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2026, 2027 & 2028



The tour certainly lived up to its name 'The Best of Japan'. From the skyscrapers and designer shops of Tokyo, the huge intricate temples and shrines, the clear view of snow-clad Mount Fuji, the gentle deer at Nara, the sobering Hiroshima experience and the journeys on the Bullet Train.

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Best of Japan May 2025

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Explore with us...

We're incredibly fortunate to have a continent as rich and varied as Europe right on our doorstep. Within just a few hours, you could be walking through Croatia's magnificent, fortified towns, watching daily life unfold on the ancient banks of the Mekong, or tasting the fresh grapes that shape Tuscany's iconic wines. But our travellers want more than beautiful views and memorable meals. They're curious. They're the ones who linger a little longer, wander a little further, and search for the stories woven into everyday life. They want to understand a place, not just pass through it. They're seeking deeper travel.

Our holidays make that possible. Each journey invites you to step into a different way of life, discovering the character, rhythm and soul of a destination through experiences shaped by our trusted 'Masters of Travel'.

Our latest collection of 2026, 2027 and 2028 holidays bring the world's most captivating corners into focus. Discover the rustic charm of Puglia and Basilicata, get up close and personal with South Africa's wildlife, or immerse yourself in the extraordinary history of Pompeii, Herculaneum and the Amalfi Coast.

Head north to the glittering Italian lakes of Lake Garda and Lake Maggiore and take in the dramatic alpine scenery of the Matterhorn. We're also delighted to introduce our new tours to Crete and Luca, Portofino and the Cinque Terre.

Every itinerary is crafted with care and brought to life by expert Tour Managers and local guides who know these regions inside out.

Our guests value meaningful moments, deeper connections, and the chance to truly understand the places they visit. With our Signature tours our groups are even smaller, with an average group size of just 22 guests, plus two local guides on most tours and a minimum of four-star accommodation where possible.

There's a European experience to match every style of travel. And with even more flexibility, planning your next journey has never been simpler.

Departures for 2026, 2027 and 2028 are now open. We hope these pages spark your imagination, inspire new possibilities, and guide you toward your next unforgettable adventure with us.

We can't wait to welcome you.



Matt Luscombe

Matt Luscombe
Chief Executive Officer



The Riviera difference

Masters of Travel

At Riviera, we're passionate about travel and proud to be Masters of Travel. Our experts bring decades of experience to every itinerary, pairing iconic sights with lesser-known moments. When you book, you're treated like family – supported from first enquiry to journey's end, with care that feels personal, thoughtful and refreshingly straightforward.

Thoughtful Travel

Quality sits at the heart of every Riviera holiday. Enjoy expertly crafted journeys and experiences led by our passionate Tour Managers and local guides. With over 40 years' experience and trusted partners, we deliver exceptional value. Add the extras that matter to you, while we handle the details and support you every step, without fuss, pressure, or unnecessary compromise along the way.

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Flexibility and choice

They say variety is the spice of life and we couldn't agree more. That's why we provide choice and flexibility – to ensure your holiday is perfect for you.

Pre-holiday

AIRPORT EXTRAS

Pre-book your airport extras through our partner, **Holiday Extras**, at rivieraextras.co.uk

- **Airport hotels**
- **Airport parking**
- **Airport lounge**

FLIGHT UPGRADES

Treat yourself on longer flights to Premium Economy or Business Class for the extra space and that touch of luxury.

CRUISE-ONLY OPTION

If you prefer to make your own flight arrangements, we offer a cruise-only option (at a reduced price and subject to availability) where you'll meet your group at the ship.

UPGRADE YOUR CABIN

Whether you're celebrating a special occasion or you just prefer a cabin with a balcony and a view, why not treat yourself and upgrade your cabin?

The perfect balance on board & ashore

We give you ample time to explore at your own pace (who wants to feel rushed on holiday?) and our experienced Riviera Cruise Directors, Concierges and the friendly crew are always on hand to ensure everything runs smoothly, from start to finish.

Extend your holiday

Stay just a little bit longer and make the very most of your time away. After your river cruise discover more on our range of fully escorted Tour Extensions. Hotels have been carefully selected and daily tours, accompanied by experienced Tour Managers, allow you to uncover each destination.





Ravello, Italy

Travel Concierge

We recognise that everyone's idea of the perfect holiday is different so if you're looking for more flexibility and choice we can help with your preferred travel arrangements.

If you would like to add a couple of extra days before or after your river cruise, we can arrange one or two-night hotel stays and any additional transportation for you too.

For an additional charge our dedicated Travel Concierge specialists can look after your travel arrangements and rest assured, you'll always get exceptional value for money.



During your holiday

We offer you more ways than ever to add those extra special touches to your holiday.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES
To make your holiday truly memorable we also offer a range of additional experiences which can be added on for an extra cost. Experience the medieval mystique of the Jaipur city at night by rickshaw or wander amongst the priceless artworks hanging in Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum.

YOU'RE FREE TO CHOOSE
On our European river cruises, some days you'll be offered a choice of included excursions, tours or visits to offer you a more personalised experience.

ON-BOARD CREDIT
Available on our European river cruises. For stress-free spending, plan ahead by purchasing on-board credit before you sail. Available in denominations of €50, add an amount to suit you, to spend as you wish: enjoy drinks in the bar, indulge in a spa or salon treatment or spoil yourself in the onboard boutique.

Speak to our friendly team of travel advisers

We will be happy to help you customise your holiday to your requirements – give them a call on **01 905 6300** to discuss your options.

River cruises for the *incurably curious*

Our river cruise collection blends comfort, character and curiosity – promising meaningful experiences and superb value, with every detail planned with you in mind to create journeys as effortless as they are unforgettable.



Pont du Gard, France

Drinks are on us!

FREE all-inclusive drinks in 2026 and 2027

Say hello to the new and improved all-inclusive drinks on all European river cruises.

Enjoy included drinks from 10am until midnight. Drink as much – or as little – as you like.

See our website for more details – **rivieratravel.ie/drinks**

Unbeatable value
which includes so much

If you've joined one of our tours before, you know just how much is included in the price.
If you've yet to join us, you're in for a treat...



Return flights
Transfers, onboard porterage, airport taxes and port charges are included.



Spacious suites and cabins
Stay in a luxurious suite or cabin with beautifully appointed en suite bathrooms.



Exceptional dining
Buffet breakfasts, lunches and delicious four-course fine-dining dinners are included. They're impeccably presented and feature our 'Local Flavours' choices.



Insightful excursions and visits with local guides
Experiences are included, accompanied by expert local guides to share eye-opening insights and share those stories that only a local would know.



Expert Riviera Cruise Director
Experienced Riviera Cruise Directors and Hosts are on hand to share their knowledge and ensure everything runs smoothly on board and ashore.



Professional and friendly crew
Five-star service from our English-speaking crew who are available 24/7.



Inclusive drinks packages
Enjoy a drinks package for free – cheers to you! See page 8.



Complimentary tea and coffee
As well as tea and coffee-making facilities in your cabin you can help yourself to hot drinks on board at any time.



Refillable water bottle
We provide a complimentary refillable water bottle and a constant supply of drinking water.



Free Wi-Fi
Stay in touch throughout your cruise.



Leisure facilities
Most of our vessels feature a fitness suite, pool and hairdresser, some have a sauna and steam room. Complimentary bicycles are also available on many of our ships so you can explore the area.



Evening entertainment
Enjoy entertainment each evening from quizzes to impressive performers.

Rivers of Europe

There's something to pique your interest on every river – whether that's history, photography, art, culture, architecture, food and drink – as every river has its own unique character to enjoy.



The Seine

From Paris to the heart of Normandy, around sweeping bends, past chalk cliffs and through lush countryside.



The Douro

Weave through one of the most photogenic river valleys and the sun-soaked Iberian countryside, past vineyard terraces and hillside villages.





The Saône

Taking you through the Burgundy wine region, with wonderful views of vine-clad hills and medieval villages.



The Rhône

Sail through the landscape of Provence, past sun-baked vineyards, charming villages, and fields of wild flowers.



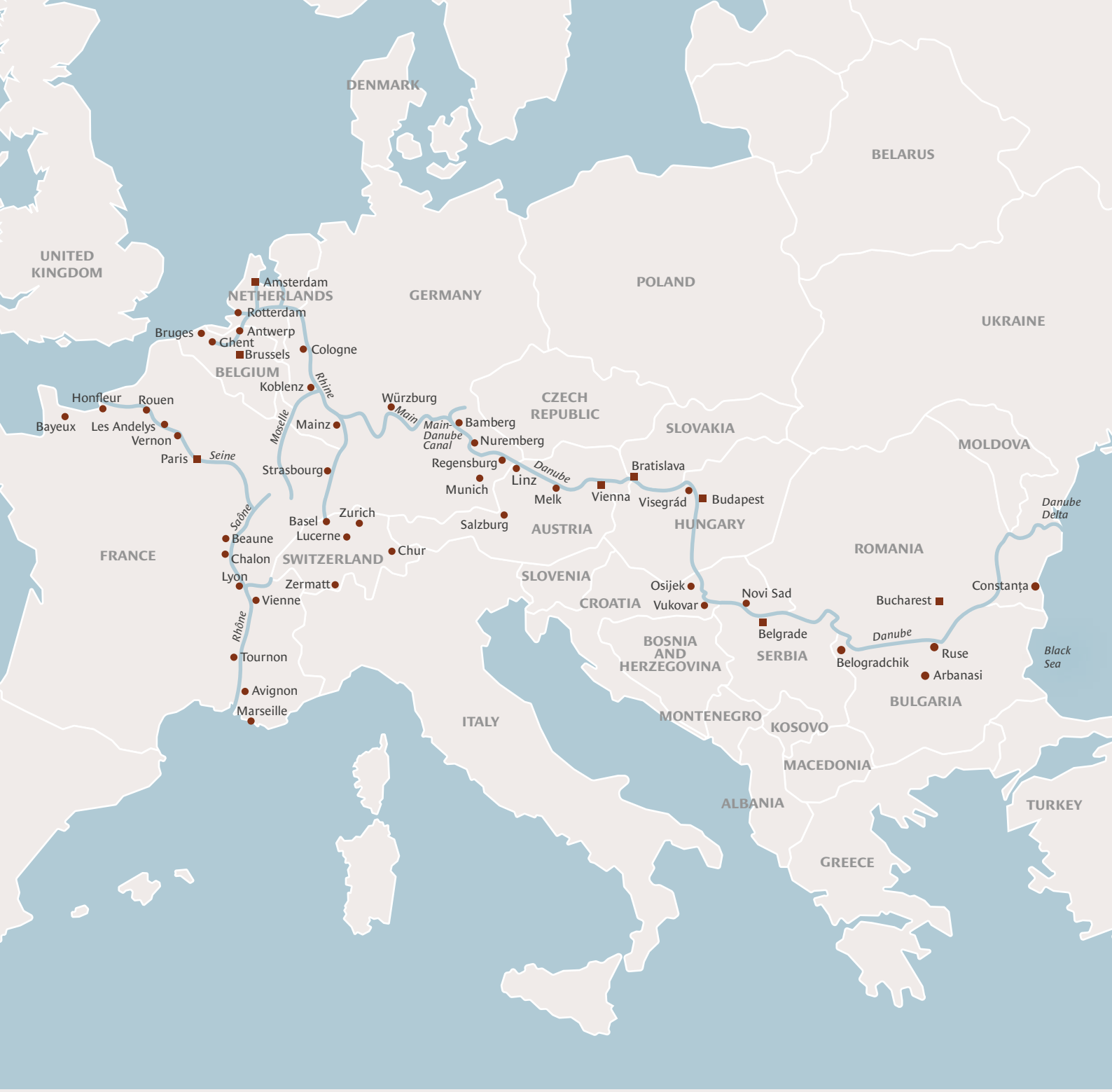
The Dutch Waterways

On the delta of the Rhine, Maas and Scheldt, glide past windmills, colourful bulbfields and the old Zuiderzee.



The Rhine

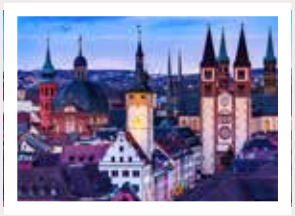
Swathed in myth, the famous Rhine follows the path of fairy tale castles, medieval towns and verdant vineyards.





The Moselle

Meander along the serene river valley past ancient ruined castles, steep vineyards and sleepy half-timbered villages.



The Main

Experience meandering bends and lush green landscapes, strewn with medieval villages and quaint timber houses.



Main-Danube Canal

From Bamberg to Kelheim, this is an amazing feat of German engineering with many iconic locks.



The Danube

Absorb breathtaking views of baroque cities, as well as the natural beauty of the Danube Delta and Iron Gates Gorge.



Choose the right cruise for you

No two travellers are alike. That why our river cruises come in all shapes and sizes – so you can choose the adventure the suits you best.

European river cruises

Our river cruises offer an enriching way to experience Europe's most iconic waterways, combining five-star ships, expertly guided excursions and thoughtfully crafted itineraries designed for discovery. Sail the Danube, Rhine, Seine, Douro and more, enjoying spacious cabins, fine dining and an all-inclusive drinks package for extra ease. Every journey is curated by Riviera's experts to deliver cultural insight, comfort and unforgettable moments on rivers that reveal Europe's history, scenery and charm.

Discovery river cruises

Curious about river cruises? Our short 3-4 night Discovery cruises are the perfect way to test the waters. Relax on board, indulge in fine dining and let our expert guides reveal the stories behind the scenery. We think it's the perfect introduction.

Themed river cruises

Follow your passions – art, music, gardens, history, food – on a cruise crafted for enthusiasts. Enjoy live performances, local tastings, retrace the steps of great artists or wander through beautifully manicure gardens that inspired an entire movement.

Experts or beginners – our themed cruises are welcome to every level.

Festive river cruises

Celebrate the season in style. Sail through Europe's winter wonderlands – think gingerbread in Budapest, legends on the Rhine and sparking châteaux on the Seine.

Worldwide river cruises

If the great wide world is calling, see it by river. Drift down the Mekong, unravelling fascinating cultures, reliving ancient history and feeling the pulse of life along the river.

Solo river cruises

Travelling solo? No problem! Enjoy a spacious cabin all to yourself, connect with fellow explorers and make lifelong friends. Whether you crave 'me time' or great company, you'll find both onboard our solo cruises.



Group holidays

If you're a group of 8 or more, an organised club, a society or even just an adventurous set of friends, then booking as a group will be best! We have a dedicated team who really understand the intricacies of booking as a group to look after you from start to finish.

Plus, when you book as a group of 8 or more, you will also receive either **a free place or money back** after you've travelled, as a thank you from us.

- Any group of 8 or more people travelling together can book through our dedicated Groups Department.
- Our team are ready to help you every step of the way – they'll take care of all your arrangements to ensure your holiday is exactly what you are looking for.

Find out more at **rivieratravel.ie/group-bookings** or call **01283 742322**



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Spring in the Netherlands: Amsterdam & the Tulips

Where windmills turn against endless skies, tulip fields sweep the horizon in vivid colour, and canals thread through charming towns like living stories – the Netherlands invites you into a world of beauty, history, and timeless enchantment.


Keukenhof



Call our friendly team to book

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Zaandam
Step aboard your five-star cruise ship in picturesque Zaandam, famed for its green wooden houses and iconic windmills. (D)

DAY 2 – Zaanse Schans & Huizen
Travel from Zaandam to Zaanse Schans, where the soft thrum of turning mills welcomes you into a pocket-sized Netherlands. Here, timber houses line quiet canals, little bridges arch gracefully, and traditional windmills work as they have for centuries. As we set sail across the wide, ink-blue waters of the Markermeer, high tea awaits on board. Next, we arrive in Huizen with time for a leisurely stroll. As the first course is served back on board, the ship glides into the vast Zuiderzee en route to Enkhuizen. (B,L,D)
Included Experience –
Visits to Zaanse Schans and Huizen

DAY 3 – Keukenhof & Enkhuizen
Begin the day with a scenic drive through the Dutch countryside to Keukenhof, the nation's most celebrated garden, stretching across 80 acres of vibrant beauty. As the colours linger in your thoughts, the afternoon is for you to decide. Return to the ship for lunch before heading to the Zuiderzee Open-Air Museum, or stay longer at Keukenhof and enjoy lunch at your own pace amid the blooms. Later this afternoon, we're back in Enkhuizen, a harbour town brimming with character with time to explore Then we gather for dinner on board. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – **Excursion choice 1: Morning tour to Keukenhof & afternoon visit of the Zuiderzee museum. Excursion choice 2: Extended visit to Keukenhof with lunch at leisure. Plus, Chef's dinner this evening**

DAY 4 – Amsterdam
Spend a leisurely morning sailing, then after lunch, we journey into the heart of Amsterdam. A guided walking tour leads us through cobbled streets and along peaceful canals – 165 waterways forming elegant rings since the 17th century, earning the city its UNESCO World Heritage status. When the tour ends, the rest of the afternoon is free to explore. As twilight falls, gather for farewell drinks and dinner with live guitar melodies. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – **Guided tour of Amsterdam's old town & a live guitar performance onboard this evening**

DAY 5 – Return home
Say goodbye to your crew as you begin the journey home. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.

Your luxurious ships:

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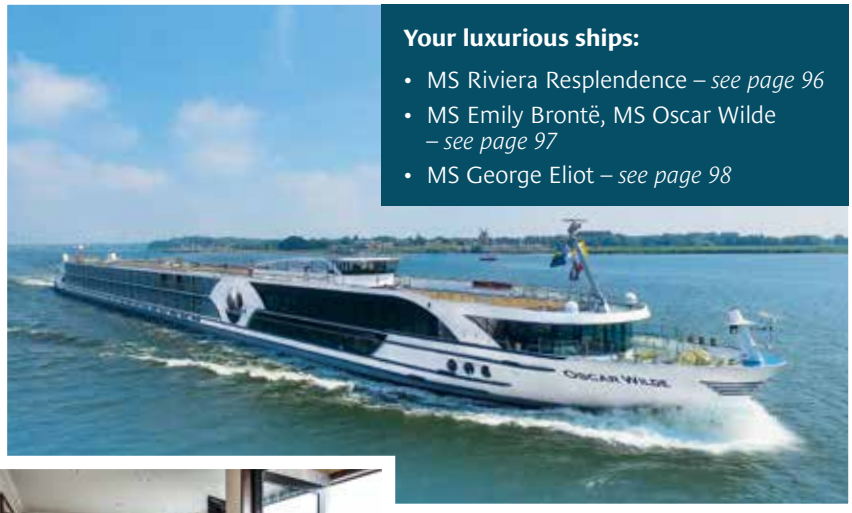



MS Oscar Wilde full balcony suite







Amsterdam

In the mid-17th century, Enkhuizen was one of the most important harbour cities in the Netherlands

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DATE	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
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Bruges, Medieval Flanders, Amsterdam & the Dutch Bulbfields

Sail through Belgium and the Netherlands as we discover the floral displays of Keukenhof Gardens, visit poignant war sites, and explore the quaint streets of Amsterdam, Bruges, Ghent and more.





Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Amsterdam
Fly to Amsterdam and transfer to your cruise ship. (D)

DAY 2 – Keukenhof & Amsterdam
This morning, we visit Keukenhof, the heart of the glorious Dutch bulbfields, with a choice of tours, half day or extended visit with lunch at leisure. Nothing prepares you for the dazzling colours of the world's largest flower garden which covers nearly 80 acres. The rest of the day you are free to explore Amsterdam, maybe choose to visit the Rjiksmuseum. This evening, relax to the sounds of traditional Dutch music performed live on board. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Excursion choice 1: Morning visit to Keukenhof. Excursion choice 2: Extended visit to Keukenhof with lunch at leisure

DAY 3 – Arnhem
We pass flower-bedecked houseboats and windmills before arriving in Nijmegen. This afternoon we take a short drive to Arnhem for a visit to the battle HQ of the British 1st Airborne Division at Oosterbeek and the Commonwealth War Cemetery. Back on board, we continue our journey. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Visit to Airborne Museum and Commonwealth War Cemetery

DAY 4 – Antwerp
After a relaxing morning sailing, we moor in Antwerp. Our afternoon tour takes in the captivating Grote Markt, the Renaissance town hall and the opulent Brabo Fountain, then you are free to explore as you wish. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Antwerp

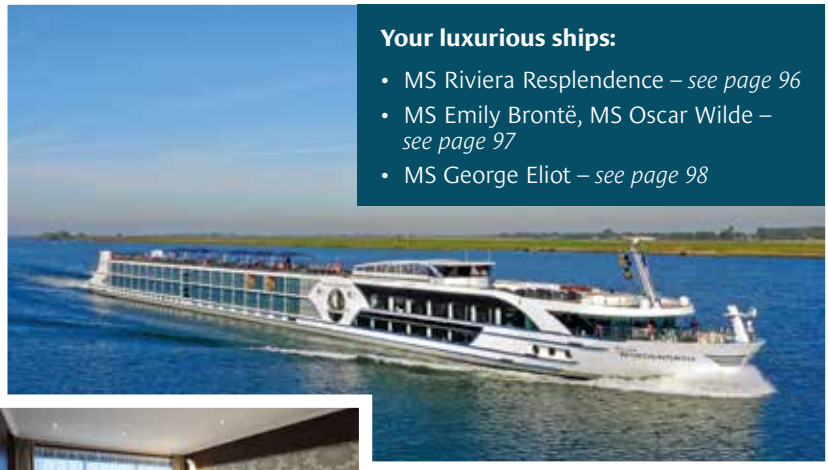
DAY 5 – Ghent or Ypres
Today we awake in picturesque Ghent with a choice of tours: explore this medieval gem in the company of a local guide, including the gorgeous waterfront and the van Eyck brothers' Adoration of the Mystic Lamb in Saint Bavo Cathedral. After lunch you are free to spend the afternoon in Ghent. Alternatively, you can join our tour to Ypres, synonymous with the horrors of the Great War and now a place of reflection. After lunch at leisure* and free time, visit Tyne Cot cemetery before returning to Ghent mid-afternoon. (B,L*,D)
Included Experience – Excursion choice 1: Guided tour of Ghent. Excursion choice 2: Guided tour to Ypres and Tyne Cot with lunch at leisure

DAY 6 – Bruges
After breakfast we drive to Bruges for a guided walking tour. The historic centre is made up of serene canals, narrow cobbled streets, romantic gabled houses and exquisite churches. The main square is dominated by the soaring Belfry, whose 47 bells chime to create an idyllic atmosphere. After lunch at your leisure, the afternoon is free for you to explore. Tonight, enjoy superbly prepared dishes at the Chef's Dinner. Evening and overnight sailing towards Amsterdam. (B,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Bruges

DAY 7 – Amsterdam
This morning, relax on board as we sail towards Amsterdam, and after lunch we take a glass-topped boat tour through the network of canals that infuse every aspect of Amsterdam life. You'll see a fascinating variety of gabled buildings, bustling streets and historic bridges. Afterwards, you're free to explore the city. After dinner retire to the lounge to enjoy some well-known melodies performed on a guitar. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Canal cruise in Amsterdam and live guitar performance

DAY 8 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return journey. (B)

All flights, or Eurostar, and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.
Lunch is not provided on the Ypres excursion.



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MS Emily Brontë standard suite





Antwerp



Bruges is often called the 'Venice of the North' because of its scenic canals

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2026 from	**€2,949**	**€3,499**	**€3,749**	**SOLD OUT**
2027 from	**€2,949**	**€3,649**	**€3,849**	**€4,849**

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Cochem

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Typical departure months

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

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Rhine & Moselle

Experience the contrast between the bustling Rhine and the serene Moselle, lined with castle ruins, steep vineyards and sleepy half-timbered villages. Sail some of Europe's most romantic waterways to the cobbled streets of Bernkastel, ancient Koblenz and, of course, the 'Pearl of the Rhine'.



Bernkastel



Call our friendly team to book

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne
Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne and transfer to your cruise ship. Overnight sailing. (D)

DAY 2 – Cochem
This morning you're cruising some of Europe's most dramatic waterways – the mighty River Rhine and its tributary the Moselle. After lunch we glide into Cochem for a guided tour. A multi-turreted castle crowns the vineyard covered hillside, but Cochem's real charm is found in the jumble of narrow streets lined with pastel coloured houses, quirky shops and wine cellars. This evening delight in the upbeat sounds of Rhenish folk music with a live performance on traditional instruments. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Cochem and live folk music performance

DAY 3 – Trier
Leaving Cochem, we pass through an impressive series of four locks and cruise steep vineyard clad slopes. After lunch we drive to Trier for a tour of one of Germany's oldest cities. Many of the Roman monuments have survived surprisingly intact, but most impressive is the Porta Nigra, a towering gate made of huge stone blocks. We return to our ship, moored in the charming town of Bernkastel. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Trier

DAY 4 – Bernkastel
We join a guided tour of Bernkastel, wandering to the market square which is lined by ornate half-timbered houses. Most famous is the Pointed House, a classic example of a Moselle dwelling. Alternatively, if you're feeling active, join a guide on a hike to the ruins of Landshut castle for stunning views of the town and Moselle. Afternoon and overnight sailing. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Bernkastel



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MS George Eliot full balcony suite

DAY 5 – Koblenz & Boppard
This morning we reach Koblenz, located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle. Our morning tour will take us through Koblenz's patchwork of narrow streets, lined with exquisitely restored houses and cosy cafés. We continue upstream to Boppard, where highlights include the charming marketplace and the old town. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tours of Koblenz and Boppard

DAY 6 – Rhine Gorge & Rüdesheim
This morning we cruise through the magnificent Rhine Gorge, passing ruined castles, once built as symbols of power. The gorge is home to medieval legends and tales of mysterious happenings – most famously the Lorelei. An afternoon walking tour will take us through the atmospheric streets of Rüdesheim which lead down to the sweeping river. Tonight, we enjoy the Chef's Dinner featuring a range of local specialities. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Cruise through Rhine Gorge and guided tour of Rüdesheim

DAY 7 – Cologne
We glide past pretty, riverside towns before reaching the railway bridge at Remagen. This afternoon we discover fascinating Cologne, taking in the magnificent twin-spired cathedral and the beautifully restored old town. After dinner tonight indulge in a delicious on-board tasting, with a presentation and Q&A session from Cologne's Lindt Chocolate Museum and the chance to sample its world-famous produce. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Cologne and on-board Lindt chocolate tasting

DAY 8 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return journey. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.



Cologne

Personalise your holiday
Day 2: Cochem guided tour including Reichsburg castle. From €49pp.

Day 4: Bernkastel wine tasting. From €24pp.

Day 5: Koblenz cable car ride and visit to Ehrenbreitstein fortress. From €24pp.

Day 6: Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet, Rüdesheim with Winzerexpress. From €22pp.

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The Moselle, Luxembourg & the Majestic Rhine

Immerse yourself in the beauty and traditions of this world-famously scenic region, on our longer river cruise showcasing the very best of the Middle Rhine and glorious Moselle Valley. Discover spectacular cities boasting a hoard of UNESCO cathedrals and ancient castles, and savour gentle vine-clad landscapes awash with timber-framed towns soaked in medieval charm.


Cochem



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Cologne
Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne and transfer to your ship. Overnight sailing. (D)

DAY 2 – Andernach & Koblenz
We'll have a free morning to amble around Andernach's picturesque streets. Back on board for lunch, we sail to Koblenz. An expert local guide will take us on an insightful tour of this 2,000-year-old city through its intriguing centre, superbly restored buildings and cosy little cafés. Overnight sailing. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Visit to Andernach and guided tour of Koblenz

DAY 3 – Bernkastel
Enjoy fabulous views as we sail along the Moselle! After lunch on board, we'll disembark to explore the pretty town of Bernkastel. The Moselle is synonymous with wine production, and we'll enjoy a visit to a local cellar to learn more about this ancient process, followed by a wine-tasting. Overnight sailing. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Visit to Bernkastel and local cellar with wine-tasting

DAY 4 – Luxembourg & Trier
We'll drive through the lushly forested landscapes to Luxembourg arriving in the capital for a guided tour. We'll see some of the city's main sights including the cathedral and charming old town. You can either extend your time in Luxembourg with *lunch at leisure or, after lunch back on board discover the treasures of Germany's oldest city exploring Trier's Roman heritage, together with its impressive cathedral, through the expert eyes of our local guide. Overnight sailing. (B,L*,D)
Included Experiences – Option 1: Guided tours of Luxembourg and Trier. Option 2: Guided tour of Luxembourg with extended time to explore and free time in Trier

DAY 5 – Cochem Another morning's scenic cruising is in store so relax on board and enjoy the views. Reconvene for lunch as we glide into Cochem. We'll enjoy a guided tour of the town before some free time. Before tonight's dinner there's chance to sample some of Germany's legendary beers and learn more about its history and production. Overnight sailing. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Cochem and German beer experience onboard

DAY 6 – Rhine Gorge & Rüdesheim
Cruise through the world-famous Rhine Gorge, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and area of outstanding natural beauty. We'll arrive in Rüdesheim and board the Winzerexpress road train for a tour of the sights and the surrounding vineyards. Overnight sailing. (B,L,D)



Your luxurious ships:

- MS Geoffrey Chaucer, MS Oscar Wilde – *see page 97*


MS Geoffrey Chaucer balcony suite

Included Experiences – Scenic cruise through the Rhine Gorge and visit to Rüdesheim with Winzerexpress tour

DAY 7 – Worms
Enjoy a tour with our local guide, you'll find relics of Worms fascinating past scattered across the old town. During lunch we sail to Mannheim, where you have free time to explore this innovative city – the automobile, bicycle and tractor were all invented here. After dinner join our soulful singer in the lounge. We moor in Mannheim overnight. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Worms, afternoon sailing and visit to Mannheim. Musical performance on board

DAY 8 – Heidelberg or Schwetzingen
Join our visit to Heidelberg, famed for its 14th-century university. We'll have a walking tour through the old town and its imposing castle. Alternatively, visit Schwetzingen Palace to enjoy a tour of its magnificent gardens and 18th century rooms. Sail to Niederlahnstein. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Morning choice 1: Guided tour of Heidelberg and its castle. Morning choice 2: Guided tour of Schwetzingen Palace and gardens. Free afternoon onboard, sailing towards Niederlahnstein

DAY 9 – Braubach
Today we'll visit the charming town of Braubach with picturesque riverside views and a lovely promenade perfect for scenic walks. If you don't mind steps and slopes, you can tour the superbly preserved Marksburg castle with a guide. We return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon's cruising. Watch our arrival in Bonn before the Chef's dinner is served. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Morning choice 1: Visit to Braubach with guided tour of Marksburg Castle. Morning choice 2: Visit to Braubach. Free afternoon on board, sailing towards Bonn

DAY 10 – Bonn & Cologne
Explore Bonn at your own pace; wander its old town and visit the imposing Romanesque church. As lunch is served, we set sail towards Cologne, where you can choose between a tour of the vibrant Old Town or the iconic Cathedral (not available on religious holidays). We'll return to the ship for our final dinner, afterwards enjoy professional musicians showcasing melodies from the most famous European composers with a special focus on Beethoven, born in Bonn. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Visit to Bonn. Afternoon option 1: Guided tour of Cologne's Old Town. Afternoon option 2: Guided tour of Cologne Cathedral. Classical duo musical performance on board

DAY 11 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return journey. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.
(L*) Please note lunch is not provided on the extended Luxembourg excursion.

Personalise your holiday
Day 2: Andernach's Geyser Expedition. From €22pp.

Day 2: Koblenz cable car ride and visit to Ehrenbreitstein fortress. From €24pp.

Day 7: Speyer with Technik Museum and IMAX screening. From €68pp.

Day 10: Beethoven tour with visit to Beethoven House, Bonn. From €38pp.

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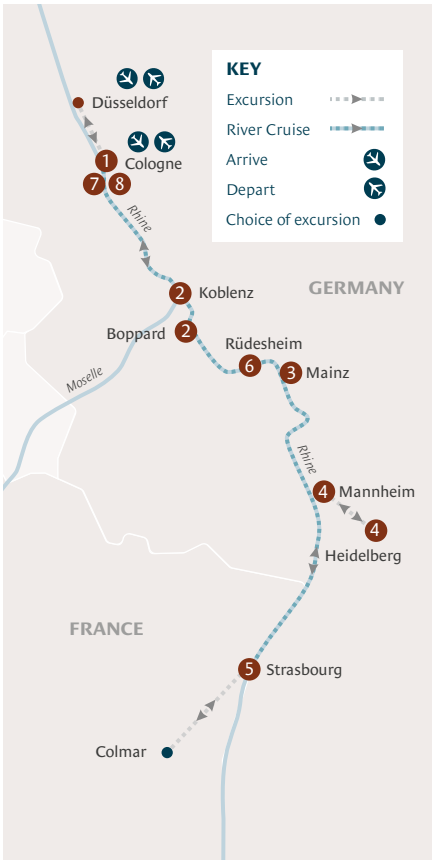
Rhine, Strasbourg & Heidelberg

Meander between picture-postcard villages, towns and cities along the romantic Rhine, from fascinating Cologne and delightful Boppard through the impressive, mighty Rhine Gorge. Then explore Germany's magical wine capital, Mainz, before travelling onward to sophisticated Heidelberg and the medieval splendour of Strasbourg.



Heidelberg



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Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne
Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne and transfer to your ship. Overnight sailing to Koblenz. (D)

DAY 2 – Koblenz & Boppard
We cruise the Rhine valleys to Koblenz, at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle, exploring its narrow streets and cafés. Then, we continue to Boppard, the 'Pearl of the Rhine,' where you can take a chairlift to Gedeon's Corner for pretty river views. In the evening, enjoy Rhenish folk music performed on traditional instruments. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Koblenz, visit to Boppard and live folk music performance on board

DAY 3 – Rhine Gorge & Mainz
This morning, we cruise through the Rhine Gorge. Your next port of call is Mainz, whose most famous son was Johannes Gutenberg, inventor of the printing press. We enjoy a walking tour here, as well as its historic old town, visiting St. Stephan's Church, renowned for its captivating Chagall windows. Overnight sailing. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Cruise through the Rhine Gorge and guided tour of Mainz

DAY 4 – Heidelberg
A short drive takes us to Heidelberg, a German town by the River Neckar, featuring a glorious castle. Choose a morning tour or stay longer to enjoy the local cuisine. The rest of the afternoon is free to explore Mannheim. Evening and overnight sailing. (B,L*,D)
Included Experiences – Option 1: Morning visit to Heidelberg with guided tour. Option 2: Extended visit to Heidelberg with guided tour and lunch at leisure

DAY 5 – Strasbourg & Colmar
By breakfast, we'll arrive in Strasbourg, the capital of Alsace. You can either have a guided walking tour of the UNESCO-listed city centre, including the Petite France and Notre Dame Cathedral, or take a full-day excursion along the Alsace Wine Route to Colmar, with a tour of Strasbourg in the afternoon. After dinner enjoy live music from a professional duo, before our overnight sailing. (B,L*,D)
Included Experiences – Option 1: Morning guided tour of Strasbourg. Option 2: Full day excursion with guided tours of Colmar and Strasbourg with lunch at leisure*. Live music performance on board

DAY 6 – Rüdesheim
After a relaxing morning cruise, we arrive in Rüdesheim for free time after lunch. You can explore Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet, showcasing fascinating automatic musical devices, or enjoy a scenic cable car ride over the vineyards to the Niederwald monument for views of the Rhine River. Tonight, we will have the 'Chef's Dinner' onboard. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Afternoon option 1: Rüdesheim with visit to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet. Afternoon option 2: Rüdesheim with cable car to Niederwald Monument

DAY 7 – Cologne
This morning we cruise through the Rhine Gorge and this afternoon explore Cologne, offering guided tours of the historic old town or a specialised tour of the Gothic cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Please note, space is limited for the cathedral tour and it will not be held on religious holidays. We return to the ship for dinner. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Afternoon option 1: Guided tour of Cologne's Old Town. Afternoon option 2: Guided tour of Cologne Cathedral

DAY 8 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return journey. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.
When choosing the extended tour to Heidelberg or the full day excursion in Strasbourg, lunch is not provided.

