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OFFER - SAVE  
£200  
PER PERSON

# SPRINGTIME ON THE RHINE & MOSELLE

A relaxing journey along the Rhine and Moselle Rivers from the  
Low Countries to Switzerland aboard the MS Royal Emerald

15<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April & 27<sup>th</sup> April to 9<sup>th</sup> May\* 2019

NOBLE CALEDONIA



Join us for our journey along Germany's lovely rivers. The mighty Rhine, for so long one of Europe's main trading routes contrasts beautifully with our exploration of the Moselle, surely one of the most beautiful rivers in all Europe. We will also visit the historic city of Heidelberg on the Neckar River, one of Europe's great seats of learning. Most trips on offer along the Rhine are based on four to six days and concentrate on only one section of the river. Here you have a most comprehensive journey including as it does some of the most interesting places in the Netherlands, combined with the great wine producing areas along the Moselle and the historic cities of Cologne and the enchanting resort of Baden-Baden. Added to these riches is a visit to Strasbour in France, a fascinating place in the delightful Alsace region.

This detailed look at two of Europe's great rivers offers a captivating and romantic journey. The scenery is stunning and makes an excellent combination with the artistic riches we shall see along the way from the wonderful collections on show in the museums and galleries to the fairy tale castles and Medieval charms of the towns and villages along the rivers. This promises to be a most rewarding journey.





Heidelberg



Bernkastel



Spires of Cologne Cathedral



Basle



Strasbourg

masterpieces by modern masters such as Claude Monet and Pablo Picasso. Return to the vessel and sail in the evening towards Germany.

**Day 4 Cologne, Germany.** Enjoy a relaxing morning on board as we cruise along the Rhine, arriving in Cologne after lunch. On our guided tour we will include a walk along the river promenade and through the old town to the magnificent cathedral, the largest in Germany.

**Day 5 Cochem.** Relax this morning and enjoy the lovely scenery of the Moselle Valley as we make our way to Cochem, where we will arrive in the early afternoon. The town of Cochem is famous for its 11th century Schloss and the Reichsburg, set impressively on a tree clad hill above a bend of the river. On our guided tour, walk along its winding Medieval streets and see the Baroque Town Hall. Sail this evening.

**Day 6 Bernkastel.** Arrive in the early morning in the heart of the Moselle Valley. We will explore lovely Bernkastel and sample some of the locally produced wine. Return to the MS Royal Emerald and spend a leisurely afternoon on board enjoying the views along the meandering valley.

**Day 7 Rudesheim.** Enjoy a morning of cruising as we leave the Moselle and head back for the Rhine. This section of river is regarded by many as the most romantic with its cliff hugging castles and vine clad hills. This afternoon we will reach Rudesheim, a colourful riverside town. Here you can explore the cobblestone streets of the Drosselgasse and take a mini-train to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum. Return to the MS Royal Emerald and this evening sail past the city of Mainz where the Rhine meets the Main.

**Day 8 Heidelberg.** From our berth in Mannheim, we will visit the picturesque and romantic city of Heidelberg, home to Germany's oldest university, dating back to 1386. A morning tour will include the castle, a dramatically sited red sandstone ruin that dominates the city, the old town with its famous market place and the city gates. Return to the ship for lunch and some free time. Sail overnight to Speyer.

**Day 9 Speyer & Baden-Baden.** This morning join a guided walking tour of the handsome town of Speyer, including the mighty cathedral. This Romanesque basilica was founded by Emperor Conrad II in 1030 and is one of the largest and most impressive edifices in Germany. After lunch on board drive to the spa town of Baden-Baden. This beautiful belle-epoch resort is one of Germany's best kept secrets. The spa assembly rooms and famously elegant casino form the focal point of the town, both architecturally and socially. The old quarter is full of elegant houses, exclusive boutiques and cafés and is fully pedestrianised. After our guided tour there will be some free time to wander around this remarkable town which somehow manages to retain its old world charm and yet be very much of the 21st century. Return to your ship in Speyer and sail in the early evening towards Strasbourg.

## ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam
- Experience a wine tasting in Bernkastel
- Visit the mighty Cathedrals of Speyer and Cologne
- See the 18th century houses & twin spires of Basle Minster
- Sail along two of the most beautiful rivers in Europe

## THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 London to Amsterdam, Netherlands.** Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival, transfer and embark the MS Royal Emerald. Welcome Drinks and Dinner on board. Moor overnight.

**Day 2 Amsterdam.** Explore the city of the 'Golden Age' on an excursion which will include the incomparable Rijksmuseum with its splendid collection of old masters. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore independently before we set sail this evening.

**Day 3 Arnhem.** Arrive this morning into Arnhem and after breakfast join an excursion to the memorable Airborne Museum 'Hartenstein'; this renovated building houses the world's largest collection of militaria from Operation Market Garden. It is so called due to it being the headquarters of the British airborne troops during World War II, although the building's history dates back to as early as 1728 when its first use was as an Inn. Return to the MS Royal Emerald for lunch and this afternoon either choose to explore Arnhem independently or join an optional excursion to the Kröller-Müller Museum which houses the second largest Van Gogh collection in the world and



Breisach



Baden-Baden

**Day 10 Strasbourg, France.** Today, we cross to the other side of the Rhine and enter France. A morning guided tour will introduce us to the delights of Strasbourg including the fascinating old quarter. Start with the Quai de la 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.

**Day 11 Breisach, Germany.** This morning we arrive in Breisach, gateway to the Black Forest. After breakfast enjoy an excursion through the area's mountain landscape, meadows and dense forest. This afternoon is at leisure in the pretty town of Breisach before we sail this evening.

**Day 12 Basle, Switzerland.** Arrive in Switzerland at breakfast time and moor in Basle, the nation's second largest city. Our morning excursion will take us to the old market square with its brightly painted Town Hall and along Minster Hill, past many handsome 18th century houses to the Minster with its slender twin spires.

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

*\*Please note that the 27th April departure operates in the reverse direction to that shown from Basle to Amsterdam. Full itinerary details can be viewed online at [www.noble-caledonia.co.uk](http://www.noble-caledonia.co.uk)*

## PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

**SPECIAL OFFER – SAVE £200 PER PERSON FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY PLUS NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ON CATEGORIES 1 TO 3**

CATEGORY	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
1 Standard Suite	£3195	£2995
2 Balcony Suite	£3495	£3295
3 Deluxe Balcony Suite	£3595	£3395
4 Junior Balcony Suite	£3995	£3795
5 Royal Balcony Suite	£4395	£4195
1 Standard Suite for sole use	£3195	£2995
2 Balcony Suite for sole use	£3495	£3295
3 Deluxe Balcony for sole use	£3595	£3395

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Economy class scheduled air travel • 12 nights aboard the MS Royal Emerald on full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Cruise Director • Tour Manager • Guest Speaker • Transfers • Port taxes • Airport taxes.  
**Not Included:** Travel insurance, optional excursion to the Kröller-Müller Museum.

## ALSACE EXTENSION

25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Pre-cruise extension in conjunction with 27<sup>th</sup> April voyage

27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Post-cruise extension in conjunction with 15<sup>th</sup> April voyage



Colmar

We are offering an opportunity to spend two nights in the charming town of Colmar, capital of the Alsace Region. Colmar offers an exciting glimpse of 1000 years of European history, with its wonderfully preserved historical centre, careful restoration, traditional hospitality and friendly ambience. Lying near the vine-covered foothills of the southern Vosges, the town boasts picturesque 16th and 17th century burghers' houses, art treasures, delicious cuisine and superb wines.

## POST-CRUISE EXTENSION ITINERARY

**Day 1 Basle, Switzerland.** Disembark the MS Royal Emerald in Basle after breakfast, and enjoy a tour of the town before driving on to the pretty town of Eguisheim. On arrival we will have lunch in a local restaurant, followed by a stroll around the narrow and brightly coloured streets. We then continue on to nearby Colmar, arriving at your hotel in the early evening. Remainder of the evening at leisure.

