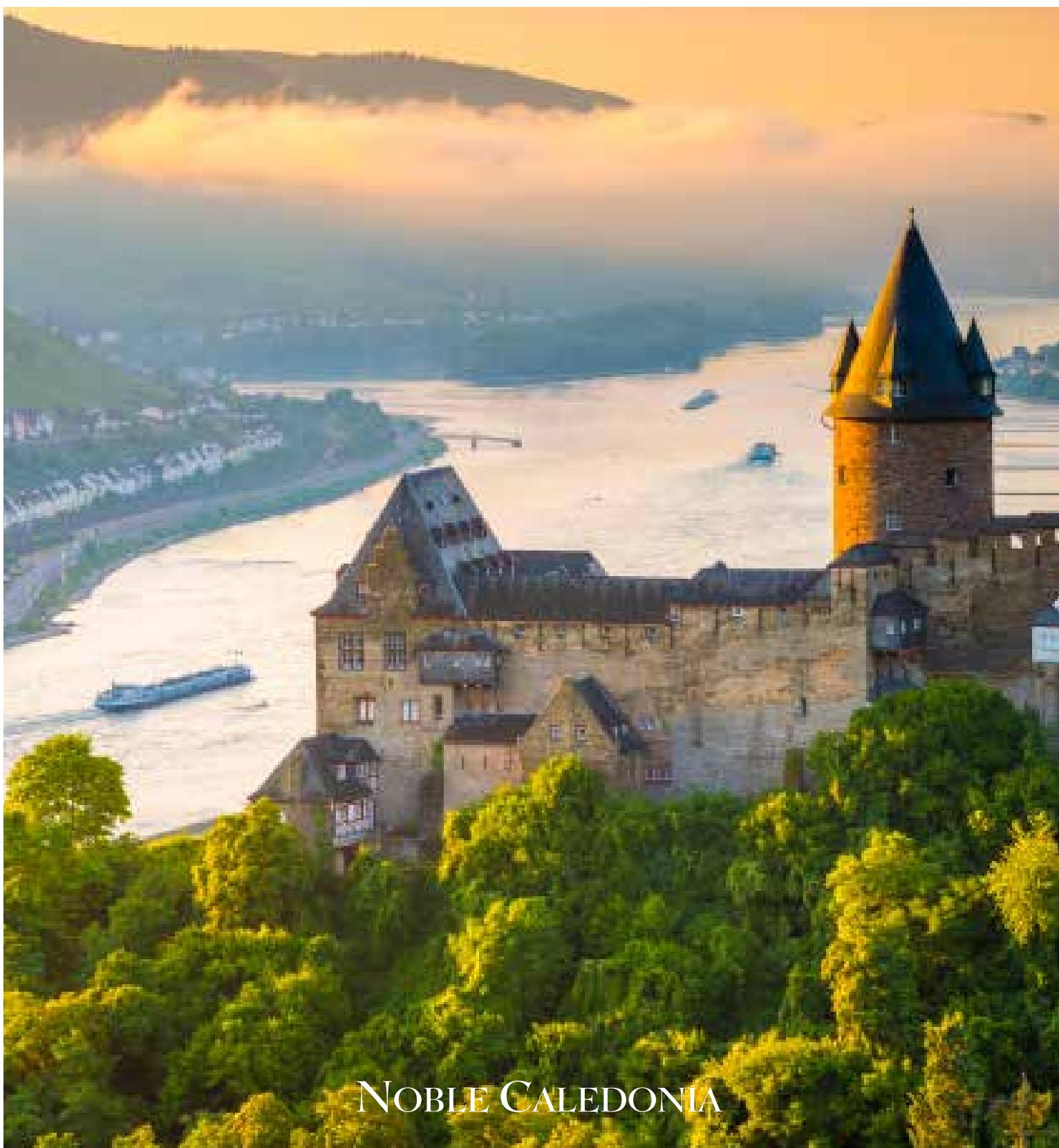
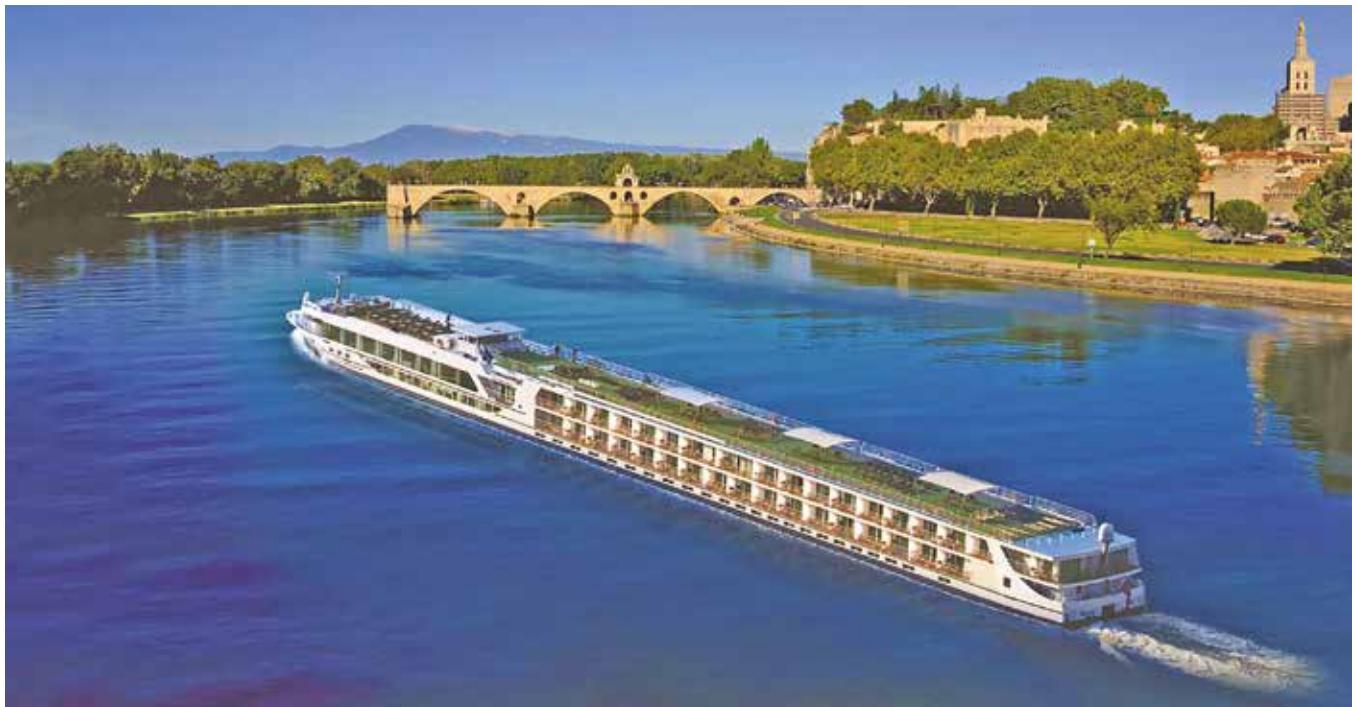