Your luxurious ships:
- MS Riviera Resplendence – *see page 96*
- MS Oscar Wilde – *see page 97*
- MS George Eliot – *see page 98*




MS Oscar Wilde standard cabin


Boppard


Strasbourg's Notre-Dame Cathedral, a Gothic masterpiece built in 1439

Personalise your holiday
Day 2: Boppard wine tasting. From €16pp.

Day 2: Koblenz cable car & Ehrenbreitstein fortress. From €24pp.

Day 3: Guided tour of Gutenberg Museum, Mainz. From €13pp.

Day 5: Land train tour of Strasbourg. From €8pp. *(Payable locally)*

Day 5: Take a cruise tour of Strasbourg. From €15.70pp. *(Payable locally)*

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Medieval Germany: Bavaria & the Romantic Road

Explore quintessential medieval Germany, the aptly named Romantic Road, and some of Bavaria's most enchanting towns and cities. Leisurely glide to the likes of Mainz, Miltenberg and Ochsenfurt to wonder at the carefully preserved medieval settlements, with their winding, cobbled streets and half-timbered houses.





Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Mainz
Fly to Frankfurt and transfer to your cruise ship in Mainz. (D)

DAY 2 – Mainz
We'll discover Mainz on a morning tour. Dominating the skyline is the Martinsdom Cathedral and unmissable are the breathtaking stained glass windows in Saint Stephen's Church. It's always a pleasure to seek out a traditional wine tavern in the old town too. Afternoon and overnight sailing to Miltenberg. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Mainz

DAY 3 – Miltenberg & Wertheim
We'll explore the beautiful village of Miltenberg on our tour which takes in the impressive gatehouse and the charming marketplace. After lunch learn more about the history of glassblowing and watch a fascinating demonstration of this historic craft. This afternoon we'll discover the delights of Wertheim. A 12th-century castle overlooks the multicoloured buildings of the old town and as you wander on our included tour look out for the Zobelhaus, a contender for the narrowest house in Germany. Evening sailing towards Würzburg. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Morning option 1: Guided tour of Miltenberg. Morning option 2: Orientation walk of Miltenberg and free time. On-board glass-blowing demonstration. Afternoon option 1: Guided tour of Wertheim. Afternoon option 2: Active hike to Wertheim castle

DAY 4 – Würzburg
Continuing along the Main we arrive at Würzburg where we enjoy an afternoon tour. The impressive Marienberg Fortress overlooks the pastel-coloured buildings punctuated by the spires of the city's churches. The jewel in Würzburg's crown is the Residenz, a magnificent Baroque palace, originally conceived to rival the Palace of Versailles. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Würzburg, including Residenz

DAY 5 – Rothenburg & Ochsenfurt
This morning we drive along the Romantic Road, a spellbinding route of medieval towns, lofty castles and grand palaces. We arrive at Rothenburg for a guided tour of the old town which is cradled within immaculately preserved walls. Our ship awaits in Ochsenfurt and this afternoon we'll have free time to wander through the charming old town. Evening sailing towards Bamberg. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Rothenburg and visit to Ochsenfurt

DAY 6 – Bamberg
This morning we progress along the Main, mooring in Bamberg, one of Europe's prettiest towns. Our tour takes in the exquisite old town, the impressive cathedral and the town hall which sits on an island in the middle of the river. We join the Main-Danube canal, a superb feat of engineering guiding us to our next stop, Nuremberg. There's some fun to be had on board this evening as we enjoy Bavarian dance and songs performed on traditional instruments by a skilled trio. We also enjoy a splendid Chef's Dinner – enjoy the chef's culinary delights from the spectacular surrounding regions. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Bamberg and live Bavarian music show

DAY 7 – Nuremberg
Intriguing for its association with the Second World War, Nuremberg also captivates with its cobbled streets, classic half-timbered houses and enchanting castle. We'll discover other historic landmarks on our guided tour including the Church of Saint Lawrence and the bustling Hauptmarkt. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Afternoon Option 1: Guided tour of Nuremberg's medieval history. Afternoon option 2: Guided tour of Nuremberg's medieval and WWII history

DAY 8 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.
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Your luxurious ships:
- MS George Eliot – *see page 98*


MS George Eliot standard cabin


Bamberg

Personalise your holiday
Day 2: Guided tour of the Gutenberg Museum, Mainz. From €13pp.

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Cologne, the Rhine Gorge & Medieval Germany

Sail through the Rhine Gorge, one of the most scenic stretches of river in the world and delve into the hidden gems of the Middle Rhine. Wander through the ancient towns of medieval Germany and discover the beautiful Romantic Road.





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Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne
Embark your five-star ship. (D)

DAY 2 – Cologne
After your first breakfast on board, we'll discover Cologne, taking in the twin-spired cathedral. Also explore the old town, beautifully restored and boasting an abundance of excellent shopping and bars. Depart Cologne for afternoon sailing to Andernach. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Cologne

DAY 3 – Andernach & Boppard
We'll discover historic Andernach on a morning tour, taking in the impressive Old Town Wall, the Jewish Bath and the medieval Round Tower. This afternoon we'll sail to Boppard where you can explore this hidden gem at your leisure. After dinner enjoy professional musicians from leading symphony orchestras showcasing melodies from the most famous European composers with a special focus on Beethoven. We remain moored here overnight. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Andernach, visit to Boppard and live classical musical duo

DAY 4 – Rhine Gorge & Rüdesheim
This morning we'll cruise through the most famous of all river reaches and a real highlight, the magnificent Rhine Gorge. An afternoon walking tour will take us through the charming streets of Rüdesheim which lead down to the river. We remain moored in Rüdesheim overnight (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Cruise through Rhine Gorge and guided tour of Rüdesheim

DAY 5 – Mainz
Morning sailing to Mainz, situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Main Rivers. Dominating the skyline is the Martinsdom Cathedral and a must-see are the stained glass windows in Saint Stephen's Church. On our guided walking tour we'll also explore the crooked streets of the old town. Afternoon and overnight sailing to Miltenberg. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Mainz



Discover the 3000-year history of glass at Wertheim Glass Museum



Your luxurious ships:
- MS George Eliot – *see page 98*

DAY 6 – Miltenberg & Wertheim
On our morning tour we'll explore the beautiful village of Miltenberg, taking in the impressive gatehouse and the charming marketplace, with a choice of shorter orientation walk allowing for more free time. This afternoon we'll discover the delights of Wertheim. A 12th century castle overlooks the multicoloured buildings of the old town and as you wander look out for the Zobelhaus, a contender for the narrowest house in Germany. Evening sailing towards Würzburg. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Miltenberg with choice of shorter orientation walk for more free time; guided tour of Wertheim

DAY 7 – Würzburg
Continuing along the Main we arrive at Würzburg where we'll enjoy an afternoon tour. The Marienberg Fortress overlooks the pastel-coloured buildings punctuated by the spires of the city's churches. The jewel in Würzburg's crown is the Residenz, a Baroque palace, originally conceived to rival the Palace of Versailles. After dinner this evening it's time to shake a leg! Highly skilled artists will cater for an hour of party mood and present musical highlights from the past and present. Ship remains moored in Würzburg overnight. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Würzburg and live dance band

DAY 8 – Rothenburg & Ochsenfurt
This morning we'll drive along the Romantic Road, a spellbinding route of medieval towns, lofty castles and grand palaces. We'll arrive at Rothenburg for a guided tour of the old town which is cradled within the immaculately preserved walls, including Residenz. Our ship awaits in Ochsenfurt and this afternoon we'll have free time to wander through the pretty old town. Evening sailing towards Bamberg. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Rothenburg and visit to Ochsenfurt

DAY 9 – Bamberg
We'll cruise further along the Main this morning, mooring in Bamberg, one of Europe's prettiest towns. Our tour takes in the medieval old town, the Romanesque cathedral and the town hall which sits on an island in the middle of the river. This evening, following dinner hosted by the Captain, there will be a performance of traditional Bavarian music on board. We'll join the Main-Danube canal for the overnight sailing towards Nuremberg. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Bamberg & performance of traditional Bavarian music

DAY 10 – Nuremberg
We'll enjoy a relaxing last morning of cruising as we glide towards Nuremberg. Intriguing for its association with the Second World War, the city also captivates with its cobbled streets, classic half-timbered houses and medieval castle. We'll discover other historic landmarks on our afternoon guided tour including the Church of Saint Lawrence and the bustling Hauptmarkt. There will also be free time for you to explore the city at your leisure. Remain moored overnight in Nuremberg. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Afternoon Option 1: Guided tour of Nuremberg's medieval history. Afternoon option 2: Guided tour of Nuremberg's medieval and WWII history

DAY 11 – Return home
Transfer to Munich airport for your return journey. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.

Please note: Due to locks and low bridges the main part of the sun deck will be closed between Mainz and Nuremberg. The other outside areas in front of the lounge, the Riverview Kitchen and the lower section of the sun deck are still accessible.

Please note: On some dates, this cruise operates in reverse order. You will experience the same tours and visits. See our website for details.

Personalise your holiday
Day 3: Geyser experience, Andernach. From €22PP.

Day 4: Rüdesheim Wine tasting. From €28PP.

Day 5: Mainz Gutenberg Museum. From €13PP.

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Lucerne

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Rhine Cruise to Switzerland

Take in breathtaking views of the spectacular Rhine Gorge, gliding past romantic ruined castles, steep vineyards and pretty towns and villages. Then immerse yourself amidst the fragrant pine forests of the Black Forest and the majestic splendours of the Swiss alpine peaks.



Bernese Oberland



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Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne
Travel to Cologne and transfer to our ship. (D)

DAY 2 – Koblenz
After breakfast, the Rhine Valley's beauty unfolds as we pass the forested Siebengebirge and historic Remagen bridge to Koblenz for a guided tour. This evening, enjoy live Rhenish folk music and dinner on board. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Koblenz and live folk music performance

DAY 3 – Rhine Gorge & Rüdesheim
This morning, we weave through the huge looping bend – one of the most impressive on the river – at Boppard, a picturesque town known as the 'Pearl of the Rhine'. Journeying further, you explore the most famous of all the river's reaches and a real highlight of the cruise, the dramatic Rhine Gorge: steep vineyards give way to almost vertical rocky outcrops towering more than 600 feet above the sweeping valley sides. Sailing past Saint Goar and the many ruined castles, there's a real sense of the myths surrounding this historic river coming alive around you. After lunch we moor in Rüdesheim, a classic Rhine wine village with crooked houses sloping down from wooded hillsides and terraced vineyards. This afternoon, you are free to explore at leisure or choose from one of our included experiences. You could opt to visit Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet, a fantastical adventure into the world of automatic musical instruments. Alternatively, you might choose to travel up the hillside, above Rüdesheim's famous vineyards, in a two-seater cable car enjoying lovely views of the Rhine River and surrounding countryside. After dinner this evening, another sumptuous affair prepared by your chef, maybe sample a small Asbach – the famous brandy distilled in Rüdesheim – while watching the last of the ferries crossing the river in the moonlight glow. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Cruise through the Rhine Gorge. Afternoon option 1: Rüdesheim with visit to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet. Afternoon option 2: Rüdesheim with cable car to Niederwald Monument


Breisach

DAY 4 – Speyer
Sailing upstream, we berth in historic Speyer, home to Germany's Imperial Cathedral. Enjoy free time before returning aboard. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Speyer

DAY 5 – Strasbourg
This morning, we cruise through two impressive locks before arriving in Strasbourg and taking a walking tour of the old town. After dinner, enjoy a live violin performance. We sail overnight. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Strasbourg and live violin soloist

DAY 6 – Breisach, Black Forest or Alsace wine route
Glide through the dramatic scenery of the rift valley separating the Vosges and Black Forest mountains before arriving at the ancient town of Breisach. Its historic heart is surrounded by stone ramparts and dominated by the impressive Saint Stephan's Cathedral. This afternoon you have a choice of excursions. You could choose to explore the Black Forest on a guided tour, and visit the vibrant university city Freiburg, home to a medieval old town, criss-crossed by picturesque brooks. Alternatively, follow the Alsace wine route to visit the charming villages of Ribeauvillé and Riquewihr, named the 'Most Beautiful Village in France', lying right in the heart of the Alsatian vineyards. Rejoining the ship, we resume our stately passage upriver. As the sun sets, and the riverside lights begin to twinkle there are wonderful views over the imposing Vosges massif. This evening, we enjoy an exquisite Chef's Dinner; a taste of the region's cuisine as you cruise onward towards your next destination. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Visit to Breisach. Afternoon option 1: Scenic drive through the Black Forest with visit to Freiburg. Afternoon option 2: Scenic drive along the Alsace wine route with visits to Ribeauvillé and Riquewihr. Chef's Dinner


Rudesheimer coffee is traditionally made by flambéing brandy to caramelise sugar before adding coffee




Strasbourg

DAY 7 – Lucerne & Bernese Oberland
Today you have the choice between a full day excursion with visits to Lucerne and the Bernese Oberland, or a guided tour in Lucerne and a free afternoon in Basel. Lucerne is often considered Switzerland's most beautiful city, spectacularly situated among stunning mountain views. It has been attracting well-heeled visitors for two centuries, including our very own Queen Victoria. Highly recommended is an invigorating stroll along the Chapel Bridge, a unique covered wooden walkway crossing the lake, supported by stilts and lined with colourful flower-filled window boxes. Not only is it the city's most iconic structure, it's a superb way to absorb Lucerne's regal atmosphere. As you enter the Bernese Oberland in central Switzerland, the views become quite literally breathtaking! This is the grand alpine heart of Europe with some of the finest mountain scenery on earth, described by the composer Mendelssohn as 'the most wonderful of all in this unbelievably beautiful country'. On viewing the legendary snow-capped peaks of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau you'll be quite simply awestruck. We then ascend by mountain railway for more extraordinary vistas, with the crystal-clear lakes reflecting the meadows and forests below. This truly magical landscape is sure to enchant you. Alternatively, after a more leisurely start and longer in Lucerne, you can return to the ship for lunch before an afternoon at leisure in Basel. Head to the old town to explore its narrow winding streets. At its heart, you'll find the red sandstone cathedral. (B,L*,D)

Included Experiences – Option 1: Full day tour to Lucerne and the Bernese Oberland with scenic rail journey. Option 2: Morning tour to Lucerne and free afternoon in Basel

DAY 8 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.

***Lunch is not provided on the full day Bernese Oberland excursion.**

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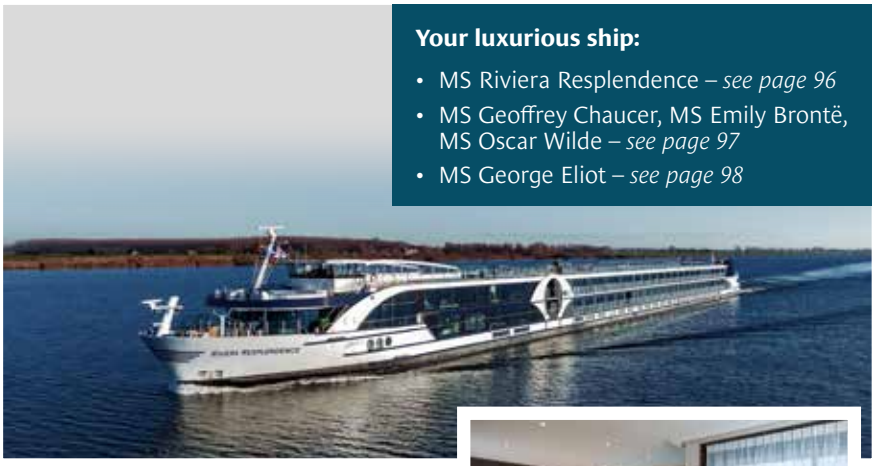

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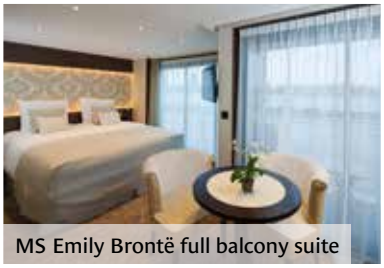
- MS Geoffrey Chaucer, MS Emily Brontë, MS Oscar Wilde – *see page 97*
- MS George Eliot – *see page 98*



MS Emily Brontë full balcony suite

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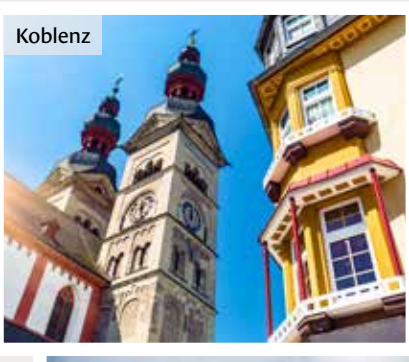
Day 2: Koblenz cable car ride and visit to Ehrenbreitstein fortress. From €24PP.

Day 3: Wine tasting in Rüdesheim. From €29PP.

Day 4: Visit to the Technik Museum Speyer with IMAX screening. From €30PP.

Day 5: Land train tour of Strasbourg. From €9PP. *(Payable locally)*

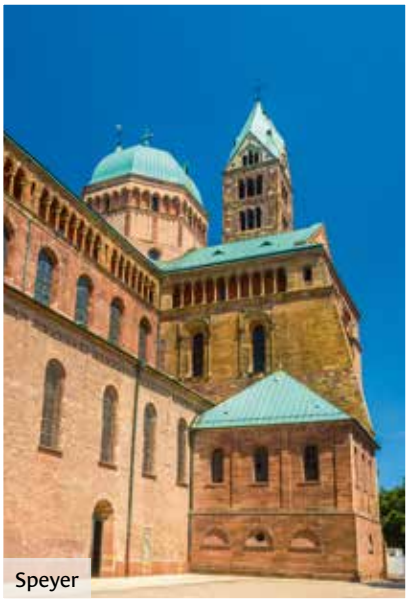
Day 5: Boat cruise through Strasbourg. From €16.20PP. *(Payable locally)*



Koblenz



Mountain Railway



Speyer

PRICING & DEPARTURES 2026/2027				
DECK	**LOWER from**	**MIDDLE from**	**UPPER from**	
DATE	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
2026 from	**€2,499**	**€2,999**	**€3,249**	**€4,149**
2027 from	**€2,599**	**€3,299**	**€3,599**	**€4,499**

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11 days from **€5,349PP**

Glacier Express Tour Extension

All aboard an unforgettable adventure on the iconic Glacier Express railway. From snow-dusted mountain ranges and striking glaciers to winding cobbled streets and wonderful lush green landscapes, discover the alpine wonderland of Switzerland on this incredible tour extension.

Your itinerary

DAY 8 – Chur
We take the train to historic Chur at the heart of Graubünden, the largest canton in Switzerland. As we leave behind Basel's city skyline the scenery becomes ever more picturesque. We arrive in Switzerland's oldest city, nestled in a forested valley with the Alps rising like an amphitheatre around it, with free time to explore. Tonight we stay in the nearby alpine resort of Davos. Dinner at leisure. (B)
Included Experience – Visit to Chur

DAY 9 – Glacier Express
After breakfast we embark on an unforgettably scenic and spectacular rail journey – the legendary Glacier Express. Our starting point at Chur is the lowest point of the route to Zermatt and the iconic Matterhorn, Switzerland's most famous mountain and a 'must-see' highlight for many. We pass countless torrential mountain streams and tumbling waterfalls before arriving at the legendary village of Zermatt, nestling at the foot of the instantly recognisable Matterhorn. (B)
Included Experience – Travel on the Glacier Express

Please note: Guests receive a 'Swiss Half Fare Card' which allows a 50% discount on most railways, including the Gornegrat Railway, which can be enjoyed on your free day in Zermatt (subject to availability).

DAY 10 – Zermatt
Today you may wish to explore Zermatt under your own steam, or you can take Europe's highest open-air cog railway to the summit of the Gornergrat, an altitude of just over 10,000 feet, for more stupendous vistas. Perhaps take a cable car ride for more dramatic views or visit the Alpine Museum with its intriguing collection of mountaineering memorabilia. Or you can simply relax over afternoon tea in a cosy café and soak up the magical alpine ambience. (B)
Included Experience – Visit to Zermatt

DAY 11 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Daily breakfast.



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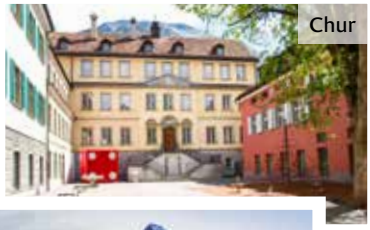

Chur


Zermatt & the Matterhorn

Our hand-picked hotels

Our Switzerland based hotels will vary according to the extension date. These excellent hotels are centrally located and provide a perfect base for our programme of visits. Visit our website to see all our hotels.



15 days from **€4,899PP**

Typical departure months

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

2026 & 2027 dates available

Cruise the Heart of Europe:
Journey along the Rhine, Main & Danube

Sail from the majestic Rhine to the splendours of the Danube, absorbing some of Europe's most stunning scenery. Experience the grandeur of Vienna and the charm of Budapest, the romantic ruined castles of the impressive Rhine Gorge and the unique atmosphere of picturesque medieval towns and villages along the way.




Boppard

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne
Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne, or take the Eurostar to Brussels, and transfer to your cruise ship. (D)

DAY 2 – Koblenz & Boppard
After our first night of sailing we arrive in Koblenz, situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers. Our morning tour will take us through Koblenz's patchwork of narrow streets and atmospheric squares, lined with exquisitely restored houses. We then continue upstream to Boppard, known as the 'Pearl of the Rhine'. Wonderfully situated on a sweeping meander, it is one of the Rhineland's most attractive villages. This evening delight in the upbeat sounds of Rhenish folk music with a live performance on traditional instruments. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tours of Koblenz, Boppard & live folk music performance

DAY 3 – Rhine Gorge & Rüdesheim
This morning we cruise through the magnificent Rhine Gorge, passing vine clad slopes and ruined castles, once built as symbols of power. The gorge is home to medieval legends and tales of mysterious happenings – most famously the Lorelei. An afternoon walking tour will take us through the charming streets of Rüdesheim, which lead us down to the sweeping river. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Cruise through Rhine Gorge & guided tour of Rüdesheim


Rüdesheim


Wertheim

DAY 4 – Mainz
Morning sailing to Mainz, situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Main Rivers. Dominating the skyline of this fascinating German town is the Martinsdom Cathedral and unmissable are the breathtaking stained-glass windows in Saint Stephen's Church. Our guided tour will take us through the crooked streets of the old town. Afternoon and overnight sailing to Miltenberg whilst the Chef presents his signature dishes at tonight's dinner. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Mainz

DAY 5 – Miltenberg & Wertheim
Miltenberg is one of Germany's best-preserved villages and this morning we'll explore this gem dating back to the Middle Ages including the impressive gatehouse and the oldest inn in Germany. Alternatively, take a short orientation tour before more time to explore independently. After lunch learn about the history of glassblowing and watch a fascinating demonstration of this historic craft. This afternoon discover the delights of Wertheim with its patchwork of multicoloured buildings, church spires and turrets. Or, if you're feeling a little more active, join a hike to the 12th-century Wertheim Castle, overlooking the town below. Evening and overnight sailing towards Würzburg. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Morning option 1: Guided tour of Miltenberg, on-board glassblowing demonstration. Morning option 2: Orientation walk of Miltenberg, on-board glassblowing demonstration. Afternoon option 1: Guided tour of Wertheim. Afternoon option 2: Active hike to Wertheim castle

DAY 6 – Würzburg
Continuing along the Main we arrive at Würzburg, situated at the head of Germany's Romantic Road. The city is best explored on foot and our walking tour will introduce us to all the highlights. The jewel in Würzburg's crown is the Residenz, a magnificent Baroque palace, originally conceived to rival the royal palaces of Vienna and Versailles. Afternoon and overnight sailing to Bamberg. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Würzburg

DAY 7 – Bamberg
Today we visit Bamberg, one of Europe's prettiest towns. Our tour takes in the impressive cathedral and the town hall which sits on an island in the middle of the river. We'll also discover 'Little Venice' and explore the fascinating tangled lanes of the medieval old town. Before tonight's dinner there's chance to sample some of Bavaria's legendary beers and learn more about its history and


Miltenberg



Bamberg is known for its unique smoked beer, 'Rauchbier,' brewed with malt dried over an open fire

production. Later we join the Main-Danube canal, a superb feat of engineering. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Bamberg and beer tasting on board

DAY 8 – Nuremberg
Intriguing for its association with the Second World War, Nuremburg also captivates with its cobbled streets, classic half-timbered houses and enchanting castle. This morning, choose between a panoramic coach tour of Nuremberg's medieval history with a visit to the majestic Nuremberg Castle culminating in a walking tour of the old town or combine medieval and modern history with an additional visit to the rally grounds and pass the courthouse. Afternoon and overnight sailing towards Regensburg. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Morning option 1: Guided tour of Nuremberg's medieval history. Morning option 2: Guided tour of Nuremberg's medieval and WWII history. Free afternoon sailing towards Regensburg

DAY 9 – Regensburg
This morning, we cruise through Kelheim, where we join the Danube River. Our next port of call is Regensburg, formerly an important garrison guarding the most northwesterly point of the Roman Empire and known too as 'Germany's medieval miracle'. This afternoon on our tour of this fascinating Bavarian city, we wander through the winding streets and elegant squares of the old town, seeing the striking merchants' houses and the splendid Gothic cathedral. Overnight sailing. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Regensburg

DAY 10 – Passau
Our journey brings us to Passau, the last town we stop at in Germany, nestling where the Inn and Ilz Rivers join the Danube. We'll explore this 'Three Rivers City' on our guided tour. The old town is known for its Baroque architecture including Saint Stephen's Cathedral, where the world's largest cathedral organ sounds. Alternatively, you may choose to join a guide on an active hike to Veste Oberhaus. Afternoon and evening sailing to Melk. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Morning option 1: Guided tour of Passau. Morning option 2: Active hike to Veste Oberhaus. Free afternoon sailing towards Melk


Bratislava


Bratislava's 'Man at Work' statue is called 'Cumil,' meaning 'the watcher' or 'the peeper' in Slovak

DAY 11 – Melk
On a striking rocky bluff above the town of Melk is the enormous Benedictine Abbey, which we visit this morning. This extraordinary building was originally a castle that was bequeathed to the Benedictine order and has been a monastery ever since. Later we cruise downstream through the delightful Wachau Valley towards Vienna. At this evening's 'Chef's Dinner', the chef presents a selection of specialities from the countries and regions we've visited during our cruise. No visit to the city is complete without a musical experience and this evening we've arranged a classical recital on board. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Melk Abbey and live classical recital

DAY 12 – Vienna
Vienna is one of the gems of Central Europe and the name conjures up an image of Baroque architecture, fine music and resplendent cafés. Perhaps the most iconic monument is Saint Stephen's Cathedral which dominates the city skyline. There's also the awe-inspiring Hofburg Palace, the former royal court that's now a collection of museums and home to the Spanish Riding


Passau


Melk Abbey is still an active Benedictine monastery, with monks living and working there today

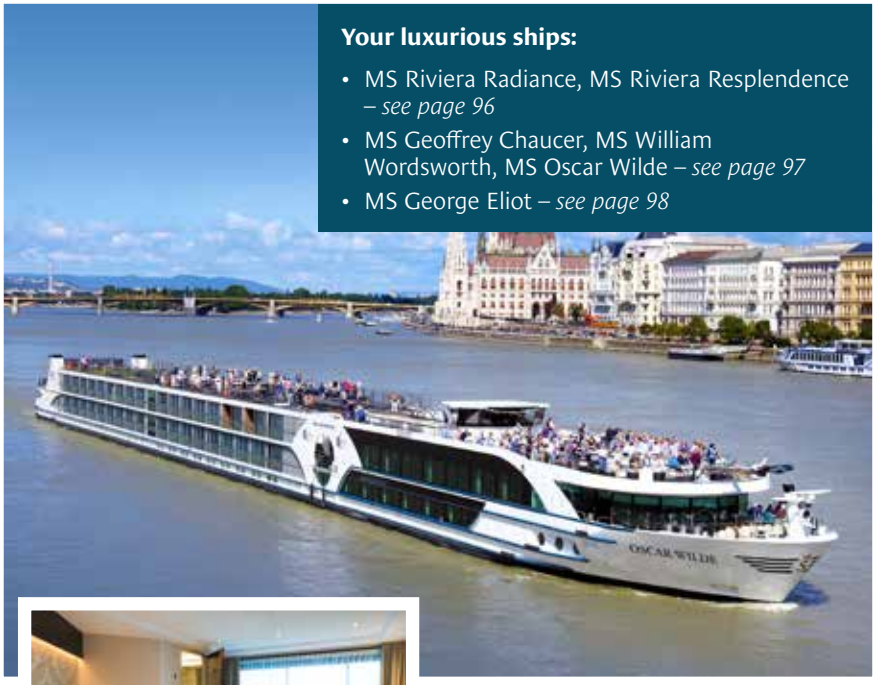

Spanish Riding School

School and the Vienna Boy's Choir. This morning we enjoy a guided city tour and this afternoon you're free to explore at leisure. Overnight sailing to Bratislava. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Morning option 1: Panoramic guided tour of Vienna on coach. Morning option 2: Panoramic guided tour on coach followed by a walking tour of the old town. Free afternoon in Vienna

DAY 13 – Bratislava
The Slovakian capital of Bratislava has recently rekindled its past in the restored Baroque old town, and the impressive 9th-century castle commands expansive views across the Danube. After our morning tour you'll have time to explore at leisure. Wander the winding streets to the main square where you'll find the old Town Hall and perhaps climb the tower for some lovely views. This evening we navigate the dramatic Danube Bend, one of the most spectacular stretches of this mighty river. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Bratislava

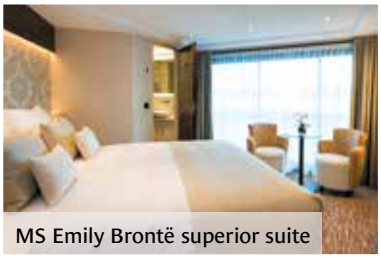
DAY 14 – Budapest
We have a whole day to enjoy this captivating imperial capital and we start with an included morning tour. You have a choice – a panoramic coach tour with photo stops, seeing the Opera House, chain bridge and the iconic Parliament building, or an active walking tour of the castle district and the Fisherman's bastion. You have the rest of the day free to explore. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Morning option 1: Guided panoramic coach tour of Budapest. Morning option 2: Active tour with a guided walk of the castle district

DAY 15 – Return home
Transfer to Brussels or the airport for your return journey. (B)



Your luxurious ships:

- MS Riviera Radiance, MS Riviera Resplendence – *see page 96*
- MS Geoffrey Chaucer, MS William Wordsworth, MS Oscar Wilde – *see page 97*
- MS George Eliot – *see page 98*



MS Emily Brontë superior suite

All flights and transfers are included.

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.

Due to locks and low bridges the main part of the sun deck will be closed between Mainz and Passau. The other outside areas in front of the lounge, the Riverview Kitchen and the lower section of the sun deck are still accessible.

Please note: On some dates, this cruise operates in reverse order. You will experience the same tours and visits. See our website for details.

Personalise your holiday
Day 2: Koblenz cable car ride and visit to Ehrenbreitstein fortress. From €24pp.

Day 3: Wine tasting at a local winery, Rüdesheim. From €28pp.

Day 4: Guided tour of the Gutenberg Museum, Mainz. From €13pp.

Day 12: Visit the Spanish Riding School, Vienna. From €38pp.

Day 12: Tour of Schönbrunn Palace with wine tasting. From €112pp.



Vienna



Budapest

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DATE	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
2026 from	**€4,899**	**€5,849**	**€6,249**	**SOLD OUT**
2027 from	**€5,149**	**€6,299**	**€6,699**	**€8,649**

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Budapest

Exclusive SOLO departures available

8 days from **€2,449PP**

Typical departure months

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

2026 & 2027 dates available

The Blue Danube:
Vienna, Budapest & Salzburg

The glories of Vienna, Budapest and Salzburg are revealed on this splendid cruise along Europe's most cultured river. Explore fascinating medieval cities, admire superb baroque architecture and immerse yourself in the majestic surroundings that inspired the music of Strauss and Mozart.





Dürnstein

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Budapest
Fly to Budapest and transfer to your cruise ship. Overnight sailing to Esztergom. (D)

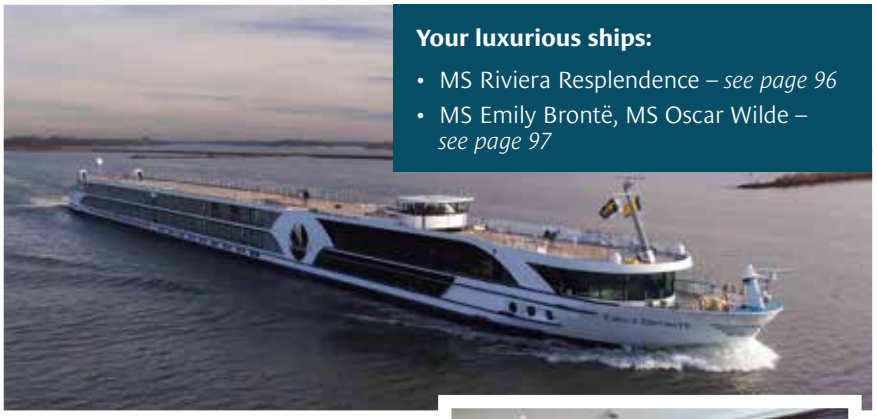
DAY 2 – Esztergom
Included morning tour of Esztergom Basilica which stands over the Danube. This afternoon sail past the enchanting towns and villages of Hungary and Slovakia. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Visit to Esztergom Basilica

DAY 3 – Bratislava
The Slovakian capital of Bratislava has recently rekindled its past in the restored old town, and the impressive 17th-century castle commands expansive views across the Danube. After an included morning tour you'll also have time to explore this charming city. This afternoon cruise into Lower Austria. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Bratislava

DAY 4 – Dürnstein & Melk
This morning, join a guided tour of Dürnstein or enjoy an active walking tour up to the castle ruins where Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned and after lunch visit the remarkable Melk Abbey, originally a castle and today a monastery. The final part of our cruise upstream takes us towards Linz. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Morning option 1: Guided tour of Dürnstein. Morning option 2: Guided hike to Dürnstein castle ruins. Afternoon guided tour of Melk Abbey


Bratislava


Esztergom



Your luxurious ships:
- MS Riviera Resplendence – *see page 96*
- MS Emily Brontë, MS Oscar Wilde – *see page 97*

DAY 5 – Salzburg or Linz
Take a walking tour of Linz's charming baroque old town or visit Salzburg where you'll discover the imposing Hohensalzburg fortress, the wonderful Hellbrunn Palace and the gardens of the Mirabell Palace. This evening, we cruise towards Vienna. (B,L*,D)
Included Experiences – Option 1: Full day excursion to Salzburg with guided tour, lunch at leisure and free time. Option 2: Morning guided tour of Linz with the afternoon free to explore

DAY 6 – Vienna
Vienna provokes images of elegance, fine music and Baroque architecture. Perhaps the most iconic monument is Saint Stephen's Cathedral which dominates the city skyline. There's also the colossal Hofburg, home to the Spanish Riding School and the Vienna Boys' Choir. This morning, we enjoy a panoramic tour, followed by an optional walking tour, and this afternoon you're free to explore. Tonight, we enjoy the Chef's dinner in the ship's restaurant. No visit to Vienna is complete without a musical experience and this evening we've arranged a classical recital on board. Overnight sailing. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Morning option 1: Panoramic guided tour of Vienna on coach. Morning option 2: Panoramic guided tour on coach followed by a walking tour of the old town. Chefs Dinner. Live classical recital on board


MS Emily Bronte deluxe balcony suite

DAY 7 – Budapest
Cruise through the Hungarian landscape towards Budapest and after lunch enjoy a sightseeing tour of this captivating city. After lunch you have a choice of guided tours – a panoramic coach tour with photo stops, seeing the Opera House, chain bridge and the iconic Parliament building, or an active walking tour of the castle district and the Fisherman's bastion. This evening's dinner closes with a Hungarian folklore show. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Afternoon option 1: Guided panoramic coach tour of Budapest. Afternoon option 2: Active tour with a guided walk of the castle district. Live Hungarian folklore show on board

DAY 8 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.
(L) The ship will offer a packed lunch on the Salzburg excursion.*

Budapest or Vienna Tour Extensions available – *See pages 38-39*

Personalise your holiday
Day 5: Austrian lunch in Salzburg. From €75pp.

