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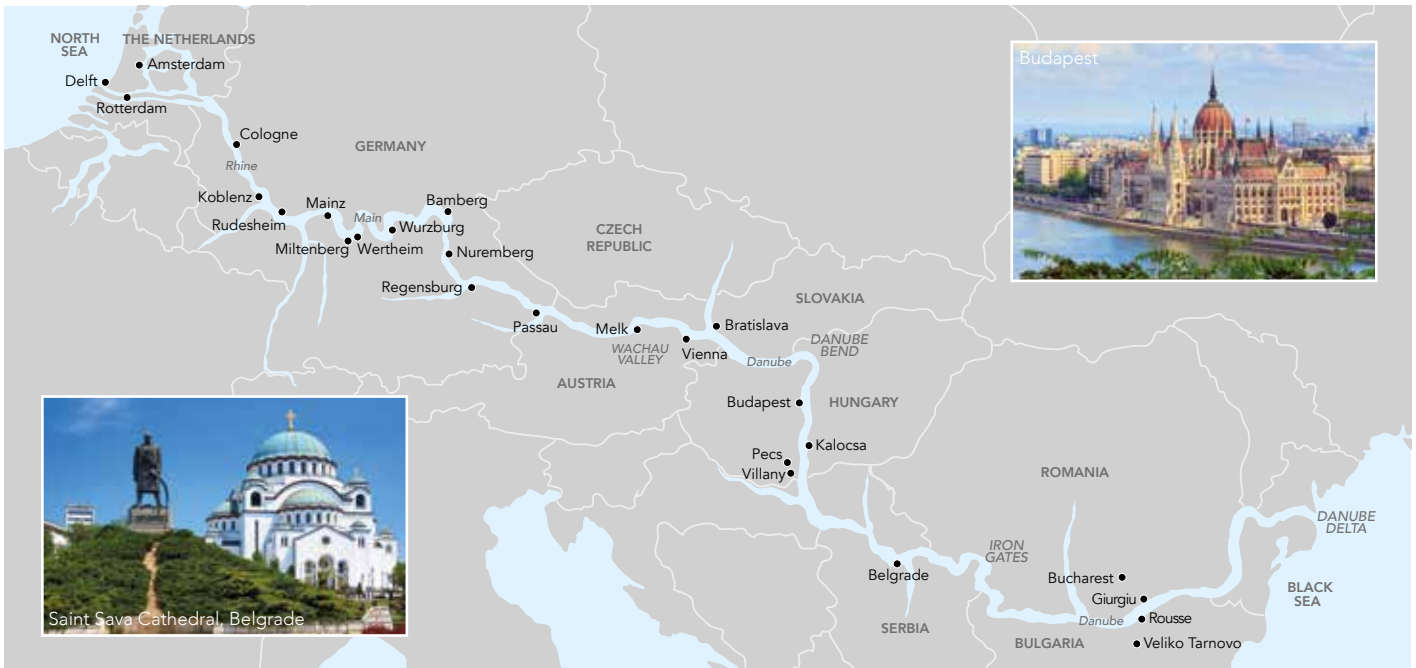
# ACROSS EUROPE BY RIVER

AN EPIC RIVER JOURNEY ALONG THE DANUBE, MAIN & RHINE RIVERS  
ABOARD THE MS RIVER CROWN WITH HIGHLIGHT  
PERFORMANCES BY LONDON FESTIVAL OPERA

8<sup>TH</sup> TO 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> TO 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER\* &  
19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER TO 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2027



NOBLE CALEDONIA



Join us aboard the charming, 100-passenger MS River Crown for our ultimate grand tour of Europe as we sail 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 our floating hotel 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. From historic locations to iconic buildings, our itinerary is brimming with highlights including the grand cities of Vienna and Budapest; the picturesque towns along the Rhine and Main including Miltenberg and Rudesheim; wine tasting in Wurzburg and music performances. 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 the spectacular Iron Gates.

If you have never experienced a river journey it is difficult to explain the sheer pleasure that comes from travelling across Europe observing everyday life on the banks of the Danube, Main and Rhine rivers. You can let the world slip by as you relax on the Sun Deck or in the Lounge and delight in awe-inspiring panoramic views of the passing scenery. Guided excursions with excellent local guides, highlight musical performances by London Festival Opera and interesting talks by our Guest Speaker will create an enjoyable, informative and lively atmosphere on board as we sail along the European waterways.

## SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCES BY LONDON FESTIVAL OPERA



We are delighted that London Festival Opera will be joining you on board for an 'Opera Celebration'. They will perform a Mozart Opera Celebration featuring arias and ensembles from *The Marriage of Figaro*, *Così fan tutte*, and *Don Giovanni*, in period costume. Also, whilst in Vienna there will be two onboard performances:

a costumed Opera Soirée with arias and ensembles from Verdi, Bizet, Offenbach and Puccini, and a magical repertoire, "A Night in Vienna".

## THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 London to Giurgiu, Romania.** Fly by scheduled indirect flight to Bucharest. Arrive and transfer to the MS River Crown moored in Giurgiu for embarkation. This evening we sail the short distance to Rousse where we moor overnight.

**Day 2 Rousse, Bulgaria.** We have a leisurely morning to relax on board or perhaps explore the city of Rousse independently with its stunning architecture, charming restaurants and shops. After lunch on board our guided tour will include a brief walking tour of the city centre before we drive a short distance to visit the Monastery of St Demetrius Basarbovski, a fascinating rock monastery dating back to the 12th century. We will return to Rousse for a wine tasting session of some splendid Bulgarian wines. Meet tonight for our welcome drinks and dinner as we moor overnight.

**Day 3 Veliko Tarnovo.** This morning we drive to Veliko Tarnovo, the capital of the second Bulgarian Kingdom from 1187 to 1393. We will have a guided tour of the city which is located on the Yantra River and formed a natural fortress, located on three hills with a palace, fortifications and churches built into the terrain. After lunch in a local restaurant, we will visit the museum town of Arbanassi before rejoining the MS River Crown in Nikopol and sailing this evening.

**Day 4 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 5 Belgrade, Serbia.** Spend the morning in Belgrade where a half day tour highlights the city's main attractions, including the Kalemegdan 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. Spend the afternoon sailing along the Danube.

**Day 6 Pecs & Villany, Hungary.** From the port of Mohacs, we will 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 and Hapsburg past, as well as the splendid Pecs Cathedral where we can listen to the sound of its organ. Continue 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.

**Day 7 Kalocsa.** Arrive this morning in charming Kalocsa, renowned for paprika production. We will tour the Puszta district which will include the Paprika Museum and a spectacular display of Hungarian horsemanship. Depart this afternoon for a relaxing cruise down the beautiful Danube, arriving in Mohacs in the early evening. Moor overnight.

**Day 8 Budapest.** 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 enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore at your own pace. After dinner this evening, join your fellow travellers on deck to enjoy the wonderful "Budapest by Night" sailing as we depart towards Bratislava.

**Day 9 Bratislava, Slovakia.** Spend the morning cruising to the Slovak capital of Bratislava. On arrival, join the afternoon 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. Our tour will finish with a visit to St Martin's cathedral where a string quartet will perform a concert of music by Dvorak and Mozart.

**Day 10 Vienna, Austria.** Arrive this morning in Vienna, our base for the next couple of days. After breakfast there will be a choice of tours. A 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.

After lunch on board you can enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore this majestic city further independently. In the early evening there will be an onboard costumed performance by London Festival Opera, featuring an Opera Soirée with highlights from Verdi, Bizet, Offenbach and Puccini.

**Day 11 Vienna.** After breakfast join a tour to see Schonbrunn Palace and Gardens, the favourite summer residence of Maria Theresa. Return to the MS River Crown for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. In the early evening there will be a performance of "A Night in Vienna" by London Festival Opera on board. We will sail from Vienna late tonight.

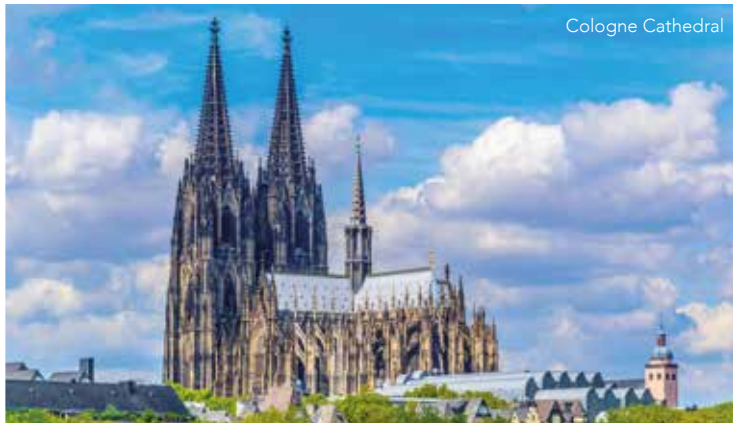
**Day 12 Melk & the Wachau Valley.** This morning, we cruise through the picturesque Wachau Valley, famous for its wine. In the early afternoon we moor in Melk under the shadow of the great Baroque Abbey, situated on a cliff high above the Danube. Enjoy a guided tour of the abbey followed by a performance by London Festival Opera featuring aria ensembles from The Marriage of Figaro, Così fan tutte, The Magic Flute, and Don Giovanni.

**Day 13 Passau, Germany.** Sail this morning to Passau, where the Inn and Ilz rivers join the Danube. Our afternoon 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 14 Regensburg.** After breakfast join a guided stroll around historic Regensburg and see the highlights such as the Old Town Hall and the World Heritage listed city centre. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy some free time to explore further at your own pace before we sail in the late afternoon and enter the Main Danube Canal cruising through the highest point of any commercial waterway in Europe, 1331 feet above sea level.

**Day 15 Nuremberg.** The city of Nuremberg's long and sometimes troubled history has left its mark on the city and there is plenty to discover during our afternoon 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 and discover the city's spectacular Medieval architecture.