RIVER CRUISING ABOARD THE
MS ROYAL EMERALD
RHINE - MAIN - DANUBE
2018



NOBLE CALEDONIA

MS ROYAL EMERALD



We are delighted to have chartered the MS Royal Emerald for a series of river cruises along Europe's main waterways in 2018. This elegant vessel was built in 2008 and offers a range of luxurious and comfortable suites, the majority with outdoor balconies. The vessel accommodates a maximum of 171 passengers, providing a friendly and welcoming atmosphere on board. With its expansive Sun Deck there is ample opportunity to watch the world gently pass by as you relax on board your floating hotel.

Your Suite

There are six grades of cabin categories:

Royal Panorama Suites (Category 6: 336 & 337) are situated at the aft of the Diamond Deck and at 325 square feet are the largest on board. Enjoy panoramic views of the passing scenery from the private, full length balcony and through the floor to ceiling windows which stretch across two walls of the cabin.

Royal Balcony Suites (Category 5: 314-317) are situated on the Diamond Deck and measure 300 to 315 square feet and offer an outdoor balcony, lounge area and an oversized bathroom.

Junior Balcony Suites (Category 4: 201-202 & 301-302) are situated on the Diamond and Sapphire Decks and measure 250 square feet. All have a private, full length balcony and stylish ensuite bathroom featuring a large vanity basin and spacious shower.

Deluxe Balcony Suites (Category 3: 303-312) are situated in prime locations on the Diamond and Sapphire Decks and measure 225 square feet. These suites offer a full length outdoor balcony, ensuite bathroom and are tastefully designed.

Balcony Suites (Cat 2: 318-335 and 214-235) are located on Diamond and Sapphire Decks and measure 205 square feet. They feature a full length outdoor balcony, ensuite bathroom and comfortable facilities.

Standard Suites (Cat 1: 100-112, 114-115 & 117) are located on the Jewel Deck and measure 160 square feet, and offer a spacious and clever layout to maximise your comfort. Windows in these cabins are picture windows, elevated to standing-height view and there is no balcony.



Category 5 - Royal Balcony Suite



Category 6 - Royal Panorama Suite



Category 4 - Junior Balcony Suite



Lounge



Dining Room



Open Air Lounge



Reception



Bar

Your Space

Spread over four decks, the onboard facilities include the Crystal Dining Room which is situated on the Sapphire Deck and serves delicious fare in a comfortable setting with open seating throughout. The Panorama Lounge & Bar is situated on the Diamond Deck and is a convivial social space with large floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows which create a bright and airy ambience. On the spacious Sun Deck there is plenty of deck furniture where you can relax in the shade or enjoy the pleasant weather. There is also a Walking Track for those who wish to keep fit. To add to your comfort, the ship also offers a gift shop, a lift between the Sapphire and Diamond Decks and a Wellness Area on Jewel Deck.

Your Dining

Meals are always taken in an open seating arrangement to allow you to meet and mingle with your fellow travellers. Breakfast and lunch are served buffet style and feature hot and cold dishes whereas dinner is