Day 6: Visit the Spanish Riding School in Vienna. From €38pp.

Day 6: Tour of Schönbrunn Palace with wine tasting. From €112pp.

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2027 from	€2,449	€3,199	€3,399	€4,399

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Buda Castle

11 days from **€3,949PP**

Budapest Tour Extension

Discover more of majestic Budapest's imperial past and the 19th-century grandeur of the Habsburg Empire. Delve into the charming medieval Buda, stroll along the boulevards of elegant Pest and venture into the scenic Puszta, Hungary's Great Plain.

Your itinerary

DAY 8 – Puszta
We leave the ship to explore some of the region's hidden gems. Our scenic drive continues into the Puszta, Hungary's Great Plain. We visit a renowned Equestrian Park where we enjoy a welcome drink and traditional lunch, followed by a spectacular performance. We return to Budapest, where we stay for the next three nights. (B,L)
Included Experience – Scenic tour of the Puszta with lunch and horse show

DAY 9 – Budapest
Budapest is truly a magnificent city with an alluring collage of palatial buildings and grand churches, including the iconic Parliament building. During a late morning tour we'll see the Domed Hall, the 16-sided Central Hall with its astonishing Golden Staircase. We take a short drive to the Market Hall where you could enjoy a spot of lunch before visiting the Zwack Unicum Museum to learn about the production and consumption of this traditional fruit brandy and its special role in Hungarian culture. We'll also enjoy a tasting experience in which a team of experts and pálinka sommeliers will introduce you to the distillates they hold in the highest regard. This afternoon is free to explore. (B)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Budapest's Parliament Building and visit to the Unicum Museum

DAY 10 – The National Gallery
Today, we'll visit the impressive National Gallery, which is located in Buda Castle and includes a phenomenal collection of Hungarian masterpieces as well as a crypt containing tombs of several members of the Habsburg dynasty. We enjoy a visit to this world-famous collection and then a short orientation walk of the surrounding area. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore this fantastic city and its multitude of cultural attractions. (B,L)
Included Experience – Visit the National Gallery

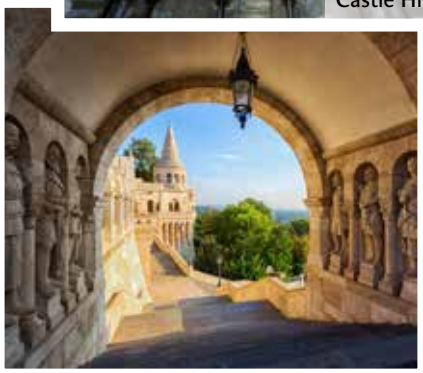
DAY 11 – Return home
Today we transfer to the airport for our flight home. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch.





Castle Hill



Fisherman's Bastion's seven towers symbolise the seven Magyar tribes that founded Hungary in the 9th century

Our hand-picked hotel

Courtyard by Marriott
This excellent hotel has a Mediterranean bistro restaurant, bar, sauna, steam room and gym. The comfortable, air-conditioned rooms are elegantly decorated in a contemporary style and superbly appointed.



Vienna State Opera

11 days from **€4,249PP**

Vienna Tour Extension

Return to Vienna for more time to explore the elegant City of Music. Roam this compact city, home to gilded royal residences and imposing art and history museums and explore the picturesque countryside of Neusiedlersee.

Your itinerary

DAY 8 – Neusiedlersee
We disembark in Budapest and journey to Neusiedlersee, home to Europe's second largest steppe lake. Here, we'll stop for a unique journey that combines history, fine wine and nature, beginning with a visit to the lake, followed by lunch at a local restaurant and a wine tasting at Esterházy. Afterwards, we continue on to Vienna and check in at our hotel. (B,L)
Included Experiences – Neusiedlersee orinentation walk including lunch and wine-tasting.

DAY 9 – Schönbrunn Palace
Experience the opulence of the Habsburg dynasty on a visit to Schönbrunn Palace and explore the stunning architecture, richly furnished rooms and expansive garden of this UNESCO World Heritage site.



On the grand tour, walk in the footsteps of Emperors and get a glimpse into their extravagant lifestyles. Then explore the meticulously landscaped gardens at your leisure. This evening there is the optional concert. You can also enjoy exploring the delights of this spectacular city at leisure. (B)
Included Experience – A visit to Schönbrunn Palace

DAY 10 – Vienna
Peek behind the scenes of the world's largest repertory operation. Uncover the secrets hidden from the evening opera-goers during a guided tour of the Vienna State Opera, including its grand staircase, captivating oil paintings and tapestries inspired by Mozart's *The Magic Flute*. Then enjoy time to explore at leisure or join an optional visit to the Kunsthistorisches Museum to see famous works by Bruegel, Raphael, Rembrandt and Titian. We end the day with a traditional Heurigen evening with exquisite Viennese cuisine. (B,D)
Included Experiences – Tour of the Vienna State Opera House and Heurigen evening*

On some dates, days 9 and 10 may be swapped. You will experience the same tours and visits. See our website for details.

Personalise your holiday
Day 9: Classical concert in Vienna from €109PP

Day 10: Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna from €37PP

DAY 11 – Return home
Today we'll transfer to the airport for your flight home with memories of Vienna that will last a lifetime. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.

**Heurigen evening will be held outside where possible, and weather allows.*



Karlskirche

Our hand-picked hotels

Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof
Situated in the heart of the 1st district, just a short walk from some of Vienna's most popular sites, including the State Opera, parliament and the Hofburg. The sleek, modern rooms are superbly appointed.

Le Méridien Vienna
This modern design hotel is located in the heart of Vienna, but away from the bustle of its busy shopping streets.



Decebalus

Exclusive SOLO departures available

15 days from **€5,499PP**

Typical departure months

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2026 & 2027 dates available

Budapest to the Black Sea

Discover the gems of Eastern Europe, with fascinating Belgrade, elegant Bucharest and the imperial city of two halves, captivating Buda and Pest. With extraordinary scenery as you sail, explore the architectural and cultural heritage of towns and cities that are steeped in history and tradition, once beyond the Iron Curtain.





Kalocsa

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Budapest
Fly to Budapest and transfer to your cruise ship which stays here until the early hours. (D)

DAY 2 – Kalocsa & Paprika Museum or Puszta with equestrian farm
Our adventure begins as we cruise to Kalocsa. You have a choice this morning – a walking tour of the city will bring 1,000 years of history alive as we take in the impressive Baroque cathedral and the grand Archbishop's Palace, and a visit to the Paprika Museum will introduce us to a vital ingredient in Hungarian cuisine. Alternatively, drive into scenic Puszta, Hungary's Great Plain, also famed for its horses. We visit an equestrian farm to watch a performance by some of the regions skilled riders and the opportunity to take a horse-drawn carriage ride. Afternoon sailing towards Belgrade. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Morning option 1: Guided tour of Kalocsa with paprika museum. Morning option 2: Scenic drive into the Puszta with an equestrian farm visit

DAY 3 – Belgrade
This morning we arrive in historic Belgrade. The only European capital built at the confluence of two rivers, the city has been fought over numerous times. We'll see all the main sights such as the cathedral, Republic Square and Prince Michael Street with its wealth of 19th-century buildings, some bearing the scars of recent conflicts. After lunch, you are free to explore at your leisure. After dinner tonight immerse yourself in Serbia's culture with an on-board music and dance performance from a talented local folk group. Evening and overnight sailing. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Belgrade and on-board folk music performance

DAY 4 – Iron Gates Gorge
Today will be a highlight as we begin our passage through the magnificent Iron Gates Gorge where the Danube cuts its mighty path between the Carpathian and Balkan mountains. We pass through the Great Kazan where the river narrows to just 500 feet and you'll see the huge sculpture of a Romanian hero – Decebalus – carved into the rock. At over 130 feet high it is the largest rock relief in Europe. Evening and overnight sailing towards Bulgaria. At tonight's dinner the Chef presents his signature dishes. (B,L,D)


Bucharest

DAY 5 – Pleven
Crossing the border into Bulgaria, you awake in Nikopol, and we drive across the Danubian Plain to Pleven. The town is famed as the scene of a major siege in the Russo-Turkish War of 1877 which led to the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, the restoration of Bulgaria as a state and the independence of Romania. After our tour we enjoy some free time so perhaps visit the St George Chapel Mausoleum, a memorial to the soldiers killed during the siege. Afternoon and evening sailing towards Bucharest. This evening delight in the sights and sounds of Bulgarian folk music and costume with a live performance on traditional instruments. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Pleven and live on-board folk music show

DAY 6 – Bucharest
Today we visit Bucharest. With its tree-lined boulevards and elegant belle-époque villas you can see why it is also known as 'Little Paris'. On our tour we see the Palace of the Parliament, a colossal concrete extravagance commissioned by Nicolae Ceausescu and the Athenaeum, with its impressive Baroque cupola and remarkable acoustics. There are also superb Orthodox churches and squares, including Revolution Square, named after the 1989 uprising that swept away Ceausescu's regime. Lunch isn't included today, so this is the perfect opportunity to seek out a cosy restaurant in the old town. Overnight sailing towards Braila. (B,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Bucharest

DAY 7 – Danube Delta
Tulcea is regarded as the gateway to the vast Danube Delta, at the edge of the Black Sea. It is the best preserved river delta in Europe, with 2,200 square miles of rivers, marshes, tree-fringed lakes and reed islands. A bird-watcher's paradise, the maze of canals offers the perfect breeding ground for many species including the kingfisher and we drive to Tulcea to take a guided excursion on smaller boats. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Full day excursion to Tulcea with boat ride into the Danube Delta

DAY 8 – Constanţa
We begin our return passage and this morning we visit the ancient city of Constanţa. It is said that Jason landed here with the Argonauts after finding the Golden Fleece.




Puszta


Constanţa


Constanţa



There is free time to explore or maybe enjoy the sea air with a portside walk. Overnight sailing towards Bulgaria. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Constanţa

DAY 9 – Veliko Tarnovo, Arbanasi & Ivanovo or Ruse, Ivanovo & Basarbovo
Today you have a choice between a half-day excursion to Ruse and the churches of Ivanovo & Basarbovo followed by a free afternoon, or a full-day excursion to visit Veliko Tarnovo, Arbanasi & Ivanovo. Take a tour of Ruse, known as 'Little Vienna' for its wealth of 19th century buildings, before visiting the UNSECO-listed rock-hewn Churches of Ivanovo, and finishing up at Basarbovo monastery, built into the cliffside of the Lom river valley. If you choose this excursion, you then have a free afternoon to spend in Ruse or relax onboard. Alternatively, take a drive out to Veliko Tarnovo to explore the history-filled Old Town, cobbled streets and traditional workshops, before visiting Arbanasi which was once a bustling centre for traders. To finish, you'll visit the rock-hewn Churches of Ivanovo. Evening and overnight sailing. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Option 1: Full-day guided tour to Veliko Tarnovo, Arbanasi and Ivanovo. Option 2: Half-day guided tour of Ruse, Ivanovo and Basarbovo with free afternoon in Ruse

DAY 10 – Belogradchik
Morning sailing. After lunch we moor in Vidin and drive to the Belogradchik Rocks. Unique and dramatic, these gigantic natural sandstone sculptures cover an area of 35 square miles, some reaching as high as 600 feet. Many are named after people or objects they are thought to resemble, while others } are associated with colourful legends. Overnight sailing. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided visit to the Belogradchik Rocks

DAY 11 – Iron Gates, Lepinski Vir & Kapetan Mišin breg
After a morning sailing through the Iron Gates Gorge, we moor in Donji Milanovac and take the short drive to Kapetan Mišin breg, a compound to honour the life of Mihailo Miša Anastastasijević, a famous Serbian businessman and philanthropist. The views here are spectacular, with an open-air gallery and wine museum. Then we continue to Lepenski Vir, dating back to 9,5000 BC. Tour this fascinating archaeological site and learn how these ancient people lived. The Chef's Dinner is served this evening with a superb menu. Overnight sailing. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided visit to Lepenski Vir and to Kapetan Mišin breg with tasting of local snacks. Chef's dinner.

Belogradchik Rocks have long been named by locals, with famous ones like 'The Madonna', 'The Horseman', and 'The Schoolgirl'

DAY 12 – Novi Sad
This morning we pass one of the Danube's most impressive fortresses – the medieval Smederevo. Later we moor in Novi Sad, Serbia's second-largest city where we enjoy a guided tour. We'll see the old Town Hall on the impressive main square, the ancient castle and the synagogue. Towering over the city is the Petrovaradin Fortress with its complex system of underground tunnels. We are moored here this evening, so there is plenty of time to explore at leisure. After dinner relax to the live sounds of a professional pianist and violinist as they deliver a characterful performance of some popular Serbian melodies. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Novi Sad and live on-board musical performance

DAY 13 – Osijek & Vukovar, or Kopački Rit Nature Park
Today we cross into Croatia and stop in Vukovar, the country's largest river port. You then have the choice of tours this morning – Vukovar and Osijek or Kopački Rit nature park. In Vukovar, learn about the city's tumultuous past on a guided tour, then drive to Osijek to explore the old town. Alternatively, in Kopački Rit nature park you'll learn about local wildlife and take a boat tour. Evening sailing to Hungary (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Morning option 1: Guided tour of Vukovar and Osijek. Morning option 2: Guided visit to Kopački Rit Nature Park

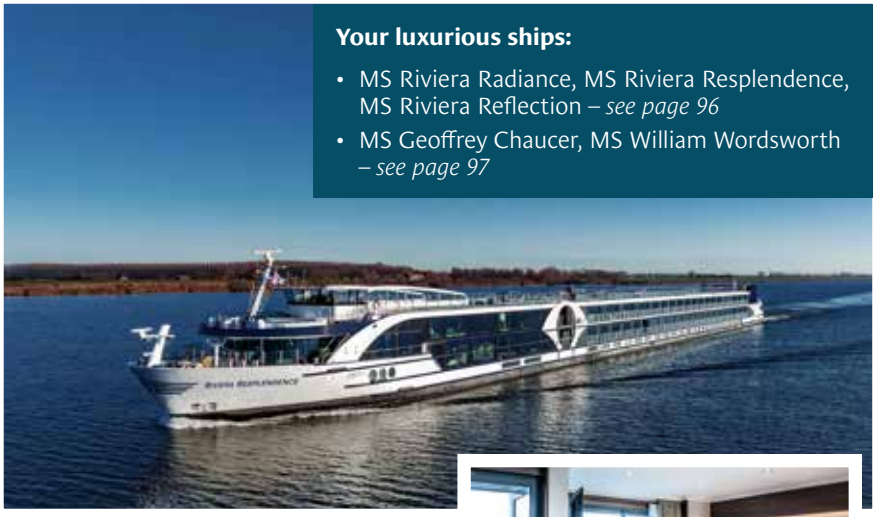

Iron Gates Gorge


Ivanovo

Kopački Rit is often called the 'Amazon of Europe' due to its lush, water-rich ecosystem



DAY 14 – Budapest
Relax sailing this morning. After lunch you have a choice of guided tours – a panoramic coach tour with photo stops, seeing the market hall, chain bridge, iconic Parliament building, or an active walking tour of the castle district and the Fisherman's bastion. This evening, enjoy a spectacular Hungarian folk music show with traditional costume. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Afternoon option 1: Guided panoramic coach tour of Budapest. Afternoon option 2: Active tour with a guided walk of the castle district



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DAY 15 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.



MS William Wordsworth full balcony suite





Novi Sad

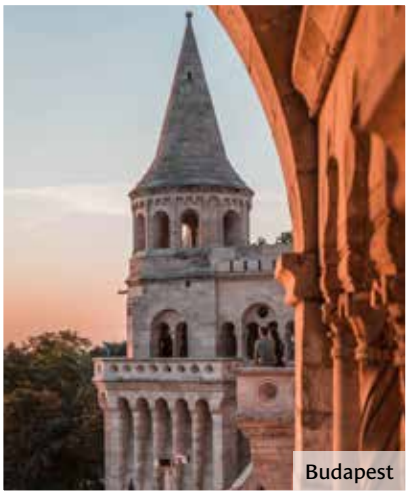
Personalise your holiday
Day 3: Eat Like A Local city tour of Belgrade. From €63pp.

Day 3: Kovacica Artist village. From €39pp.

Day 6: Tour the Bucharest's Palace of Parliament. From €36pp.

Day 10: Learn about banitsa pastry and local Bulgarian yoghurts at a local's home. From €67pp.

Day 12: Novi Sad and Sremski Karlovci city tours with visit to beekeeping museum and wine tasting. From €32pp.



Budapest

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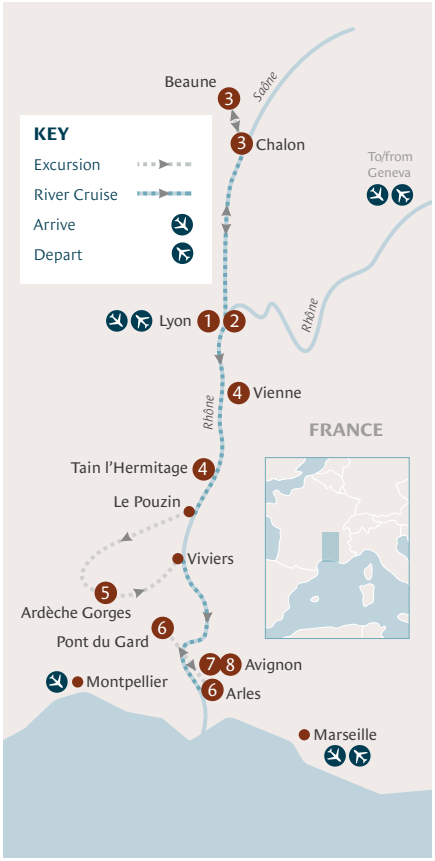
Beaune



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Lyon
On arrival, we transfer by coach to our ship moored in Lyon's historic centre. (D)

DAY 2 – Lyon
After our first splendid breakfast, we've a leisurely start enjoying a guided tour of Lyon, one of France's most fascinating cities. The Rhône Valley had been the route of choice for marauding armies and peaceful traders for centuries, and Lyon's current site, at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône Rivers, cried out to be fortified. The Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is crammed with antique shops and intriguing traboules – narrow covered passageways enabling silk merchants to transport their wares to the river without getting wet – that today are a joy to amble through. As well as its glorious architecture, Lyon is generally acknowledged as France's (and to locals the world's) gastronomic capital. While you enjoy your first lunch the ship quietly slips its mooring. Cruising upstream, we catch the first glimpses of the vine-clad slopes of the hazy green Beaujolais hills as we approach one of the world's most revered red-wine producing regions. As the afternoon drifts into evening and we cruise past the town that gives them their name, the white wines of Mâcon hold sway – and what could be better than a cool, crisp glass in the lounge before enjoying this evening's culinary delights in the restaurant, prepared by our outstanding chef. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Lyon

DAY 3 – Beaune
Rising this morning we're berthed in Chalon, gateway to Burgundy and home of Nicéphore Niépce, the inventor of photography. On this morning's tour we see some of the pretty yet surprisingly small villages that produce some of the world's most sublime wines – Meursault, Volnay, Pommard, Gevrey-Chambertin and many more. Nearby is medieval Beaune, Burgundy's wine capital, which is wonderful to wander around. At its centre is the Hospices de Beaune, also known as the Hôtel-Dieu. Originally built in the 15th century as a hospital for the disadvantaged, it's a jewel of High Gothic architecture, instantly recognisable for its colourful glazed roof tiles arranged in dazzling geometric patterns. After a guided tour you are free to explore as you wish before returning to the ship for lunch and enjoying an afternoon sailing. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Beaune with Hotel Dieu


Lyon



DAY 4 – Vienne & Tain l'Hermitage
Overnight the ship has cruised almost imperceptibly downstream and we enjoy breakfast in Vienne before you are free to explore at leisure. Strikingly located in a narrow section of the Rhône where the river meanders dramatically around a steep bluff, Vienne is a treasure trove of historic remains, including the stunning Roman Temple of Augustus and Livia, one of only two edifices of this type in the whole of the country. From the ship, maybe head to the top of the city, the Mont Pipet hill, where the view onto the Rhône will inspire keen photographers. As the train weaves through the charming, narrow streets of the old town, soak up the history of this fascinating place. Wander back to the ship for another superb lunch, during which we enter perhaps the most picturesque section of the Rhône as the river squeezes and twists past Condrieu, Saint-Rambert d'Albon and Saint- Vallier, with wooded cliffs rising high on both sides. As we cruise, we'll enjoy an onboard wine-tasting to learn about the history of wine production here. Later, we moor in Tain l'Hermitage, where another of the world's most revered wines is produced: Syrah. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Visit to Vienne and wine-tasting on board


The region's sunflowers follow the sun, a phenomenon known as heliotropism


Ardèche Gorges

DAY 5 – Ardèche Gorges
This morning, we cruise effortlessly downstream. In the distance you'll catch glimpses of the Alps and, as we approach Valence, the landscape gradually becomes less green with more ochres and magentas, the houses have sloping terracotta roofs typical of the Mediterranean and the air carries heady aromas of pine and cypress. After lunch we explore one of France's most outstanding landscapes – the Ardèche Gorges, whose scale is a fitting reminder of Mother Nature's awesome power. During your tour of the Ardèche, you have two exciting options to choose from: You could explore a lavender farm, which includes a fascinating museum where you can learn all about the process of cultivating lavender and the distillation of essential oils. Or, if you're more mobile, you can visit the Grotte de la Madeleine. A prehistoric cave composed of limestone, with a complex network of chambers and passages that contains a collection of fascinating art, dating back to around 17,000 years ago. After dinner delight in a ballroom dancing performance in the lounge with the opportunity to learn some basic steps of a French madison line dance! (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Option 1: Tour of the Ardèche Gorges with visit to the Grotte de la Madeleine. Option 2: Tour of the Ardèche Gorges with visit to the Lavender Museum. Live ballroom dancing performance



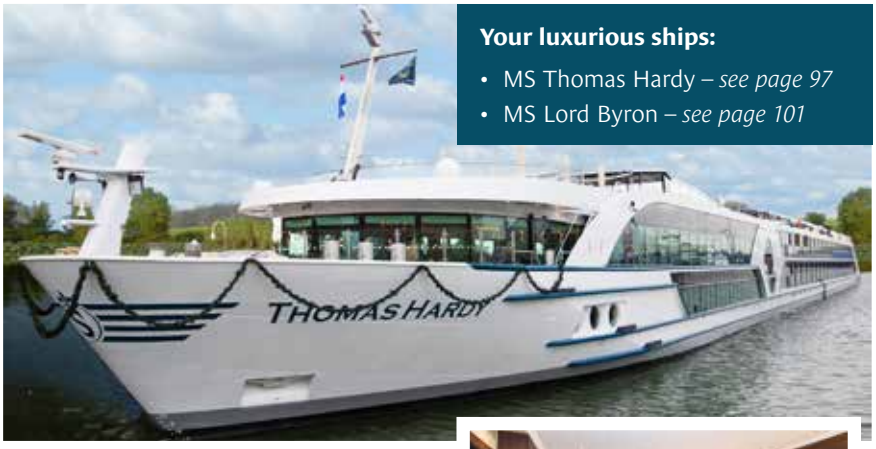
Arles

DAY 6 – Arles & Pont du Gard

You awake under the azure skies of deepest Provence and amid the warm stone colours of Arles, many of whose historic monuments are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Although small in size, it was the key stronghold on the Roman road to Spain, one of the empire's richest possessions. Seagoing ships could reach here and the city became a regional capital, briefly ruling over Gaul, Spain and Britain. Our guided tour will help you appreciate the finer points of Arles's magnificent Roman remains, including the splendid amphitheatre, one of the best preserved in the world, the earlier theatre built during the reign of Augustus and the Alyscamps, the ancient necropolis with its extraordinary atmosphere. Alternatively, if you are interested in art – especially Van Gogh – you can opt for a tour of Arles, where you learn about his life and work. The disturbed but great genius of an artist Van Gogh lived in Arles for just over a year, from February 1888. It was his most prolific period and, inspired by Arles and the light and beauty of the Provençal countryside.

After lunch we visit the amazing Pont du Gard Roman aqueduct, one of the wonders of the ancient world. No amount of fame can diminish the first sight of this 2,000-year-old structure, which was the highest bridge built in the Empire – the Romans themselves considered it the most important testimony to their greatness. Its statistics are staggering: over 900 feet long and almost 160 feet high, with its stones each weighing up to six tons. Rejoining the ship, we cruise along the Rhône and, during dinner, pass the imposing 15th-century castle at Tarascon standing guard on the river bank. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Morning option 1: Guided tour of Arles, focussing on its Roman history. Morning option 2: Guided tour of Arles, focussing on Van Gogh's life and work in Arles. Visit to the Pont du Gard



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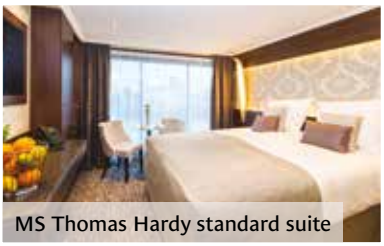

MS Thomas Hardy standard suite

DAY 7 – Avignon

Today, we embark on a guided tour of Avignon, one of the most extraordinary and intriguing cities in France. The city is immaculately preserved, nestling behind its almost-intact 14th-century walls and boasting more remarkable monuments, superbly decorated buildings, churches, chapels and convents than you can possibly count. Most important is the stunning Popes' Palace, made up of two buildings that together form the largest Gothic palace in the world. With turrets, towers, parapets and other fortifications, its exterior resembles a mighty fortress, while the interior is a tour de force of medieval architecture and ornamentation, adorned with priceless frescoes, Gobelin tapestries and graceful sculptures. This morning, you'll have a couple of exciting options to choose from. You can embark on a guided tour of the charming city of Avignon, exploring the Pont Saint-Bénézet, a stunning medieval bridge spanning the Rhône River, followed by an inside tour of Pope's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Please note that this visit includes uneven terrain and many steps inside the palace. Alternatively, after the visit to the bridge, you can take a captivating ride on the petit train through Avignon. The choice is yours! After lunch you're free to explore Avignon as you wish. This evening, we enjoy the sumptuous Chef's Dinner, with specialities of the regions you've visited during your voyage of discovery. Afterwards relax to the sounds of a talented local pianist who'll entertain us with French songs on board. (B,L,D)

Included Experiences – Morning option 1: Guided tour of Avignon, including inside the Pope's Palace. Morning option 2: Guided tour to Pont Saint-Bénézet and petit train tour of Avignon. Chef's dinner. Piano performance on boardard

DAY 8 – Return home

After breakfast you bid farewell to the ship and her dedicated crew, before transferring to the airport for your return flight. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.

Please note: On some dates, this cruise operates in reverse order. You will experience the same tours and visits. See our website for details.



Pont du Gard

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Your itinerary

DAY 8 – Annecy
We depart the ship in Lyon and head towards Switzerland. As we leave the city behind for the landscapes of the Haut-Rhone you'll enjoy some of Europe's most wonderful scenery. Enjoy some free time and lunch at leisure in the delightful alpine town of Annecy with its quaint cobbled streets and winding canals. We continue our scenic drive, arriving in either Montreux or Lausanne on the edge of spectacular Lake Geneva, the largest lake in Switzerland. (B)
Included Experience – Visit to Annecy

DAY 9 – Chillon Castle & Lausanne
After breakfast we travel to Chillon Castle, the striking medieval fortress dating back to the 12th century. We enjoy a guided tour with a local expert learning more of its fascinating past and exquisite surroundings. Later we embark on a superb lake cruise to Lausanne, where the afternoon is at leisure. (B)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Chillon Castle, lake cruise and visit to Lausanne

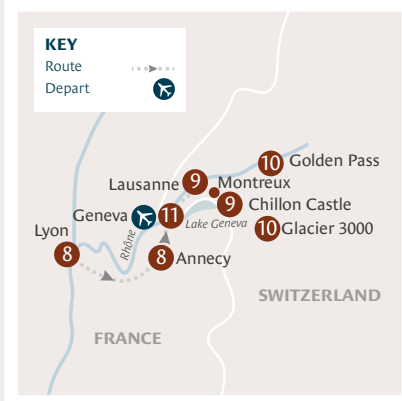
DAY 10 – Glacier 3000 & the Golden Pass
This morning we head to Col du Pillon and take a memorable cable car ride into this world-famous alpine landscape. Prepare for an onslaught of jaw-dropping views from all sides as we ascend 3000 metres to Glacier 3000. There's free time for lunch and to enjoy some of the activities on offer. Later we travel to the smart resort of Gstaad in the heart of the Bernese Oberland to board the magnificent Golden Pass train, one of the world's greatest rail journeys back to Montreux. (B)
Included Experiences – Visit Glacier 3000 and journey on the Golden Pass train

DAY 11 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.

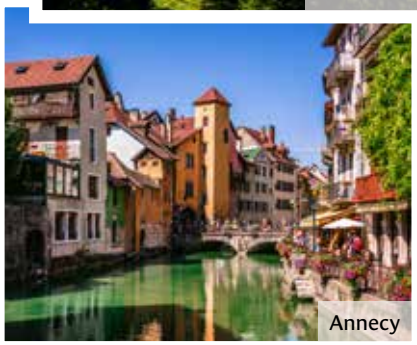
(B) Breakfast.

Please note: The tour extension operates on reverse order cruises from Avignon to Lyon only.





Glacier 3000


Annecy

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Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Lyon
Fly to Lyon and transfer to our ship. (D)

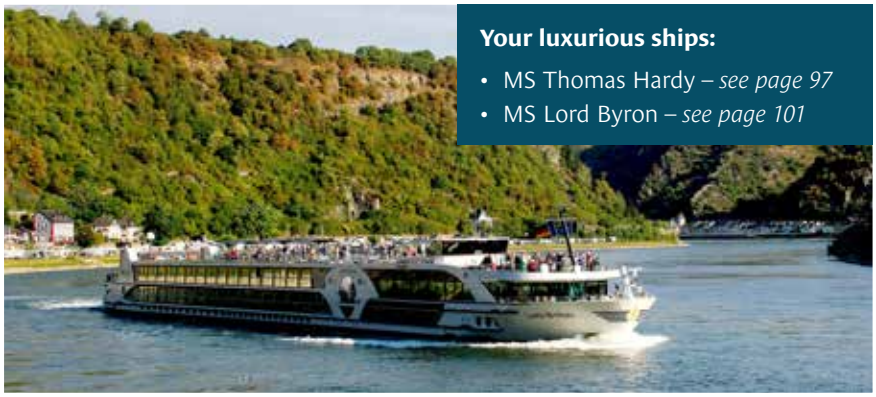
DAY 2 – Mâcon & Cluny Abbey
Enjoy a free morning sailing on board before we arrive in Mâcon for a fascinating guided tour of Cluny Abbey. We visit one of the region's historic vineyards for a tour and tasting. As we arrive in Chalon we enjoy tonight's dinner on board. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Cluny Abbey. Visit to a historic vineyard with wine tasting

DAY 3 – Beaune
We arrive at medieval Beaune, at its centre is the Hospices de Beaune, also known as the Hôtel-Dieu and we'll get to enjoy its fine interior during a guided tour. Back on board, enjoy a cheese tasting after lunch, with the chance to sample a selection of delicious local produce served with breads and a variety of mustards, before we sail to Lyon. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Beaune. On-board cheese and mustard tasting

DAY 4 – Lyon
Overnight the ship has cruised to Lyon. We enjoy a tour taking in the main sights, stopping to visit the 19th-century Basilica and enjoy spectacular views of the city. Afternoon sailing to Le Pouzin. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Lyon

DAY 5 – Ardèche Gorges
After breakfast take a spectacular drive to explore the Ardèche Gorges. You have a choice between visiting the Grotte de la Madeleine (involves ca 250 steps), an intriguing limestone cave featuring well-preserved ancient art, or the Lavender Museum, where you can learn about lavender cultivation. Our ship continues through the lock at Bollène as you relax over lunch. Tonight we are treated to an on-board performance from a local accordionist playing traditional music. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Morning option 1: Tour of the Ardèche Gorges with visit to the Grotte de la Madeleine. Morning option 2: Tour of the Ardèche Gorges with visit to the Lavender Museum. Live accordionist performance


Cluny Abbey



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DAY 6 – Avignon, Pont du Gard & Uzès
This morning we embark on a guided tour with two exciting options. You can take a guided tour of Avignon, visiting the medieval Pont Saint-Bénézet bridge and the Pope's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Keep in mind that there will be uneven terrain and many steps. Alternatively, after visiting the bridge, you can enjoy a ride on the petit train through Avignon. After lunch we visit the amazing Pont du Gard Roman aqueduct. We continue to Uzès, where on arrival we enjoy a walking tour. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Morning option 1: Guided tour of Avignon with inside tour of the Pope's Palace. Morning option 2: Guided tour to Pont Saint-Bénézet and petit train tour of Avignon. Visit the Pont du Gard Guided tour to Uzès

DAY 7 – Camargue, Ornithological Park & Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer
Today offers two exciting options for exploring the beautiful Camargue region. The first option is a morning guided tour that includes a visit to the renowned Ornithological Park, followed by a trip to the charming village of Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer. Alternatively, you can take an extended guided tour and time for lunch at your leisure in the village. After dinner, we enjoy a musical performance by local artists. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Option 1: Morning guided tour of Camargue with visit to the Ornithological Park and Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer. Option 2: Extended guided tour of Camargue with visit to the Ornithological Park and Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer with lunch at leisure. On-board musical performance by local artists

DAY 8 – Arles & Les Baux-de-Provence
This morning, you have two options to choose from while exploring Arles. The first is a guided tour that delves into the city's rich Roman history. Alternatively, you can opt for a guided tour that focuses on the life and work of Vincent Van Gogh during his time in Arles. Both tours offer a unique perspective on this captivating city. This afternoon we visit Les-Baux-de-Provence, followed by an authentic olive oil farm to learn more about the production with a tasting accompanied by local specialities. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Morning option 1: Guided tour of Arles focussing on its Roman history. Morning option 2: Guided tour of Arles focussing on Van Gogh's life and work in Arles. Visit to Les Baux-de-Provence and visit to an Olive Oil farm with tasting

DAY 9 – Orange & Chateauneuf-du-Pape
Take a scenic drive into the heart of the Rhône Valley, firstly arriving in the Roman city of Orange. This charming city is home to two UNESCO monuments: the Triumphal Arch and the Roman theatre. Next, we drive through the stunning region of the Chateauneuf-du-Pape appellation. We enjoy a wine tasting in one of the region's finest wineries. We sail this afternoon and overnight. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Orange. Visit the Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation with wine tasting.

