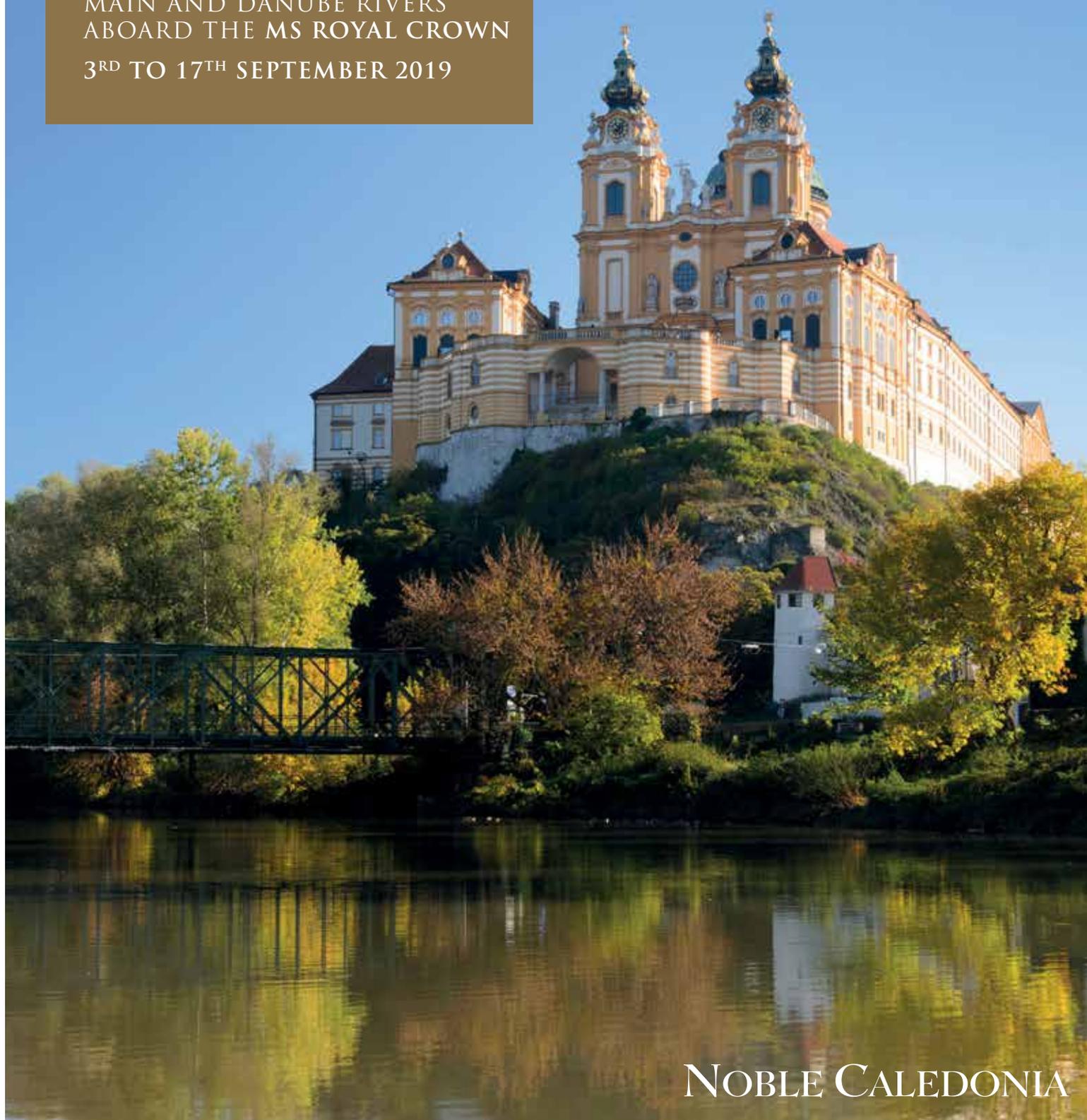


THREE RIVER ODYSSEY

DISCOVER THE MUSIC, WINE
& CULTURE OF THE RHINE,
MAIN AND DANUBE RIVERS
ABOARD THE MS ROYAL CROWN

3RD TO 17TH SEPTEMBER 2019

SPECIAL
OFFER - SAVE
£300
PER PERSON



NOBLE CALEDONIA



Early September is the perfect time to visit central Europe, the weather still holds its summer warmth and the crowds have departed the towns and villages. We begin our cruise in Basle and sail along the pretty Rhine, the supremely attractive Main and the majestic Danube rivers towards our final destination of Budapest. This 15 day 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. These regions are well known for their rich history, superb music and delightful wine production and we have included some interesting events at a variety of locations to compliment our travels. We are also offering an opportunity to spend three nights in the beautifully serene Lake Constance in Germany before embarking the MS Royal Crown.