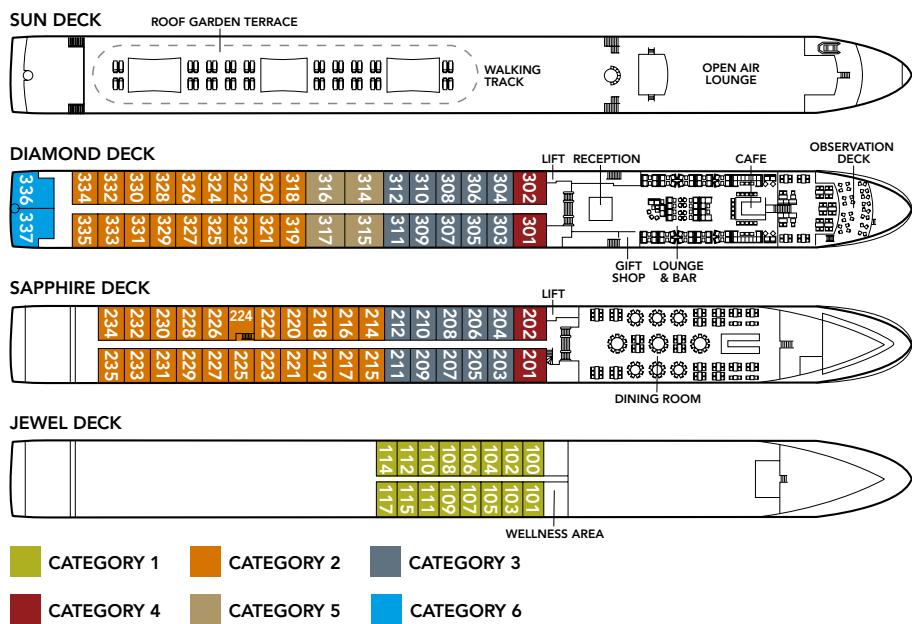
served at your table. The cuisine is a selection of regional specialties and international dishes. House wine/beer and soft drinks are included with lunch and dinner. There is also a 24 hour tea & coffee station. A complimentary bottle of water is placed in all cabins and replenished each day and small water bottles are provided to take with you on shore excursions.

Life On Board

The vessel offers luxury and elegance in smart and refined surroundings, ensuring a welcoming and informal atmosphere on board. The friendly crew of 48 will do their utmost to ensure your stay is enjoyable, informative and agreeable throughout. A daily briefing by the Cruise Director will offer information on the next day's activities and English-speaking local guides provide insider knowledge into the local culture, horticulture, architecture, and history.



Alfresco Dining



Bathroom Royal Panorama Suite

Glorious Gardens & the Golden Age of Dutch Art

A journey along the Dutch waterways

28th March to 6th April & 6th to 15th April 2018

Spring is the perfect time of year to immerse yourself in the cultural and horticultural splendours of the Netherlands. Join us aboard the MS Royal Emerald as we explore the countryside in some depth, visiting the wonderful flowers of the Keukenhof, the beautifully restored Palace and Gardens of Het Loo, the picturesque towns of the Zuider Zee, the botanical gardens in Utrecht, and of course the art 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. We will also enjoy the great comfort of the MS Royal Emerald as we criss-cross the Netherlands along the intricate network of rivers and waterways that make Holland such a unique place.



ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Rijksmuseum, Van Gogh & Hermitage Museums in Amsterdam
- Canal cruise in Amsterdam & opportunity to visit the famous 'Bloemenmarkt'
- Majestic Het Loo Palace & Gardens
- Mauritshuis Museum in The Hague & Delft Blue Pottery
- Keukenhof Gardens at Lisse
- De Wiersse Gardens or the Airborne Museum at Arnhem
- Botanical Gardens at Utrecht & opportunity to visit the lavish De Haar Castle



The Itinerary

Day 1 London, Bristol, Manchester or Edinburgh to Amsterdam, Netherlands. Fly from your chosen airport by scheduled flight or travel by train from London St Pancras. Drive to the MS Royal Emerald and embark. Moor overnight in Amsterdam.

Day 2 Amsterdam. After breakfast on board, we will 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. Here, Rembrandt's famous 'The Night Watch' hangs in the Hall of Honour. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon is at leisure to explore ashore or relax on board your ship. Alternatively, there will be an optional tour to visit the "Bloemenmarkt", one of the city's most colourful attractions and the world's only floating flower market. Join the Welcome Drinks and Dinner on board this evening. Moor overnight.



Day 3 Amsterdam. After breakfast today we will depart for 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 ship for lunch and this afternoon there will be a choice of included excursions. Join a relaxing canal cruise, one of the most interesting ways to see this unique city. Alternatively, join our visit to the Hermitage Museum and their exhibition "*Dutch Masters on the Amstel*". The Hermitage's collection of paintings, prints and drawings by Dutch Masters is one of the worlds' largest. Return to the MS Royal Emerald and sail in the evening to Hoorn where we moor overnight.

Day 4 Hoorn, Edam & Volendam. After breakfast on board we depart for our exploration of the Zuider Zee. We will drive to Edam, a tranquil little town with drawbridges across canals and charming historic houses with lovely facades. We then continue on to the attractive town of Volendam to see its colourful wooden houses and old fishing boats in the harbour. Enjoy some free time here before returning to the ship in Hoorn for lunch. This afternoon is at leisure to enjoy some free time in this pretty 16th century town. Later we set sail for Arnhem.

Day 5 Arnhem & Het Loo. Arrive this morning into Arnhem. After breakfast on board join an 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 ship for lunch and

this afternoon there will be a choice of two included excursions. Choose from a trip to visit the memorable Airborne Museum "Hartenstein"; this renovated building houses the world's largest collection of militaria from Operation Market Garden. Alternatively, enjoy a visit to the wonderful De Wiersse Gardens, a moated manor house designed and managed by the family since 1678. This evening we sail towards Dordrecht.

