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# THREE RIVER ODYSSEY

A RIVER JOURNEY BETWEEN BUDAPEST & BASLE  
ABOARD THE MS RIVER CROWN

17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE TO 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2026



NOBLE CALEDONIA



Heidelberg



This journey aboard the wonderfully comfortable, 100-passenger MS River Crown 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 with 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.

Budapest



Skyline from St Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna







Bratislava



Bamberg



Regensburg Cathedral and the Old Stone Bridge



Strasbourg

## The Itinerary

**Day 1 London to Budapest, Hungary.** Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS River Crown.

**Day 2 Budapest.** After breakfast our guided tour will include the old quarter, visiting the Matthias 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 before we sail early this evening.

**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 concert of music by Dvorak and Mozart by a string quartet.

**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. Continue on to Weissenkirchen to taste some of the wonderful wines of this region.

**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 Stephen 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. The city's long and sometimes troubled history has left its mark and there is plenty to discover during our afternoon tour. Visit the World War II sites, including the Third Reich Party Rally Grounds and discover the city's spectacular Medieval architecture.

**Day 9 Bamberg.** This morning we arrive in 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. Return to the ship for lunch and as we sail this afternoon the MS River Crown leaves the Main-Danube Canal and enters the River Main.

**Day 10 Wurzburg.** We spend the morning in historic Wurzburg, the wine capital of Franconia. Our tour of this lovely town will include the old town with its collection of churches which range in style from Romanesque to Gothic, Renaissance to Baroque, as well as the magnificent Prince Bishop's Residenz Palace. Our visit will end with a wine tasting of local wines before returning to the ship for lunch as we sail towards Miltenberg.

**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. Sail in the afternoon.

**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 Kehl, Germany for Strasbourg, France.** From the nearby town of Kehl, our guided tour this morning 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 paintings including religious Medieval ones and some 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 Mattheus Grunewald. Continuing on we take a 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 MS River Crown. The afternoon is free for independent exploration in Breisach. Sail in the evening.

**Day 15 Basle, Switzerland to London.** Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for the scheduled flight to London.



Fisherman's Bastion, Budapest



**PRICES PER PERSON**

Based on double occupancy

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CATEGORY	DECK	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
Premium with French Balcony	Middle Deck	£7295	£6795
Premium with French Balcony	Upper Deck	£7495	£6995
Deluxe with French Balcony	Middle Deck	£8195	£7695
Deluxe with French Balcony	Upper Deck	£8495	£7995
Queen Suite with Balcony	Upper Deck	£9495	£8995
Standard Single with porthole	Main Deck	£7295	£6795
Premium with French Balcony for sole use	Middle Deck	£8495	£7995

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Economy class scheduled air travel • 14 nights aboard the MS River Crown 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.

**NB:** It will be necessary to close the sun deck whilst sailing through sections of the Rhine-Main-Danube canal and the Main River.





# MS RIVER CROWN

We are delighted to have chartered the elegant 100-passenger MS River Crown, a spacious and well-designed vessel which was built in 2008 and is undergoing a comprehensive upgrade in 2025. The atmosphere on board is friendly and informal 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 and for those who seek peace and quiet, there will always be the opportunity to find a secluded spot on the Sun Deck, in one of the relaxing public areas or to simply rest in your well-appointed cabin. 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.

## YOUR CABIN

The spacious cabins are arranged over three decks and are well planned and smartly furnished. Premium cabins on the Middle and Upper Deck measure 15.5 square metres and beds in these cabins can be configured as twin or double. Premium cabins feature floor to ceiling panoramic windows which can be opened to a French Balcony providing wonderful views and access to fresh air. Also on the Middle and Upper decks are the Deluxe cabins with French Balcony which measure 22 square metres and feature fixed double beds along with a seating area comprising of a sofa, armchair and table. The four spacious, two room Queen Suites on the Upper Deck measure 30 square metres and feature both a French Balcony and separate balcony with chairs and a table, living room area with separable sliding door, a double bed and spacious bathroom. Finally, there are five Standard single cabins on the Main Deck which measure 12 square metres and feature portholes. All cabins feature ample storage space, a writing/dressing table, television, safety deposit box, hairdryer, small refrigerator and individually controlled air-conditioning.

## 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 for early risers, tea, coffee and pastries are available. Breakfast is served buffet style, lunch is a combination of a delightful buffet and hot dishes served to order and dinner is a served four course meal. In addition, house wine, beer and soft drinks are included at both lunch and dinner. Afternoon tea is also provided with a choice of cakes and to finish the day, snacks are available in the lounge in the late evening.

## YOUR SPACE

A well designed feature of the MS River Crown is the positioning of the Restaurant and the Lounge and Bar on the Upper Deck. These public areas have floor to ceiling windows, affording excellent views as you dine, relax or listen to the onboard lectures. There is also an Atrium Lobby with seating where you can access tea and coffee 24-hours a day, whilst the Club area on board comprises of two small lounges, a perfect place if you are seeking somewhere to relax with a good book and a tea or coffee. The huge Sun Deck covers almost the entire length of the vessel, interrupted only by the bridge and is the ideal location to watch the changing scenery. There is also a putting green and a large chess board on the Sun Deck for your enjoyment. For some time out, you can relax in the wellness centre which includes a sauna with shower facilities, and a fitness room.



Illustration of Restaurant post-refurbishment





Queen Suite



Illustration of Deluxe Cabin with French Balcony post-refurbishment



Lounge & Bar (prior to refurbishment)



The Club (prior to refurbishment)

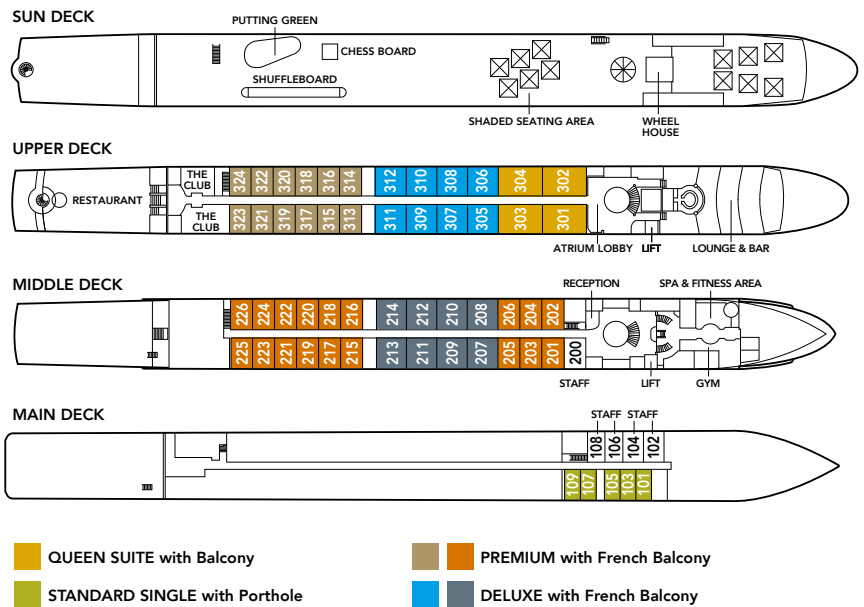


Premium Cabin with French Balcony (prior to refurbishment)



Atrium Lobby (prior to refurbishment)

## DECK PLAN



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