DAY 10 – Tournon
After breakfast, explore Tournon and Tain-l'Hermitage, twin towns on opposite sides of the Rhône. Wander Tournon's historic riverside streets, then cross the Passerelle Marc Seguin to Tain, where steep terraced vineyards rise above the town. Enjoy free time to discover both charming sides of the river. Then sail towards Lyon. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Morning visit to Tournon & Tain l'Hermitage, Chef's dinner

DAY 11 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return journey. (B)

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Paris

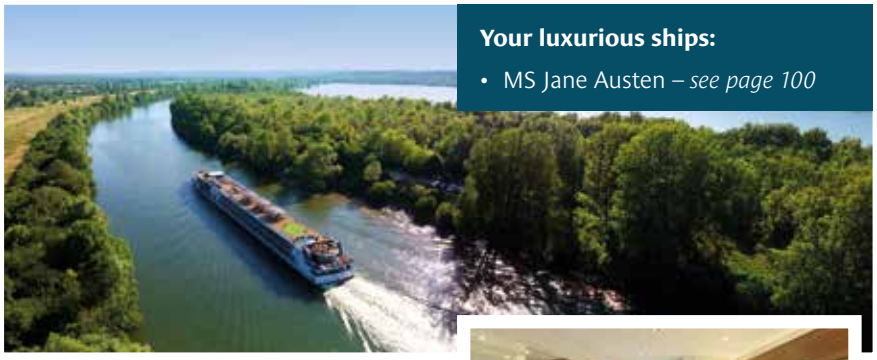
Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Paris
Fly to Paris and transfer to your cruise ship moored on the River Seine in the heart of the city. Overnight sailing. (D)

DAY 2 – Les Andelys
We glide through typical landscape of the Seine and onto the cider orchards and ancient wooden farmhouses of Normandy. This afternoon we berth at Les Andelys and discover the story behind the remarkable Château Gaillard whilst taking in the stupendous views. Evening sailing to Rouen. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Visit to Les Andelys and Château Gaillard

DAY 3 – Rouen
We awake in Normandy's capital, Rouen where pride of place belongs to the stunning cathedral. The Place du Vieux-Marché is a poignant spot and a large cross marks the point where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. In the late afternoon we moor in charming Caudebec-en-Caux. After dinner enjoy a trio of singers, inspired by the popular stars of the 1940s, and the post-war jazz swing era. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Rouen, visit to Caudebec-en-Caux and Jazz swing performance

DAY 4 – Bayeux & Arromanches or Taste of Normandy tour
Visit the historic town of Bayeux before continuing to Arromanches, via Long-sur-Mer battery. After time at leisure for lunch, we visit the museum dedicated to the 'longest day', then on to the British Normandy Memorial, from where you have best point of view to Gold Beach, one of the five main landing sites on D-Day. Alternatively, enjoy a taste of Normandy tour with visits to cider and cheese farms and taste lots of local produce. (B,D)



Your luxurious ships:
- MS Jane Austen – *see page 100*



MS Jane Austen standard suite

Included Experiences – Option 1: Visits to Bayeux & the D-Day Normandy Beaches. Option 2: Taste of Normandy tour

DAY 5 – Honfleur
We make the short journey to the delightful town of Honfleur. Its harbour, painted by Claude Monet many times, is beautifully preserved and surrounded by a perfect waterfront of pastel-coloured houses. Afternoon and evening cruising to Vernon. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Honfleur. Option for extended visit in Honfleur with lunch at leisure

DAY 6 – Giverny* & Vernon
We take the short drive to Giverny to visit Monet's house and garden. In the Japanese-inspired water garden is the lily pond where he painted his extraordinary Water Lilies. There's ample time to wander and after lunch you can explore Vernon's quaint buildings before embarking on our cruise to Paris. This evening is the Chef's Dinner, featuring specialities of the regions through which we have travelled. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Visits to Claude Monet's house and Vernon

DAY 7 – Paris
Choose a sightseeing coach tour of Paris, seeing Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower and more or for the more active, our walking tour of Paris allows you to take a closer look at some of the city's sights. Our 4km walk takes us from Place des Vosges – the oldest planned square in Paris – past Paris' city hall – Hôtel de Ville, through Île de la Cité and the UNESCO protected Notre-Dame to the world famous Louvre and the Jardin des Tuileries, and more. After lunch you are free to explore the city as you wish. Tonight, after dinner there's the chance to enjoy more famous French melodies and songs performed by a professional accordionist. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Morning option 1: Panoramic guided tour of Paris. Morning option 2: Guided active walk of Paris. Plus accordionist performance on board

DAY 8 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.

**Day 6 – Monet's Garden is open from approx April to October. Any out-of-season dates will be replaced with a visit to Château de Bizy.*



Honfleur

Personalise your holiday
Day 2: Visit to local Cider farm with tasting. From €86pp.

Day 7: Montmartre/ Sacré-Coeur guided tour. From €89pp.

Day 7: Bateaux Parisien sightseeing cruise. From €20pp.

Day 7: Visit to Montparnasse tower. From €22pp. *(Payable locally)*

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DATE	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
2026 from	**SOLD OUT**	**€3,349**	**€3,599**	**€4,449**
2027 from	**€2,499**	**€3,299**	**€3,649**	**€4,499**

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Rouen

11 days from **€3,799PP**

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Paris, Normandy & Historic Treasures of the Seine

Meander along the Seine through the captivating landscape that has inspired artists and writers. Explore iconic Paris and experience the beauty of Monet's garden, discover elegant châteaux and honour the memory of World War II heroes on Normandy's historic beaches.





Abbey Jumièges

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Paris
Embark your five-star ship moored on the River Seine in the heart of the city. (D)

DAY 2 – Paris & Conflans
After breakfast, we'll explore Paris, visiting its famous landmarks. In the afternoon, we'll cruise along the Seine, arriving in Conflans by evening. After dinner, enjoy live songs by a local performer featuring the music of Edith Piaf. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Panoramic guided tour of Paris. A live performance of chanson classics on board

DAY 3 – Auvers-sur-Oise
We'll drive to the village of Auvers-sur-Oise, where we'll visit Château d'Auvers and its gardens and pay our respects at Vincent van Gogh's gravesite. In the afternoon, we'll sail towards Rouen, continuing our journey overnight. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Auvers-sur-Oise

DAY 4 – Rouen
This morning, we arrive in Rouen, Normandy's capital. We take a sightseeing tour, highlighting the ancient cathedral and the Place du Vieux-Marché, where Joan of Arc was executed. Then, we'll sail to Le Havre in the afternoon and overnight. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Rouen

DAY 5 – D-Day Beaches or Taste of Normandy
Today, choose between a tour of the landing beaches, including the British Cemetery and Juno Beach Centre, or a tasting experience of Normandy's local produce, featuring cheeses and cider tastings. We return to the ship for dinner. (B,D)
Included Experience – Option 1: Tour to Arromanches and the Normandy D-Day beaches. Option 2: Taste of Normandy tour with visits to cider and cheese farms



The Porte d'Aval, a huge flint archway in Normandy's Cliffs of Etretat



Your luxurious ships:
- MS Jane Austen – *see page 100*



MS Jane Austen standard suite

DAY 6 – Honfleur or Étretat
This morning, visit the town of Honfleur or the cliffs of Étretat. Tonight, we moor in Caudebec-en-Caux for dinner and enjoy a talented musician performing French classics. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Morning option 1: Guided tour of Honfleur. Morning option 2: Guided tour to Étretat. A live French chanson evening on board

DAY 7 – Caudebec with MuseoSeine or Abbey Road
This morning, choose between a guided tour of MuseoSeine, or an Abbey Road excursion to the Abbey Jumièges and the Abbey Saint-Wandrille. After lunch onboard, we will spend the afternoon and overnight sailing to Vernon. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Morning option 1: Guided tour of the MuseoSeine and free time in Caudebec-en-Caux. Morning option 2: Abbey Road tour to the ruins of Abbey Jumièges and the Abbey of Saint-Wandrille

DAY 8 – Giverny & Vernon
Take a short drive to Giverny to visit Monet's house and garden. After free time in Vernon, enjoy an on-board cheese and cider tasting. (B,L,D)



Vernon

Included Experiences – Visit to Claude Monet's house and garden. Cheese and cider tasting on board

DAY 9 – La Roche-Guyon
This morning, we'll explore the village of La Roche-Guyon, with a guided tour of the 18th-century Château and its gardens. If you are up for a challenging hike, a medieval castle is atop the hill. In the evening, we'll enjoy the Chef's Dinner. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of La Roche-Guyon, with hike option. Chef's Dinner

DAY 10 – Versailles & Paris
You have two options for visiting Versailles Palace and Gardens: a morning, or a longer visit with lunch at your leisure*. In the afternoon, enjoy free time in Paris before returning to the ship for dinner. (B,L*,D)
Included Experience – Visit to Versailles Palace and Gardens – either morning or longer visit with lunch at leisure*

DAY 11 – Return home
Transfer to the train station or airport for your return journey home. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.
Lunch is not provided if choosing the extended visit to Versailles on day 10.

Personalise your holiday
Day 10: Bateaux Parisien sightseeing cruise. From €20PP.

Day 10: Visit to Montparnasse tower. From €22PP. *(Payable locally)*

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Porto

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The Douro, Porto & Salamanca

Explore what is possibly Europe's most undiscovered river through the stunning landscape of the Douro Valley, dotted with charming villages, age-old traditions and wonderful wines. Immerse yourself in the local culture with a traditional flamenco performance and dinner at an authentic 'quinta'.





Lamego

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Porto
Fly to Porto and transfer to your cruise ship. (D)

DAY 2 – Pinhão
Morning cruising toward Pinhão. We visit a historic quinta to learn all about the stages of wine production and taste the produce with a delicious dinner. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Visit to a quinta with a wine-tasting

DAY 3 – Castelo Rodrigo
We enjoy a leisurely morning on board as we cruise to Vega Terron, from where we drive to Castelo Rodrigo, a delightful village tucked away in the highlands bordering Spain. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Visit to Castelo Rodrigo including church and castle ruins

DAY 4 – Salamanca
Today we have a guided tour of historic Salamanca, one of the many UNESCO World Heritage Sites on this journey. Built from local sandstone that emanates a gorgeous rose-coloured glow in the sunlight and is dominated by its two cathedrals and university. Over a lunch of local delicacies, there is a traditional flamenco show, then you are free to explore Salamanca as you wish. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Salamanca with lunch and flamenco show

DAY 5 – Mateus Palace or Régua Douro Museum
Spend the morning sailing to Folgosa. After lunch on board, there are two afternoon options; you could visit the grounds of the Mateus Palace and gardens, including palace entrance. Or you can choose to stay on board and continue sailing toward the town of Peso da Régua. Here you can visit to the Douro Museum, where its exhibits bring the history of wine production to life. This evening, we drive to the Quinta da Pacheca, where you'll enjoy dinner along with a selection of the quinta's wine, whilst enjoying the views. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Afternoon option 1: Visit to Mateus Palace. Afternoon option 2: Visit to the Douro Museum in Régua and dinner at Quinta da Pacheca

DAY 6 – Lamego
A morning drive to Lamego where we discover the ancient Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies church, its stairways adorned with characteristic ceramic tiles. If you're up for a bit of a challenge, consider taking the 686 steps that lead from the top of the staircase down to the town below, offering incredible views of the city as you descend. Later relax on board as we glide towards Leverinho. This evening the Chef's Dinner is followed by a performance of traditional Portuguese folk music. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Visit to Lamego and traditional Portuguese folk music show

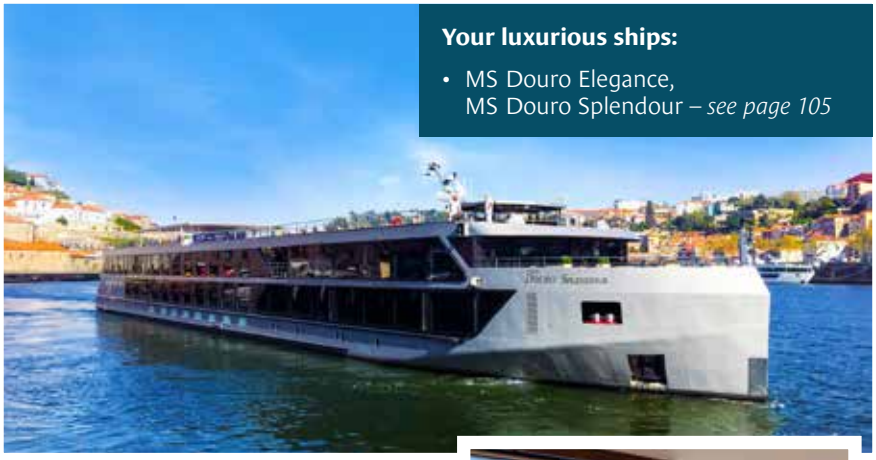
DAY 7 – Porto
Our ship arrives in Porto, where you'll have two choices this morning. You could choose to embark on a panoramic coach tour that showcases Porto's major landmarks and hidden gems, including the cathedral and São Bento station. Or take a walking tour of Porto, beginning with a walk across the bridge to the Ribeira district, continuing along Rua das Flores to São Bento station and the majestic cathedral, then across the top of the famous Luis I Bridge, before descending back to the ship. We then visit a port producer and sample various port styles, before a free afternoon to explore. This evening is the Chef's Dinner, a truly memorable experience featuring exquisite regional specialities. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Morning option 1: Panoramic guided coach tour of Porto. Morning option 2: Guided walking tour of Porto and Port wine cellar visit with tasting

DAY 8 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return journey. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.

Your luxurious ships:

- MS Douro Elegance, MS Douro Splendour – *see page 105*




MS Douro Splendour superior balcony suite


Castelo Rodrigo


Douro Valley

Personalise your holiday
Day 3: Rock Art of the Coa Valley at Penascosa. From €86pp.

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Highlights of the Douro Valley & Salamanca

Explore Portugal – one of the oldest countries in Europe – while meandering along the beautifully tranquil Douro river. Experience Portugal's wine-making traditions and explore the country's fascinating history, with plenty of opportunities to taste Portuguese port and wine.





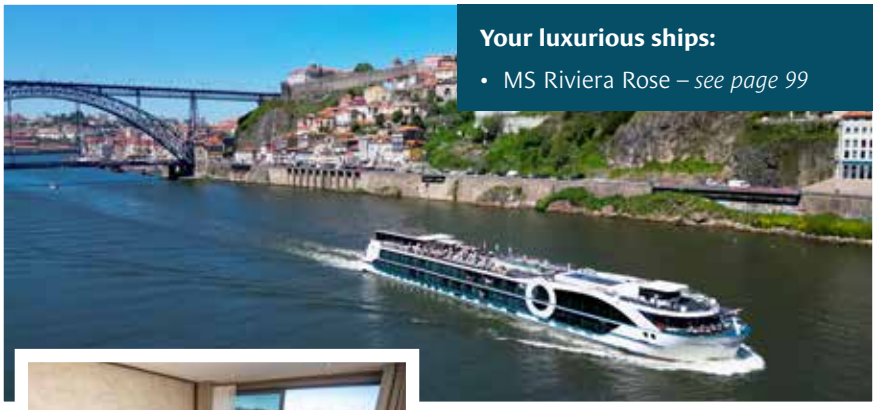
Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Porto
Arrive in Porto and board our brand-new, beautifully crafted ship. (D)

DAY 2 – Porto
Explore Porto on a coach tour of the city. Along the way, we pause to appreciate the stunning architecture, bell towers, baroque churches, and intricate tiles typical of traditional Portugal. Enjoy the scenery along the Douro as we begin our cruise inland. This evening, we'll visit Quinta da Pacheca, to tour the beautiful estate before dinner with a selection of the quinta's wines. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Tour of Porto and dinner at Quinta Da Pacheca

DAY 3 – Castelo Rodrigo or Foz Côa Engravings museum
After morning sailing, choose between visiting the 12th-century village of Castelo Rodrigo or touring the Foz Côa Engravings Museum to learn about the outdoor rock art of the valley. Please select your excursion before travel. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Afternoon option 1: Visit to Castelo Rodrigo. Afternoon option 2: Guided tour of the Foz Côa Engravings Museum

DAY 4 – Salamanca or Almeida
Today, you can choose between two tours: a full-day excursion to Salamanca, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with cathedrals and a flamenco show at lunch, and free time to explore. Or a morning tour of Almeida, a historic fortified town where we'll see the Military Museum. We'll return to the ship for lunch and have the afternoon free to relax on board. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Option 1: Full day tour to Salamanca with guided tour and lunch and Flamenco show. Option 2: Morning tour to Almeida with visit to the Military Museum



Your luxurious ships:
- MS Riviera Rose – *see page 99*



MS Riviera Rose superior suite

DAY 5 – Pinhão & Lamego or Mateus Palace
After breakfast, we visit the scenic town of Pinhão for an orientation walk among its charming white buildings and terracotta roofs. After lunch on board, choose to visit historic Lamego with its Sanctuary of Nossa Senhora dos Remédios, a Moorish castle, and a Gothic cathedral, or explore the stunning Mateus Palace, famous for its gardens and Baroque architecture. (B L,D)
Included Experiences – Visit Pinhão. Afternoon option 1: Visit to Lamego and its Sanctuary. Afternoon option 2: Visit to Mateus Palace and its gardens

DAY 6 – Quinta da Avessada
Spend the morning relaxing onboard as we cruise the scenic Douro River. Enjoy a tour and rustic lunch at Quinta da Avessada, known for its exquisite Moscatel wines, where you'll learn about the region's history and the muscat grape cultivation. After some free time to explore Peso da Régua, we'll enjoy a Portuguese folklore show on board after dinner. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Tour to Quinta da Avessada with lunch and a traditional Portuguese folk music show

DAY 7 – Vila Nova de Gaia or Guimarães
After a relaxing morning sailing, this afternoon, you can choose to stay on board and return to Vila Nova de Gaia for a port tasting or join the tour to Guimarães, known for its foundational role in Portuguese history. During your last evening on board, we enjoy a wonderful Chef's Dinner. (B,L*,D)
Included Experiences – Afternoon option 1: Guided tour to Guimarães. Afternoon option 2: Tour and tasting at a Vila Nova de Gaia port wine cellar. Chef's dinner

DAY 8 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.
(L*) Lunch not included on Guimarães tour.



Porto





Visit Salamanca, famous for its prestigious university and beautiful cathedral

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Lisbon Tour Extension

Head south to the beautiful Roman city of Coimbra and discover the tranquil sanctuary of Fatima. Next, explore the famous sights of Lisbon before travelling to the picturesque town of Sintra, with its panoramic views and the famous Royal Palace.

Your itinerary

DAY 8 – Coimbra & Óbidos
For those choosing to extend their holiday, we depart the ship and head south for our first destination, the ancient city of Coimbra. We have the privilege of a visit to the university. Its Baroque library contains over 200,000 leather-bound, centuries-old volumes. We then drive to Óbidos – explore this fortified town, wandering the maze of narrow street and alleys within its medieval walls. Later we arrive in Lisbon, where we check into our hotel. (B)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Coimbra University and visit to Óbidos

DAY 9 – Lisbon
After breakfast, we set out on a guided tour to discover Lisbon's highlights, many of which have attained the status of UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll see the Belém tower, the Moorish quarter Afalma, and Jerónimos Monastery. This afternoon is free to explore. (B)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Lisbon

DAY 10 – Sintra
We drive to the hillside town of Sintra, whose verdant slopes were memorably described by Byron as a 'glorious Eden'. The narrow streets of the old town wind their way to the main square where you'll find the National Palace, a wonderful mix of Gothic and Moorish styles. Today this landmark is a museum with grand rooms and priceless art collections. This afternoon you may choose to remain in Sintra and make your own way to the romantic 19th century Pena Palace. (B)
Included Experience – Visit to Sintra

DAY 11 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast.







University of Coimbra, founded in 1290, is one of Europe's oldest universities and a UNESCO World Heritage site

Our hand-picked hotels

Lumen Hotel
Located in the heart of the city, it is the first hotel in Portugal to offer an immersive experience of light. All rooms are equipped with tablet and USB sockets and extra wide beds for the greatest comfort; restaurant, bar, rooftop pool and gym.
To view alternative hotels featured on this extension, please visit our website.



Porto Tour Extension

Stay in Porto, the perfect combination of modern and medieval, with stunning architecture and world-class museums. Explore the country's history in Guimarães, the birthplace of Portugal, and sail down the canals of the charming coastal town, Aveiro.

Your itinerary

DAY 8 – Guimarães & Braga
Say goodbye to our first-class vessel in Porto and head to Braga to visit the cathedral, Sé de Braga, the oldest cathedral in Portugal. Later, we tour Guimarães – the first capital of Portugal and the birthplace of its first king. Here we visit the Paço do Duques de Bragançathe – the residence of the first Duke of Braganza – and other highlights. Later we arrive at our hotel in Porto. (B)
Included Experiences – Guided tours of Braga and Guimarães

DAY 9 – Porto
Discover the charm of Porto with a visit to the Portuguese Centre of Photography, where we delve into Portugal's cultural history through photographs taken both domestically and abroad. Later, we continue to Torre dos Clerigos, why not climb the 220 steps to the top of the Clerigos Tower for stunning vistas of the city and river before time at leisure in Porto. Tonight there is an optional excursion to Heranca Magna to enjoy a traditional Fado evening. (B)
Included Experiences – Visits to the Portuguese Centre of Photography and Clérigos Tower

DAY 10 – Aveiro
We travel a short distance to Aveiro, home to a small network of canals traversed by moliceiros. These colourful canal boats were traditionally used for seaweed harvesting and are now a quirky way to see the city. There's no better way to experience the coastal city than by the water. We'll take a trip along the canals, passing landmarks like the Capitania of the Port of Aveiro and the Aveiro Cultural and Congress Centre. Why not sample the Portuguese delicacy – ovos moles, legend has it a local nun struggling to fast created these. This evening is at leisure. (B)
Included Experiences – Visit to Aveiro with canal tour and ovos moles tasting

DAY 11 – Return home
After breakfast, we transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast.







Aveiro's moliceiro boats were traditionally used to harvest seaweed for fertiliser for local farmland

Our hand-picked hotels

Hotel Carris Porto Ribeira
Situated in Porto's Ribeira district, this 4-star hotel is situated in a refurbished, historic building overlooking the Douro River.
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Grand Cruise of France

Combining two of our favourite French river cruises, this 14-night journey along the Seine, Saône and Rhône takes in the very best of France's historic cities and picturesque landscapes, combining culture with natural beauty. This itinerary really showcases France's multi-faceted culture, including historic highlights, art, architecture and pristine countryside.



Ardèche Gorges



Rouen

This cruise combines our **Burgundy, the River Rhône & Provence** and our **Seine, Paris & Normandy** river cruises.

For full itinerary see pages 44-46 & 50-51.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Avignon (D)

DAY 2 – Avignon
Included Experiences – Morning option 1: Guided tour of Avignon including inside the Pope's Palace. Morning option 2: Guided tour to Pont Saint-Bénézet and petit train tour of Avignon. Free afternoon in Avignon. Piano performance on board (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – Arles & Pont du Gard
Included Experiences – Morning option 1: Guided tour of Arles focussing on its Roman history. Morning option 2: Guided tour of Arles focussing on Van Gogh's life and work in Arles. Visit to the Pont du Gard (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – Ardèche Gorges & Tain l'Hermitage
Included Experiences – Morning option 1: Tour of the Ardèche Gorges with visit to the Grotte de la Madeleine. Morning option 2: Tour of the Ardèche Gorges with visit to the Lavender Museum. Free afternoon sailing towards Tain l'Hermitage. Wine tasting on board during sailing to Tain l'Herrmitage (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – Vienne
Included Experiences – Free morning sailing through the Rhône Valley. Visit to Vienne. Live ballroom dancing performance on board (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – Beaune
Included Experience – Tour of Beaune with wine tasting (B,L,D)



Your luxurious ships:

- MS Jane Austen – *see page 104*
- MS Lord Byron – *see page 105*



MS Lord Byron deluxe suite

DAY 7 – Lyon
Included Experience – Guided tour of Lyon (B,L,D)

DAY 8 – Lyon to Paris*
Disembark the ship in Lyon and travel to Paris. On arrival in Paris, we'll transfer to MS Jane Austen. (B,D)

DAY 9 – Les Andelys
Included Experiences – Visit to Les Andelys and Château Gaillard (B,L,D)

DAY 10 – Rouen
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Rouen, visit to Caudebec-en-Caux and jazz swing performance (B,L,D)

DAY 11 – Bayeux & Arromanches*
Included Experiences – Option 1: Tour of Bayeux and the Normandy D-Day beaches. Option 2: Taste of Normandy tour with visits to cider and cheese farms (B,D)

DAY 12 – Honfleur
Included Experience – Guided tour of Honfleur (B,L,D)

DAY 13 – Giverny & Vernon
Included Experiences – Visits to Claude Monet's house and Vernon (B,L,D)

DAY 14 – Paris
Included Experiences – Morning option 1: Panoramic guided tour of Paris. Morning option 2: Guided active walk of Paris. Plus accordionist performance on board (B,L,D)

DAY 15 – Return home (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.
Lunch is not included.



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Koblenz Wine & Sparkling Wine Museum



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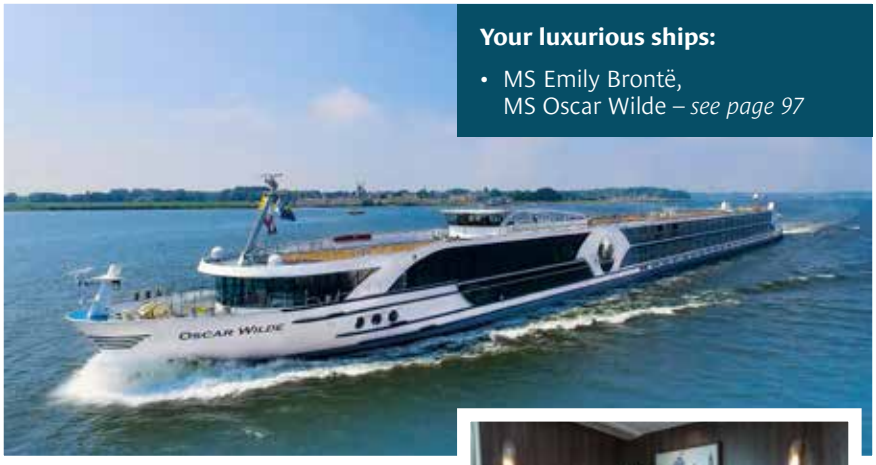
Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne
Board your five-star ship and settle in. (D)

DAY 2 – Cochem
This morning, you'll have time to relax and watch the scenery along the Rhine and Moselle glide by. We'll begin our gastronomic adventure with a delicious German buffet. Then, we'll glide into Cochem for a guided tour. A multi-turreted castle crowns the vineyard-covered hillside, but Cochem's real charm is found in the jumble of narrow streets lined with pastel-coloured houses, quirky shops and wine cellars. In the evening, delight in the sounds of Rhenish folk music with a live performance of traditional instruments. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Buffet lunch of traditional German food, guided tour of Cochem and a live folk music performance onboard

DAY 3 – Trier
Enjoy a morning sailing. After lunch, we drive to Trier for a tour of one of Germany's oldest cities. Many of the Roman monuments have survived surprisingly intact, but most impressive is the Porta Nigra, a towering gate made of huge stone blocks. We return to our ship, moored in the charming town of Bernkastel. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Trier

DAY 4 – Bernkastel
We'll join a guided tour of Bernkastel followed by a wine tasting at a local cellar. The Moselle is one of thirteen wine-growing regions in Germany – the third largest yet most famous wine-producing area – so what better place to learn about cultivating grapes and turning them into some of the finest wine in the world? (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Bernkastel and wine tasting at a local cellar



Your luxurious ships:

- MS Emily Brontë, MS Oscar Wilde – *see page 97*



MS Oscar Wilde restaurant

DAY 5 – Koblenz
Arriving in Koblenz, we'll visit the Koblenz Wine and Sparkling Wine Museum to gain insight into every stage of the vine-growing process, discover the techniques used in the production of wine and sparkling wine and taste the final product. We continue upstream to Boppard, where highlights on our guided tour include the charming marketplace and the old town. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Self-guided tour of the Koblenz Wine and Sparkling Wine Museum with tasting. Guided tour of Boppard

DAY 6 – Rhine Gorge & Rüdesheim
Cruise through the Rhine Gorge, passing castles, once built as symbols of power. The gorge is home to medieval legends and tales of mysterious happenings – most famously the Lorelei. We'll also sample Rüdesheimer coffee during an onboard demonstration. Arriving in Rüdesheim, we'll discover the town's wine-making heritage, on a visit to a local winery. We'll learn more about the production of local wines and sample the final product. Tonight, we enjoy the Chef's Dinner, featuring a range of local specialities. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Cruise through Rhine Gorge and winery visit with tasting in Rüdesheim

DAY 7 – Cologne
Relax with a morning cruise before arriving in Cologne this afternoon. Here, you have a choice of activities. You could ignite your senses on a delectable journey through the world of chocolate during a guided tour of the Lindt Chocolate Museum. Alternatively, join a guided tour of Cologne to learn more about the city's beer culture and its regional beer, Kölsch. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Lindt Chocolate Museum or Cologne's beer culture and classical music performance onboard

DAY 8 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return journey. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.



Cologne



Chocolate Museum



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DATE	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
2026 from	**€2,649**	**€3,299**	**€3,549**	**SOLD OUT**
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JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

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Gastronomy of the Seine

Taste your way through the heart of Normandy on a river cruise along the majestic Seine, stopping to visit historic sites that have shaped the course of history. Then visit the country's sparkling capital, Paris, to explore the city's gastronomy and maybe even taste the famous macarons!





La Ferme des Ruelles

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Paris
Travel to Paris and transfer to your cruise ship moored on the River Seine. (D)

DAY 2 – Les Andelys
During a typical French brunch onboard, glide through landscape typical of the Seine and onto the cider orchards and ancient wooden farmhouses of Normandy. We'll berth in Les Andelys and discover the story behind the remarkable Château Gaillard. Then, we'll head to a cider farm to find out more about how they turn the region's apples into their award-winning produce, with a tasting. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Visits to Château Gaillard and a local cider farm with tasting

DAY 3 – Rouen
We awake in Normandy's capital, Rouen. Highlights include its stunning cathedral and the Place du Vieux-Marché, the poignant spot where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. During an afternoon of sailing, join our chefs for a cooking demonstration to learn more about baking tarte tatin (French apple tart) before we moor in charming Caudebec-en-Caux. This evening, enjoy a Champagne reception and the laid-back tones of a guitarist singing traditional French melodies. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Rouen, onboard cooking demonstration and Champagne reception with a performance by a French musician




Château Gaillard

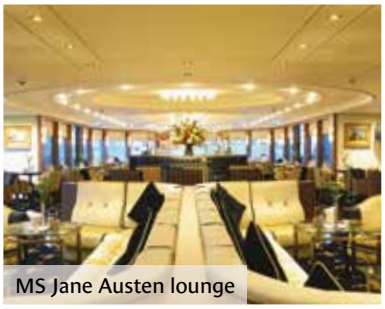


Your luxurious ships:
- MS Jane Austen – *see page 100*

DAY 4 – Normandy Beaches
Today we'll take a poignant visit to Arromanches, stopping first at Ranville Cemetery and Pegasus Bridge. We'll see the museum dedicated to the 'longest day' and the British Normandy Memorial. From here you have the best point of view to Gold Beach, one of five main landing sites on D-Day. (B,D)
Included Experience – Visit to the D-Day Normandy Beaches

DAY 5 – Honfleur
Explore Honfleur, it's harbour is beautifully preserved and surrounded by a picture-perfect waterfront. During our walking tour, we'll stop at Honfleur's oldest crêperie to taste the thin rolled pancake that has been popular in the French-speaking world for at least seven centuries. Afternoon and evening cruising to Vernon. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Honfleur and tasting at a historic crêperie

DAY 6 – Giverny & Bizy Castle
Visit Monet's house and gardens with plenty of time to wander through the foliage which served as his art and inspiration and admire the lily pond where he painted his extraordinary Water Lillies. After lunch onboard, we'll tour Bizy Castle and enjoy a tasting, including Normandy cider and cheese. (B,L,D)


MS Jane Austen lounge

Included Experiences – Visit to Claude Monet's house and garden. Guided tour of Bizy Castle with cider and cheese tasting

DAY 7 – Paris
Today we'll explore Paris, with the choice of a panoramic coach tour or a walking tour of the Île de la Cité and the Latin Quarter, with a macaron tasting. This afternoon you can learn how to make the famous macaron during an optional cooking class. Tonight, after the Chef's Dinner, there's the chance to enjoy more famous French melodies and songs performed by a professional accordionist. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Paris with macaron tasting and performance by a French accordionist

DAY 8 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return journey. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.



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DATE	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
2026 from	**SOLD OUT**	**€3,349**	**€3,649**	**€4,899**
2027 from	**€3,099**	**€3,799**	**€4,149**	**€4,999**

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Parc de la Tête d'Or

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2026 dates available

Gardens & Natural Beauty of the Rhône

From the vine-clad slopes of Burgundy to rainbow-coloured floral displays and fragrant lavender fields of Provence, enjoy a fantastic cruise to one of the most picturesque corners of France. Expect dramatic rugged gorges, pretty villages and medieval towns, with their delightful streets, charming architecture and atmospheric wine cellars.