Day 6 Dordrecht & Kinderdijk. Depart this morning for a visit to see the marvellous Windmills of Kinderdijk, of which there are 19 in total, dating from 1740. Now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this ingenious system of windmills and water management has been in operation here for nearly a thousand years and makes for a fascinating visit. Return to your ship for lunch and this afternoon is free to explore Dordrecht with its old world atmosphere and quaint cottages and canals. Sail on towards Rotterdam in the early evening.

Day 7 Rotterdam, The Hague, Delft. From Rotterdam we depart for a full day tour. Our first stop will be The Hague for a visit to the beautiful Mauritshuis Museum with its marvellous collection of Dutch Golden Age paintings. Afterwards continue on to Delft, birthplace of Vermeer. We will have lunch in a local restaurant on arrival, and afterwards take a walking tour of this pretty town, finishing with a visit to see the Delft Blue Pottery. Return to the ship and sail to Utrecht for an overnight mooring.

Day 8 Keukenhof Gardens & Haarlem. After breakfast drive to nearby Keukenhof Gardens for

a morning in this extraordinary horticultural heaven. With 32 hectares of flowers, more than 7 million bulbs in bloom and 800 varieties of tulips, this is a truly unique and unforgettable experience. Afterwards we will return to the MS Royal Emerald for a late lunch and time at leisure in Utrecht. Alternatively, continue with an optional afternoon excursion to Haarlem. The excursion includes lunch in a local restaurant on arrival, followed by visits to the 17th century Church of St. Bavo, immortalised in the artwork of Dutch painters Pieter Saenredam and Gerrit Berckheyde, and the Frans Hals Museum, home to a spectacular display of 16th and 17th century portraits, still life's and landscapes.

Day 9 Utrecht. This morning we will drive the short distance to the nearby De Haar Castle, which

dates from the 13th century. The castle was completely restored in the 20th century by renowned architect Pierre Cuypers for the wealthy Van Zuylen family. Our visit will include a tour of the beautiful interior as well as some time in the surrounding park and gardens. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure in this pretty town. Alternatively, join our included tour of Utrecht's Botanical Gardens at Fort Hoofddijk, a unique natural treasure consisting of thousands of plant species. This evening enjoy Farewell Drinks and Dinner on board as we sail towards Amsterdam.

Day 10 Amsterdam to London, Bristol, Manchester or Edinburgh. Disembark after breakfast and return to your chosen UK airport by scheduled flight or to London St Pancras by Eurostar.

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Not Included: Travel insurance, optional excursions on days 2 & 8.

Timeless Landscapes of the Low Countries

A scenic river voyage discovering the history & culture of Holland and Belgium
15th to 24th April 2018

Our springtime exploration of Holland and Belgium is a wonderful mix of art, culture and history. For art lovers we have included the fine establishments of Amsterdam and The Hague whilst we will also visit the horticultural splendours of Keukenhof and the pretty towns of the Zuider Zee. Not forgetting the beautiful Flemish cities, we also spend time in Antwerp, Ghent and Bruges where we will explore the historic canals, cobbled streets and Medieval buildings. From the comfort of the elegant MS Royal Emerald, we will 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.



ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Amsterdam's art treasures in the Rijksmuseum and Van Gogh Museum
- Keukenhof Gardens at Lisse
- Nijmegen, Holland's oldest city
- Majestic Het Loo Palace & Gardens or Arnhem's Airborne Museum
- Antwerp's Medieval gems & Ruben's House
- The beautiful cities of Ghent and Bruges
- Mauritshuis Museum in The Hague & Delft Blue Pottery
- Holland's Zuider Zee communities



The Itinerary

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Day 2 Amsterdam. After breakfast on board, 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 and Rembrandt's famous 'The Night Watch' hangs in the Hall of Honour. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure. Alternatively, there will be an included tour to the nearby picturesque village

of Zaanse Schans, famous for its beautiful windmills. Here, you will enjoy a cheese-making demonstration and a tasting. Join the Welcome Drinks and Dinner on board this evening. Moor overnight.

Day 3 Amsterdam. After breakfast today we will depart for nearby Keukenhof Gardens for a morning in this extraordinary horticultural heaven. With 32 hectares of flowers, more than 7 million bulbs in bloom and 800 varieties of tulips, this is a truly unique and unforgettable experience. Following our visit we will return to the MS Royal Emerald for a late lunch. The afternoon is at leisure, or you may wish to join our included visit to the impressive Van Gogh Museum, which houses one of the world's largest collections of work by the artist including 'Almond Blossom' and 'The

Bedroom'. Return to the ship and sail overnight to Nijmegen.

Day 4 Arnhem. After breakfast on board we depart on 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 ship for lunch and this afternoon there is a choice of included tours; you may wish to visit the memorable Airborne Museum 'Hartenstein'; this renovated building houses the world's largest collection of militaria from Operation Market Garden. Alternatively, enjoy a visit to the Kroller-Muller Museum, a national art museum and sculpture garden, located in the Hoge Veluwe National Park. The museum was founded by

art collector Helene Kroller-Muller and opened in 1938. Return to the ship and sail on towards the city of Antwerp.

Day 5 Antwerp, Belgium. Arrive in Belgium's charming city of Antwerp. In the mid-16th century it was one of Europe's most important cities and home to Baroque painter Pieter Paul Rubens. Today, Antwerp retains an intriguing Medieval heart alongside a vibrant café culture, a riverside fortress and a truly impressive Gothic cathedral. Our morning tour here will include a visit to the delightfully restored Rubens House and St Jacobskerk. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon is free to explore ashore further. We will offer an optional tour to visit the Museum Plantin-Moretus, which has acquired UNESCO World Heritage Status; an astonishing place which is home to the world's oldest printing press and priceless manuscripts. Sail



this evening towards Ghent.