**Day 16 Bamberg.** This morning, we arrive 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. Return to the ship and sail over lunch as we join the Main River.

**Day 17 Wurzburg.** Sail this morning to historic Wurzburg, the wine capital of Franconia. This afternoon we will take a walking tour of this lovely town. See the old town with its collection of churches which range in style from Romanesque to Gothic, Renaissance to Baroque including the magnificent Prince Bishop's Residenz Palace. Our visit will end with a wine tasting of local wines in the splendid cellar of the Burgerspital before returning to the ship as we sail to Miltenberg.

**Day 18 Miltenberg.** After a morning cruising we arrive in the pretty Franconian town of Miltenberg, known for its half-timbered Medieval houses. We will discover the charming town on an afternoon walking tour before we sail this evening.

**Day 19 Mainz.** Arrive in the early afternoon in atmospheric Mainz where our guided walking tour will include the Hoefchen ("Little Court"), residence of the city's archbishops until the 15th century, the Kirschgarten with its romantic half-timbered houses and Marian-Fountain. Our tour will end with a visit to the Johan Gutenberg Museum. Sail this evening as we join the Rhine River and berth overnight in Rudesheim. You may wish to take an after-dinner stroll in the town's lively Drosselgasse area.

**Day 20 Rudesheim & Koblenz.** This morning there will be some free time to explore Rudesheim independently before we sail mid-morning through the dramatic Rhine Gorge towards Koblenz passing romantic castles, lush vineyards and the infamous Lorelei rock. On arrival in Koblenz we will take a walking tour of this historic commercial centre before we sail late tonight.

**Day 21 Cologne.** Our morning in Cologne includes the city's famous cathedral. The cathedral is the largest Gothic church in northern Europe, with the second tallest spire and largest façade in the world. Our guided tour will continue with a visit to a "Brauhaus" to sample some of the local Kolsch beer. Sail over lunch as we cruise along the legendary Rhine River.

**Day 22 Rotterdam, the Netherlands.** We sail this morning towards Rotterdam and after lunch will depart on a tour of Delft. We begin with a visit to the Delft Blue Pottery followed by a walking tour of this pretty town. Return to the ship in Rotterdam and moor overnight.

**Day 23 Rotterdam to London.** Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Amsterdam airport for your return scheduled flight.



**\*Please note** that the September 2027 itinerary operates in the reverse direction to that shown, from Rotterdam to Bucharest. The itinerary can be viewed on our website.

## PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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CATEGORY	DECK	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
Premium with French Balcony	Middle Deck	£9195	£8695
Premium with French Balcony	Upper Deck	£9495	£8995
Deluxe with French Balcony	Middle Deck	£10195	£9695
Deluxe with French Balcony	Upper Deck	£10495	£9995
Queen Suite with Balcony	Upper Deck	£11995	£11495
Standard Single with porthole	Main Deck	£10495	£9995
Premium with French Balcony for sole use	Middle Deck	£11495	£10995

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Economy class scheduled air travel • 22 nights aboard the MS River Crown on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Shore excursions & music events as described • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Performances by London Festival Opera • Gratuities • Transfers • Port & airport taxes.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance.



# 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 spring 2026. 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.



Restaurant



Queen Suite



Deluxe Cabin with French Balcony



Lounge & Bar



Sun Deck

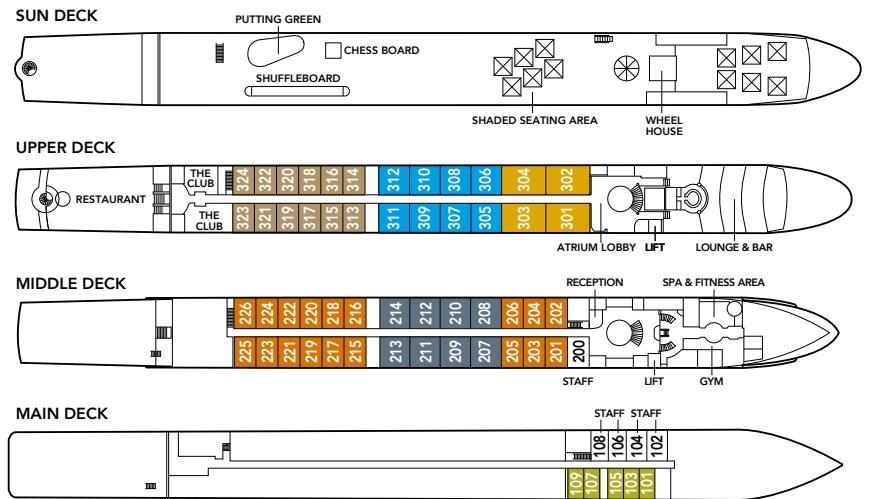


Premium Cabin with French Balcony



Atrium Lobby

## DECK PLAN



- QUEEN SUITE with Balcony
- PREMIUM with French Balcony
- STANDARD SINGLE with Porthole
- DELUXE with French Balcony



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