L'Espace Van Gogh



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Lyon
Arrive in Lyon and transfer to your cruise ship. (D)

DAY 2 – Lyon
As well as its glorious architecture, Lyon is generally acknowledged as France's gastronomic capital and the city boasts a huge array of speciality food shops, eateries and green spaces. Our visit is the perfect opportunity to see Parc de la Tête d'Or – one of France's largest parks – for a breath of fresh air in this thriving city. Cruising onto the Saône this afternoon, we catch the first glimpses of the vine-clad slopes of Beaujolais as we approach one of the world's most revered red wine-producing regions. Our sailing continues this evening towards Chalon. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Lyon with visit to Parc de la Tête d'Or

DAY 3 – Beaune & Burgundy
We wake up in Chalon and this morning we see some of the pretty villages that produce many sublime wines. Nearby is medieval Beaune, Burgundy's wine capital and we visit Hôtel-Dieu and a leading winemaker for a cellar tour and tasting. Afternoon and overnight sailing towards Vienne. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Tour of Beaune with wine tasting

DAY 4 – Vienne & Tain l'Hermitage
We enjoy time in Vienne, a treasure trove of historic remains, spend time at Jardin de Cybele before we journey through perhaps the most picturesque section of the Rhône to Tain l'Hermitage. Here you'll have free time to explore, with the option to explore some of the local vineyards on arrival with the Cruise Director. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Tour of Vienne with Jardin de Cybele


Ardèche Gorges


Tournon



Your luxurious ships:
- MS Lord Byron – *see page 101*

DAY 5 – Ardèche Gorges
As we cruise south, you'll catch glimpses of the Alps as the landscape changes. After lunch, we explore the Ardèche Gorges, a fitting reminder of Mother Nature's awesome power. We'll visit a local lavender museum set amongst fields of the region's fragrant and iconic plant before rejoining our ship in the medieval town of Viviers. After dinner, we enjoy a ballroom dancing performance on board. We continue overnight to Arles. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of the Ardèche Gorges and live ballroom dancing performance

DAY 6 – Arles & Pont du Gard
Our morning tour will help you appreciate Arles magnificent Roman remains, including the splendid amphitheatre. Van Gogh lived here for just over a year and was inspired by the light and beauty, and we'll even stop in to see the L'Espace Van Gogh which inspired his painting 'Le Jardin de l'Hôtel de Dieu'. After lunch, we visit the Pont du Gard Roman aqueduct, and no amount of fame can diminish the first sight of this 2,000-year-old structure. Evening sailing to Avignon whilst we enjoy the sumptuous Chef's Dinner. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Arles & Espace Van Gogh, visit to Pont du Gard


MS Lord Byron superior suite



DAY 7 – Avignon
After breakfast, we embark on a tour of Avignon. The city is immaculately preserved, nestling behind its almost-intact 14th century walls and boasting superb architecture, including the gothic Popes Palace and gardens. After lunch on board, you are free to explore as you wish, or join an excursion to Jardins Médiéval d'Uzès to explore its gardens, which in 2025 obtained the prestigious 'Remarkable Garden' label, and joined the rare labelled gardens of Gard (30). Recognising the garden's cultural, aesthetic, historical and botanical interest. Tonight, we enjoy the sumptuous Chef's Dinner and an onboard performance by a local pianist. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Avignon, palace & gardens and Jardins Médiéval d'Uzès. Chef's Dinner and performance by local pianist

DAY 8 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return journey. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.

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2026 from	**€3,049**	**€3,699**	**€3,149**	**SOLD OUT**
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Pont du Gard

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2026 dates available

History & Art of the Rhône

Art and history come alive on a fascinating cruise through one of the most picturesque corners of France. See beautiful landscapes that inspired the work of famous artists, like Van Gogh, and the medieval towns and cities along the Rhône.



Arles



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Avignon
Arrive in Avignon and transfer to your cruise ship moored in Avignon's historic centre. (D)

DAY 2 – Avignon
After breakfast, we'll embark on a tour of Avignon. The city is immaculately preserved, boasting superb architecture including the extraordinary gothic Popes' Palace. After lunch, you are free to explore as you wish, or join us on a visit to Petit Palais, the former home of the archbishops of Avignon, to cast a critical eye over the remarkable collection of over 300 paintings and sculptures from the Middle Ages and Renaissance. The rest of the day is free to explore as you wish. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Avignon, visit to Petit Palais and on-board performance by a local pianist

DAY 3 – Arles & Pont du Gard
Our morning tour will follow in the footsteps of Van Gogh, who lived here for just over a year, on a guided tour. Inspired by the light and beauty, he produced many works, including Sunflowers. After lunch, we'll visit the Pont du Gard Roman aqueduct, and no amount of fame can diminish the first sight of this 2,000-year-old structure. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Arles and visit to Pont du Gard

DAY 4 – Ardèche Gorges & Chauvet Caves
After a morning cruising south, we explore the Ardèche Gorges, a fitting reminder of Mother Nature's awesome power. We will then continue on to the Chauvet Caves – home of the best-preserved and oldest-known cave paintings in France. Later we'll rejoin our ship for dinner and an evening ballroom dancing performance on board and continue overnight to Vienne. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of the Ardèche Gorges, visit to Chauvet Caves and on-board ballroom dancing performance



Your luxurious ships:
- MS Thomas Hardy – *see page 97*



MS Thomas Hardy full balcony suite

DAY 5 – Vienne
We enjoy a tour of Vienne, a treasure trove of historic remains. We will pass through the charming streets to the top of the city for superb Rhône views. Later this afternoon wander around the archaeological gardens of Cybèle – home to the remains of the administrative centre of the Gallo-Roman city. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Vienne with visit to Cybèle gardens

DAY 6 – Beaune
Arrive in Chalon and head to nearby Beaune where we visit Hôtel-Dieu to see a masterpiece produced in the 15th century by the Flemish artist Rogier van der Weyden and explore the building's unique history. Afternoon and overnight sailing towards Lyon. Tonight, enjoy the Chef's Dinner. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Tour of Beaune with visit to Hôtel-Dieu, plus Chef's Dinner

DAY 7 – Lyon
As well as its glorious architecture, Lyon is generally acknowledged as France's gastronomic capital and the city boasts a huge array of speciality food shops and eateries. In the afternoon, visit spectacular Roman Ruins in the heart of the city, including the oldest Roman amphitheatre in France. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Lyon and visit to Gallo-Roman theatre

DAY 8 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return journey. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.



Chauvet Caves



Beaune



The Roman Ancient Theatre of Fourvière in Lyon, dating back to the 1st century AD

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Gastronomy of the Douro – from Portugal to Spain

Unlock the flavours of Portugal and Spain on a cruise through the rolling hills and terraced vineyards of the Douro Valley. Explore the sleepy villages and medieval towns and discover the delicious native dishes they're famous for – expect sweet treats, flavourful tapas and, of course, plenty of port wine.





Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Porto
Fly to Porto and transfer to your cruise ship. (D)

DAY 2 – Pinhão
Morning cruising towards Pinaho. We enjoy a visit to a traditional quinta 'Quinta de Sao Luiz', to learn about wine production, from the planting of vines, harvesting, the wine making process and enjoy a tasting. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Traditional lunch and wine-tasting at a local quinta. Visit to Pinhão

DAY 3 – Castelo Rodrigo
We cruise to Castelo Rodrigo, a delightful village tucked away in the highlands bordering Spain. Its church was a resting place on the pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela. Taste the locally grown produce including the almonds, cheese, meats and almond liqueur the region is famous for. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – On-board Pastel de Nata demonstration and visit to Castelo Rodrigo with tasting of local produce

DAY 4 – Salamanca
Today we visit historic Salamanca, founded by the Romans, and dominated by its two cathedrals and its university. We enjoy a guided tour of the city. There's time to explore Salamanca as you wish before our delicious tapas lunch and a visit to the city's bustling marketplace. Stand shoulder to shoulder with the locals as you browse a myriad of stalls selling fresh produce and sample the finest Iberian ham. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Salamanca with tapas lunch and visit to local market




Pinhão

DAY 5 – Mateus Palace Gardens & Quinta da Pacheca
Morning cruise to Barca d'Alva for an afternoon visit to the grounds of the splendid Mateus Palace. This evening we drive to the Quinta da Pacheca for dinner and time to wander through this beautiful estate. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – On-board talk on Portugues cuisine, visit to Mateus Palace gardens and dinner at a typical quinta

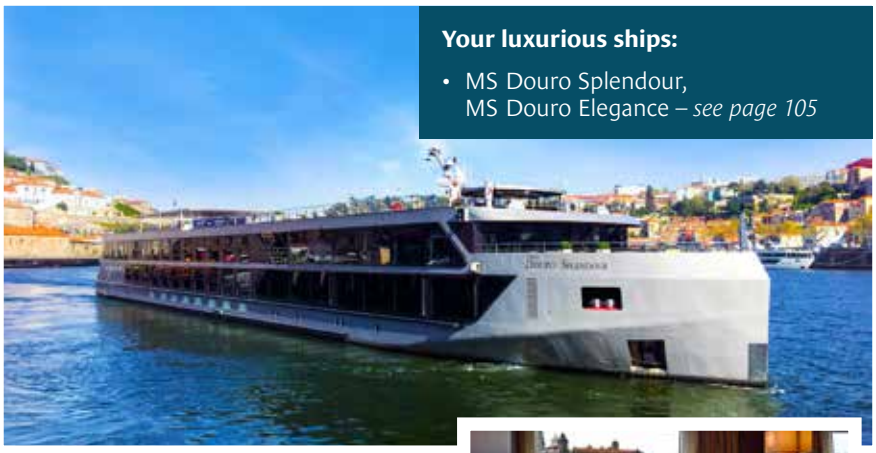
DAY 6 – Lamego
A morning drive to Lamego where we discover the ancient Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies church, its stairways adorned with characteristic ceramic tiles. And try more of the region's many delicacies like bôla pasties – the perfect combination of bread, meat and cheese. This evening the Chef's Dinner is followed by a performance of traditional Portuguese folk music. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Visit to Lamego with food tasting. Chef's Dinner and traditional Portuguese folk music show



DAY 7 – Porto
Our ship makes a graceful arrival in Porto, where we enjoy a guided city tour. After lunch on board, we visit a port producer to sample various port styles, along with local delicacies. There's free time after to explore Porto, soak up the old town's atmosphere and admire the charming architecture. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Porto and visit to port wine producer for a tour and tasting

DAY 8 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return journey. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.



Your luxurious ships:
- MS Douro Splendour, MS Douro Elegance – *see page 105*


MS Douro Splendour standard cabin

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DATE	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
2027 from	**€3,249**	**€4,349**	**€4,599**	**SOLD OUT**
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It's nice to cosy up at home for the festive period, but it's even better to celebrate on board a river cruise! Enjoy the best bits of river cruising, with added festive sparkle!

In the run-up to Christmas, cities transform into magical wonderlands, there's over-the-top light displays, lively festive markets and a real feeling of Christmas merriment. Warm layers and hot spiced glühwein are a must, buying some of the trinkets from the markets is optional.

Choose from seven festive river cruises along the Rhine, Danube and Seine. While many destinations are quieter at this time of year, with some markets and local shops winding down for the season, the peaceful atmosphere allows you to celebrate surrounded by cosy winter scenery and the warmth of life onboard. On Christmas Day, the ship comes alive with festive touches, exceptional dining and with everything taken care of, you can simply enjoy the day without any of the usual bustle. Ring in the New Year with a special gala dinner and a memorable party as you countdown to midnight. Even if destinations ashore are quieter, the celebration onboard is anything but. It's a magical way to welcome the year ahead, as you sail serenely into January.

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MS Geoffrey Chaucer






Cologne

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Enchanting Rhine & Yuletide Markets

Discover the magical ambience of Germany's traditional Christmas markets, with their host of unique, inspired gift ideas. Sample a glass of warming Glühwein and immerse yourself in the wintry splendour of the stunning Rhineland for a truly enchanting December to remember.


Bonn



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne
Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne and transfer to your cruise ship moored in the heart of Cologne. (D)

DAY 2 – Rhine Gorge & Rüdesheim
Our first morning of sailing takes us through the magnificent Rhine Gorge, passing steep vineyards and ruined castles, once built as symbols of power. After lunch on board, we arrive in Rüdesheim, where you have a choice of included experiences. You could visit Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet, a fantastical adventure into the world of automatic musical instruments. Alternatively, you might choose to travel via cable car for a stroll around the Niederwald monument. Then wander the myriad stalls of the Christmas market, glistening in the glow of hundreds of fairy lights. This evening delight in the upbeat sounds of Rhenish folk music and dance with a live performance on traditional instruments. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Afternoon option 1: Rüdesheim with visit to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet 2: Rüdesheim with cable car to Niederwald Monument. Visit to the Christmas market & live folk music show

DAY 3 – Rhine Gorge & Bonn
This morning we glide back through the spectacular Rhine Gorge, making our way to Bonn. This afternoon brings a chance to discover Bonn, capital of West Germany from 1949–1990. Although Berlin reclaimed the role after reunification, Bonn remains a secondary governmental seat, home to many ministries and public bodies. Behind its official façade lies a historic city, explored this morning on a guided tour around the old town's spacious squares. See the towering Romanesque minster and Rococo town hall, where countless politicians have appeared. Bonn, birthplace of Beethoven, also preserves his childhood home, now a museum, and hosts a charming seasonal market. Later return to the ship for tonight's superb Chef's Dinner. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Bonn. Visit to the Christmas market. Chef's dinner

DAY 4 – Cologne
During breakfast, we return to Cologne as the river's winter scenery drifts by, and soon the cathedral's towering spires appear on the skyline. Arriving mid-morning, we meet our local guide for a walking tour of the old town. Afterwards, you may return to the ship for lunch or stay ashore to sample regional specialities from the Christmas market stalls. The afternoon is yours to explore Cologne's seven Yuletide markets, each with its own theme. Wander the traditional stalls of Heumarkt, admire the angelic displays of Neumarkt, step into the fairytale setting of Alter Markt or enjoy the harbour market's nautical charm. The Cathedral market, with more than 160 festive stalls and the Rhineland's largest Christmas tree illuminated by 50,000 lights, is especially magical. After browsing the market, return to the ship to raise a festive toast before a final delicious dinner this evening. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Cologne's old town & visit to Cologne's Christmas markets

DAY 5 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return journey. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.



Your luxurious ships:

- MS Riviera Resplendence *see page 96*
- MS Geoffrey Chaucer, MS Oscar Wilde, MS Emily Brontë – *see page 97*
- MS George Eliot – *see page 98*



MS George Eliot standard cabin





Koblenz



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The Danube's Imperial Cities & Yuletide Markets

Experience the grand imperial cities nestled along the iconic Danube and their festive seasonal markets at a truly enchanting time of year. Relax on board and enjoy the stunning river views, stepping out in your winter best to wander the twinkling streets and soak up the Christmas spirit.





Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Budapest
Fly to Budapest and transfer to your cruise ship. We are moored overnight so you may fancy a wander ashore to start exploring. (D)

DAY 2 – Budapest
Budapest is always atmospheric and fascinating but at this time of the year, it is particularly captivating. This morning we enjoy a guided tour including the iconic Parliament Building and ancient Castle District. There will also be free time to wander the atmospheric Yuletide markets. This afternoon we navigate the Danube Bend on our journey towards Bratislava. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Budapest

DAY 3 – Bratislava
The Slovakian capital of Bratislava has recently rekindled its past in the restored old town, and the impressive 17th century castle commands expansive views across the Danube. This morning we will discover the main sights including the only preserved city gate, the Neo-Renaissance-style Opera House and St. Martin's Cathedral along with the Classist Primate's Palace. After lunch you are free to wander the maze of streets, admiring the Christmas decorations until you reach the main square and the market with its cosy atmosphere. This evening we cruise towards Vienna. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Bratislava and visit to the Christmas markets

DAY 4 – Vienna
There are few places that can so delightfully evoke the spirit of Christmas than Vienna. This morning we enjoy a guided tour taking in the main sights, including St Stephens Cathedral and the impressive Hofburg complex. There has been a Christmas market in Vienna since the Middle Ages and today there are more than 20 markets held over the festive period. Vienna's City Hall provides a splendid backdrop for one of the most popular, its windows a giant advent calendar, reflecting the myriad of lights glistening in the trees below. After lunch there's plenty of time to explore more of the markets. This evening we enjoy the superb Chef's Dinner and afterwards sit back to enjoy a superb classical performance on board, performed by a professional string quartet. Later we sail towards Budapest. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Vienna, visit to the Christmas markets & classical string quartet recital

DAY 5 – Budapest
We cruise through the Hungarian landscape on our return journey to Budapest. This afternoon you are at leisure so perhaps wander to the Vorosmarty Square in the very heart of Pest, where the rustic wooden stalls groan under the weight of their treasure troves of Christmas gifts and the scent of traditional honey cookies and mulled wine pervades the air. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Visit to Budapest's Christmas markets

DAY 6 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.



Your luxurious ships:

- MS Riviera Radiance – *see page 96*
- MS William Wordsworth, MS Emily Brontë, MS Geoffrey Chaucer – *see page 97*



MS Geoffrey Chaucer standard suite



Bratislava



Vienna



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2027 from	**€1,749**	**€2,099**	**€2,249**	**€2,949**

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Chantilly castle

5 days from **€1,699PP**

Departures in December

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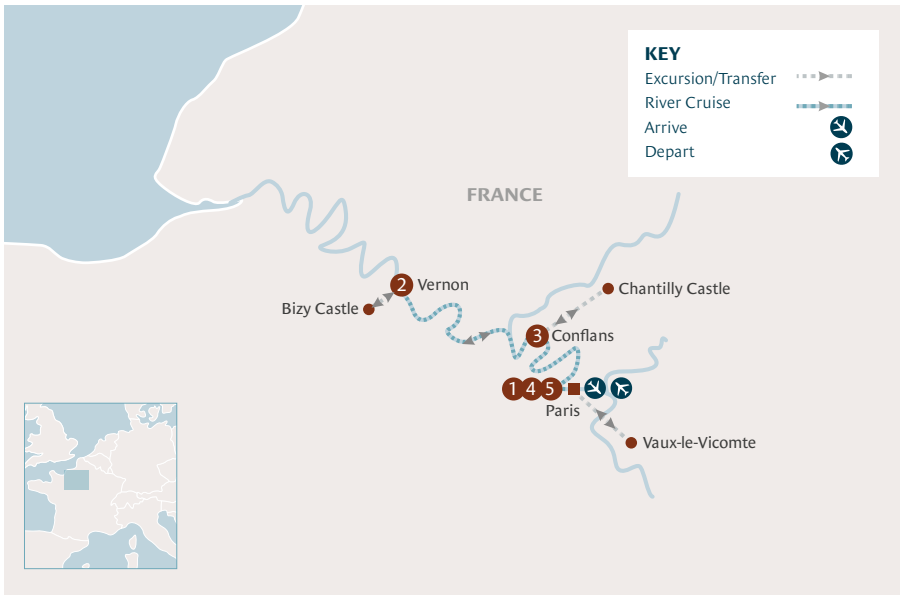
Magical Paris & Festive Seine

The magic of Christmas comes alive on this seasonal French river cruise – visit historic country estates adorned with decorations, browse Paris' Christmas markets and take in the winter splendour of the French countryside.





Paris

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Paris
Arrive in Paris and transfer to our five-star vessel floating on the majestic Seine, settle in and enjoy your first dinner aboard. (D)

DAY 2 – Vernon & Bizy Castle
After a relaxing morning sailing, we'll tour Bizy Castle, adorned with festive decorations. This remarkable château, built in 1740, has drawn inspiration from the grandeur of France's former royal residence and is lovingly referred to as "Little Norman Versailles." Then, we'll taste the flavours of Normandy with an interactive tasting experience that celebrates the artistry of local producers. And we'll gain insight into their meticulous production and the prestigious Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée that honours their quality. This evening, join us for an organ recital in the atmospheric Vernon Cathedral as we are delighted with a mix of Christmas and choral music. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour and tasting at Bizy Castle. Private organ recital at Vernon Cathedral

DAY 3 – Conflans & Chantilly Castle
This morning, we'll visit the home of Henri d'Orléans – Duke of Aumale and son of the last King of France – for a guided tour. Chantilly Castle is truly a remarkable gem within the rich tapestry of France's cultural heritage, celebrated for its exquisite beauty and historical significance. The prince was the greatest collector of his time and under his stewardship, he made Chantilly the showcase for his vast array of masterpieces and invaluable manuscripts. We'll marvel at the intricate artwork and literary treasures that reflect the artistic brilliance of the time, each piece telling its own unique story. During the festive season, Chantilly transforms into a magical wonderland, enchanting all who visit. The estate is adorned with twinkling lights that illuminate the grounds, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere, while tasteful Christmas decorations enhance the elegance of the surroundings. Then spend the afternoon sailing before our Chef's Dinner this evening. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Chantilly Castle and Chef's Dinner



Your luxurious ships:
- MS Jane Austen – *see page 100*



MS Jane Austen lobby

DAY 4 – Paris & Vaux-le-Vicomte
This morning, we'll visit Vaux-le-Vicomte. Built for Nicolas Fouquet, Louis XIV's Superintendent of Finance, it's one of the largest châteaux in France and was a source of inspiration for the Château de Versailles. The palace captivates visitors right from the front steps by the delicacy of its façade, with a pediment sculpted with squirrels – Fouquet's emblem, and the sweeping views of the gardens. Inside, is one of the great 17th-century abodes with perfectly preserved panelling, paintings and sculptures ornamenting its rooms. At Christmas Vaux-le-Vicomte is another world, adorned not just with lights but with breathtaking displays in every room, even the stables. Each fireplace crackles warmly, wrapping the space in a cosy embrace. The gardens sparkle with illumination, and the estate buzzes with joyful activities. Later, after lunch we'll enjoy a guided walking tour of Paris before time to peruse the Christmas markets at leisure. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Visit to Vaux-le-Vicomte and guided walking tour of Paris

DAY 5 – Return home
Wave goodbye to the French capital as we disembark this morning and begin the journey home. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.
Please note: On some departures, days 2 and 4 will operate in reverse.



Bizy Castle, an 18th century château lovingly referred to as 'Little Norman Versailles'



Vaux-le-Vicomte



Conflans

Personalise your holiday
Day 4: Bateaux Parisien Sightseeing Cruise. From €20pp.

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Exclusive SOLO departure available

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Departures in December

2026 & 2027 dates available

Christmas on the Danube

Celebrate Christmas and experience all the pleasures of this joyous time of the year amidst the grand imperial cities of the magnificent Danube. Immerse yourself in majestic surroundings, sample festive treats at the Yuletide markets and enjoy a superb gala dinner on Christmas Day.





Melk Abbey

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Budapest
Fly to Budapest and transfer to your cruise ship. Overnight sailing to Esztergom.

DAY 2 – Esztergom
Morning tour of the extraordinary Esztergom Basilica, boasting one of the world's largest altarpieces and a wealth of priceless artefacts. This afternoon sail past enchanting towns and villages en route to Bratislava. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Visit to Esztergom Basilica

DAY 3 – Bratislava on Christmas Eve
The Slovakian capital of Bratislava has recently rekindled it past in the restored old town, and the impressive 17th century castle commands expansive views across the Danube. This afternoon cruise into Lower Austria. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Bratislava

DAY 4 – Melk on Christmas Day
We awake on Christmas Day amidst the enchanting surroundings of the Wachau Valley. After breakfast visit the remarkable Melk Abbey. Nothing quite prepares you for your first sight of this enormous honey-coloured building, perhaps even more atmospheric at Christmas time. The final part of our cruise upstream takes us towards Linz. This evening enjoy tonight's superb Gala Christmas dinner. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Melk Abbey. Christmas Gala dinner



Your luxurious ships:
- MS Riviera Radiance – *see page 96*
- MS William Wordsworth – *see page 97*

DAY 5 – Salzburg or Linz
Join a walking tour of Linz's charming baroque town. Alternatively visit Salzburg and discover the city's main sights including the magnificent Christmas tree in Cathedral Square. This evening we cruise towards Vienna. (B,L*,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Linz or Salzburg

DAY 6 – Vienna
There are few places that can so delightfully evoke the spirit of Christmas than Vienna. This morning we enjoy a guided tour seeing all the main sights, including St Stephen's Cathedral and the colossal Hofburg. After lunch we visit the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace which also hosts a superb Christmas market. Tonight, after Chef's dinner, enjoy a live classical recital on board. Overnight sailing. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Vienna, visit to Schönbrunn Palace, Chef's dinner and live classical recital



MS Riviera Radiance full balcony suite

DAY 7 – Budapest
Cruise through the Hungarian landscape towards captivating Budapest and after lunch enjoy a guided tour including the iconic Parliament Building and ancient Castle Hill. There will also be free time to explore. This evening dinner is followed by a Hungarian Christmas folklore show. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Budapest and Hungarian Christmas folklore show

DAY 8 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.
(L*) Lunch is not included on the Salzburg excursion.
Please note: Christmas day will be in different locations depending on the departure day – See website for details.



Bratislava

Salzburg



Mozart once stayed near the Linz Main Square and composed the 'Linz Symphony' in just three days

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Strasbourg

8 days from **€2,799PP**

Departures in December

2026 & 2027 dates available

Christmas on the Rhine

Glide past sleepy villages, explore idyllic riverside towns adorned with glittering lights and experience the unique ambience of the magical Yuletide markets. The seasonal tradition of a German Christmas awaits, with a gala dinner to celebrate Christmas Day. The festive period is a magical time to visit this picturesque part of Germany, and no country does it better.



Speyer



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne
Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne and transfer to your cruise ship moored in the heart of Cologne. (D)

DAY 2 – Koblenz
After our first morning of sailing, we arrive in Koblenz. We enjoy a guided tour, discovering historic houses and hidden passageways. Koblenz is also known for the Deutches Eck, translating as German Corner, a point between the Rhine and Moselle with a spectacular view. This evening we've arranged a festive folklore show on board. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Koblenz & festive folklore show

DAY 3 – Rüdesheim
One of today's highlights will be our cruise through the magnificent Rhine Gorge. This afternoon we arrive in Rüdesheim. Narrow crooked streets lead down to the sweeping river, providing the perfect chocolate box setting for this festive time. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Cruise through the Rhine Gorge & guided tour of Rüdesheim

DAY 4 – Speyer on Christmas Eve
Morning sailing to historic Speyer. Our afternoon tour will take in the highlights of the city including the breathtaking Imperial Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is among the largest Romanesque churches in the world. Overnight sailing towards Strasbourg. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Speyer



Your luxurious ships:
- MS Geoffrey Chaucer, MS Oscar Wilde – *see page 97*

DAY 5 – Strasbourg on Christmas Day
We're on our way to Strasbourg – the perfect start to Christmas Day. The afternoon walking tour will take us through Strasbourg's charming centre. We'll see the Petite France quarter, the famous covered bridges and the stunning Notre-Dame Cathedral. In Place Kleber you'll find The Great Christmas Tree, the seasonal symbol of Strasbourg. Back on board, the Christmas Day gala dinner is served. Overnight sailing towards Boppard. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Strasbourg. Christmas Gala dinner


MS Oscar Wilde




Heumarkt Market

DAY 6 – Boppard
After a superb Boxing Day breakfast, relax on board as we continue to Boppard. Highlights of our tour here include the charming marketplace and the old town. This delightful medieval setting provides a picturesque backdrop with the bewitching lights bedecking the half-timbered buildings. This evening we've arranged for you to enjoy a violin duo performance on board. Overnight sailing towards Cologne. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Boppard

DAY 7 – Cologne
This morning, we glide past more glorious views of vineyards and romantic ruined castles. This afternoon we discover Cologne where Christmas creates a special atmosphere. Our tour takes in the beautifully restored old town and the majestic twin-spired cathedral which provides a superb backdrop for the huge Christmas tree. This evening, enjoy the sumptuous Chef's Dinner. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Cologne. Chef's dinner

DAY 8 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return journey. (B)

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(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.

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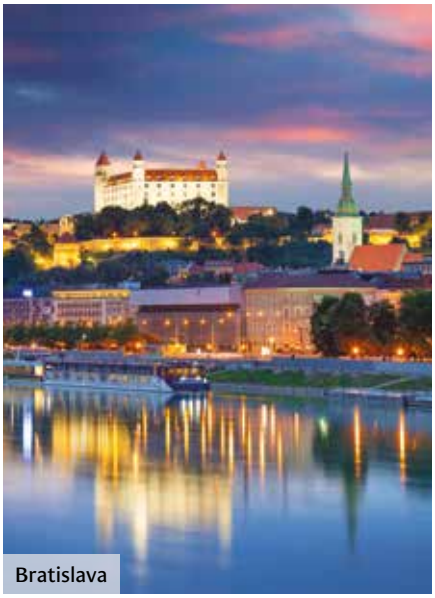
New Year on the Danube

Welcome in the New Year on this splendid cruise along the mighty Danube. Experience the imperial grandeur of Vienna, the charm of Bratislava and the elegance of Budapest. Browse tempting stalls at the atmospheric Yuletide markets and enjoy your best New Year's Eve ever.




Bratislava

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Budapest
Fly to Budapest and transfer to your cruise ship. We are moored overnight so you may fancy a wander ashore to start exploring. (D)

DAY 2 – Budapest
Budapest is always atmospheric and fascinating but at this time of the year, it is particularly captivating. This morning we enjoy a guided tour including the iconic Parliament Building and the fascinating Castle District, from where you can admire the dramatic Danube views. There will also be free time to wander the atmospheric markets. This afternoon we navigate the Danube Bend as we journey towards Bratislava. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Budapest

DAY 3 – Bratislava & Vienna for New Year's Eve
This morning we explore Bratislava on our guided tour. The Slovakian capital has recently rekindled its past in the restored old town, and the impressive 17th century castle commands expansive views across the Danube. You'll also have plenty of free time to explore the cobble-stoned streets of this charming city. This afternoon we cruise to Vienna for the New Year's Eve celebrations. No visit here is complete without a live musical experience, and we have arranged a classical recital on board which you can enjoy after an excellent New Year's Eve dinner. As the clock strikes midnight continue the celebrations with drinks and canapés. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Bratislava, New Year's Eve Gala Dinner and live classical music recital



Your luxurious ships:
- MS Riviera Radiance – *see page 96*
- MS William Wordsworth – *see page 97*



MS William Wordsworth lounge

DAY 4 – Vienna on New Year's Day
This morning, we enjoy a tour in the company of a local guide who will offer insights into why Vienna is one of Europe's great capitals, now proudly embellished in winter sparkle. After lunch on board we visit the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace. Once the summer residence of the Habsburgs, this former royal residence now houses a range of world-class museums and galleries. There will be some time to browse the stalls of the market before returning back to the ship to refresh for tonight's celebrations. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Vienna, visit to Schönbrunn Palace and its Yuletide market

DAY 5 – Budapest
We cruise through gentle pastoral landscape on our return journey to Budapest. Head up to the sun deck as the Captain skilfully navigates our return course to the Hungarian capital. Our ship will be moored right in the heart of Budapest this afternoon, so you have time to explore further before the magnificent Captain's dinner and a lively Hungarian folklore show. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Hungarian folklore show

DAY 6 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

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Belvedere Palace



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New Year on the Rhine

From the splendour of Cologne through the legendary Rhine Gorge to magical Rüdesheim and historic Koblenz, immerse yourself in the majesty of one of Europe's most romantic rivers and celebrate the New Year in style on this unforgettable Rhine cruise.



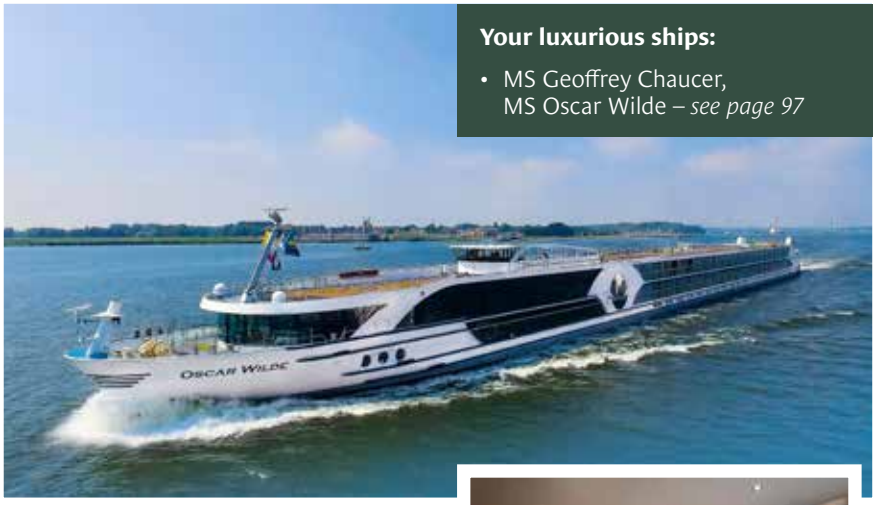


Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Cologne
Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne and transfer to your cruise ship moored in Cologne. (D)

DAY 2 – Rhine Gorge & Rüdesheim
Our first morning of sailing takes us through the magnificent Rhine Gorge, passing steep vineyards, soaring rocky outcrops and ruined castles, once built as symbols of power. After lunch we moor in Rüdesheim, a classic Rhine wine village with crooked houses sloping down from wooded hillsides. If you imagine a typical Rhine town, then this would be it. During this afternoon's delightful walking tour, witness the bustling marketplace, the half-timbered Klunkhardshof and Bromersburg Castle, which dates from 1275. This evening we've arranged an entertaining folklore show on board. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Cruise through the Rhine Gorge, guided tour of Rüdesheim and folklore show

DAY 3 – Frankfurt
Another spectacular morning of cruising as our passage takes us up the Main River towards Frankfurt. Set against a striking juxtaposition of medieval buildings and towering skyscrapers, Frankfurt is a dynamic international city and this afternoon we take in the sights on a guided tour. We'll stroll along the charming, cobbled lanes of the atmospheric old town and admire the giant façade of Frankfurt's towering cathedral, the Kaiserdom. There will also be free time for you to explore the city as you wish. Evening sailing towards Koblenz. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Frankfurt



Your luxurious ships:

- MS Geoffrey Chaucer, MS Oscar Wilde – *see page 97*


MS Geoffrey Chaucer standard cabin

DAY 4 – Koblenz on New Year's Eve
Wrap up warm and take in the air on deck as a kaleidoscope of riverside views drifts by. This afternoon we enjoy a guided tour through 'Old Koblenz', a patchwork of narrow streets and squares. You'll stop to admire beautifully restored houses and quaint hidden passageways and there will also be free time for you to explore at leisure. This evening we enjoy a superb New Year's Eve dinner and when the clock strikes midnight gather with fellow passengers and continue the celebrations with drinks and canapés. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Koblenz and Gala String Quartet after dinner

DAY 5 – Cologne on New Year's Day
Relax on-board for our last morning of sailing and take in the views of the vine-covered valleys. An inviting New Year's Day brunch is served as we journey towards Cologne. Our afternoon city tour takes in the majestic twin-spired cathedral and the old town, beautifully restored and boasting an abundance of cosy bars. You'll have free time to explore before returning to the ship for our final dinner, hosted by the Captain. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Cologne

DAY 6 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return journey. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.


Cologne Cathedral took over 600 years to complete and towers above the city at 157 metres



Koblenz

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Paris



Bizy Castle

NEW for 2027

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Typical departure months

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2027 dates available

Paris, Rouen & Seine Discovery Cruise

Experience life on the River Seine during a scenic river cruise. Visit Vernon, the town that inspired Impressionist artists, explore the medieval splendour of Rouen, and discover Paris, France's iconic capital city.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrive in Paris
Arrive in Paris and step aboard the elegant MS Jane Austen, our home for the days ahead. (D)

DAY 2 – Vernon
Enjoy a leisurely morning cruising before arriving in Vernon. Choose from two included experiences, both featuring a visit to the graceful Bizy Castle followed by a guided exploration of Vernon's half-timbered streets and Impressionist-inspired scenery. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Excursion option 1: Guided tour to Bizy Castle & Vernon. Excursion option 2: Guided tour to Bizy Castle & Vernon with active walk to the old mill

DAY 3 – Rouen
Wake in medieval Rouen for a guided tour of its Gothic cathedral, cobbled lanes and historic squares linked to Joan of Arc. After lunch, relax on board as we cruise toward Conflans, drifting past chalk cliffs, idyllic villages and later tonight the dramatic château of La Roche-Guyon. This evening, indulge in our special Chef's Dinner. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Rouen

DAY 4 – Paris
Cruise back into Paris. This afternoon, choose between a panoramic coach tour of its world-famous landmarks or an immersive guided walk through Paris' historic heart. After dinner, enjoy an atmospheric accordion performance and a final evening to toast your unforgettable journey. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Excursion option 1: Panoramic guided tour of Paris. Excursion option 2: Active guided walking tour of central Paris & accordionist performance on board

DAY 5 – Return home (B)

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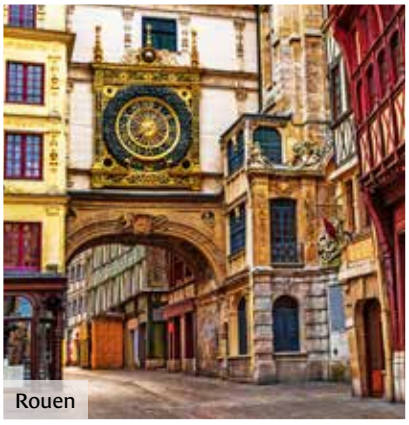
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.




