NOBLE CALEDONIA

SPRING IN THE LOW COUNTRIES

SCENIC RIVER VOYAGES IN BELGIUM & THE NETHERLANDS Aboard the 100-passenger ms river crown

APRIL & MAY 2026

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



Lounge & Bar (prior to refurbishment)



Premium Cabin with French Balcony (prior to refurbishment)



Illustration of Deluxe Cabin with French Balcony post-refurbishment



The Club (prior to refurbishment)



Atrium Lobby (prior to refurbishment)

DECK PLAN



TIMELESS LANDSCAPES OF THE LOW COUNTRIES

A scenic river voyage discovering the art, history & culture of Belgium & the Netherlands aboard the MS River Crown

17th to 27th April 2026

Spring is the perfect time of year to immerse yourself in the cultural and horticultural splendours of Belgium and the Netherlands and our itinerary is a well balanced mix of horticulture, history, art and culture. For art lovers we have included the fine establishments of The Hague and Nuenen, home of the Van Gogh Village Museum, whilst we will also visit the horticultural splendours of Keukenhof. Not forgetting the beautiful Flemish cities, we spend time in Antwerp, Ghent and Bruges where we will explore the historic canals, cobbled streets and Medieval buildings. We also visit Southern Zeeland's charming and lesser known ports of Middleburg and Veere. From the comfort of the elegant, 100-passenger MS River Crown, we will criss-cross the intricate network of rivers and waterways that make the Low Countries such a unique region and will witness the gentle landscape and picturesque cities and towns which so inspired the Old Masters.







ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Keukenhof Gardens, one of the world's largest flower gardens
- Explore Antwerp's Medieval gems & Ruben's House
- Spend time in the beautiful cities of Antwerp, Ghent and Bruges
- Explore Southern Zeeland
- Visit the Mauritshuis Museum in The Hague & Delft Blue Pottery

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Brussels, Belgium. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS River Crown for embarkation. Moor overnight.

Day 2 Brussels. After breakfast we take a panoramic drive around Belgium's capital city where we will see the most important landmarks before exploring the city centre on foot. See the stunning Grand Place, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its Town Hall and Guild Houses. Our tour will end with a tasting of the well-known Belgian beer. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon sailing and this evening meet your fellow travellers for welcome drinks and dinner.

Day 3 Antwerp. Spend the day in the charming city of Antwerp. In the mid-16th century it was one of Europe's most important cities and home to Baroque painter Pieter Paul Rubens. Today, Antwerp retains an intriguing Medieval heart alongside a vibrant café culture, a riverside fortress and a truly impressive Gothic cathedral. Our morning tour here will include a visit to the delightfully restored Rubens House and St Jacobskerk. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon is free to explore ashore further or join a tour to the Museum Plantin-Moretus which has acquired UNESCO World Heritage status; an astonishing place that is home to the world's oldest printing press and priceless manuscripts. Sail this evening towards Ghent.

Day 4 Bruges. This morning we drive to Bruges which was one of the largest and finest cities in Europe. The 15th century Belfry still dominates the centre and the Town Hall, St John Hospital and the Begijnhof border the narrow canals. We will see some of the most important places and buildings which survive from the Middle Ages including the Basilica of the Holy Blood, City Hall, the Begijnhof, Minnewater and the Belfry and Church of Our Lady. Return to the MS River Crown and moor overnight.

Day 5 Ghent. After breakfast today we will explore the highlights of this Flemish gem including St Bavo's Cathedral, home to the unique



altarpiece 'The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb', painted by the Van Eyck brothers in 1432. We also visit the ancient port at Graslei with its unique row of historic buildings, St Nicholas' Church and those feeling active can explore the grandiose Castle of the Counts (Gravensteen). Return to the ship for lunch and sail.

Day 6 Nuenen, the Netherlands. Arriving into the Netherlands we drive this morning to Nuenen where Van Gogh lived between 1883 and 1885 and where he painted his first major work 'The Potato Eaters'. We will visit the Van Gogh Village Museum which depicts his time in the city and its influence on his painting styles. We will also see some of the locations in Nuenen painted or sketched by the artist. Return to the ship for lunch and the afternoon is free for relaxation or independent exploration.

Day 7 Dordrecht & Kinderdijk. Dordrecht will be our base to see the nearby marvellous Windmills of Kinderdijk, of which there are 19 in total, dating from 1740. Return to the ship for lunch and the remainder of the day is free to explore Dordrecht with its old world atmosphere and quaint shops, cottages and canals.

Day 8 Rotterdam, The Hague & Delft. From Rotterdam we depart for a full day tour. Our first stop will be The Hague for a visit to the beautiful Mauritshuis Museum with its marvellous collection of Dutch Golden Age paintings. Afterwards continue on to Delft, birthplace of Vermeer. We will have lunch in a local restaurant followed by a walking tour of this pretty town and a visit to see the Delft Blue Pottery.

Day 9 Keukenhof Gardens. After breakfast drive to Keukenhof Gardens for a morning in this extraordinary horticultural heaven. With 32 hectares of flowers, more than seven million bulbs in bloom and 800 varieties of tulips, this is a truly unique and unforgettable experience. Return to the ship for a late lunch and the remainder of the afternoon is free for independent sightseeing in Rotterdam. Sail in the late afternoon.