Day 6 Ghent. After breakfast today we will explore the highlights of this Flemish gem including St Bavo's Cathedral, home to the unique altarpiece "The 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). After lunch on board, enjoy an afternoon at leisure to shop or sightsee further.

Day 7 Ghent for Bruges. 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 drive here from Ghent and on arrival take a walking tour. 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. The tour will end with a visit to a local chocolatier and a delicious tasting. Return to the ship for a late lunch and this afternoon sail towards Rotterdam.

Day 8 Rotterdam, The Hague, Delft. From Rotterdam we depart for a full day tour. Our first stop will be The Hague for a visit to the

beautiful Mauritshuis Museum with its marvellous collection of Dutch Golden Age paintings. Afterwards continue on to Delft, birthplace of Vermeer. We will have lunch in a local restaurant on arrival, and afterwards take a walking tour of this pretty town finishing with a visit to see the Delft Blue Pottery. Return to the ship and sail to Hoorn for an overnight mooring.

Day 9 Hoorn, Edam & Volendam. After breakfast on board we will depart for an excursion to experience two unique communities of the Zuider Zee. Our first call will be 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. Return to Hoorn for lunch on board, and this afternoon is at leisure in this pretty 16th century town. Sail in the early evening towards Amsterdam, arriving in the late evening for an overnight mooring. As we sail, join your fellow travellers for the Farewell Drinks and Dinner.

Day 10 Amsterdam to London, Bristol, Manchester or Edinburgh. Disembark after breakfast and return to the UK by scheduled flight or to London St Pancras by Eurostar.



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From Amsterdam to the Black Sea

A 22 night journey across Europe
24th April to 16th May 2018



Keukenhof Gardens



Bamberg

Join us for the 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 Emerald 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 and from historic locations to iconic buildings, our itinerary is brimming with highlights. 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.

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the unique Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam
- See beautiful chocolate box towns and villages along the Romantic Rhine
- Explore the grand cities of Vienna & Budapest
- Wine tasting in Wurzburg
- Dvorak concert by a string quartet in Bratislava
- Spectacular cruising through the Iron Gates



The Itinerary

**Day 1 London/Manchester/
Bristol/Edinburgh to Amsterdam,
Netherlands.** Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Royal Emerald. Moor overnight in Amsterdam.

Day 2 Amsterdam. After breakfast 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. Here, Rembrandt's famous 'The Night Watch' hangs in the Hall of Honour. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon is at leisure, or you may wish to join one of our included tours. Firstly on offer is a canal cruise, the perfect way to admire the city from a glass-top boat as you glide past 17th century homes, churches and 16th century merchant houses. Alternatively, visit the Van Gogh Museum which houses one of the world's largest collection of works by the artist including 'Almond Blossom' and 'The Bedroom'. This evening join your fellow travellers for Welcome Drinks & Dinner on board.

Day 3 Keukenhof Gardens. From Amsterdam, drive to nearby Keukenhof Gardens for a morning in this extraordinary horticultural heaven. With 32 hectares of flowers, more than 7 million bulbs in bloom and 800 varieties of tulips, this is a truly unique and unforgettable experience. Following our visit we will return

to the MS Royal Emerald for a late lunch and sail towards Cologne.

Day 4 Cologne, Germany. This morning cruise 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 a total area of almost 8000 square metres, room for more than 20,000 people and the second tallest spire and largest façade in the world. Afterwards visit a "Brauhaus" to sample some of the local Kolsch beer. Sail in the evening.

Day 5 Koblenz, Burg Thurant & Alken. After breakfast today we depart for a gentle walking tour of this historic commercial centre. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon we set off for our scenic trip to nearby Alken. Our first stop will be at majestic Burg Thurant, whose ancient ruins dominate the village from on high. The views from here are wonderful. We then visit Alken, one of the Moselle's oldest settlements, tracing its roots to Celtic and Roman times. Enjoy a wine tasting here, followed by some free time to explore the streets with half-timbered houses and flower-filled window boxes. Later we return to the MS Royal Emerald in Koblenz where we moor overnight.

Day 6 Rhine Gorge to Rudesheim. Depart Koblenz this morning and sail through the dramatic Rhine Gorge to Rudesheim, passing

romantic castles, lush vineyards and the infamous Lorelei rock. Arrive into Rudesheim in the late afternoon, and on arrival we take 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 ship for dinner, after which there will be some free time in port and we recommend a visit to the town's lively Drosselgasse to sample the famous Rudesheimer Kaffee. Sail in the late evening.

Day 7 Mainz. Arrive early this morning in atmospheric Mainz. Our walking tour here will include the Hoefchen ("Little Court"), residence of the city's archbishops until the 15th century and the Kirschgarten with its romantic half-timbered houses and Marian Fountain. Your tour ends with a visit to the Johan Gutenberg Museum. Sail at lunchtime as we enter the River Main.

Day 8 Miltenberg & Wertheim. This morning on a 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 9 Wurzburg. Arrive this morning in historic Wurzburg, the wine capital of Franconia. Tour this lovely town including the magnificent Prince Bishop's Residenz Palace. The visit ends with a 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 10 Bamberg. This morning 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 we will have a walking tour of this beautiful Medieval city. Return to the ship and sail in the early evening.