**Day 2 Colmar.** After breakfast at your hotel, join a walking tour of Colmar, including a visit to the Unterlinden Museum, home to the Isenheim Altarpiece, an altarpiece sculpted and painted by Niclaus of Hagenau and Matthias Grunewald. The remainder of your day will be at leisure to sightsee and explore independently.

**Day 3 Colmar.** After breakfast, enjoy the day at leisure. This afternoon you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to Basle airport for your return scheduled flight to London.

**Prices per person** Based on double occupancy

**Twin:** £495

**Single:** £645

**Price Includes:** Two nights accommodation at the Grand Hotel Bristol Colmar on bed & breakfast basis, transfers, tours as described, lunch on day 1.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance, meals other than those described.



# 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 2019. This elegant vessel was built in 2008 and offers a range of luxurious and comfortable suites, the majority with outdoor balconies. The atmosphere on board is friendly and welcoming and 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 five grades of cabin categories:

**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 and 203-212) are situated in prime locations on the Diamond and Sapphire Decks and measure

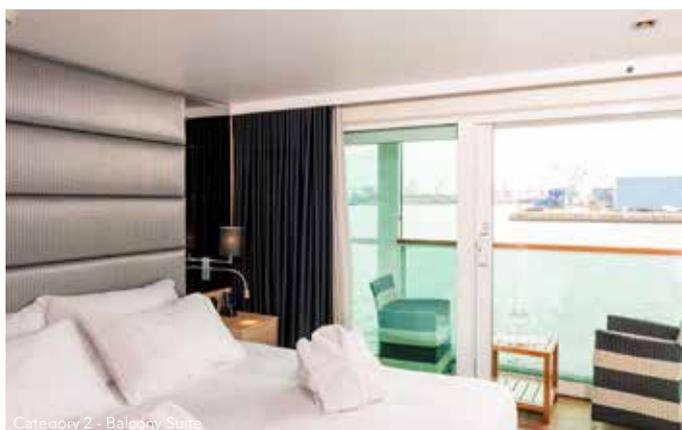
225 square feet. These suites offer a full length outdoor balcony, ensuite bathroom and are tastefully designed.

**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 3 Cabin



Category 2 - Balcony Suite



Category 5 - Royal Balcony Suite



Panorama Bar & Lounge



Crystal Dining Room



Open Air Lounge



L'Occitane Bath Products



Reception

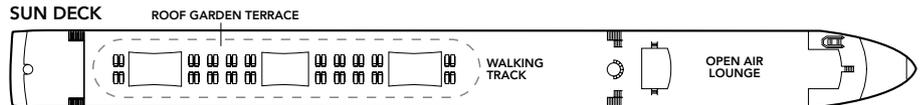
## YOUR SPACE

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.

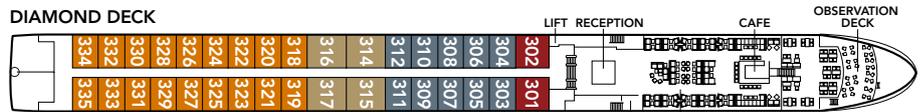
## YOUR DINING

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.

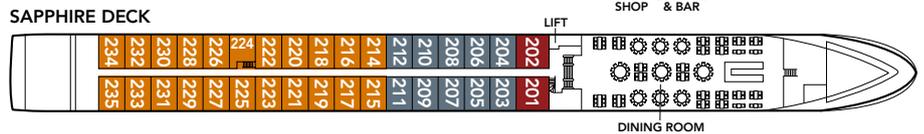
### SUN DECK



### DIAMOND DECK



### SAPPHIRE DECK



### JEWEL DECK



- CATEGORY 1
- CATEGORY 2
- CATEGORY 3
- CATEGORY 4
- CATEGORY 5

## 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.

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