Rouen

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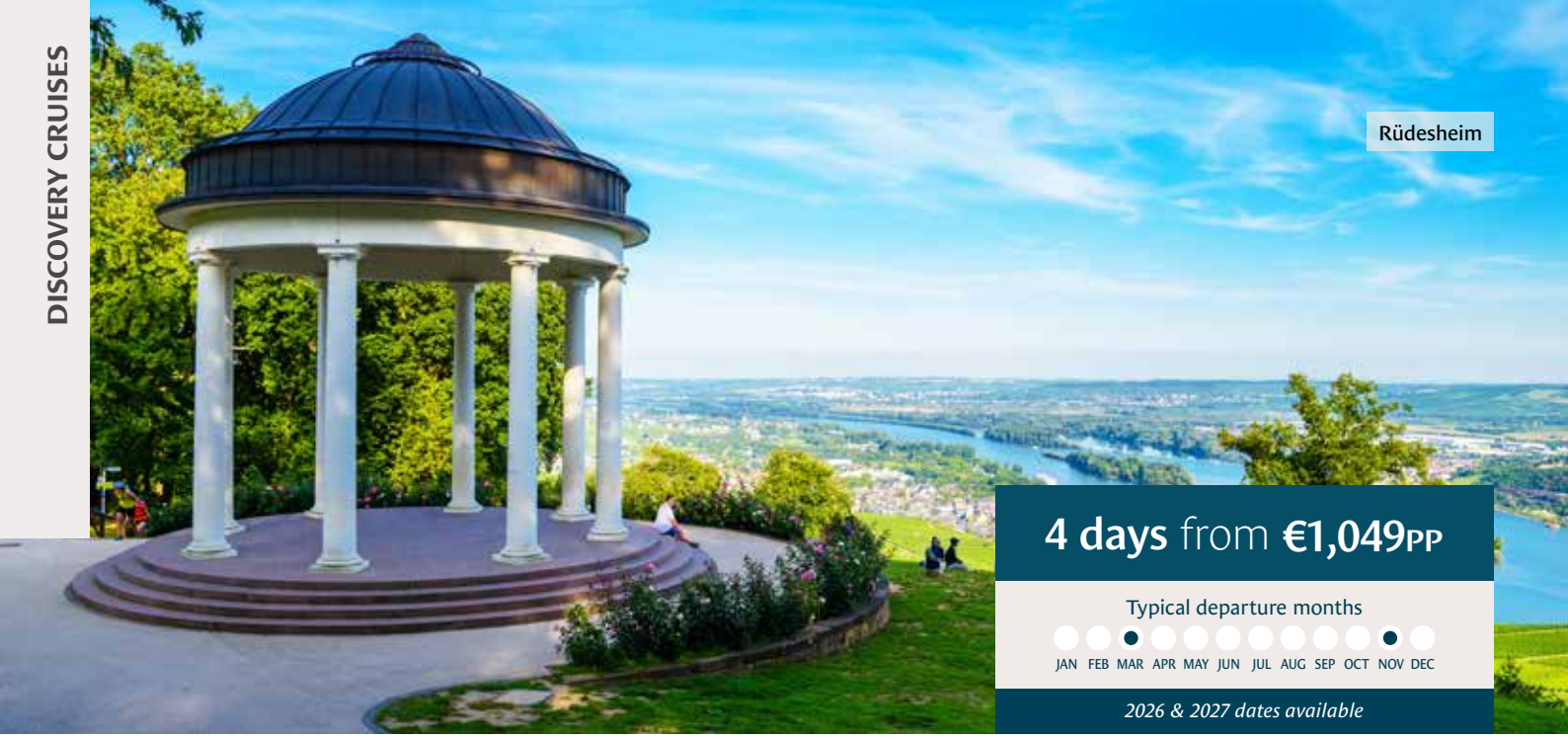

Rhine Gorge & Cologne Discovery Cruise

Sail through the Rhine Gorge, one of the most scenic stretches of river in the world, and visit two historic, yet distinctly different, German ports: Rüdesheim and Cologne.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrive in Cologne
Arrive in Germany and transfer to our ship moored in the heart of Cologne, one of Germany's oldest cities. The friendly, English-speaking crew will welcome you and help you settle into your cabin. After your first dinner onboard, we set sail upstream. (D)

DAY 2 – Cruising the Rhine Gorge & Rüdesheim
Today, you'll get your first real taste of sailing – and it's truly a highlight of the trip. After a leisurely breakfast on board, head to the panoramic lounge or the sun deck to enjoy the outstanding natural beauty of the Rhine Gorge: steep vineyards give way to almost vertical rocky outcrops towering more than 600 feet above the sweeping valley sides. Sailing past many ruined castles, there's a real sense of the myths surrounding this historic river coming alive around you. After lunch on board, we'll dock in the charming town of Rüdesheim where you can visit Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet or explore Rüdesheim on a guided tour and uncover the secrets of this classic Rhine wine village with crooked houses sloping down from wooded hillsides and terraced vineyards. There'll be time at leisure, before we return to the ship to enjoy our special Chef's Dinner this evening. As we dine, our ship will set sail for Cologne, where we will dock for the night. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Cruise through the Rhine Gorge and guided tour of Rüdesheim. Visit Rüdesheim Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet, Chef's dinner

DAY 3 – Koblenz & Cologne
If you're up early this morning, why not take a guided short walk through Koblenz before we sail towards Cologne, arriving mid-afternoon. Mooring up, we'll take a walking tour, with an expert local guide who'll bring the city's fascinating history to life. We'll pass its twin-spired cathedral and the vibrant old town, beautifully restored and boasting an abundance of excellent shopping and cosy bars, some of which still brew their own beer. After dinner we will enjoy a live music performance. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Morning short walking tour of Koblenz. Guided tour of Cologne. Evening onboard entertainment

DAY 4 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your journey home. (B)

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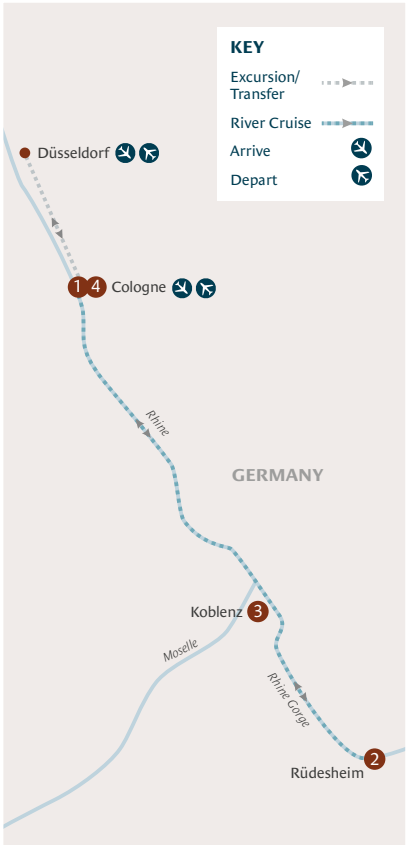

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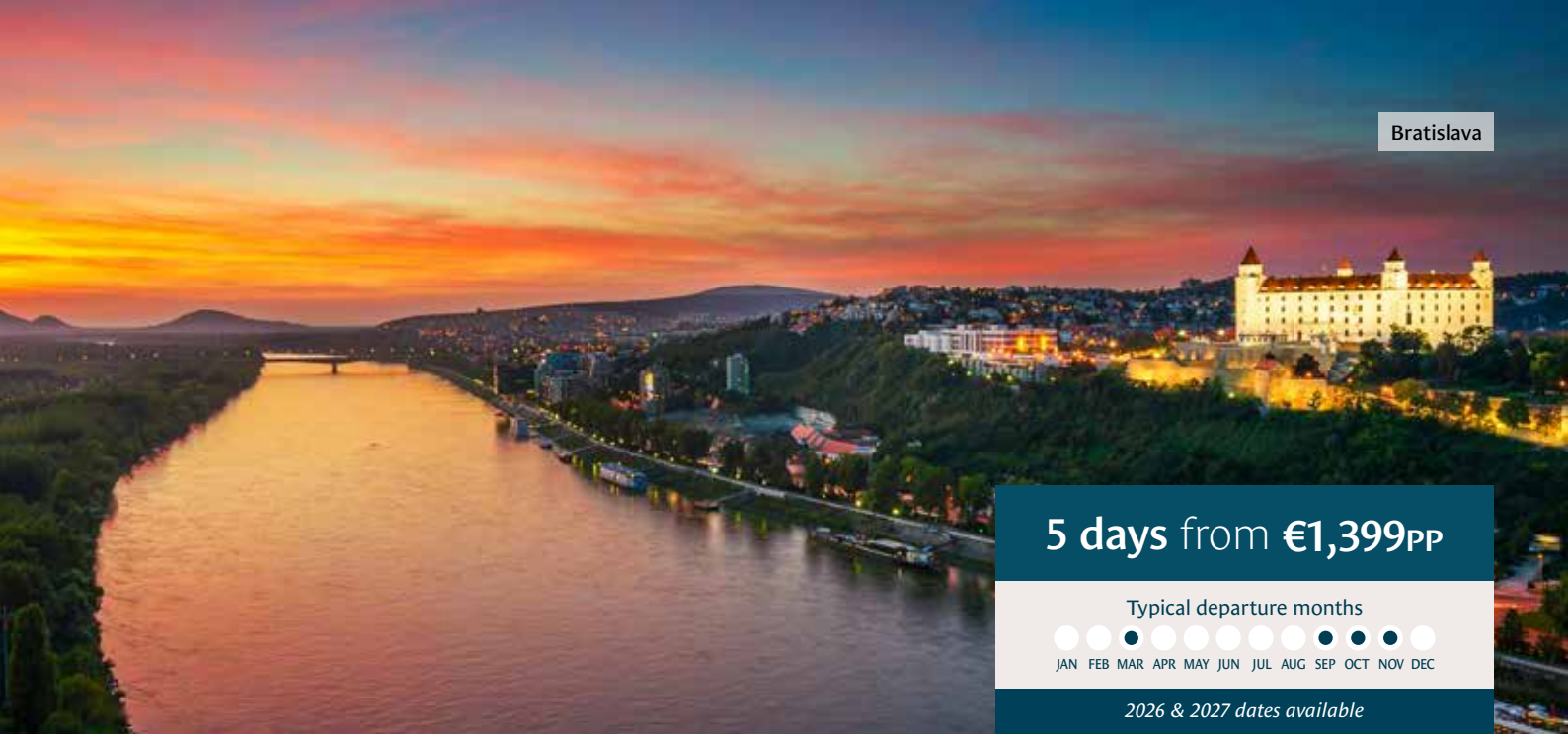

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Budapest, Bratislava & Vienna: A Danube Discovery Cruise

Beauty, charm and iconic European cities – the Danube really does have it all. Discover the grandeur of Budapest, the charm of Bratislava and the cultural allure of Vienna, on our five-day river cruise aboard the Riviera Radiance.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrive in Budapest
Fly to Budapest and transfer to your cruise ship. (D)

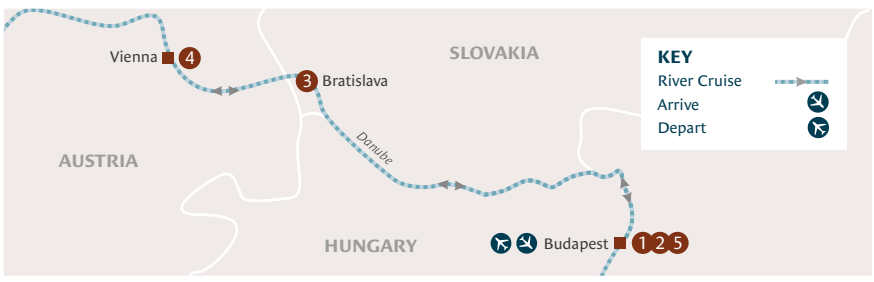
DAY 2 – Budapest
Enjoy a sightseeing tour of this captivating city. Buda, sitting on the western side, offers fairytale architecture, pretty promenades and wooded hills whilst Pest, to the east, is known for its lively, and more modern atmosphere with plenty of trendy bars, cafés and restaurants. You'll also have plenty of free time to immerse yourself in the culture and history of the city. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Budapest

DAY 3 – Bratislava
Relax with a morning cruising along the Danube. After lunch, explore the Slovakian capital of Bratislava on a guided tour, including its restored old town, and impressive 17th-century castle with expansive views across the Danube. You'll also have free time to explore this charming city before returning to the ship for dinner and a string quartet recital with a blend of musical styles. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Classical string quartet performance on board

DAY 4 – Vienna
Vienna provokes images of elegance, fine music and Baroque architecture. Perhaps the most iconic monument is Saint Stephen's Cathedral which dominates the city skyline. This morning, we enjoy a guided tour before a leisurely afternoon sailing back towards Budapest. Tonight, the talented chef presents a selection of specialities from the countries and regions we've visited during our cruise, at the Chef's Dinner. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Vienna, Chef's dinner

DAY 5 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.



PRICING & DEPARTURES 2026/2027				
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2027 from	**€1,499**	**€1,899**	**€2,099**	**€2,649**

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Life on board our European ships

Holidays are not the time to compromise. You can expect the best on our ships. Spacious cabins and suites and everything you would want from a high-end boutique hotel – drink on the sundeck, enjoying panoramic views and fine cuisine anyone? Throw in first-class service and you've got yourself a deal.

Our Scylla ships

Riviera has been working with Switzerland-based company Scylla since 2010. Their fleet is amongst the most state-of-the-art cruising on Europe's waters and includes eight ships designed and built to our specifications. In the same family for 50 years, their motto 'Quality, Our Passion' is evident from the moment you step on board.

Choose an upper deck deluxe suite, complete with balcony, for an extra special holiday







Book a table in our smaller restaurant for a more intimate dining experience, featuring a delicious menu

Sun deck, Riviera Rose

Call our friendly team to book

World-class ships

You'll hear us compare our ships to luxury boutique hotels quite a lot, but that's because it's true! Many of our vessels feature a pool, library, sauna and steam room, fitness suite, or hair salon and treatment room, just as you'd expect from a five-star hotel. You can relax in your spacious cabin or unwind on deck as you glide between towns, past rolling vineyards and fairy-tale castles – wake up to a different view every morning. What better way is there to discover Europe?

World-class crew

The crew look after you as if you were family. Once they're done checking every tiny detail, they'll be there to welcome you on board, and to help throughout. All our ships have an excellent ratio of crew to guests, so you are guaranteed that personal touch. Working closely with the Riviera Cruise Director, the English-speaking crew will anticipate your every need in a manner which is intuitive and efficient yet discreet and friendly.

World-class facilities

Fully air-conditioned decks, all easily accessed via lift or stairs, offer different vantage points of the scenery. Take in views from a panoramic observation lounge and bar, or seek out a quiet spot on deck and enjoy life on the river from a sun lounger. Please refer to the ship information pages.



Wellness Spa, Riviera Radiance



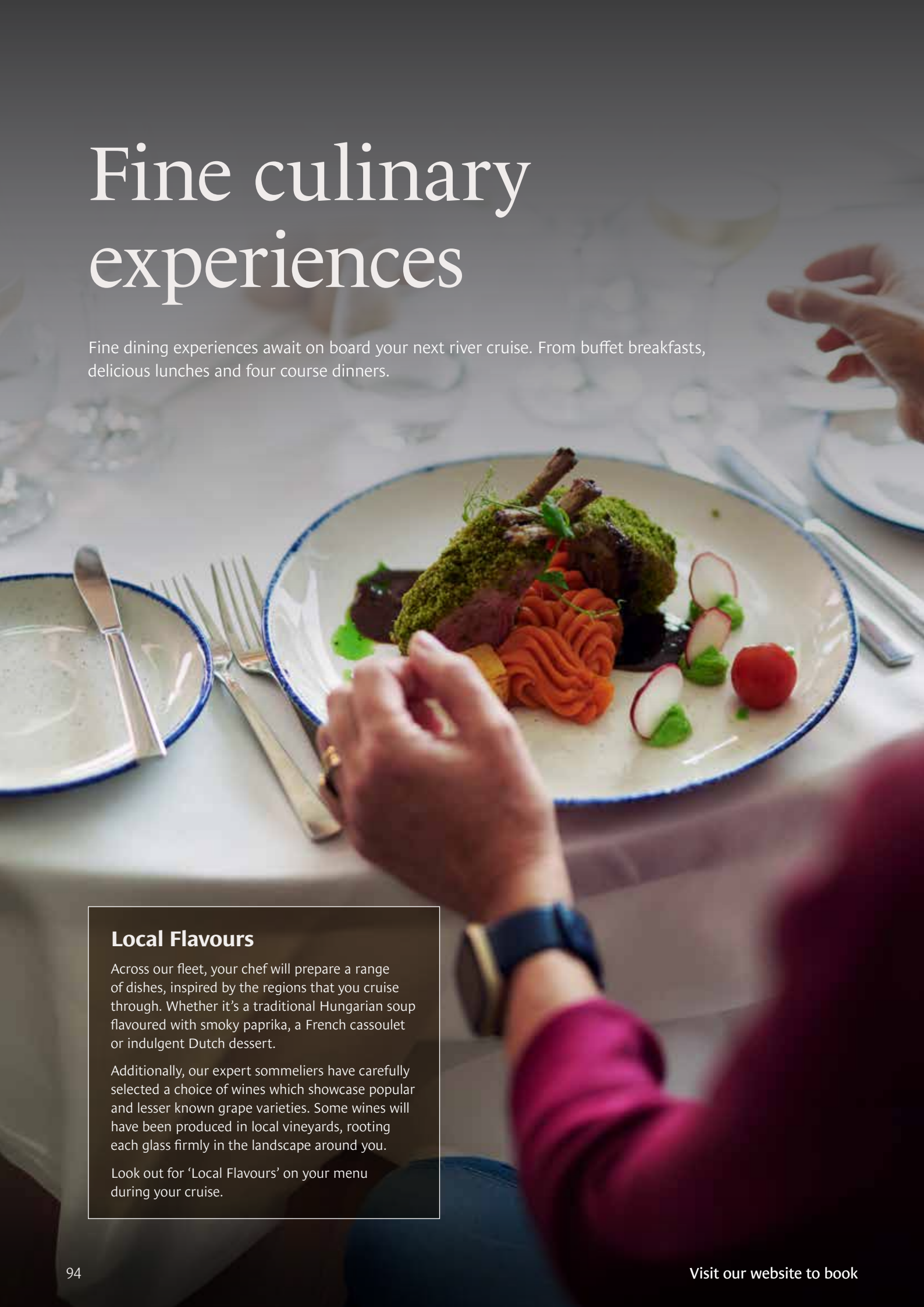
Bar & Lounge, Riviera Rose

Exclusive cruises

All our European river cruises are exclusive to guests of Riviera Travel and we personally select every aspect of the cruise itinerary. We want to ensure that you enjoy the outstanding service we are renowned for.

Fine culinary experiences

Fine dining experiences await on board your next river cruise. From buffet breakfasts, delicious lunches and four course dinners.



Local Flavours

Across our fleet, your chef will prepare a range of dishes, inspired by the regions that you cruise through. Whether it's a traditional Hungarian soup flavoured with smoky paprika, a French cassoulet or indulgent Dutch dessert.

Additionally, our expert sommeliers have carefully selected a choice of wines which showcase popular and lesser known grape varieties. Some wines will have been produced in local vineyards, rooting each glass firmly in the landscape around you.

Look out for 'Local Flavours' on your menu during your cruise.

First-class flexible dining

Start your day with a bountiful breakfast buffet in our main restaurant, featuring over 60 delicious options. At lunch choose your main course, including a chance to try some local dishes, of course. Crispy salads from the buffet or hard-to-resist dishes at the pasta station are also on offer. And at the end of the day, sit down to a four-course à la carte dinner featuring the dishes you know and some soon-to-be favourites. You'll be begging our chefs for the recipe. And if you want more, double portions are available on request.

Vegetarian, vegan and many other special dietary requests are catered for by our experienced team of chefs.



Mosaic restaurant



Riverview Kitchen

Typical dinner menu

Appetiser

Avocado Salad
Frisée & lamb lettuce, cucumber, green apple, roasted bell pepper, red onion, coriander, chilli-lime dressing

Tuna Tataki
Wakame salad, sesame seeds, marinated shitake mushroom, soy reduction, wasabi mayonnaise

Caesar Salad
House speciality dressing, shaved parmesan cheese, garlic croutons, (anchovies)

Soup

Cream of Carrot Ginger and Smoked Paprika
Coriander oil, shiso cress

Vegetable Consommé
Vegetables julienne

Main

Slow Roasted Baby Lamb Rump
Sweet smoky roasted carrot, creamed spinach mint jelly, chervil mashed potatoes & natural lamb jus

Pan Fried Fillet of Sea Bream
Tomato & lemon salsa, fresh coriander, wok fried vegetables & coconut rice

Chickpea & Sweet Potato Curry
Baby spinach, lemon couscous

Irish Fillet Steak I Grilled Chicken Breast I Atlantic Salmon Fillet
Peppercorn sauce I Bearnaise sauce I Chimichurri sauce, Skinny fries I Mashed potatoes I Vegetables of the day

Dessert

Classic Lemon Meringue Tart
Blueberry compote

After Eight Delight
Vanilla & chocolate ice cream, chocolate mint sauce, whipped cream

Cheese Selection

Chaumes, Gorgonzola, Tete de Moine, chilli Jam, figs

Alternative dining in La Brasserie, Riverview Kitchen and our Mosaic and Rio Restaurants

In addition to the ship's main restaurant, our ships offer alternative dining experiences, still all included in the price.

La Brasserie, on board the Jane Austen and Lord Byron is where you can enjoy an informal light dinner. A tasteful experience, notably charcuterie and local cheese platters and freshly baked breads, paired with French wines. Located at the stern of the ship and featuring full length windows offering a beautiful river view experience.

Riverview Kitchen, located at the stern on our Rhine and Danube cruises, as well as Thomas Hardy on the Rhone, is available for lunch and dinner. It offers a more intimate dining experience with an open kitchen, large panoramic windows and al fresco seating so you can admire the fantastic views. Here in the evenings, you can enjoy a more informal experience that takes its inspiration from a traditional Grill restaurant.

Mosaic restaurant – which offers breakfast lunch and dinner – on board the Radiance and Resplendence, offers a unique food and wine pairing menu. Each course features a number of elements inspired by the rivers of Europe. Showcasing the finest local ingredients from these regions – one delectable bite at a time.

Rio Restaurant aboard the Riviera Rose offers a relaxed and airy setting with beautiful views of the Douro. Enjoy an authentic taste of Portugal, with fresh seafood buffet, a variety of salads, and choice of local cheeses, as well as some hearty local dishes.

Please note: Due to low bridges, lunch and dinner service are restricted as the restaurant collapses to allow the ship to navigate safely under bridges. Please talk to your Cruise Director to make your reservation.



Your ship's facilities

- Panoramic observation lounge and bar
- Sun deck with sun loungers, splash pool and putting green
- Main restaurant, Riverview Kitchen and Mosaic restaurant
- Spa and wellness area, plus fitness centre
- 24hr self-service tea and coffee
- Boutique gift shop
- Free Wi-Fi
- Lift between accommodation decks
- Laundry service

MS Riviera Radiance, MS Riviera Resplendence & MS Riviera Reflection

With more space than ever before, the brand-new MS Riviera Radiance and Riviera Resplendence are brilliantly designed by our Swiss partners, Scylla for the perfect balance of contemporary and cosy.

Home to our largest ever suites – the Grand Suites, MS Riviera Radiance and MS Riviera Resplendence provide an even more airy experience. With three restaurants to choose from for dinner, a well-furnished bar and lounge and an inviting sun deck, there are plenty of places to relax between stops along one of Europe's most beautiful waterways. All cabins and suites feature air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, flat screen TV, minibar, telephone and tea and coffee-making facilities.


Grand suite

Diamond Deck Grand Balcony Suites are an impressive 32sqm, featuring a balcony with outdoor seating and floor-to-ceiling glass doors as well as separate bedroom and lounge areas.

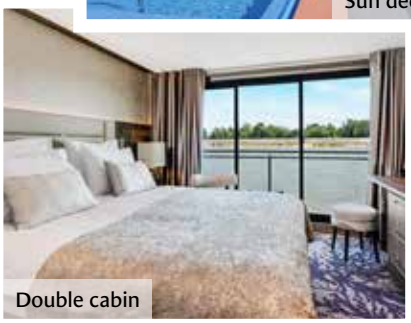
Diamond & Ruby Deck Superior Suites are 24sqm, featuring a floor-to-ceiling, glass French balcony and separate indoor seating.

Diamond & Ruby Deck Double Cabins are 16sqm, featuring a floor-to-ceiling, glass French balcony as well as a table and chair.

Emerald Deck Double Cabins are 16sqm featuring a smaller fixed window and a table and chair.

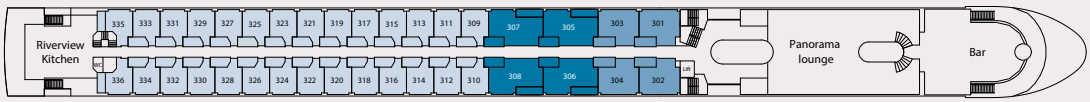

Restaurant


Sun deck

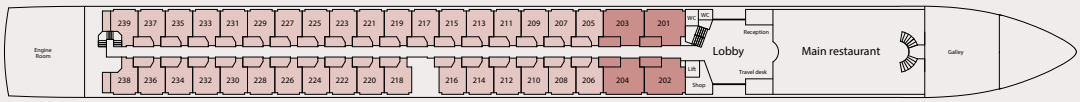

Double cabin

Length **135m** | Crew **44** | Guests **178** | Decks **4** | Cabins/Suites **89** | Launched **2025**

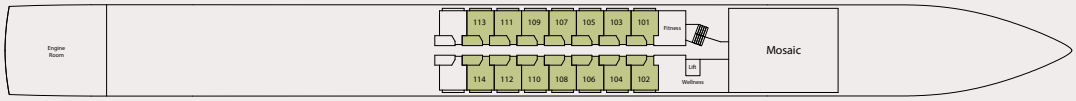
DIAMOND DECK (upper deck)



RUBY DECK (middle deck)



EMERALD DECK (lower deck)



DIAMOND DECK
- Grand Balcony Suite 32sq.m/344sq.ft
- Superior Suite 24sq.m/258sq.ft
- Double Cabin 16sq.m/172sq.ft

RUBY DECK
- Superior Suite 24sq.m/258sq.ft
- Double Cabin 16sq.m/172sq.ft

EMERALD DECK
- Double Cabin 16sq.m/172sq.ft



ALL-SUITE SHIPS

MS Geoffrey Chaucer, MS Emily Brontë, MS Thomas Hardy, MS Oscar Wilde & MS William Wordsworth

With imaginatively furnished suites amongst the largest and most comfortable you will find on any European river cruiser, our all-suite 'boutique style' ships are truly world-class.

Your ship's facilities

- Panoramic observation lounge and bar
- Sun deck with sun loungers, splash pool and putting green
- Main restaurant and the informal Riverview Kitchen
- Spa and wellness area with nail salon and hairdresser, plus fitness centre
- 24hr self-service tea and coffee
- Boutique gift shop
- Free Wi-Fi
- Lift between accommodation decks
- Laundry service


Restaurant

All magnificent suites enjoy a river view and seating area with two chairs and a table. Hotel-style beds can be configured as double or twin and spacious marble bathrooms feature a powerful shower and complimentary Nuxe or Damana cosmetics. All suites feature air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, minibar, flat screen TV, telephone, complimentary bathrobes and slippers and tea and coffee-making facilities.

Deluxe Suites on the Diamond Deck feature floor-to-ceiling glass doors which open out on to a private balcony. These suites are completed with a table and two chairs.

Superior Suites on the Diamond and Ruby Decks feature a French balcony and panoramic floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors.

Standard Suites on the Diamond Deck feature full floor-to-ceiling glass doors and a French balcony.

Standard Suites on the Ruby Deck feature full floor-to-ceiling glass doors and a French balcony. Suites on the Emerald Deck have smaller fixed windows.

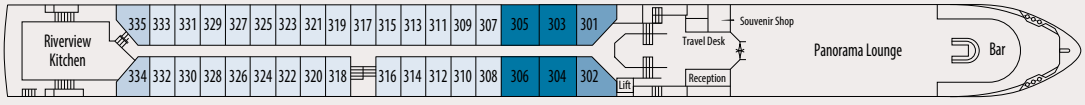

Ruby deck standard suite


Lounge

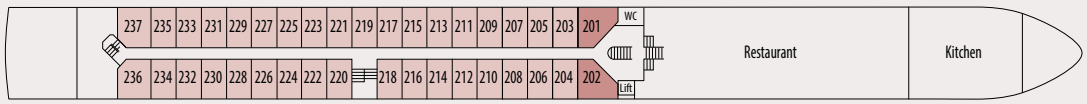

Deluxe balcony suite

Length **135m** | Crew **44** | Guests **169** | Decks **4** | Cabins/Suites **88** | Launched **2017–2020**

DIAMOND DECK (upper deck)



RUBY DECK (middle deck)



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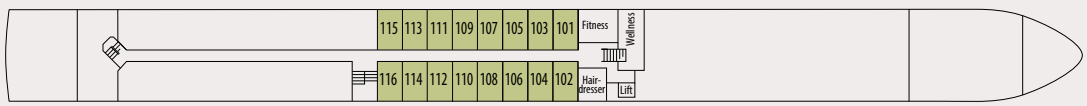


DIAMOND DECK
- Deluxe Balcony Suite 25sq.m/269sq.ft
- Superior Suite 23sq.m/247sq.ft
- Superior Stern Suite 23sq.m/247sq.ft
- Standard Suite 17sq.m/183sq.ft

RUBY DECK
- Superior Suite 23sq.m/247sq.ft
- Standard Suite 17sq.m/183sq.ft

EMERALD DECK
- Standard Suite 16sq.m/172sq.ft



Your ship's facilities

- Panoramic observation lounge and bar
- Sun deck with sun loungers, splash pool and putting green
- Main restaurant and Riverview Kitchen
- Spa and wellness area with nail salon and hairdresser
- 24hr self-service tea and coffee
- Boutique gift shop
- Free Wi-Fi
- Lift between accommodation decks
- Laundry service

MS George Eliot

Our suites and cabins provide some of the most luxurious and spacious accommodation you will find on any European river cruiser, with all the stylish facilities of a boutique hotel.


Sun deck

Stylish fittings and fabrics and a generous seating area with two chairs provide the perfect ambience. Hotel-style beds can be configured as double or twin and spacious marble bathrooms feature a fully glazed shower and complimentary cosmetics. All cabins and suites feature air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, minibar, flat screen TV, telephone, complimentary bathrobes and slippers and tea and coffee-making facilities.


Riverview Kitchen

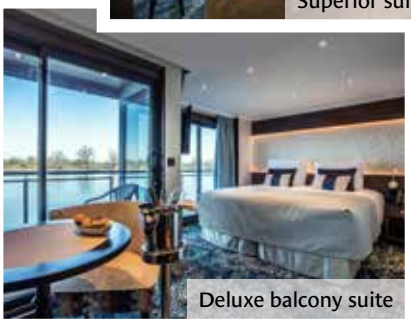
Deluxe Balcony Suites on the Diamond Deck have floor-to-ceiling windows plus sliding doors on to a balcony with a table.

Superior Suites on the Diamond and Ruby Decks, have a larger living area, French balcony and floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors. Superior Suites on Emerald Deck have a larger living area but smaller fixed windows.

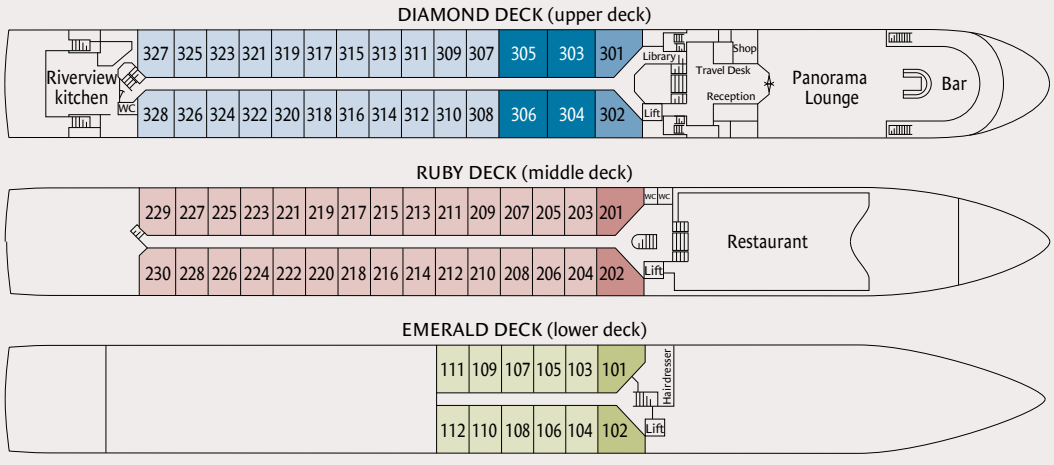
Standard Suites on the Diamond Deck feature full floor-to-ceiling glass doors and a French balcony.

Standard Suites on the Ruby Deck feature full floor-to-ceiling glass doors and a French balcony. Suites on the Emerald Deck have smaller fixed windows.


Superior suite


Deluxe balcony suite

Length **110m** | Crew **36** | Guests **132** | Decks **4** | Cabins/Suites **70** | Launched **2019**



DIAMOND DECK
- Deluxe Balcony Suite 23.5sq.m/253sq.ft
- Superior Suite 18sq.m/194sq.ft
- Standard Cabin 16sq.m/172sq.ft

RUBY DECK
- Superior Suite 18sq.m/194sq.ft
- Standard Cabin 16sq.m/172sq.ft

EMERALD DECK
- Superior Suite 17sq.m/183sq.ft
- Standard Cabin 15sq.m/161sq.ft



Your ship's facilities

- Panoramic observation lounge and bar
- Sun deck with sun loungers, splash pool and bar
- Main restaurant and Rio restaurant
- Fitness area
- 24hr self-service tea and coffee
- Boutique gift shop
- Free Wi-Fi
- Lift between accommodation decks
- Laundry service

MS Riviera Rose

Cruise the rivers of Europe on the brand-new, beautifully crafted MS Riviera Rose, a luxurious 80-metre-long boutique hotel. It's the perfect place to unwind between onshore adventures.

Built in collaboration with our long-standing shipping partners, Scylla, the brand-new MS Riviera Rose has been expertly designed with your comfort in mind. The spacious cabins feature air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, TV, telephone, a desk, double wardrobe and tea/coffee-making facilities available in every room. The hotel-style beds can be configured as a double or twin and the bathrooms feature a rain shower.


Superior suite

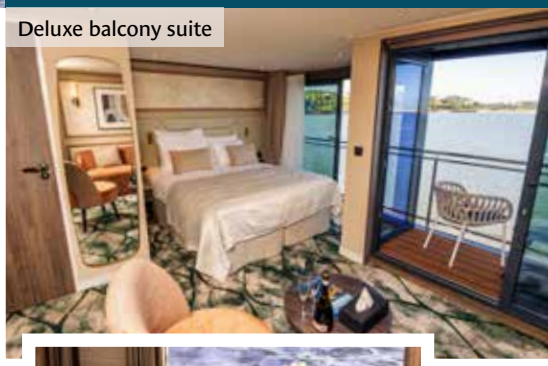
Diamond Deck Deluxe Balcony Suites feature a balcony with outdoor seating, extending your already spacious living area.