Day 11 Nuremberg. 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. Discover the city's spectacular Medieval architecture, including the 900 year-old ramparts that surround the city, the Imperial Castle and more. Sail at lunchtime and continue cruising through the highest point of any commercial waterway in Europe, 1331 feet above sea level.

Day 12 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 a relaxing afternoon of cruising as we head towards Melk.

Day 13 Melk, Austria. Morning cruising, arriving into Melk after lunch, where we will enjoy a guided tour of this magnificent abbey. Return to the ship for lunch and continue our sail through the beautiful Wachau Valley towards Vienna.

Day 14 Vienna. This morning we offer a choice of Viennese tours. Firstly, a city tour of Austria's elegant capital. See the famous Ringstrasse and the Old Quarter including St Stephan's Cathedral. Alternatively, you may prefer to join our tour to see Schonbrunn Palace and Gardens, the favourite summer residence of Maria Theresa. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure to relax or explore this grand city further. This evening there will be an opportunity to attend an optional evening of music ashore at the State Opera House or Volksopera (subject to availability).

Day 15 Bratislava, Slovakia. Arrive early this morning in the Slovak capital of Bratislava. Join 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. 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 ship and cruise to Budapest arriving in the late evening.

Day 16 Budapest, Hungary. 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. Sail in the late evening.

Day 17 Kalocsa. Arrive this morning in charming Kalocsa, renowned for paprika production. Our tour of the Puszta district will include the town and a spectacular display of Hungarian horsemanship. Depart this afternoon for a relaxing cruise down the beautiful Danube as we make our way towards Serbia.

Day 18 Belgrade, Serbia. Spend the afternoon in this interesting city. A half day tour highlights the city's main attractions, including the Kalemeđan 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. Sail in the late evening.

Day 19 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 20 Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria. From Svistov we 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 before we re-join the MS Royal Emerald in Rousse and sail in the evening.

Day 21 Constanța, Romania. Early this morning, arrive in Cernavoda at the entrance to the Black Sea Canal. Drive to nearby Constanța, a popular resort city whose colourful history dates back to ancient Greek and Roman times. On a guided tour see the fascinating Museum of Ethnography and also visit the Archaeological Museum. Return to the ship for a late lunch and sail in the afternoon along the snaking Danube as we make our way to the Black Sea.

Day 22 The Black Sea & Danube Delta. Awake early today to experience a sunrise cruise. Weather conditions permitting, we hope to make a short voyage to the periphery of the Black Sea. Later we cruise to Mila 35, situated at the entrance to the Danube Delta and enjoy an afternoon boat trip into the delta wetlands. This afternoon we depart for our overnight cruise to Fetești. Tonight join your fellow travellers for a Gala Farewell Dinner.

Day 23 Bucharest to London/Manchester/Bristol/Edinburgh. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for your return scheduled flight to the UK.

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Post-Cruise Bucharest Extension

16th to 19th May 2018



Romanian Athenaeum

Bucharest is known for its wide, tree-lined boulevards, glorious Belle Epoque buildings and a reputation for the high life (which in the 1900s earned its nickname of "Little Paris"). During our stay in this dynamic and fascinating capital, we will visit its most iconic structure, the massive, communist-era Parliament Palace, which has 1100 rooms. We will also explore 'Old Bucharest' in the nearby historic Lipscani district. We will spend a day outside of the city for our visit to the mysterious Snagov Monastery which is situated north of Bucharest on an island in the middle of Snagov Lake, it is said to be the burial place of the Prince of Wallachia, Vlad Tepes III, a folk hero in Romania who was revered for his leadership and fierce protection of his subjects. We will also visit Mogosoaia Palace, with its notable architectural influences from the Venetian and Ottoman eras. Our accommodation will be the four star Park Inn by Radisson, a comfortable and centrally located hotel.

The Itinerary

Day 1 Fetești to Bucharest, Romania. Disembark the MS Royal Emerald in Fetești and transfer to Bucharest (approx. 2.5 hour drive). On arrival there will be a panoramic tour of the city's highlights. Afterwards we will relax over lunch at the Phoenicia Restaurant. Continue to the Park Inn by Radisson for a three night stay.

Day 2 Discover Bucharest. After breakfast we set off for a visit to 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. After our tour we will enjoy lunch in "Carol cu Bere", Bucharest's oldest beer house, with its colourful Belle Epoque interior, stained glass windows and classic Romanian fare. This afternoon enjoy a walking tour of the Old Town, including a visit to Străvopoleos Church, Lipscani Lane, Manuc's Inn and the Old Princely Court. The remainder of the day and evening will be at leisure.

Day 3 Bucharest to Snagov to Mogosoaia. After breakfast we will 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 will enjoy lunch in a local restaurant and continue to visit Mogosoaia Palace, built in the 17th century in the Romanian Renaissance style. Return to Bucharest for an evening at leisure.

Day 4 Bucharest to London/Manchester/Bristol/Edinburgh. After breakfast at your hotel there will be free time to relax, sightsee or shop at leisure before we transfer to the airport for the return scheduled flight to the UK.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy
Twin: £595 Single: £795

Price Includes: Three nights accommodation at the Park Inn by Radisson Hotel on bed and breakfast basis • Lunch on days 1, 2 & 3 • Drinks with included meals (wine/beer/soft drinks) • All sightseeing & entrance fees as described • Tour Manager • Services of a local English speaking guide throughout • Transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance, dinners, lunch on day 4.