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Historic Strasbourg and Alsace's "Route des Vins"
- Majestic Speyer Cathedral
- Chocolate box towns of Heidelberg, Wurzburg & Bamberg
- Visit to Burgenland & Haydn's birthplace
- Melk Abbey & cruising the Wachau Valley
- Wine tasting at Weissenkirchen with traditional music
- Elegant cities of Vienna & Budapest



THE ITINERARY

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

Day 2 Basle. This morning's 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. The oldest parts of the building date between 9th to 13th centuries, although much was rebuilt in the Gothic style after the 1356 earthquake. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon at leisure to relax or sightsee ashore. Sail this evening whilst we enjoy Welcome Drinks and Dinner.

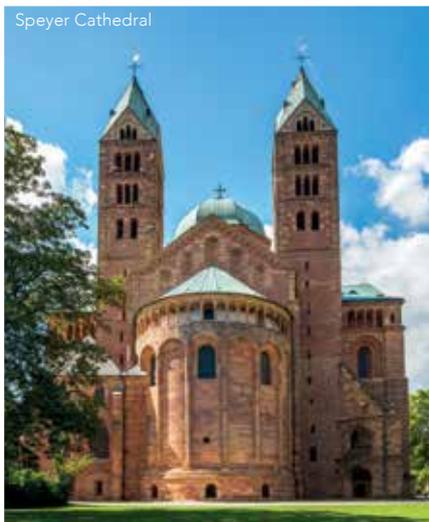
Day 3 Strasbourg, France. Arrive this morning and after breakfast join a morning guided tour which will introduce us to the delights of Strasbourg including the fascinating old quarter. Start with the Quai de la Petite France where the River Ill splits into a number of canals, see the Ponts Couverts, 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 our included scenic tour along Alsace's "Route des Vins", including a tasting of the region's splendid wines. Sail this evening towards Speyer.



Schwetzingen Palace



Budapest



Speyer Cathedral



Nuremberg



Strasbourg

Day 4 Speyer & Schwetzingen, Germany. After breakfast join a 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. Return to the ship for lunch, after which drive to the sumptuous Schwetzingen Palace for a visit including the impressive Baroque gardens. We end our time here with a concert by Stefann Balle and his Stuttgarter Symphonic Quartet. Return to your ship in Speyer and sail on to Mannheim.

Day 5 Heidelberg. From our berth in Mannheim, we visit nearby Heidelberg where we have a day to enjoy this most picturesque and romantic of German cities which is 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. Our tour will end with a tasting of this region's excellent wines at a local winery. Return to the MS Royal Crown for a late lunch and relax on board this afternoon as we cruise on to Aschaffenburg.

Day 6 Aschaffenburg & Miltenberg. Arrive this morning into the Bavarian town of Aschaffenburg where after breakfast we will enjoy a walking tour through the winding lanes of the historic old city. During the walk we will see the Stiftskirche Basilica and the Schloss Johannisburg (outside view), one of the most important Renaissance castles of the western world. You may then return to the MS Royal Crown and relax on board as we cruise to Miltenberg. 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. We will enjoy lunch here and some free time, before our drive overland to re-join our ship in Miltenberg. There will be some free time ashore here before our cruise continues on towards Wurzburg.

Day 7 Wurzburg. Arrive this afternoon 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 and sailing towards Bamberg.

Day 8 Bamberg. Enjoy a morning cruise as we enter the Main-Danube Canal at 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. Our afternoon tour will end with a performance at the Johanniskapelle by a string quartet from the wonderful Bamberg Symphony Orchestra.

Day 9 Nuremberg. Explore Nuremberg, the capital of Franconia on a guided tour of the old city with the vast walls. See Zeppelin Field, the site of the Nuremberg Trials and the Palace of Justice before returning to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure. For those who wish there will be an optional 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 10 Regensburg. Enjoy a relaxing morning cruising before arriving into Regensburg in the early afternoon. On our 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. Our tour ends with a memorable performance by the Domspatzen Quartet at the "Niedermünster Church". Return to the vessel and sail this evening towards Passau.

Day 11 Passau. This morning enjoy a 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 vessel for lunch and an afternoon at leisure before we sail on to Austria.

Day 12 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. Return to the MS Royal Crown and sail this evening.



Day 13 Vienna & Burgenland. After breakfast take a city tour that will include the Hofburg Palace (outside only), St Stephen's Cathedral and a drive around the famous Ringstrasse. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure or join our included tour to Burgenland, birthplace of composer Joseph Haydn, and a scenic area renowned for its wine and village storks. Our tour will include a wine tasting at a local winery in the village of Rust and a visit to Haydn's House at Eisenstadt. Return to the ship and sail overnight to Budapest.

