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THREE RIVER ODYSSEY

A river journey between Budapest and Basle aboard the RV Advance

18th June to 2nd July 2024 & 13th to 27th September* 2024

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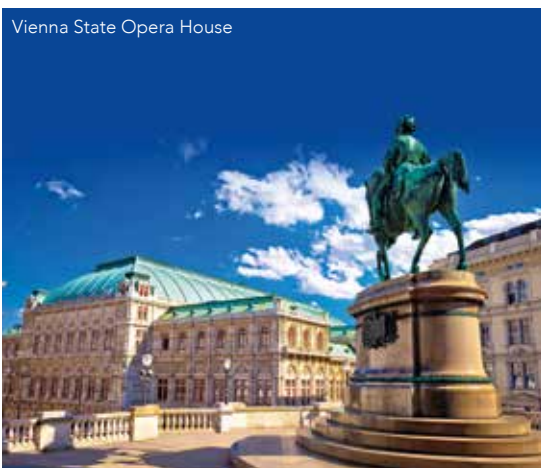
Prince Bishop's Residenz Palace, Würzburg



This journey aboard the wonderfully comfortable, 100-passenger RV Advance from Budapest to Basle travels through the very heart of Europe and includes passages along three great rivers - the Danube, Main and Rhine. Whilst rivers may not always offer the most direct route, they do offer the most interesting. They allow us to weave through the landscape on a meandering journey experiencing the countryside, villages and towns from a very different perspective to that offered by road. A journey such as this will appeal to those who enjoy seeing something different each day but do not find the thought of long coach journeys appealing. We will sail through Europe with great ease, enjoying relaxing interludes on board in between our varied visits ashore.

This detailed look at three of Europe's great rivers will offer a captivating and endlessly romantic journey. Embarking in the wonderful city of Budapest we will have two weeks ahead of us to take a comprehensive look at an area of infinite cultural riches. Baroque churches, cathedrals and abbeys will be seen in all their splendour, often contrasting with their naturally beautiful, rustic surroundings. Old quarters of winding lanes and alleys lined by Medieval houses contrast with the modern architecture in the city centres. 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.

Vienna State Opera House



Melk Abbey



Strasbourg



Bamberg



Regensburg Cathedral and the Old Stone Bridge

ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Budapest, Hungary. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the RV Advance.

Day 2 Budapest. After breakfast our guided tour of the splendid city of Budapest will include the old quarter, visiting the Mathias' Church and the Fisherman's Bastion from where there are stunning views of the city. After lunch on board, the afternoon will be free to explore at leisure. In the early evening join your fellow travellers in the lounge for a piano recital before we sail tonight.

Day 3 Bratislava, Slovakia. Arrive over lunch 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.

Day 4 Vienna, Austria. 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, travel 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 this afternoon is at leisure to explore this majestic city further at your own pace.

Day 5 Wachau Valley & Melk. Spend the morning cruising through the beautiful Wachau Valley, famous for its wines and arrive this afternoon in Melk with its majestic Baroque abbey situated on a cliff, 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 6 Passau, Germany. Arrive over lunch 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.

Day 7 Regensburg. On our guided morning stroll around this World Heritage listed historic city, widely regarded as the Medieval wonder of Germany we will see the majestic twin-spired cathedral Dom St Peter, the ancient Romanesque Porta Praetoria and the tower houses. The afternoon is free to explore this charming town at your own pace.

Day 8 Nuremberg. After a morning cruising we arrive in Nuremberg, the capital of Franconia where there will be a choice of tours. A guided tour of the old city sees the vast walls, Zeppelin Field, the site of the Nuremberg Trials and the Palace of Justice. Alternatively join a visit to the lovely Hesperides Gardens, developed in the 17th and 18th centuries by rich tradesmen and often referred to as the "Baroque Gardens".

Day 9 Bamberg. Arrive this morning in Bamberg, one of Germany's most beautiful historic towns. Its relative geographical location, some 40 miles north of Nuremberg was a key factor in preserving its magnificent 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. Return to the ship for lunch and sail later this afternoon.

Day 10 Wurzburg. We spend the morning in historic Wurzburg, the wine capital of Franconia. Tour this lovely town including the magnificent Prince Bishop's Residenz Palace where our visit ends with a wine tasting of local wines in the splendid cellars. 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.

Day 11 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. Alternatively, visit Mespelbrunn Castle, one of the loveliest castles in northern Bavaria. The castle is located in a small, hidden and picturesque valley within the Spessart forest and it was because of this concealment that it survived the Thirty Years War and remained unscathed during both World Wars. It was first built in the 15th century and then renovated in beautiful Renaissance style.

Day 12 Mannheim for Heidelberg. From our berth in Mannheim, we visit nearby Heidelberg to enjoy this most picturesque and romantic of German cities which is home to Germany's oldest university, dating back to 1386. 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.

Day 13 Strasbourg, France. Arrive this morning and after breakfast join a guided tour which 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. Return to the ship for lunch. This afternoon is at leisure, or alternatively join a scenic tour along Alsace's "Route des Vins", including a tasting of the region's splendid wines.

Day 14 Breisach, Germany for Colmar, France. From our berth in Breisach, we will cross the River Rhine into France and drive to the capital of the Upper Rhine region, Colmar. We begin with a visit to the impressive Unterlinden Museum which dates back to the 13th century. Admire a fine collection of religious Medieval paintings and also paintings from the 20th and 21st centuries including works by Picasso and Monet. The highlight of the Museum is the Isenheim Altar, a wonderful triptych created for the monastery at Isenheim by Matthias Grunewald. We continue on for a short walk through the charming Old Town, with delightful patrician houses and

winding lanes and enjoy some free time before our drive back to Breisach to reboard the RV Advance. This evening join your fellow travellers for farewell drinks and dinner.