Decebal's head, Iron Gates Gorge

Eastern Treasures

A cultural exploration from the delta lands of the Danube to the majestic city of Vienna
16th to 26th May 2018

Join us for what promises to be a splendid journey as we navigate the Danube River from the delta in the east to Austria's elegant capital, Vienna. We will sail through Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Hungary and Austria on one of the world's great journeys through some of Europe's most beautiful landscapes. From the earliest times the Danube has been one of Europe's most important trade routes linking the eastern shores with central Europe and it is the combination of modern and traditional culture along the way makes for a fascinating voyage. Excursions with excellent local guides and interesting talks by our guest speaker will create an enjoyable, informative and lively atmosphere as we sail along the Danube in all its early summer glory. To enhance your holiday further we are offering a six 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.

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Danube Delta wetlands
- City of the Tsars – Veliko Tarnovo
- The Belogradchik Rocks and Vidin's Philharmonic orchestra
- Scenic cruising through the Iron Gates
- Folklore dance display in Belgrade
- Hungary's famous wine region of Villany
- "Queen of the Danube" – Budapest



Pelicans, Danube Delta



Parliament Palace, Bucharest

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Bucharest, Romania. Fly by scheduled flight and on arrival transfer to Fetesti (approx. 2.5 hours) for embarkation aboard the MS Royal Emerald. Sail this evening.

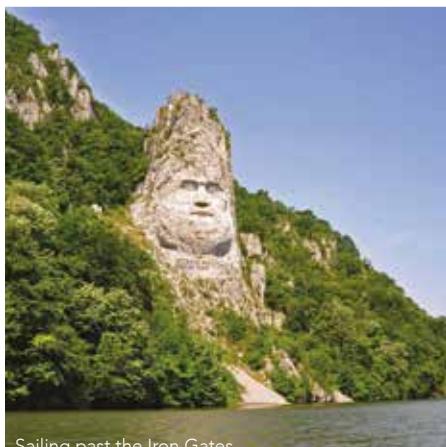
Day 2 Danube Delta. The vast Danube Delta is one of the most important wetlands left in Europe. We will access this unique region from Mila 35 at the entrance to the delta and explore by local boats. Return to the vessel and sail in the afternoon. Tonight join your fellow travellers for Welcome Drinks and Dinner.

Day 3 Bucharest. Arrive this morning in the port of Chicu Calarasi for a drive to Bucharest.

We will explore the main sights of this 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 wish 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 (*please note that closure at short notice is possible if unannounced official functions are taking place*). Alternatively, visit the fascinating Village Museum, an open-air ethnographic museum located in the Herastrau Park, showcasing traditional Romanian village life. The museum extends



Kalemegdan Fortress, Belgrade



Sailing past the Iron Gates



Budapest

to over 100,000 square metres, and contains 272 authentic peasant farms and houses from all over Romania. Afterwards we head to the port of Giurgiu where we re-join our vessel and sail onto Rousse for an overnight mooring. After dinner this evening we will be entertained by a lively Bulgarian folk troupe.

Day 4 Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria. From Rousse we depart by coach for a full day tour 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, famous for its 17th and 18th architecture and the unique Church of the Nativity of Christ. We return to our ship at Svishtov and sail.

Day 5 Belogradchik & Vidin. This morning we continue cruising, reaching the Bulgarian port of Vidin in the early afternoon. After lunch 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. 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 6 Cruising through the Iron Gates. Today the scenery becomes truly spectacular as we cruise through the Iron Gates, a narrow Danube gorge between the Carpathian and Balkan Mountains.

Day 7 Belgrade, Serbia. Arrive in Belgrade this morning and join a tour of the city's main attractions including Saint Sava Cathedral, the largest Orthodox Church in the world and Tito's Memorial. The tour will end with an excellent dance display from a local folklore troupe. Sail in the afternoon towards Mohacs.

Day 8 Pecs & Villany, Hungary. Arrive into Mohacs this morning and after breakfast we depart 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. Return to the ship

and sail towards Budapest.

Day 9 Budapest. Arrive early this morning and after breakfast depart on a tour of Hungary's elegant capital. The excursion will include the old quarter, a visit to Matthias Church, and the Fisherman's Bastion from where there are stunning views of the city. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon is at leisure to explore ashore or relax on board the ship.

Day 10 Vienna, Austria. This morning relax on board as we cruise towards Vienna, arriving around midday. After lunch depart

for a city tour, including the famous Ringstrasse and the Old Quarter and St Stephan's Cathedral. Alternatively join an excursion to Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens, the favourite summer residence of Maria Theresa. Return to the ship and this evening gather with your fellow travellers for the Farewell Drinks & Gala Dinner.