Diamond & Ruby Deck Cabins feature a French balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors and is complete with a lounge chair and small table.

Diamond & Ruby Deck Forward & Stern Cabins feature full floor-to-ceiling glass doors and a French balcony.

Emerald Deck Standard Cabins feature smaller fixed windows. This cabin is complete with a lounge chair and small table.

Emerald Deck Forward Cabin features smaller fixed windows.

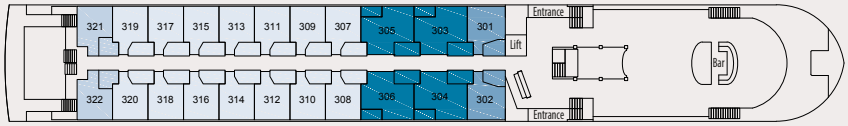

Deluxe balcony suite


Restaurant


Bar

Length **80m** | Crew **38** | Guests **116** | Decks **4** | Cabins/Suites **57** | Launched **2025**

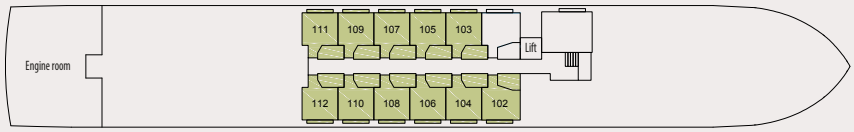
DIAMOND DECK (upper deck)



RUBY DECK (middle deck)



EMERALD DECK (lower deck)



DIAMOND DECK
- Deluxe Balcony Suite 24sq.m/258sq.ft
- Forward Cabin 16sq.m/172sq.ft
- Stern Cabin 16sq.m/172sq.ft
- Standard Cabin 16sq.m/172sq.ft

RUBY DECK
- Forward Cabin 16sq.m/172sq.ft
- Stern Cabin 16sq.m/172sq.ft
- Standard Cabin 16sq.m/172sq.ft

EMERALD DECK
- Standard Cabin 16 sq.m/172 sq.ft



Your ship's facilities

- Panoramic observation lounge and bar
- Sun deck with sun loungers, splash pool and putting green
- Main restaurant and La Brasserie
- Spa and wellness area with nail salon and hairdresser
- 24hr self-service tea and coffee
- Boutique gift shop
- Free Wi-Fi
- Lift between accommodation decks
- Laundry service

MS Jane Austen

Experience the thrill of a European adventure with the opulence of a boutique hotel. Between onshore adventures, feel at home in the spacious, stylish accommodations of the MS Jane Austen.

Enjoy a dip in the pool on the sun deck, after-dinner drinks in the bar with like-minded travellers and experience first-class dining in our restaurant. The cabins are exquisitely designed with air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, TV, telephone, a desk, double wardrobe and tea/coffee making facilities available in every room. The hotel-style beds can be configured as a double or twin and the bathrooms feature a fully glazed shower.


Hair salon

Deluxe Suites on the Diamond Deck, are 50% larger than standard cabins, beautifully appointed and feature sliding floor-to-ceiling glass doors and table and chairs.

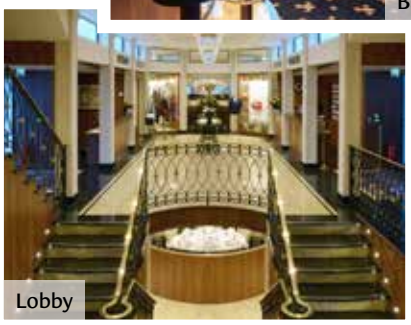
Superior Suites on the Diamond and Ruby Decks enjoy floor-to-ceiling glass doors and a French balcony, bringing riverside life just that little bit closer, plus table and chairs. The Superior suite on the Emerald Deck has smaller fixed windows.

Standard Suites on the Diamond Deck feature full floor-to-ceiling glass doors and a French balcony.

Standard Cabins on the Ruby Deck feature full floor-to-ceiling glass doors and a French balcony. Suites on the Emerald Deck have smaller fixed windows.

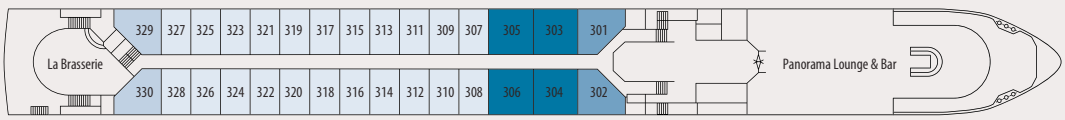

Deluxe suite


Bar

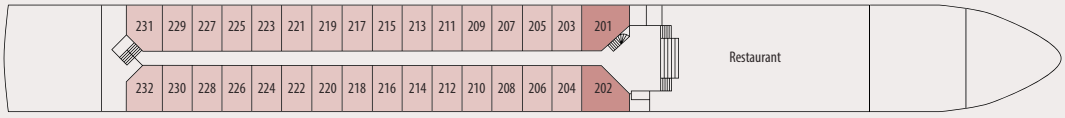

Lobby

Length **110m** | Crew **36** | Guests **140** | Decks **4** | Cabins/Suites **74** | Launched **2015**

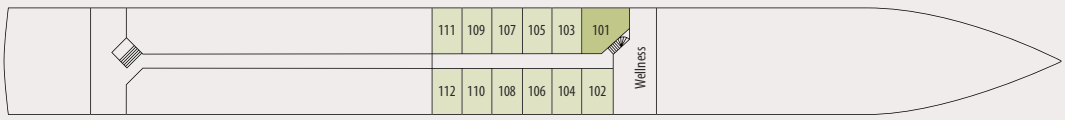
DIAMOND DECK (upper deck)



RUBY DECK (middle deck)



EMERALD DECK (lower deck)



DIAMOND DECK

- Deluxe Suite 22.5sq.m/242sq.ft
- Superior Suite 18.5sq.m/199sq.ft
- Superior Stern Suite 18.5sq.m/199sq.ft
- Standard Cabin 15sq.m/161sq.ft

RUBY DECK

- Superior Suite 18.5sq.m/199sq.ft
- Standard Cabin 15sq.m/161sq.ft

EMERALD DECK

- Superior Suite 18.5sq.m/199sq.ft
- Standard Cabin 15sq.m/161sq.ft



Your ship's facilities

- Panoramic observation lounge and bar
- Sun deck with sun loungers, splash pool and putting green
- Main restaurant and La Brasserie
- Spa and wellness area with nail salon and hairdresser
- 24hr self-service tea and coffee
- Boutique gift shop
- Free Wi-Fi
- Lift between accommodation decks
- Laundry service

MS Lord Byron

Stylishly furnished and with the facilities you would expect from a luxury boutique hotel, the harmonious interiors put you in the most relaxed frame of mind from the very first minute.

Exquisite design and a generous seating area with two chairs makes your chic cabin a stylish home from home. Hotel-style beds can be configured as double or twin and spacious marble bathrooms feature a fully glazed shower. All cabins and suites feature air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, flat screen TV, minibar, telephone, complimentary bathrobes and slippers and tea and coffee-making facilities.

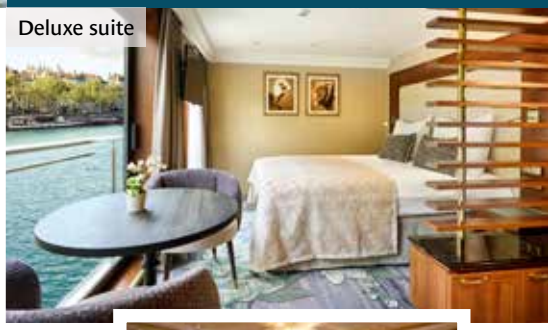

Lounge

Deluxe Suites on the Diamond Deck, are 50% larger than standard cabins, beautifully appointed and feature sliding floor-to-ceiling glass doors.

Superior Suites on the Diamond and Ruby Decks enjoy floor-to-ceiling glass doors and a French balcony, bringing riverside life just that little bit closer. The Superior suite on the Emerald Deck has smaller fixed windows.

Standard Suites on the Diamond Deck feature full floor-to-ceiling glass doors and a French balcony.

Standard Cabins on the Ruby Deck feature full floor-to-ceiling glass doors and a French balcony. Suites on the Emerald Deck have smaller fixed windows.

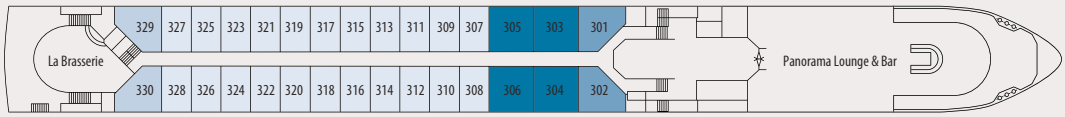

Deluxe suite


Restaurant


Spa

Length **110m** | Crew **36** | Guests **140** | Decks **4** | Cabins/Suites **74** | Launched **2013**

DIAMOND DECK (upper deck)



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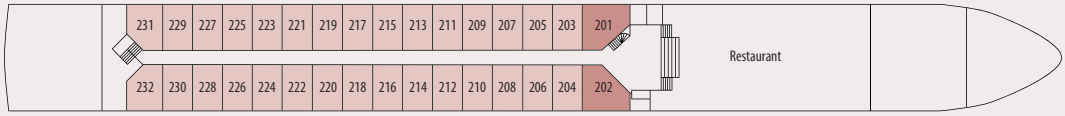

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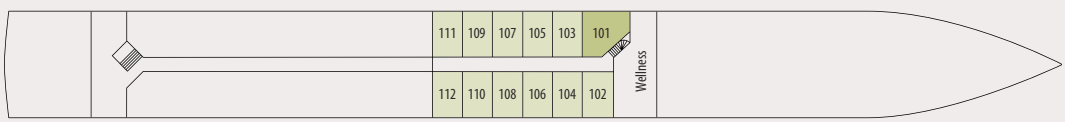


DIAMOND DECK

- Deluxe Suite 22.5sq.m/242sq.ft
- Superior Suite 18.5sq.m/199sq.ft
- Superior Stern Suite 18.5sq.m/199sq.ft
- Standard Cabin 15sq.m/161sq.ft

RUBY DECK

- Superior Suite 18.5sq.m/199sq.ft
- Standard Cabin 15sq.m/161sq.ft

EMERALD DECK

- Superior Suite 18.5sq.m/199sq.ft
- Standard Cabin 15sq.m/161sq.ft

Life on board our Douro Azul ships

The leading shipping company on the Douro, our partnership with Douro Azul started in 2015, with two ships built to Riviera's own specifications. Its Portuguese heritage shines through in the imaginative cuisine and the warm onboard crew.



Pinhão, Douro Valley

Life on board

Smaller ships

The river cruise ships on the Douro are smaller than the vessels that sail along the Rhine and Danube, enabling the Captain to navigate the locks of this beautiful river. All our ships feature the facilities that you would expect in a boutique hotel – there is surely no better way to explore the stunning landscape and unique culture. Enjoy contemporary yet classically stylish décor with discreet lighting and marble floors.

Elegant cabins

The well-appointed cabins and suites feature everything you need for the most relaxing stay.

Scenic daytime cruising

There will be no overnight sailings and on most days we will sail in the morning giving you the opportunity to relax, take in the stunning scenery and enjoy all the superb on-board facilities.



Superior balcony suite, MS Douro Elegance



Deluxe balcony suite, MS Douro Elegance



Restaurant, MS Douro Splendour



Sundeck, MS Douro Splendour

Stunning restaurant

Experience authentic dining at the chic restaurant, serving delicious Portuguese, Mediterranean and International cuisine and enjoy wonderful vistas from the large panoramic windows. A glass of ruby red port in the beautifully appointed lounge bar is the perfect way to round off your evening.

Well-designed facilities

For indulgent pampering treat yourself to a spa treatment or, for something a little more energetic, why not take advantage of the facilities in the fitness room. On-board talks and lectures will also give you an insight into the Douro River and Portugal's fascinating history.

Spacious sun deck

Soak up the stunning 360 degree riverside views from the comfort of a sun lounger on the magnificent sun deck and when the temperature rises, cool down in the swimming pool, a rarity on a river cruiser.

Our friendly and welcoming Portuguese crew

Every detail is meticulously inspected before an exclusively Portuguese speaking crew welcomes you on board. All our ships have an excellent ratio of crew to guests, to give that personal touch. Working closely with the Riviera Cruise Director the English-speaking crew will anticipate your every need in a manner which is intuitive, discreet and friendly. Our knowledgeable on-board tour guides will also be on hand to guide all shore excursions.

Dining experiences

First-class dining

Enjoy traditional cuisine in the ship's restaurant. A magnificent buffet breakfast including healthy options and your choice of eggs made to order is the perfect start to the day. Lunch includes a buffet of freshly prepared salads and starters, hearty soups and a choice of fresh cooked pasta dishes, or typical local mains served to your table. A tempting dessert then awaits. Classic four course à la carte dinners will include a selection of regional and international specialities. Vegetarian, vegan and many other special dietary requests are catered for by our experienced team of chefs.



Restaurant, MS Douro Splendour



Lounge & Bar, MS Douro Elegance

Typical dinner menu

Tuna tartare with red onion, avocado and fresh chives

Stuffed vol-au-vent with mushroom and leek stew

Cream of tomato soup

Oxtail consommé soup

Sea bass fillet with 'Migas Alentejanas' & sautéed vegetables

Pork cheek, sautéed potatoes with oregano & vegetables with bacon

Thai fried rice

'Toucinho do céu'

Cheese platter and garnish

Sliced fruit

Coffee or tea

Local Flavours

Portuguese tapas and chorizos (sharing style)

Leek 'á Brás' style – leek, onion, garlic, potatoes and eggs

'Drunken Pear' with ice cream

On shore dining

Whilst we are moored in Régua you'll step ashore for a visit to a traditional quinta where you'll learn about local wine production before enjoying an excellent dinner. A selection of the quinta's own wines will accompany this dining experience.

Local Flavours

The chef will prepare a range of authentic Portuguese dishes also taking inspiration from the Douro region. Look out for 'Local Flavours' on your menu every evening. Additionally, our expert sommeliers have carefully selected a choice of Portuguese wines which showcase popular and lesser known grape varieties. Some wines will have been produced just a few yards from your floating restaurant. On one evening your chef will prepare a superb selection of Portuguese specialities. During your cruise you'll also experience a traditional celebration of port wine and a special performance of Portuguese folk music and dance.



Your ship's facilities

- Sun deck with sun loungers and swimming pool
- Main restaurant
- Spa and wellness area, plus fitness centre
- 24hr self-service tea and coffee
- Boutique gift shop
- Free Wi-Fi
- Lift between accommodation decks
- Laundry service

MS Douro Elegance & MS Douro Splendour

No compromises to comfort here! You'll find your well-appointed cabin, spacious and bright, and elegantly styled, features everything you need for the most relaxing stay on board.

Cabins and suites feature air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, TV, telephone, bathrobes and tea/coffee-making facilities. Beds can be configured as double or twin and marble bathrooms feature a shower with screen. Deluxe Suites have a walk-in wardrobe, larger living area and bathroom with twin wash basins and separate WC section. Superior Suites have a larger living area with table and chairs, spacious bathroom and separate WC section.

Douro Elegance Deluxe Suites and **Superior Suites** feature floor-to-ceiling windows and a full-length window, which opens halfway down to create a Juliet balcony, complete with a table for two.

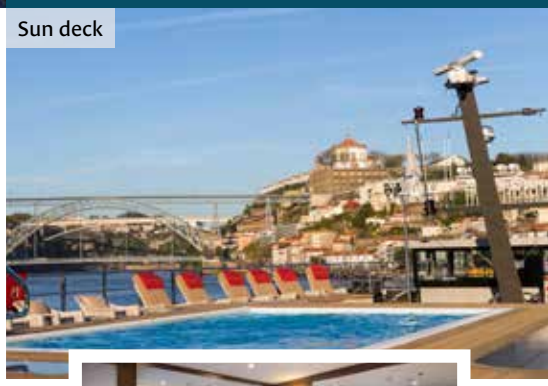
Douro Splendour Deluxe Balcony Suites and **Superior Balcony Suites** feature floor-to-ceiling windows, sliding doors extend onto a private balcony with table and chairs.

Upper Deck Cabins feature floor-to-ceiling windows that slide down halfway.

Main Deck Cabins feature floor-to- ceiling windows that slide down halfway.

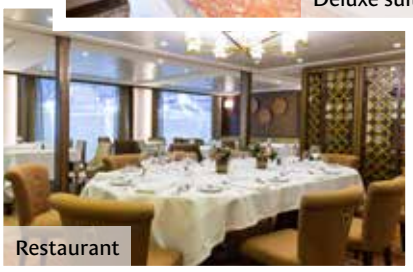
Lower Deck Cabins have smaller fixed windows.

Sun deck



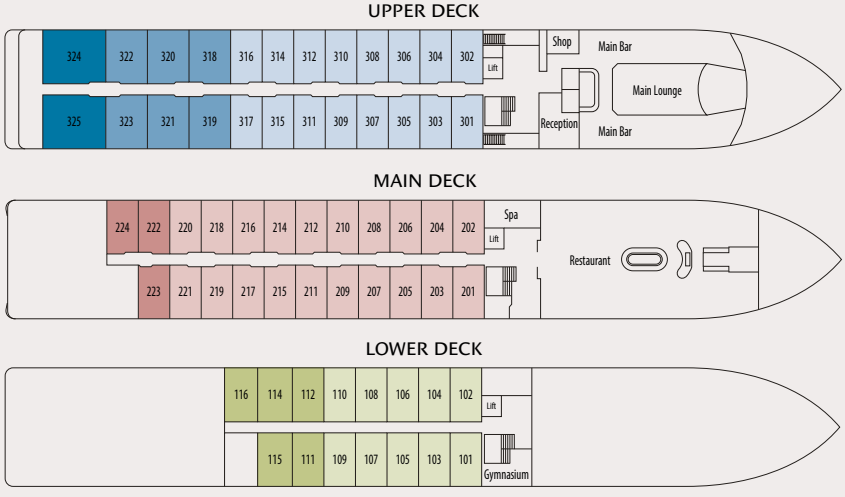


Deluxe suite



Restaurant

Length **80m** | Crew **36** | Guests **121** | Decks **4** | Cabins/Suites **63** | Launched **2017 & 2018**



UPPER DECK

- Deluxe Suite[1] & Deluxe Balcony Suite[2] 29sq.m/312sq.ft
- Superior Suite[1] & Superior Balcony Suite[2] 19sq.m/205sq.ft
- Standard Cabin 14sq.m/151sq.ft

MAIN DECK

- Stern Cabin 14sq.m/151sq.ft
- Standard Cabin 14sq.m/151sq.ft

LOWER DECK

- Stern Cabin (sole occupancy) 12sq.m/129sq.ft
- Standard Cabin 12 sq.m/129 sq.ft

[1]Douro Elegance
[2]Douro Splendour

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Daily breakfast is included on all of our tours. They also include some lunches and dinners, either in your hotel or at carefully chosen restaurants. In destinations renowned for their cuisine you can choose to dine at your hotel or seek out a restaurant of your choice.



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Experiences are included, accompanied by expert local guides to share eye-opening insights and share those stories that only a local would know.



Free time to explore

Our itineraries are thoughtfully balanced with free days and unguided visits, so you can wander at your own pace. We also offer you a choice of optional excursions so you can make your holiday your own.



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Travel between locations on your tour in comfortable, air-conditioned coaches.



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Typical departure months

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2026 & 2027 dates available

Pompeii, Capri & the Bay of Naples

The Sorrento peninsula and the Bay of Naples are one of the most beautiful corners of Europe, attracting visitors for centuries for its outstanding scenery, tranquillity, and wondrous 'sights' from throughout history.

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Sorrento (D)

DAY 2 – Walking Tour of Sorrento
Spend your first day exploring Sorrento on a guided tour, before enjoying an afternoon at leisure. (B,D)

DAY 3 – Pompeii & authentic farm lunch
Explore Pompeii's remarkably preserved streets, temples, and mosaics on a guided tour. Afterwards, enjoy an authentic farm lunch in Sorrento's countryside, with homemade mozzarella, olive oil tasting, and limoncello, surrounded by stunning Mediterranean views. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – Capri
Sail to Capri, famed for its dramatic cliffs and vibrant harbour. Enjoy free time to explore, join a boat trip, or visit the enchanting Blue Grotto sea cave. (B,D)

DAY 5 – Free day (B,D)

DAY 6 – Amalfi Coast & Rufolo Gardens
Experience the sublimely beautiful Amalfi Coast, and visit the exquisite Rufolo Gardens in Ravello. (B,D)

DAY 7 – Herculaneum
This morning, we'll visit Herculaneum, which, like Pompeii, was buried by Vesuvius in 79 AD. Our local guide brings the history to life as we explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is much better preserved than Pompeii. (B,D)

DAY 8 – Return home (B)

All flights and transfers are included.

*(B) Daily Breakfast, (D) 7 Dinners**

**Stays at the Michelangelo are on B&B basis only.*

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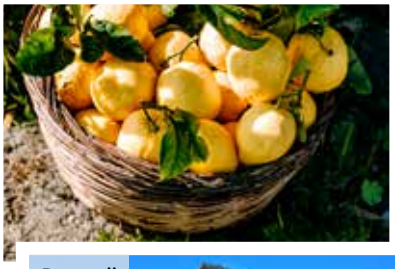
⌂ Hotel location

The Villa dei Misteri Pompeii fresco survived thanks to layers of protective volcanic ash. Look at those vivid reds!









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Lucca, Portofino & the Cinque Terre

Hardly any distance separates Lucca and Pisa from Portofino, the Cinque Terre and Genoa, but their treasures offer a diverse experience.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Lucca (D)

DAY 2 – Lucca & free afternoon
A local guide will bring Lucca's history to life, highlighting its Roman grid and amphitheatre. (B,D)

DAY 3 – Pisa
We drive to Pisa for a guided tour. We return to Lucca for an afternoon at leisure and enjoy a traditional Tuscan dinner. (B,D)

DAY 4 – Porto Venere
We explore Liguria's coast, visiting the Gulf of the Poets and the Porto Venere. After lunch at a local restaurant, we continue to Genoa. (B,L)

DAY 5 – Genoa & free afternoon
Morning guided tour of medieval Genoa followed by a free afternoon. (B)

DAY 6 – Cinque Terre
Explore the Ligurian coastline by boat. After driving from Genoa, our private charter carries us along the Cinque Terre (the 'Five Lands'), revealing a stunning string of colourful seaside villages. (B)

DAY 7 – Portofino
After a morning drive to the Italian Riviera, we sail to Portofino, offering a walk to the headland with spectacular views. Later, return to Genoa with free time to explore. (B)

DAY 8 – Return flight (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Daily Breakfast, (L) 1 Lunch, (D) 3 Dinners.
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⌂ Hotel location









Cinque Terre's five villages were once isolated, connected only by trails

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Lake Garda, Venice & Verona

Discover the mountain scenery and pastel-coloured villages of Lake Garda, the architectural jewels of Venice and romantic ambience of Verona on this expertly crafted tour of Italy's most elegant highlights.

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Lake Garda (D)

DAY 2 – Tour of Lake Garda
Enjoy an introduction to Lake Garda on a tour exploring a selection of its lakeside villages. (B,D)

DAY 3 – The Dolomites
Ascend into the Dolomites to discover beautiful views, unique wildlife and the magnificent culture of the people who live there. (B,D)

DAY 4 – Free day
Explore Riva del Garda and Lake Garda at leisure. (B,D)

DAY 5 – Venice
Discover the highlights of Venice on a Classic tour or uncover something new on our 'Undiscovered' guided tour. (B,D)

DAY 6 – Free morning & vineyard visit
Relax with a free morning to explore your surroundings as you wish before visiting a vineyard this afternoon. (B,D)

DAY 7 – Verona
Travel to Verona – famous for being the setting of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" – for a guided tour. (B,D)

DAY 8 – Return home (B)

All flights and transfers are included.

*(B) Daily Breakfast, (D) 7 Dinners**

**Stays at the Antico Borgo, Portici and Astoria Park Hotel are on a B&B basis.*

In addition to these hotels, the Europa will be HB in 2026 and B&B in 2027.

The use of air conditioning and outdoor pool opening is at the discretion of the hotel.


Venice





⌂ Hotel location

Juliet's balcony in Verona was added in the 20th century – Shakespeare never mentioned it in *Romeo and Juliet*!




The Dolomites

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Isola Bella

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Typical departure months

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2026 & 2027 dates available

Lake Maggiore, Orta & the Matterhorn

Take in the spectacular villages and islands of Lake Maggiore, with visits to Lake Como and lesser-known Lake Orta, and the iconic Matterhorn. A mix of serene waters, forest-clad hillsides and medieval villages makes the lakes an irresistible destination.

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival at Lake Maggiore (D*)

DAY 2 – Lake Maggiore & Borromean Islands
Visit the Borromean Islands with a boat ride on Lake Maggiore, a guided tour of Isola Bella, and time to explore Isola dei Pescatori. (B,D*)

DAY 3 – Centovalli Railway
Take a boat to Cannobio for free time before we travel into Switzerland to visit Locarno for a journey on the Centovalli Railway. (B,D*)

DAY 4 – Lake Como
Explore one of Northern Italy's most famous lakes, Lake Como. 2027 tours will also include a visit to Villa Carlotta. (B,D*)

DAY 5 – Free day
Spend the day at leisure, relaxing in your hotel or exploring the beautiful Lake Maggiore. (B,D*)

DAY 6 – Zermatt & the Matterhorn
Journey into the Swiss Alps to Zermatt for free time to explore and see the Matterhorn's mighty peak. (B,D*)

DAY 7 – Lake Orta
Discover Northern Italy's hidden gem, Lake Orta, and take a boat ride over to San Giulio Island. (B,D*)

DAY 8 – Return home (B)

All flights and transfers are included.

*(B) Daily Breakfast, (D) 7 Dinners**

**Please note that stays at the Hotel Simplon will be on a B&B basis.*

The use of air conditioning and outdoor pool opening is at the discretion of the hotel.



Hotel location


Zermatt

The Centovalli Railway, linking Switzerland and Italy, crosses 83 bridges and 31 tunnels




Isola dei Pescatori

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Bellagio

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2026 & 2027 dates available

Lake Como, St Moritz & the Bernina Express

Towering Alpine peaks are the backdrop to this glorious tour of northern Italy and Switzerland. We'll discover Lakes Como, Maggiore and Lugano, and a thrilling train ride to St Moritz aboard the Bernina Express completes this spellbinding adventure.




Bernina Express

Call our friendly team to book

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival at Lake Como
Arrive at Milan Linate, Malpensa or Bergamo airport for your transfer to your hotel. (D)

DAY 2 – Lake Como & Bellagio
Lake Como, one of Europe's deepest and most enchanting lakes, has captivated travellers since Roman times. Long adored by poets such as Shelley and Wordsworth, the lake offers countless pleasures, and this morning you'll experience one of its finest: a private boat journey to the exquisite 18th-century Villa del Balbianello. Built for a cardinal, the villa houses an eclectic collection of art and antique furnishings – many surprisingly British, including an oak bureau from Nelson's HMS Victory. Outside, the terraced gardens are just as spellbinding, with fragrant roses, vibrant borders and a graceful three-arched loggia perfectly positioned to frame sweeping lake views. The boat continues to Bellagio, an elegant resort perched at the meeting point of the lake's three branches. Often hailed as Italy's loveliest town, its sun-washed pastel houses, cobbled lanes and profusion of flowers create a timeless, romantic setting. Spend the afternoon exploring at your own pace before returning to the resort by boat when you wish. (B,D)
Included Experiences – Private boat trip and guided tour of Villa del Balbianello and visit to Bellagio

DAY 3 – The Bernina Express
Spectacular scenery and extraordinary Swiss engineering blend on a full day tour. Firstly we ascend up the Valtellina, a classic alpine valley with soaring peaks rising steeply on both sides to Tirano, where we board the famous Bernina Express. One of the slowest 'express' trains in the world, it twists upwards in an amazing sequence of spirals, loops and tunnels to the summit at Ospizio Bernina, the highest through station in Europe. We descend through pretty pastures and dense pine forests to the chic resort of St Moritz, home of the infamous Cresta Run toboggan track. Here there is time for a spot of window shopping or perhaps a stroll around Lake St Moritz. We return via the Maloja Pass and yet more spectacular scenery to Lake Como. (B,D)
Included Experiences – Enjoy a journey on the Bernina Express and visit St Moritz


Lugano

DAY 4 – Free day
Enjoy a refreshing gelato or a delicious lunch in a pleasant café, or relax by the hotel pool. Perhaps take the boat to the lakeside town of Como or visit the Villa Carlotta in Tremezzo. For 2027 groups, entry to the villa will be included so immerse yourself in the glorious displays and step back in time as you explore the villa's impressive interior. (B,D)
Included Experience – Visit to Villa Carlotta (2027 only)

DAY 5 – Lake Maggiore & Stresa
Today we journey to the graceful shores of Lake Maggiore and its most charming resort town, Stresa. With its balmy, unmistakably Mediterranean feel, Stresa's waterfront is framed by elegant palms, flowering oleanders and grand belle époque hotels that lend the town an air of refined nostalgia. A gentle walk along the sweeping promenade reveals shimmering lake views and the enchanting Borromean Islands resting just offshore. Literary lovers may enjoy a drink at the historic Grand Hotel, immortalised in Hemingway's A Farewell to Arms, and favoured over the years by George Bernard Shaw and Charlie Chaplin. From here, it's an easy boat ride to Isola Bella, once a barren outcrop transformed in the 17th century into a remarkable tiered garden by a visionary count. Its extraordinary terraces and lavish planting schemes have long drawn illustrious visitors, from Queen Caroline of England to Napoleon and Josephine. Your visit continues with a guided tour of Isola Bella's magnificent Baroque palazzo, where ornate rooms, fine art and intricate sculptures give way to exquisite gardens scented with magnolia and citrus. (B,D)
Included Experiences – Visit Stresa on Lake Maggiore and guided tour of Isola Bella

DAY 6 – Lugano
Lugano is a delight to explore being centred round the café-lined main square, ideal to people-watch whilst enjoying a superb coffee. Alternatively, you can explore the myriad of twisting lanes of the old town or the dense network of shops with their displays probably unmatched anywhere in the world. For riveting 360-degree views over the lake, take the funicular to the commit of Monte San Salvatore. For 2027 groups only, the funicular will be included. We return to our hotel in the afternoon. (B,D)
Included Experience – Visit to Lugano and ride on the Monte San Salvatore funicular (2027 only)

DAY 7 – Free day
Today, you are free to explore Lake Como at leisure. Perhaps enjoy a boat trip to one of the picturesque villages dotted around the lake or simply relax at the hotel and enjoy the stunning scenery. (B,D)

DAY 8 – Return flight
Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Daily Breakfast, (D) 7 Dinners.
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Villa del Balbianello


Stresa became a favourite Grand Tour stop for 19th-century aristocrats

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Puglia & Basilicata: Lecce, Alberobello & Matera

Experience the charm of southern Italy. Explore Lecce's Baroque beauty, Alberobello's iconic trulli, and Matera's ancient cave dwellings. Enjoy olive oil and wine tastings, uncover Bari's rich history, and discover its coastal beauty.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Lecce (D)

DAY 2 – Lecce
Enjoy a walking tour of Lecce. Later, enjoy free time to explore. (B,D)

DAY 3 – Gallipoli & local winery
Visit to Gallipoli, with time at leisure to explore its historic centre. Later, we stop at a local winery for a tour and tasting of some local wines. (B)

DAY 4 – Alberobello
Visit a family-run olive oil mill for a tasting, then onto Alberobello, a UNESCO World Heritage site famous for its trulli, Puglia's signature dwellings. Later, we continue to Matera to stay for four nights. (B,D)

DAY 5 – Matera
This morning, we have a guided tour of UNESCO-protected Matera, with its original troglodyte cave dwellings, dating back over 9,000 years. This afternoon is at leisure with a shuttle service back to your hotel. (B,D)

DAY 6 – Bari
Explore Bari's tightly knit secrets on a guided tour before an afternoon to enjoy this seafront city. (B,D)

DAY 7 – Free day
Spend the day at leisure in Matera before an evening meal with your fellow explorers. (B,D)

DAY 8 – Return home (B)

All flights and transfers are included.

(B) Daily Breakfast, (D) 6 Dinners.

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⌂ Hotel location



Matera is one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities, with human settlement dating back over 9,000 years







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Classical Italy: Florence, Siena, Assisi & Rome

This tour highlights the best of Italy's history, art, architecture, Tuscan countryside and culinary delights, from Rome to Siena and Assisi.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Arezzo

DAY 2 – Siena
We drive to Siena for a guided tour of this UNESCO site, including the cathedral featuring intricate carvings, some by Michelangelo himself. (B)

DAY 3 – Florence & the Uffizi Gallery
On our guided tour of the 'Pearl of the Renaissance', marvel at the famous cathedral. This afternoon, skip the queues with a reserved timed visit to the Uffizi, followed by free time. (B)

DAY 4 – Arezzo
This morning, we have a walking tour of old Arezzo, seeing Romanesque churches juxtaposed with timber-beamed shops. This afternoon is free. (B)

DAY 5 – Assisi
We drive to Umbria and Assisi, for a guided tour before we leave for Rome. This evening, enjoy some local cuisine at a restaurant chosen by us. (B,D)

DAY 6 – Rome & Tivoli
This morning, we have a guided tour of Rome, and in the afternoon, we visit Tivoli. Choose to visit either the Renaissance Palace of Villa d'Este or the ruins of Hadrian's Villa. (B)

DAY 7 – Free day in Rome

DAY 8 – Return flight (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Daily Breakfast, (D) 1 Dinner.
The use of air conditioning is at the discretion of the hotel.



⌂ Hotel location

Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore still boasts the world's largest masonry dome. It's made from over 4 million bricks!







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2026 & 2027 dates available

Sicily

Discover the Mediterranean's largest island, with its own distinct history, culture and cuisine. Citrus and olive groves, sweeping bays, red volcanic rocks and the dramatic backdrop of snow-capped Mount Etna.

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Sicily (D)

DAY 2 – Valley of the Temples
Enjoy a guided tour of the UNESCO-protected Valley of the Temples and visit its museum. Later, we visit Agrigento. (B,D)

DAY 3 – Piazza Armerina & rural restaurant lunch
Take a guided tour of the UNESCO World Heritage Site at the Villa Romana del Casale, famous for its frescoes. Later, we visit a traditional 'agriturismo' for an authentic Sicilian lunch before continuing to the Taormina area. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – Taormina
Today, we'll visit Taormina with time to explore as you wish. (B,D)

DAY 5 – Mount Etna
Dominating eastern Sicily is Europe's highest volcano, Etna. This morning, we'll explore the slopes of Mount Etna, taking you as near to the summit as possible, where there's the opportunity to take the cable car to independently explore even higher levels (subject to weather conditions). (B,D)

DAY 6 – Free day (B,D)

DAY 7 – Siracusa
Visit Siracusa with time to explore its historic core, Ortygia, located on an island connected to the mainland by three bridges. (B,D)

DAY 8 – Return flight (B)

All flights and transfers are included.