Day 14 Budapest, Hungary. After breakfast our guided tour 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 recital by renowned Hungarian pianist Martin Ivanov, followed by your Farewell Gala Dinner. Moor overnight.

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

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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

| CAT | DECK | BROCHURE PRICE | SPECIAL OFFER PRICE |
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| Junior Suite | Select | £4295 | £3995 |
| Superior Suite | Select | £4395 | £4095 |
| Deluxe Suite | Select | £4495 | £4195 |
| Premium Suite | Select | £5395 | £5095 |
| Royal Suite | Panorama | £5895 | £5595 |
| Deluxe Suite for sole use | Select | £4995 | £4695 |

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 14 nights aboard the MS Royal Crown on full board basis • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Shore excursions • Guest Speaker • Cruise Director • Tour Manager • Gratuities • Complimentary Wi-Fi on board • Transfers • Port taxes • Airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, optional excursion on day 9.

PRE-CRUISE EXTENSION

LAKE CONSTANCE

31st August to 3rd September 2019

Join us before your cruise for a three-night stay in the romantic resort of Meersburg on Lake Constance in southern Germany. The extension is based at the Romantik Hotel Residenz am See. 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, so we recommend early booking to avoid disappointment.



Mainau

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. We will have a light lunch here before we continue on and check in to your hotel, followed by a welcome drink and dinner.

Day 2 The Flower Island of Mainau. Enjoy breakfast at your hotel, after which we 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 its 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 your hotel, and the remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening.

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 your hotel in Meersburg and this afternoon is at leisure. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening.

Day 4 Lake Constance to Basle, Switzerland. Enjoy breakfast at your 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.

Prices per person Based on double occupancy

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| Twin Room – Garden View | £595 |
| Twin Room – Lake View | £645 |
| Single Room – Lake View | £1195 |

Price Includes: Three nights accommodation at the Romantik Residenz am See Hotel in Meersburg on half board basis, tours as described, light lunch on Day 1, refreshments on Day 4, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities.

Not Included: Travel insurance, lunches on days 2 & 3.



ROYAL CROWN - RIVER CRUISING AT ITS BEST

We are delighted to have chartered the MS Royal Crown for a series of European river cruises in 2019.

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.



Built in 1996 and refurbished in 2010, the 90 passenger MS Royal Crown was designed for the rivers flowing through the heart of Europe. Exquisite furniture, expensive materials and accessories give the vessel its unique atmosphere. Facilities on board include a library, boutique, fitness area, lounge with panoramic views and a restaurant with open seating.

Outside there is a large Sun Deck, Lido Bar, a putting green and large scale chessboard. On board the efficient air-conditioning system ensures a comfortable temperature. Two powerful engines propel the vessel up to a speed of 12 knots.



Royal Suite



Premium Suite

YOUR CABIN/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 and radio, 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.



Lounge



Restaurant



Deluxe Suite



Friendly service



Sun Deck

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.

YOUR SPACE

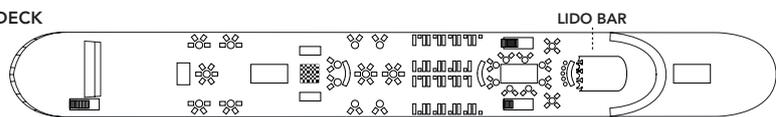
The elegant Lounge Bar is defined by its 30s inspired Art Deco style, with textured carpets, carved mahogany and plush sofas which create a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere. Experience unforgettable views from the large windows as you enjoy tea or coffee. The Lounge is also where our Guest Speakers 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 pianist playing a Steinway & Sons grand piano. The huge Sun Deck 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 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

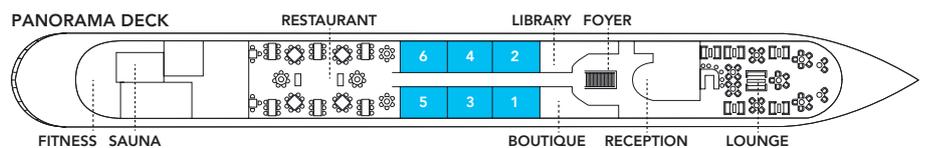
sauna with shower facilities, and a fitness room. There is also a small boutique and a library with a selection of books and games. Daily news sheets are also supplied.

DECK PLAN

LIDO DECK



PANORAMA DECK



SELECT DECK



JUNIOR SUITE
 SUPERIOR SUITE
 DELUXE SUITE
 PREMIUM SUITE
 ROYAL SUITE

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.

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