Day 11 Vienna to London. Disembark after breakfast and either enjoy a morning ashore at leisure or join an excursion to Vienna Woods before your return to London by scheduled flight.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

SPECIAL OFFER – SAVE £300 PER PERSON FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

CATEGORY	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
1 Standard Suite	£2495	£2195
2 Balcony Suite	£2795	£2495
3 Deluxe Balcony Suite	£2895	£2595
4 Junior Balcony Suite	£3295	£2995
5 Royal Balcony Suite	£3695	£3395
6 Royal Panorama Suite	£4295	£3995
1 Standard Suite for sole use	£2495	£2195
2 Balcony Suite for sole use	£2795	£2495

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 10 nights aboard the MS Royal Emerald on full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Guest Speaker • Cruise Director • Tour Manager • Transfers • Port taxes • Airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

Pre-Cruise Transylvania Extension

10th to 16th May 2018



Bran Castle



Sibiu



Sighisoara

Before embarking the MS Royal Emerald we are offering the opportunity to explore Transylvania, located in Central Romania. Transylvania is a region of exquisite countryside surrounded by the arc of the dramatic Carpathian mountain chain and is home to some of Europe's best-preserved Medieval towns and stunning castles.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Fly by scheduled indirect flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to your four-star hotel for a two night stay. Tonight gather for the traditional bread and salt welcome, followed by a Welcome Drink and Dinner at your hotel.

Day 2 Cluj-Napoca. Today we depart for a visit to this historical capital of Transylvania, dating back to the Roman conquest of Dacia. The city is an important cultural and academic centre and our tour will include the Old Town, the Cathedral of St Michael, and the Baroque-era Banffy Palace (outside view). Lunch will be in a local restaurant, followed by a visit to the city's renowned Botanical Gardens, founded by the academic Alexandru Borza in 1920. The site covers 14 hectares and is home to more than 10,000 plants. Return to the hotel and this evening is at leisure.

Day 3 Rimetea, Alba Iulia & Sibiu. After breakfast we depart for the village of Rimetea. Renowned for its traditional white houses with green windows, Rimetea is one of the best conserved and most beautiful cultural attractions in Romania, and was the first village in the country to be granted the Europa Nostra award for the successful preservation of its architectural heritage. On arrival enjoy some time including refreshments in a local guesthouse. We then continue on to Alba Iulia, the town where Ferdinand and Marie were crowned Kings of the Great Romania. We will have lunch here in a local restaurant, after which we visit the stunning White Citadel and the Coronation Cathedral, as well as the Unification Museum. We then continue on to the town of Sibiu and check in to our hotel for a two night stay. Dinner this evening will be at the hotel.

Day 4 Sibiu & Sibiel. After breakfast join a walking tour of colourful Sibiu followed by some free time before lunch in the old city. Later we will drive to Sibiel and visit a unique and superb museum of glass painted icons, located in the old village church. Return to Sibiu and this evening is free to enjoy this pretty town at leisure.

Day 5 Bierțan, Sighisoara & Brasov. After breakfast depart for picturesque Bierțan where the 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. Enjoy some free time here for lunch and exploring at leisure before we continue onwards to Brasov. Check in to our hotel for two nights and dinner this evening will be at a local restaurant.

Day 6 Brasov & Bran. After breakfast depart for a city tour of Brasov, including the Old City, City Hall Square, St Nicholas Church and the Black Church. We then continue on towards Bran, with a lunch stop en-route. On arrival in Bran we will take a tour 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. Afterwards, we return to Brasov and the remainder of the day is at leisure. This evening enjoy a Farewell Drink & Dinner in the nearby resort town of Poiana Brasov.

Day 7 Sinaia to Fetești. Check out of the hotel and depart for the picturesque town of Sinaia for a visit of the fairy-tale Peles Castle, commissioned by King Carol I in the 19th century. Nestled at the foot of the Bucegi Mountains, this elaborately decorated castle is a masterpiece of German neo-Renaissance architecture and considered by many to be one of the most stunning castles in Europe. We then continue on for a lunch stop at Ploiești before our final journey to Fetești to embark the MS Royal Emerald.

PRICES PER PERSON

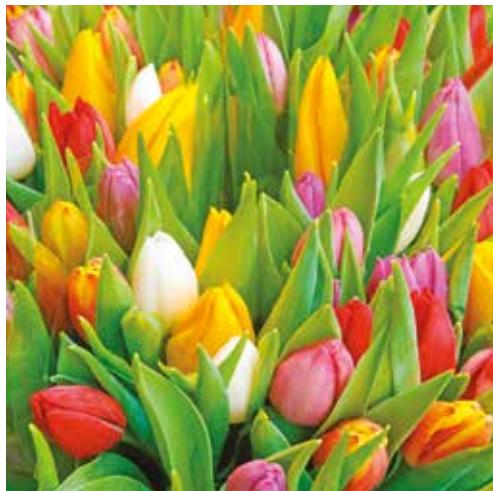
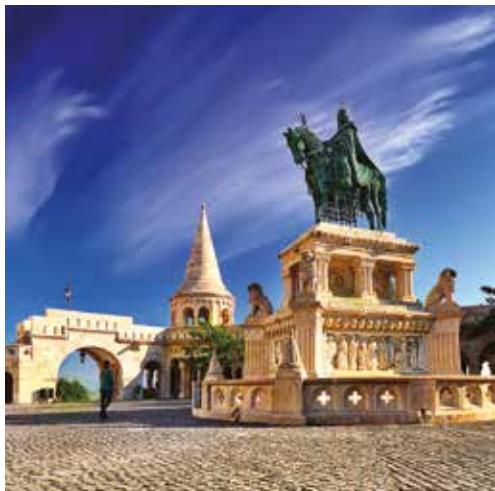
Based on double occupancy

Twin: £1195 Single: £1455

Price Includes: Six nights hotel accommodation at four-star hotels as described • Meals as described • Wine & soft drinks with included lunches & dinners • Excursions • Gratuities • Tour Manager.

Not Included: Travel insurance, dinner on days 2 & 4, lunch on day 5.





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