Day 10 Middelburg & Veere. Today we explore Southern Zeeland, starting with the lovingly restored Medieval town of Middelburg whose 12th century abbey is one of the oldest in the Netherlands. Join a guided walking tour this morning before returning to the ship for lunch after which we sail on to the 13th century town of Veere. Formerly a seaport but now within a lake due to the Delta works carried out in the 1960s, it is a charming place with well preserved houses and a marina. Enjoy free time here to explore at your own pace. This evening join farewell drinks and dinner on board as we sail back to Brussels.

Day 11 Brussels to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.



PRICES PER PERSON Based on double occupancy

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CATEGORY	DECK	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
Premium with French Balcony	Middle Deck	£4995	£4495
Premium with French Balcony	Upper Deck	£5295	£4795
Deluxe with French Balcony	Middle Deck	£5795	£5295
Deluxe with French Balcony	Upper Deck	£5995	£5495
Queen Suite with Balcony	Upper Deck	£6795	£6295
Standard Single with porthole	Main Deck	£4995	£4495
Premium with French Balcony for sole use	Middle Deck	£6295	£5795

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 10 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.

THE GOLDEN AGE OF DUTCH ART

A journey through Belgium & the southern provinces of the Netherlands aboard the MS River Crown with Guest Speaker Brian Healey 27th April to 7th May 2026

oin us aboard the wonderfully comfortable MS River Crown as we journey to ${\sf J}$ the very heart of the Low Countries' enchanting artistic wonders with a plethora of historical, cultural and scenic delights to be enjoyed along the way. Spring is a wonderful time to visit the region, each port of call has its own unique character waiting to be discovered and from historic locations to iconic buildings, our itinerary is brimming with highlights. For art lovers we have included the fine establishments of the Rijksmuseum, Mauritshuis Museum, The Hague and Nuenen, home of the Van Gogh Village Museum, whilst we will also visit the horticultural splendours of Keukenhof. Our 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. The artistic treasures of this Golden Age will be brought vividly to life by our Guest Speaker who will accompany the trip.

GUEST SPEAKER – BRIAN HEALEY



Brian has enjoyed a lifetime of artistic exploration and learning, pursuing parallel careers as a modern linguist, professional artist and director of his own design company. After a highly successful career teaching at prestigious public schools in both the UK and Austria, for the last fifteen years he has become widely known throughout the cruise and travel industry for his inspirational lectures and art workshops to which

he brings a unique practical insight. A fully accredited Arts Society lecturer, he has undertaken an extensive programme of speaking engagements including Australia, courtesy of ADFAS. Examples of his atmospheric watercolours can be seen in private collections all over the world.



ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Antwerp's Medieval gems
- See the historic buildings and architecture of Maastricht

NORTH SEA

Keukenhof

The Hague

Ghent

Rotterdam

Antwerp

Brussels BELGIUM

THE NETHERLANDS

Amsterdam

Kinderdijk

Neunen • Arnhem

Maastricht

• Dordrecht

- Visit Keukenhof Gardens, one of the world's largest flower aardens
- See Amsterdam's art treasures in the Rijksmuseum
- Witness the old word charms of Dordrecht & the marvellous Windmills of Kinderdijk
- Visit the Mauritshuis Museum in The Hague

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Day 4 Maastricht, the Netherlands. Spend the morning in one of the oldest cities in the Netherlands. Our walking tour will help us discover this hidden gem, filled with historic monuments and beautiful architecture. See the Market Square with its 17th century Town Hall and the Basilica of St Servatius, situated on Maastricht's grandest square. Return to the MS River Crown and spend the afternoon sailing.

Day 5 Nuenen. After breakfast we drive to Nuenen where Van Gogh lived between 1883 and 1885 and painted his first major work 'The Potato Eaters'. We will visit the Van Gogh Village Museum which depicts



his time in the city and its influence on his painting styles. We will also see some of the locations in Nuenen painted or sketched by the artist. Return to the ship for lunch and sail in the late afternoon.

Day 6 Arnhem. After breakfast on board join an excursion to visit the memorable Airborne Museum 'Hartenstein'; this renovated building houses the world's largest collection of militaria from Operation Market Garden. Alternatively, you may like to visit the private art collection at the Kroller Muller Museum with its late 19th and 20th century paintings. Return to the MS River Crown for lunch and enjoy a leisurely afternoon in Arnhem or you may like to join the included visit to Het Loo Palace. Built towards the end of the 17th century in Dutch-Baroque style for the Stadtholder King William III and his consort Princess Mary, Het Loo Palace became the summer residence of the House of Orange-Nassau until the death of Queen Wilhelmina in 1962, when it eventually became property of the state. Sail in the evening towards Utrecht.

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Day 8 Amsterdam. This morning, we take a canal cruise and admire the city from a glass-top boat as you glide past 17th century homes, churches and 16th century merchant houses. Afterwards, we visit the Rijksmuseum, arguably Amsterdam's most important art venue. Housing some of the greatest examples of Western European painting and decorative arts, it boasts works by Vermeer, Goya, and Rubens. Return to the ship for lunch and sail this afternoon.

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Day 10 Rotterdam, The Hague. From Rotterdam we depart for The Hague, where we visit the beautiful Mauritshuis Museum and its marvellous collection of Dutch Golden Age paintings. Return to the ship for lunch and the afternoon is free for independent exploration in Rotterdam. Moor overnight.

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