

SPECIAL  
OFFER – SAVE  
**£300**  
PER PERSON

# CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEAR ON THE DANUBE

Festive cruises between Vienna and Budapest  
aboard the MS River Crown

21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> December 2026  
& 28<sup>th</sup> December 2026 to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027



NOBLE CALEDONIA

If you are looking for a memorable break over the festive period we heartily recommend our river cruise over Christmas or New Year along the Danube aboard the 100-passenger MS River Crown. We will travel through the very heart of Europe in great comfort and whilst exploring ashore, we will see a wonderful mix of the historic and cultural diversity of the region, witness stunning scenery and visit picturesque towns and villages, all with their own unique history and adorned with festive decorations.

Christmas in Central Europe is a special time and nowhere is this more evident than in the cities, towns and villages of the Danube. Our cruise has been planned to include the Christmas market in Vienna, a ‘Mozart tour’ in Salzburg, and a day in the lovely Wachau Valley with a visit to the village of Weissenkirchen where the traditional joys of Christmas can be best enjoyed. For those who wish to attend Midnight Mass we have made arrangements for a visit to the magnificent church in Melk Abbey.

Highlights of our New Year cruise include ample time in Budapest to explore the wonders of the city, a tour of the scenic Danube Bend and the charming city of Bratislava. Take the opportunity to see in the New Year in the wonderful city of Vienna and be on deck as the mighty bells of St Stephen’s ring in the New Year. On New Year’s Day, we will attend a concert at one of Vienna’s splendid music venues.

For those who would like to celebrate both Christmas and New Year on board our two cruises can be combined into a 14 night voyage, full details of which can be viewed on our website.

## GUEST SPEAKER



### **Professor Richard Butterwick-Pawlikowski**

Professor Richard Butterwick-Pawlikowski graduated in History from Cambridge, before obtaining his doctorate from Oxford. He taught European history at Oxford and Queen’s University Belfast before moving to the School of Slavonic and East European Studies at University College London, where he is now Professor of Polish-Lithuanian History. He also holds the Chair of European Civilization at the Warsaw campus of the College of Europe. Richard’s academic interests range across the history and culture of Europe, but he especially favours the eighteenth century. He has published four books and many articles in scholarly periodicals and collections. He is in frequent demand as a speaker and we are delighted that he will be joining us for both the Christmas and New Year cruise.





Salzburg



Matthias Church and Fisherman's Bastion, Budapest



Schonbrunn Palace

# CHRISTMAS ON THE DANUBE

21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> December 2026

## The Itinerary

**Day 1 London to Vienna, Austria.** Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS River Crown and embark. After dinner this evening enjoy a concert on board featuring works by Mozart and Strauss. Moor overnight in Vienna.

**Day 2 Vienna.** This morning there will be a choice of tours. Join a city sightseeing tour of Vienna, driving around the 'Ring' and visiting the Old Quarter including St Stephen's Cathedral and the Christmas market outside the City Hall. Alternatively, you may wish to join an excursion to the Schonbrunn Palace and Gardens which has its own Christmas market. Return to the MS River Crown for lunch and enjoy a leisurely afternoon on board sailing to Linz.

**Day 3 Linz for Salzburg.** After breakfast today there will be an opportunity to join a full day tour to Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and famous for its architectural treasures and music festival. Our guided excursion will concentrate on Mozart's family and his musical contemporaries. Following lunch in a local restaurant we will enjoy a special concert of music by Salzburg's most famous son before returning to the vessel in the late afternoon. Alternatively, you can choose to join a morning tour of Linz and after lunch on board enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

**Day 4 Melk & Weissenkirchen.** This morning we will reach the picturesque Wachau Valley, famous for its wine. We will moor under the shadow of the great Baroque abbey which is situated on a cliff high above the Danube. After a guided tour of the abbey we will drive to the charming town of Weissenkirchen for some seasonal gluhwein and traditional Schrammel music. This evening there will be the opportunity to attend Midnight Mass in the magnificent setting of Melk Abbey.

**Day 5 Christmas Day on the Danube.** A relaxing day as we enjoy the good food and festivities of Christmas Day on board.



Bratislava Castle, Parliament and Danube River, Bratislava



**Day 6 Esztergom to Budapest, Hungary.** On this morning's excursion, we visit Hungary's second city, Esztergom, and its magnificent cathedral. Continue outside the city to the villages and towns of the scenic Danube Bend. We re-join the vessel in Budapest and enjoy a late lunch on board and an afternoon and evening at leisure to relax or explore independently. This evening we hope to arrange an optional evening of music ashore (subject to schedules and availability).

**Day 7 Budapest.** Spend the morning on an excursion that will include the old quarter and the Fishermen's Bastion, for fine views of the city. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon, depart on a tour to the Palace of Godollo, built in 1740 and the favoured home of Sissy, the wife of Emperor Franz Josef. This evening join your fellow travellers for farewell drinks and dinner.

**Day 8 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

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CAT	DECK	CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEAR ON THE DANUBE	
		Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Premium with French Balcony	Middle Deck	£3695	<b>£3395</b>
Premium with French Balcony	Upper Deck	£3895	<b>£3595</b>
Deluxe with French Balcony	Middle Deck	£3995	<b>£3695</b>
Deluxe with French Balcony	Upper Deck	£4295	<b>£3995</b>
Queen Suite with Balcony	Upper Deck	£5295	<b>£4995</b>
Standard Single with porthole	Main Deck	£3695	<b>£3395</b>
Premium with French Balcony for sole use	Middle Deck	£4695	<b>£4395</b>

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Economy class scheduled air travel • Seven or 14 nights aboard the M  
 • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia  
 • Gratuities • Transfers • Port & airport taxes.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance, optional evening music event in Budapest.