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

*The 13th September departure operates in the reverse direction to that shown from Basle to Budapest. Full itinerary can be viewed online.

PRICES PER PERSON				
Based on double occupancy				
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CAT	CABIN DESCRIPTION	DECK	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
D	Standard Stateroom	Deck 2	£5995	£5795
C	Standard Stateroom	Deck 3	£6295	£6095
B	Large Stateroom	Deck 2	£6795	£6595
A	Large Stateroom	Deck 3	£6995	£6795
Suite	Two-room Suite	Deck 3	£7995	£7795
D	Standard Stateroom for sole use	Deck 2	£6995	£6795
C	Standard Stateroom for sole use	Deck 3	£7295	£7095
PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 14 nights aboard the RV Advance on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Gratuities • Transfers • Port & airport taxes. Not Included: Travel insurance				



RV ADVANCE

The 100-passenger RV Advance is a luxurious, boutique river ship which was built in 2017, and launched into service in 2023. No expense has been spared to create a vessel which is a joy to travel on with stylish public rooms and elegant staterooms along with an expansive Sun Deck. The atmosphere is warm and convivial and within days you will have made new friends in the open-seating restaurant, on the shore excursions or whilst relaxing in the comfortable public areas. You will find yourself amongst like-minded people in an English-speaking environment. A musician will play each evening whilst you relax in the lounge, Guest Speakers will provide a series of interesting talks and our Cruise Director will host informative port briefings. After a day exploring ashore, you will return to the comfort and peace of a well-run and exceedingly comfortable vessel.



Category C Stateroomm

YOUR STATEROOM

Staterooms on board have a luxurious feel and are arranged over two decks. All feature French balcony window, mini-refrigerator, satellite television and movies on demand, coffee machine, dressing table, safety deposit box and individually controlled air conditioning. Staterooms feature a King-sized bed which can be configured as double beds and, in Categories A, B and the Suite, the bed is river facing. Ensuite facilities include a spacious walk-in shower, sustainable luxury bath amenities, bathrobes, vanity unit and hairdryer. The standard staterooms measure 17.5 square metres, the large staterooms measure 23.5 square metres and the two suites feature a separate living room with a fireplace and measure 47 square metres.

YOUR DINING

While the most beautiful river scenery passes by, you can 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. During the day, coffee specialities, pastries, cheeses and charcuterie board are also available at The Bistro on Deck 3 and light meals are also available through room service if required. In the Skylight and Pop-up bar you can enjoy unlimited soft drinks, tea and coffee during the opening hours. At the coffee station next to the guest's services desk, water, tea and coffee are available, at any time. In addition, regional wines, beer and soft drinks are included at both lunch and dinner.



The Restaurant

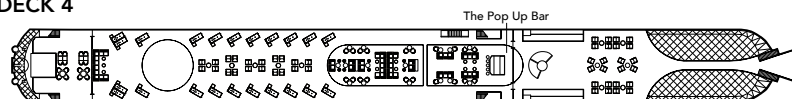


YOUR SPACE

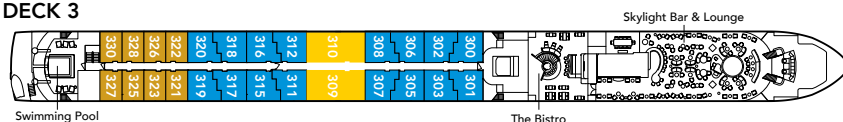
The elegant Skylight Lounge and Bar is the focal point and social hub of the vessel and features a range of comfortable seating along with a selection of books and games. With the floor to ceiling windows you can experience the wonderful scenery whilst enjoying your choice of beverage. The Skylight Lounge is where our Guest Speakers will entertain you with informative presentations and in the evenings, let the day come to an end with a choice of beverages from the extensive menu accompanied by a musician playing the piano. The huge Sun Deck covers almost the entire length of the vessel, interrupted only by the Wheelhouse and the Pop-Up Bar (open when weather permits) where you can enjoy a drink with your fellow travellers. The Sun Deck is the perfect spot to recline on a sun lounger and read a book or watch the changing scenery. There is also a well-equipped Fitness Room on board, an indoor swimming pool with a counter-current swimming system, massage salon, complimentary self-service guest laundry, a lift which serves Decks 2 and 3 and unlimited complimentary internet access.

DECK PLAN

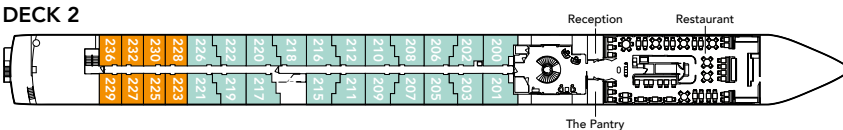
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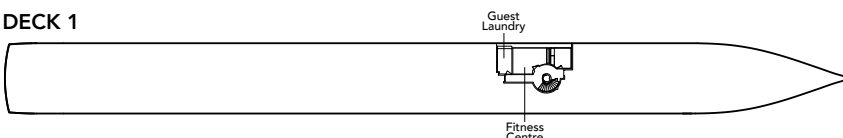
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