Durnstein



Esztergom



Godollo

# NEW YEAR ON THE DANUBE

28<sup>th</sup> December 2026 to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027

## The Itinerary

**Day 1 London to Budapest, Hungary.** Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS River Crown and embark. Enjoy a welcome drink and music by a local Gypsy Orchestra prior to dinner this evening. Moor overnight.

**Day 2 Budapest.** A morning city tour will include the highlights of the former twin cities of Buda and Pest. See the ornate Houses of Parliament, the beautiful Matthias Church and admire the view from the top of the Fisherman's Bastion. In the afternoon, drive out of Budapest to Godollo, a small Baroque town where we visit the 18th century palace. This evening we hope to arrange an optional evening of music ashore (subject to schedules and availability).

**Day 3 Esztergom & the Danube Bend.** Today you have the choice of staying on board as the MS River Crown cruises from Budapest to Esztergom. Alternatively, you may join the overland tour which will include the scenic and cultural highlights on Hungary's Danube Bend and second city of Esztergom with its cathedral. This evening we continue cruising towards Slovakia.

**Day 4 Bratislava, Slovakia & Vienna, Austria.** This morning there will be a guided walking tour of the pretty city of Bratislava, formerly known as Pressburg and a former capital of Hungary. See the old quarter, the ornate Baroque Palace and the ancient city gates. This afternoon, whilst cruising to Vienna, we will be joined by musicians who will provide entertainment into the evening for our New Year's Eve celebrations.



**Day 5 Vienna.** After a leisurely breakfast we will drive to one of Vienna's grand music venues for a New Year's concert. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon a city tour of Austria's elegant capital will take us around the famous Ringstrasse and the Old Quarter including St Stephen's Cathedral.

**Day 6 Vienna.** Today there will be a choice of included tours from Vienna. Join a tour to the beautiful Vienna Woods, including the Roman City of Baden with its thermal springs, and Heiligenkreuz where the Medieval cloister houses the remains of the last Babenberger. Alternatively, you may wish to join an excursion to the Schonbrunn Palace and Gardens, the favourite summer residence of Maria Theresa. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore at your own pace.

**Day 7 The Wachau Valley & Melk.** Today we reach the Wachau Valley, arriving in the morning in the picturesque town of Durnstein, where King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned. Enjoy some free time ashore to explore and perhaps sample some of the town's delicious Marillenschnaps or strudel. We then continue our short sail on to Melk, where on arrival we will see the great Baroque Abbey situated high above the Danube, and after lunch on board, our afternoon excursion will take us to this imposing abbey including the Imperial Staircase, the Marble Hall and the abbey church. In the evening join your fellow travellers for farewell drinks and dinner.

**Day 8 Vienna to London.** Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for your return scheduled flight to London.



Heiligenkreuz, Vienna

## Christmas & New Year on the Danube – Combination Cruise

21<sup>st</sup> December 2026 to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027

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### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR ON THE DANUBE

Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
£6595	£6295
£6995	£6695
£7195	£6895
£7795	£7495
£9795	£9495
£6595	£6295
£8595	£8295

MS River Crown on a full board basis  
with onboard team including Guest Speaker



# 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)

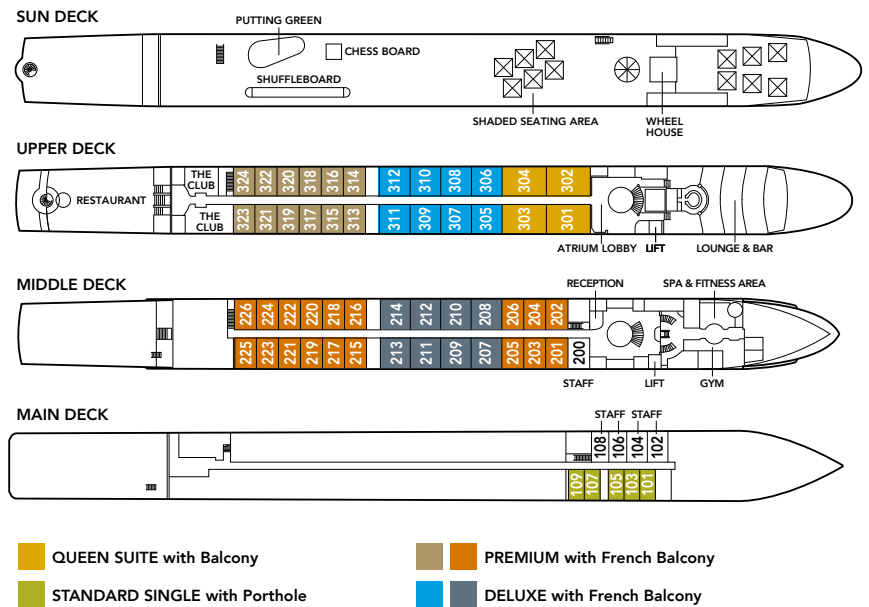


Premium Cabin with French Balcony (prior to refurbishment)



Atrium Lobby (prior to refurbishment)

## DECK PLAN



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 Cover image: Budapest at evening time.