(B) Daily Breakfast, (L) 1 Lunch, (D) 7 Dinners.

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⌂ Hotel location

The Valley of the Temples was once the ancient city of Akragas, one of the most powerful cities in Sicily during Greek antiquity!




Piazza Armerina


Mount Etna


Ortygia

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Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Malaga
Arrive at Malaga airport for the transfer to your hotel.

DAY 2 – Ronda
Ronda's appeal lies in its spectacular views and clear mountain air. We continue our drive into the countryside before reaching Seville, our final destination for the day, where this evening we enjoy delicious tapas (B)

DAY 3 – Seville
After breakfast, we have a sightseeing tour of Seville, including the awe-inspiring Plaza de España. The afternoon is free time. (B)

DAY 4 – Free day in Seville
Spend a free day in Seville as you wish. (B)

DAY 5 – Córdoba
We head to Córdoba, famous for a single building – the Mezquita. The grandest mosque constructed in the Moorish world. Another highlight is the well-preserved Roman bridge. We then continue our journey to Granada. (B)

DAY 6 – Granada & The Alhambra
Granada has an incredible location, nestled against the backdrop of snow-capped mountains. Today we visit the Alhambra. (B)

DAY 7 – Return flight
Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Daily Breakfast.
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Hotel location

Ronda is divided by El Tajo Gorge, a 120-meter-deep chasm with stunning cliff-top views





Seville



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Burgos

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Your itinerary

Day 1 – Arrival in Bilbao
Fly to Bilbao or Santander airports and transfer to the hotel.

Day 2 - San Sebastián & free afternoon
This morning, we explore San Sebastián, set on the shell-shaped bay between two hills. Our guided walk takes in Miramar Palace, the grand Hotel María Cristina and the old town, including Constitución Square, once a bullring. Along the way, elegant belle-époque buildings recall the city's aristocratic past. We finish at a traditional bar to sample pintxos – more refined than tapas and a proud local tradition. The rest of the day is free to explore San Sebastián or head back to the hotel. (B)
Included Experience – Guided walking tour of San Sebastián and tasting of traditional pintxos

Day 3 – Bayonne
This morning, we cross the French border to Bayonne to experience Basque culture in the north. During our guided walking tour, we'll see colourful half-timbered buildings, the remains of 17th-century ramparts and the stunning Gothic cathedral. This afternoon, we will visit Villa Arnaga in Cambo Les Bains, built by French author Edmond Rostand, who wrote Cyrano de Bergerac. Once you have visited the house, you have time to explore the beautiful English- and French-style gardens before we cross back into Spain and return to our hotel. (B)
Included Experience – Guided walking tour of Bayonne and visit to Villa Arnaga

Day 4 – Pamplona & Rioja winery
Today we travel to the wooded foothills of the Pyrenees to Pamplona for a guided tour seeing the cathedral, shops selling elaborate papier-mâché heads for its famous festival and the 16th-century citadel – one of the country's best-preserved military structures. This afternoon, we visit Spain's legendary wine region, Rioja, centred on the Ebro River Valley. Rows of olive trees and vines colour the undulating landscape with stripes of green and ochre, while medieval fortified villages crown hilltops overlooked by the jagged Cantabrian mountains. Here, we enjoy a guided tour of one of the region's traditional wineries where we learn how their grapes are crafted into the noble drink. (B)
Included Experience – Guided walking tour of Pamplona and guided tour and tasting at a traditional winery


San Sebastián

Day 5 – Burgos
The 9th-century city of Burgos played a significant military and political role in Spanish history. Founded as a fortress to defend the Kingdom of Navarra from the Moors, it became the capital of Castile and Léon for five centuries. On our guided tour of Burgos this morning, we learn more about the city's volatile history and explore the old quarter's maze of twisting streets, dominated by the 13th-century cathedral, one of Spain's glittering jewels of religious architecture. Our tour of the cathedral includes an audio guide, so you can admire this Gothic masterpiece at your own pace. This afternoon, you are free to seek out more of the city's highlights at leisure. (B,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Burgos and dinner at a local restaurant

Day 6 – Bilbao
Today we journey to Bilbao, the largest city of the Basque Country and one of its great treasures, with a medieval centre, pretty parks and attractive architecture. It shot to worldwide renown in 1997 with the opening of the Guggenheim Museum's European branch on the banks of the River Nervión. We enjoy a visit to the Guggenheim to see an array of works by modern Spanish and international artists, with free time to explore the collection at your leisure. (B)
Included Experience – Visit the Guggenheim Museum

Day 7 – Santillana Del Mar & Altamira Cave Museum
This morning, we take a scenic drive through the Cantabria region, dominated by lush forest and the dizzying peaks of the magnificent Picos de Europa mountains in the distance, before a visit to the medieval town of Santillana del Mar, one of the most picturesque in Spain and a joy to explore. Wander its well-preserved cobbled streets, admire the charming ensemble of 15th- to 17th-century golden houses and see its Romanesque Collegiate Church. Later, we continue to Altamira, one of the most important prehistoric caves in Europe as it contains some of the world's finest examples of Ice Age art – bison, deer and ibex have been masterfully rendered in charcoal and red ochre. We visit the cave museum nearby to see its remarkably accurate facsimile, built to protect the original paintings – it's every bit as astonishing as the original and enables us to have a detailed look at the fascinating facets of this complex masterpiece. (B)
Included Experience – Scenic drive through the Cantabria region, and visits to Santillana del Mar and Altamira cave Museum

Day 8 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your return journey. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Daily Breakfast, (D) 1 Dinner.
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Frank Gehry's Guggenheim, opened in 1997, reshaped Bilbao's identity as a capital of modern architecture and art


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Dubrovnik & the Dalmatian Coast

Lord Byron hailed Dubrovnik the 'Pearl of the Adriatic', and on this tour you'll see why: stroll limestone streets and mighty walls, marvel at Split's Diocletian's Palace, and be mesmerised by Krka National Park's tumbling waterfalls.




Krka National Park

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Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Croatia
Arrive at Dubrovnik or Split airport for the transfer to your hotel in Omiš. (D)

DAY 2 – Krka Valley
Driving inland to the Krka Valley, we'll see the stunning sequence of lakes with reflections of the majestic surrounding peaks and luxuriant forests rippling on their surfaces. And witness one of the most dramatic stretches of the river as you walk past several tiers of waterfalls tumbling magnificently into a broad, shallow pool, before we take a boat trip. As we explore further into the park, you'll notice the refreshing coolness of the shaded walkways and the calming soundtrack of rushing water accompanying each step. The scenery changes constantly, offering new viewpoints over emerald pools and cascades, making the entire journey feel wonderfully immersive. (B,D)
Included Experiences – Visit Krka National Park with included boat trip

DAY 3 – Split & Trogir
We enjoy the spectacular Dalmatian coastline on our way to Split for a guided walking tour. We'll see the colossal palace of Emperor Diocletian, one of the great structures of the Roman Empire. Later, we visit the nearby medieval citadel of Trogir. The Old Town is actually an island. A wealth of Renaissance and Romanesque buildings line a maze of charmingly chaotic lanes and at the centre is the exquisite Cathedral of Saint Lawrence. As we wander through Split, the lively waterfront promenade buzzes gently with locals enjoying the morning sun, adding to the city's vibrant atmosphere. Trogir, by contrast, feels more intimate – its narrow lanes revealing hidden courtyards, artisan shops and quiet corners that capture the enduring charm of this UNESCO-listed gem. (B,D)
Included Experiences – Guided walking tour of Split. Visit Trogir

DAY 4 – Mali Ston & Tasting
Today we explore the scenic Pelješac peninsula, renowned for its vineyards and seafood. The charming medieval towns of Ston and Mali Ston are famed for their salt production, with the oldest salt pans dating back over 4000 years. On arrival, we visit a traditional family-run wine cellar. Here, we'll immerse ourselves in the authentic flavours of Ston and Mali Ston. We will sample the locally produced wines with cheese and prosciutto. Our hosts will guide us through a selection of delicious local wines, sharing their knowledge and stories. Beyond the wine tasting, the region's peaceful rhythm becomes part of the experience – the gentle clatter of fishing boats, the scent of wild herbs drifting on the breeze, and the warm hospitality of the locals all contributing to a perfectly authentic glimpse into traditional coastal life. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. (B,D)
Included Experiences – Visits to the Pelješac peninsula and Ston, plus wine tasting with cheese and prosciutto


Cavtat

DAY 5 – Dubrovnik
Dubrovnik nestles in a location of outstanding natural beauty, and our walking tour with an expert local guide highlights the city's landmarks and intriguing history. As you stroll through its atmospheric streets, you'll find scenes worthy of a postcard at every turn – from sunlit squares to ancient fortifications watching over the glistening sea. After your tour, take time to wander freely and discover why Dubrovnik continues to inspire travellers from around the world. After, we return to the hotel for dinner. (B,D)
Included Experience – Guided walking tour of Dubrovnik

DAY 6 – Free day in Dubrovnik
You have the day to yourself, so what is it to be? The options are many and the choice is yours. The blend of culture, coastline and relaxed Mediterranean charm invites you to shape your own unforgettable day. (B,D)



DAY 7 – Traditional Watermill & Cavtat
We drive south through the lush fields and immaculate vineyards of Konavle. The rivers that flow through the valley encouraged the construction of mills for agricultural development but today only three remain operational. We visit one of these watermills to learn how woollen cloth was produced. As you explore the mill, the gentle hum of the flowing river and the craftsmanship on display paint a vivid picture of rural life. Afterwards we enjoy a welcome drink made with homemade liqueurs and a selection of local cheeses, prosciutto, bread and wine for which Konavle is well known. We then visit Cavtat, a picturesque town on the Adriatic Coast set amidst an evergreen forest of pine and cypress trees. Its palm-lined promenade and calm bay create a serene backdrop for a memorable lunch or waterside stroll. For lunch, perhaps have the catch of the day at one of the restaurants and cafés overlooking the harbour. (B,D)
Included Experiences – Visit a traditional water mill and sample local delicacies. Visit Cavtat

DAY 8 – Return flight
Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

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Classic Greece

The crucible of civilisation, democracy, theatre and philosophy, Greece is synonymous with antiquity. Its capital city, Athens, is a city of intriguing paradoxes – ancient yet modern, bustling yet intimate in places.







Epidaurus

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Athens

DAY 2 – Athens
Enjoy a leisurely morning exploring Athens. Why not explore the charming district of Plaka, crammed with neo-classical mansions, balconies overflowing with geraniums and twisting cobbled lanes lined with homely tavernas? After free time for lunch, we depart for Delphi, driving north past Mt Pendeli and through Thebes, to Mt Parnassus. (B,D)

DAY 3 – Delphi
Delphi is incredible, with a unique wealth of monuments dedicated to Apollo. As we enter the sacred sanctuary, you'll see the treasuries which were filled with gold and silver donated by grateful city-states for having the benefit of the god's wisdom. Overlooking it all is the superb temple itself. The adjacent museum has some of the finest exhibits, including the full-size 'Charioteer', a masterpiece of ancient bronze sculpture. In the afternoon we cross the huge spans of the Rio bridge connecting the mainland with the Peloponnese and continue to ancient Olympia. (B,D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Delphi

DAY 4 – Olympia
The ancient Olympic Games took place every four years; the stadium had a staggering capacity of 45,000 and events included the discus and javelin, sprinting and wrestling. We'll experience a fascinating tour of the site, also visiting the excellent museum. This afternoon, we drive through the province of Arcadia and on to Nafplion, our base for the next three nights. (B)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Olympia and museum entrance

DAY 5 – Mycenae & Epidaurus
This morning, we visit the ancient theatre of Epidaurus and then Mycenae, entering the imposing citadel through its magnificent 3,300-year old Lion Gate. We return to Nafplion in the afternoon, with free time. One of Greece's loveliest seaside towns, Nafplion is crowned by two massive castles. (B)
Included Experiences – Visits to Epidaurus and Mycenae

DAY 6 – Nafplion free day
From late April to early November (weather dependent), we offer an optional boat cruise to two stunning islands: Spetses and Hydra. Spetses is the most southerly of the Saronic Islands, with pine-covered low hills leading down to an attractive main town, full of narrow alleyways, shady squares and waterfront restaurants. Hydra boasts a lovely harbour with traditional 'caiques', whilst up the hill behind them are opulent mansions, once owned by rich shipping families. Most streets are unsuitable for cars, so wander where your feet take you and enjoy a coffee. Alternatively, enjoy a full free day in Nafplion exploring the local area. (B)

DAY 7 – Acropolis
Say goodbye to Nafplion and head back to Athens, via the Corinth Canal. Later today, we will visit the Acropolis, one of the great 'Wonders of the Ancient World'. (B)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Acropolis site and museum

DAY 8 – Return flight (B)

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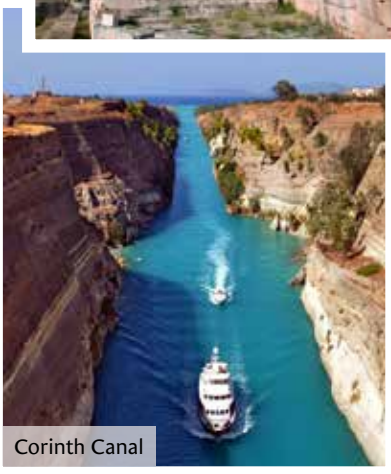
Inside the Treasury's marble walls, Athenians carved hymns to Apollo with actual musical notation, preserving the oldest written melody in Greece





Corinth Canal



Hydra Island banned motorised vehicles since the 1950s, relying entirely on donkeys, horses, and mules for daily transport through its steep, narrow, traditional streets



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Crete Uncovered

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⌂ Hotel location



Margarites

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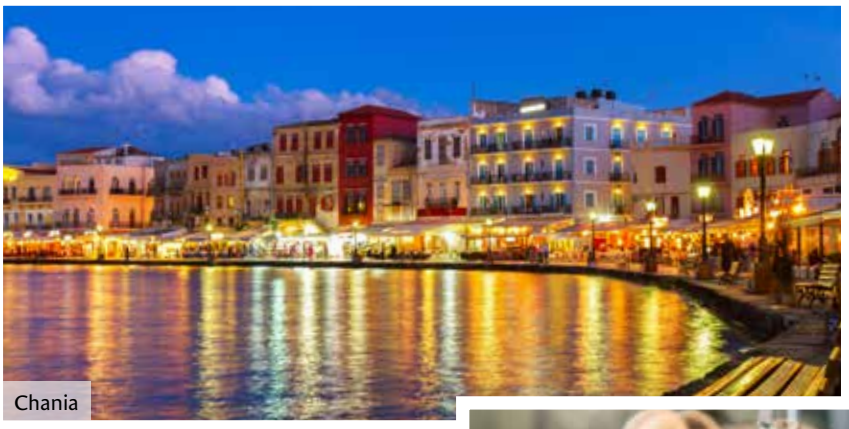
Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Crete
Fly to Heraklion or Chania, depending on your departure airport, and transfer to your hotel in Heraklion for a three-night stay.

DAY 2 – Heraklion
We begin with a guided visit to Heraklion's world-famous Archaeological Museum, home to extraordinary Minoan artefacts dating back 3,000-5,000 years. Highlights include the delicate Bee Pendant from Malia, the striking Bull's Head rhyton and the mysterious Phaistos Disc. These pieces offer a vivid glimpse into the artistry, beliefs and daily life of Europe's earliest civilisation. We then continue to the archaeological site of Knossos, often described as Europe's first city. Once a vast multi-storey palace filled with colourful art and an impressively advanced plumbing system, its sprawling courtyards and corridors bring Minoan society to life. Walking through ruins, it's easy to sense the scale and sophistication of this remarkable civilisation. Later, we change pace with a visit to a family-run agritourismo for a delicious lunch made entirely from ingredients grown on-site or sourced nearby. (B,L)
Included Experiences – Guided visits to Heraklion Archaeological Museum and Knossos Archaeological Site and visit to a family-owned agritourism with lunch

DAY 3 – Plaka, Spinalonga Island & Agios Nikolaos
Travel to the coastal village of Plaka for free time to enjoy a coffee or a stroll before boarding a boat to Spinalonga. Our guided tour reveals the island's layered past – from Venetian fortress defending the ancient city of Olous to its poignant 20th-century story as Europe's last leper colony, which closed in 1957. Back on the mainland, we continue along the coast to Agios Nikolaos, set on the Gulf of Mirabello. Enjoy free time to explore its colourful buildings, waterfront cafes and inviting shops at your own pace. (B)
Included Experience – Boat ride to Spinalonga with a guided tour and visit to Agios Nikolaos


Agios Nikolaos


Chania

DAY 4 – Margarites, Rethymno & Souda Bay
Today begins with a visit to Margarites, a charming village long known for its pottery traditions. Wandering its maze of narrow streets and alleys, you'll spot workshops and colourful displays of tiles, jars, pots and vases lining courtyards and doorways. Next, we visit Rethymno, one of Greece's best-preserved medieval towns. With its beautiful harbour and lanes framed by citrus and pomegranate trees, bougainvillaea and jasmine, it's delightful to explore. After a short orientation tour, enjoy time at leisure for lunch and browsing. We then pause at the Commonwealth Military War Cemetery at Souda Bay – a peaceful, moving site overlooking the water – before travelling on to our hotel in Chania. (B)
Included Experiences – Visits to Margarites, Rethymno and Souda Bay War Cemetery

DAY 5 – Chania & Botanical Gardens
Enjoy a guided walking tour of Chania, following its centuries-old streets from the Venetian harbour and lighthouse to the former Ottoman quarter of Splanzia, alive with cafes, churches and local life. We continue into the foothills of the White Mountains to visit the Botanical Gardens of Crete. Created after a devastating wildfire, these 200-acre gardens now nurture plants and trees from around the world alongside rare native species. After time to wander at your own pace, we enjoy a small tea tasting featuring blends made from herbs grown on-site. (B)
Included Experiences – Guided walking tour of Chania and visit to the Botanical Gardens of Crete with a tea tasting


Spinalonga Island


Olive oil has been central to Cretan cuisine since Minoan times, appearing in religious rituals, medicine and everyday cooking

DAY 6 – Free day in Chania
Enjoy a full day discovering more of Chania at your own pace. Meander through the old town's charming lanes, relax at a harbour-side cafe with a drink and pastry, or perhaps step inside the inviting cathedral, Maritime Museum, or Archaeological Museum. If you'd rather take it slowly, nearby beaches offer an easy escape for sunshine and sea views. (B)

DAY 7 – Aptera & Monastery of the Holy Trinity
This morning, we visit Aptera, once a powerful city-state with sweeping views over Souda Bay. Explore the sights, including its ancient theatre, impressive Roman cistern and sturdy fortifications. We then continue to the 17th-century monastery of the Holy Trinity, known for its striking Venetian-inspired architecture and serene courtyards. After browsing the small museum, we head into the historic cellars to learn about the monastery's long tradition of wine and olive oil production – and enjoy a tasting paired with local treats. (B,L)
Included Experiences – Guided tours of the Aptera Archaeological site and the Monastery of the Holy Trinity with olive oil and wine tasting

DAY 8 – Return home (B)

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Krakow

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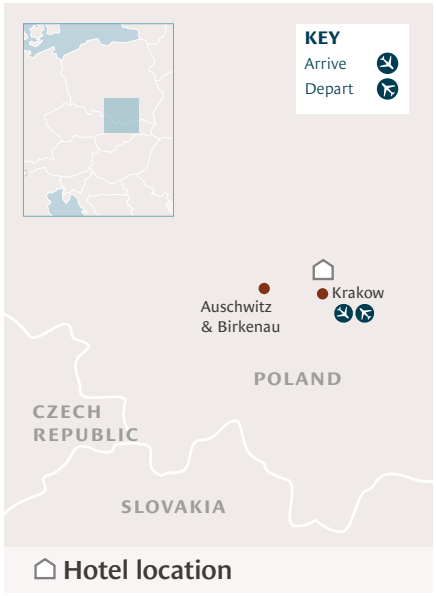



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Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Krakow
Arrive at Krakow airport and transfer to your hotel.

DAY 2 – Krakow
We enjoy a guided walking tour of Krakow's historic centre. Rynek Glowny, the medieval main square, is lined with grand pastel-coloured buildings. In the centre is the Cloth Hall, a splendid colonnaded building of the textile trade from the 16th-century. Overlooking the square is Saint Mary's Basilica and you'll also see the 110-foot-high Florian Gate and the remains of the fortifications built during the early 14th-century. We visit the Wawel Royal Castle district, inhabited since the Palaeolithic period. The complex includes the cathedral, royal apartments, state rooms, crown treasury and armoury. There's free time to explore the rest of the complex, including the three-tiered Italianate Renaissance courtyard. This afternoon there's an opportunity to tour the famous 13th-century Wieliczka Salt Mines, a spectacular subterranean attraction adorned by statues and even a chapel, all sculpted from rock salt that looks like marble. (B)
Included Experiences – Guided walking tour of Krakow and Wawel Royal Castle District

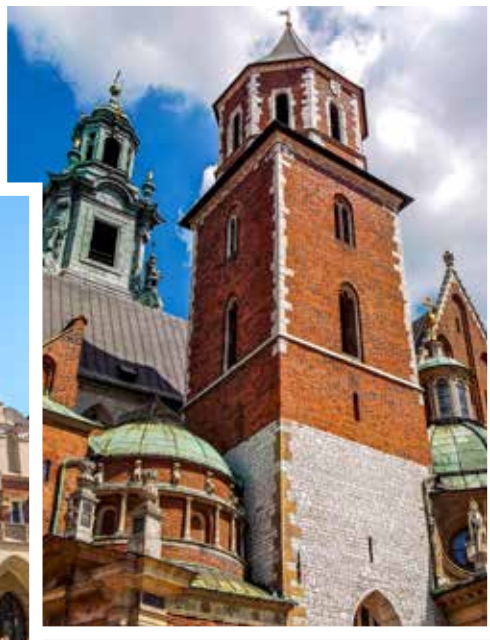
DAY 3 – Auschwitz & Birkenau
We thought long and hard about how appropriate it would be to include this morning's destination in a holiday – Auschwitz and Birkenau. These places need no introduction. As a company, our philosophy is that we try to inform our clients about all aspects of the countries we visit, which includes the history as well as visits to 'tourist musts.' Auschwitz has been left virtually as it was when it was liberated in 1945. It is now a museum and monument. This morning's guided tour will be extremely moving. First, we visit Auschwitz and then nearby Birkenau and the notorious watchtower from where we can appreciate the sheer scale of the atrocities that happened. We return to Krakow during the afternoon, and the mood will immediately lift as we have time to explore Krakow's beautiful range of attractions. Alternatively, if you wish to stay in Krakow for the full day, you are free to do so. (B)
Included Experiences – Guided tours of Auschwitz and Birkenau

DAY 4 – Return flight
Transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)

All flights and transfers are included.
(B) Daily Breakfast


Vistula river


Myth and monarchy meet at Wawel Castle, which served as the seat of Polish royalty for over 500 years




The Main Market Square (Rynek Główny) is the largest medieval town square in Europe

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Saigon



Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Travel to Saigon

DAY 2 – Arrival in Saigon
After your journey, you could relax at the hotel or take a stroll to explore nearby sights.

DAY 3 – Saigon
Begin your morning with a guided tour of Saigon's key sights, including the Reunification Palace, War Remnants Museum, and lively Ben Thanh Market. Capture the charm of the Central Post Office's colonial architecture before returning to the hotel. The afternoon is at leisure. (B)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Saigon City

DAY 4 – Cu Chi Tunnels
Head to the Cu Chi Tunnels—an extraordinary network of underground passages used by the Viet Cong. Located 30 miles from Saigon, the tunnels housed command posts, kitchens, and hospitals, surviving intense bombing. There's also an optional visit to a firing range with historic weapons. The afternoon is at leisure. (B)
Included experiences – Tour of Cu Chi Tunnels

DAY 5 – Board the ship
After lunch, transfer to My Tho Port to board the Riviera Alba and, as the ship sets sail, raise a glass during the welcome reception and safety briefing. (B,D)

DAY 6 – Cai Be – Sa Dec
After breakfast, board small wooden boats and glide through the canals to visit a local village for a tasting of seasonal fruits. After lunch onboard, continue to Sa Dec for a walking tour of this vibrant place. Visit the house referred to in the novel 'The Lover' by French writer Marguerite Duras, now a museum and experience the colourful Chinese temple as well as the sights and smells of the local market. (B,L,D)
Included experiences – Visits to Cai Be & Sa Dec

DAY 7 – An Giang – Dong Thap
Begin with a guided walk in An Giang province, known locally as 'Mango Island'. Visit a village where bamboo baskets are crafted; sample sweet mangoes; and see a century-old Catholic church and colonial-style home. In the afternoon, cruise to a village in the Dong Thap region, passing floating fish farms en route and enjoy a lively 'unicorn dance'. (B,L,D)
Included experiences – Guided tours of Gieng Island & Village in Dong Thap



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Riviera Alba – *see website*

DAY 8 – Cruising the Mekong
Enjoy a leisurely day aboard as the ship cruises towards Cambodia. Take part in optional activities on board or simply relax. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 – Phnom Penh
Hop into a tuk-tuk for a guided tour of Phnom Penh, including the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, and National Museum. The afternoon is at leisure before a traditional Apsara dance performed by local children and dinner this evening on board. (B,L,D)
Included experience – Guided tour of Phnom Penh

DAY 10 – Phnom Penh
Begin the day with a poignant visit to Choeung Ek, one of Cambodia's infamous Killing Fields, where a glass stupa filled with skulls honours victims of the Khmer Rouge. Continue to the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, offering sobering insight into Cambodia's dark past. The afternoon is at leisure in Phnom Penh before we begin sailing again. (B,L,D)
Included experiences – Visits to Choeung Ek Memorial & Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum

DAY 11 – Wat Roka Kaong – Opopel Village After breakfast, visit Wat Roka Kaong, which was restored after the discovery of a sacred statue. Later, cruise to Opopel Village for a guided walk and a chance to meet locals, visit the village school, and pause at the monastery. In the evening, enjoy a farewell celebration hosted by the crew, followed by a special Cambodian dinner. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Visits to Wat Roka Kaong and Opopel Village

DAY 12 – Kampong Cham – Siem Reap
This morning, bid farewell to the ship and travel by coach to Siem Reap, stopping at the Kampong Kdei Bridge. After lunch at a local restaurant, enjoy a relaxed afternoon at the hotel. In the evening, attend the Phare Cambodian Circus. (B,L)
Included experiences – Visit to Kampong Kdei Bridge & watch a Phare Circus performance

DAY 13 – Temples of Angkor
Rise early to explore Angkor beginning at Angkor Thom, the former royal city. After lunch, explore Ta Prohm, where ancient roots entwine with crumbling walls in a dramatic jungle setting. End the day at Angkor Wat, perfectly positioned for sunset. (B)
Included experience – Guided tour of the Temples of Angkor

DAY 14 – Siem Reap and Hanoi
After a leisurely morning and lunch, transfer to the airport for your early evening flight to Hanoi. (B,D)

DAY 15 – Hanoi
This morning, enjoy a guided tour through Hanoi, seeing the Temple of Literature and the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. Return to the hotel for lunch at leisure and a chance to freshen up before your overnight flight home. (B)
Included experience – Guided tour of Hanoi

DAY 16 – Arrive home

All flights and transfers are included.

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.

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Phnom Penh



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Auckland



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Your itinerary

DAYS 1 & 2 – Travel to Auckland
Travel to the airport for your overnight flight to New Zealand, which – because of the time difference – will arrive in Auckland on Day 3.

DAY 3 – Arrival in Auckland
Arrive in Auckland – 'The City of Sails' – and transfer to your hotel. The rest of your day is at your leisure.

DAY 4 – Bay of Islands
Departing Auckland, we head north over the Auckland Harbour Bridge along the Hibiscus Coast to view giant Kauri trees at the Parry Kauri Park. We reach Paihia in the Bay of Islands in the afternoon to enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty House, where in 1840 Māori chiefs and the original European settlers signed the Treaty of Waitangi, the basis of the future governance of New Zealand. (B)
Included Experiences – Visit Parry Kauri Park and guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty House

DAY 5 – Bay of Islands cruise
This morning, we see the Bay of Islands in the best way possible – via boat. If you're lucky, you may see wild dolphins, which are common in the Bay of Islands. Continue on to Cape Brett and the famous 'Hole in the Rock'. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure.
Included Experience – Boat cruise in the Bay of Islands

DAY 6 – Auckland
This morning, we leave the Bay of Islands, travelling south on the Twin Coast Discovery Highway through Whangarei and across Harbour Bridge, arriving in Auckland for a sightseeing tour. Our tour includes the panoramic city and harbour views from Bastion Point, trendy Parnell Village, the lovely bays of the waterfront drive and the vibrant Viaduct Harbour area. We also visit the Auckland Museum to see the taonga (treasures) of the Māori. Your afternoon is free to explore independently. (B)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Auckland

DAY 7 – Waitomo Caves & Rotorua
Leaving Auckland, we'll head south and journey to the rural area of Waitomo. Here, we'll go underground to explore the famous Waitomo Caves – an ancient labyrinth of caves and grottos famous for their fascinating limestone stalagmites and stalactites formed over thousands of years. You can also enjoy a silent underground boat ride to the starry wonderland of the magnificent glowworm grotto. Next, we'll visit Rotorua, famous for its thermal activity – mud pools, geysers, hot springs – as well as its Māori cultural activities. We'll visit Te Puia – where our local Māori guide will explain traditional Māori arts and crafts – and we'll view the famous Pohutu Geyser in the Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley. After our guided tour, our evening begins with a delicious buffet dinner, including food from the hangi – a traditional Māori method of cooking before a powerful cultural performance in the fully carved Te Aronui-a-Rua meeting house.
Included Experiences – Visit the Waltomo Caves and Rotorua, enjoy a Māori feast

DAY 8 – Free day or Hobbiton
Today you can have a free day exploring Rotorua, or visit the Hobbiton Movie Set for a guided tour. Plucked from the pages of J.R.R. Tolkien's famous novels and transformed for the big screen by Peter Jackson, we'll follow our guide around the ten-acre site. We'll see structures made for both the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit films. After exploring, we'll enjoy a complimentary drink in the Green Dragon Inn and return to the Shires Rest before returning to Rotorua for an afternoon at leisure. (B)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Hobbiton

DAY 9 – Napier
We travel to the lakeside town of Taupo, stopping en route at Huka Falls. Then it's on to Napier, known as the Art Deco capital of the world. On arrival we meet our local guides and take a fascinating walking tour. (B)
Included Experiences – Visit Huka Falls and a guided tour of Napier

DAY 10 – Wellington
Continue south to Wellington for one night in New Zealand's capital. Enjoy a sightseeing tour with free time to explore the vibrant waterfront and beautiful gardens. We also visit Te Papa, New Zealand's outstanding National Museum (self-guided) to learn about the land's diverse peoples, wildlife and landscapes. (B)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Wellington and visit Te Papa National Museum

DAY 11 – Nelson
Today we cruise to the South Island, across the Cook Strait by Interislander ferry, through the Marlborough Sounds. We continue to Blenheim, and the famous wine-producing region of Marlborough, where we stop for some wine tasting, arriving in Nelson later in the day. (B)
Included Experience – Wine tasting in Marlborough

DAY 12 – Abel Tasman cruise
This morning, we join a catamaran cruise along the shoreline of Abel Tasman National Park. En route, you'll learn about the history of the park and view the famous Split Apple Rock, a fur seal colony and the park's golden beaches. For the more adventurous, there is the option of landing ashore at Kaiteriteri and taking a walk to Apple Tree Bay (approx. 2hrs) to Anchorage. Our boat will collect the walkers at Anchorage on its return down the coast. A packed lunch is included today. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure in Nelson. (B,L)
Included Experience – Catamaran cruise along Abel Tasman National Park shoreline

DAY 13 – Christchurch
Travelling south through the Maruia Forest and over the Lewis Pass we'll arrive at the alpine village of Hanmer Springs for a lunch stop (not included) before continuing to the 'garden city' of Christchurch. We have the opportunity to visit the Re-Start Mall, the controversial 'Cardboard Cathedral' and the Botanic Gardens. (B)
Included Experiences – Visit to Hanmer Springs and Christchurch


Rotorua


Hobbiton

DAY 14 – Tranzalpine train & helicopter flight
Today we'll traverse the Southern Alps aboard the world-famous TranzAlpine train to Arthur's Pass. From your modern panoramic carriage, you'll pass spectacular gorges and river valleys of the ice-fed Waimakariri River, crossing bridges and viaducts en route. At Arthur's Pass, we'll be met by our coach for the journey to the West Coast, stopping in Hokitika to visit a Greenstone workshop where the local jade-like stone, highly prized by pre-European Māori, is crafted into exquisite jewellery. We'll continue south through forests and farmland to the village of Franz Josef. This magnificent glacial alpine environment offers a 20-minute scenic helicopter flight to view the incredible glacier as it winds down the ice-carved valleys. This exhilarating experience finishes with an alpine landing (subject to poor weather conditions. Alternative flights are in Queenstown or Mount Cook). (B)
Included Experiences – Travel on the Tranzalpine train and experience a helicopter flight to the Franz Josef Glacier

DAY 15 – Queenstown
Continuing south, we'll travel through part of the South West New Zealand World Heritage Area – designated for its dramatic forest, mountain scenery and natural resources – and over the Haast Pass to the popular Lake Wanaka, and finally arriving in Queenstown. (B)
Included Experience – Travel through South West New Zealand World Heritage Area

DAY 16 – Free day in Queenstown
Today is at leisure to enjoy all that 'adventure capital of the world' has to offer. Experience the thrill of a jet-boat ride along the Shotover River, scenic helicopter flights, guided walks, a cruise across Lake Wakatipu on the 100-year old vintage steamboat TSS Earnslaw, or ride the Skyline Gondola high above Queenstown for superb views of the area. (B)

DAY 17 – Milford Sound cruise
Leaving Queenstown, we'll skirt the shores of Lake Wakatipu, and travel via Te Anau through the Homer Tunnel into the spectacular Cleddau valley and famous Milford Sound, arguably the most spectacular fjord in the country, within the Fiordland National Park, part of the UNESCO South West New Zealand World Heritage Area. A boat trip on the deep fjord, a Thermal pool in Waiotapu, Rotorua waters between sheer granite cliffs rising thousands of feet, affords wonderful views of mile-high Mitre Peak and the 500-foot Stirling Falls. There is a good chance of seeing dolphins, fur seals or penguins during our trip before we return to the charming small lakeside resort of Te Anau. A packed lunch is included today. (B,L)
Included Experience – Cruise around Milford Sound

DAY 18 – Omarama
Today we travel back north and visit Arrowtown, with its colourful history as a gold-mining boomtown. We continue through the rugged Kawarau Gorge, past Lake Dunstan, across the distinctive Central Otago countryside (where many scenes from The Lord of the Rings were filmed) and over the Lindis Pass to the vast Mackenzie Basin. (B)
Included Experience – Visit Arrowtown


Franz Josef Glacier

DAY 19 – Mount Cook
A day with some more spectacular sights. We'll head north alongside the azure glacier-fed Lake Pukaki to Mount Cook, at 12,316ft, New Zealand's highest mountain and surrounded by jagged snow-covered peaks. We'll continue towards Lake Tekapo and visit the Church of the Good Shepherd, before crossing Burkes Pass and the Canterbury Plains back into Christchurch. (B)
Included Experiences – Visit to Mount Cook and Lake Tekapo

DAY 20 – Return home
Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

DAY 21 – Arrive home

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Bay of Islands




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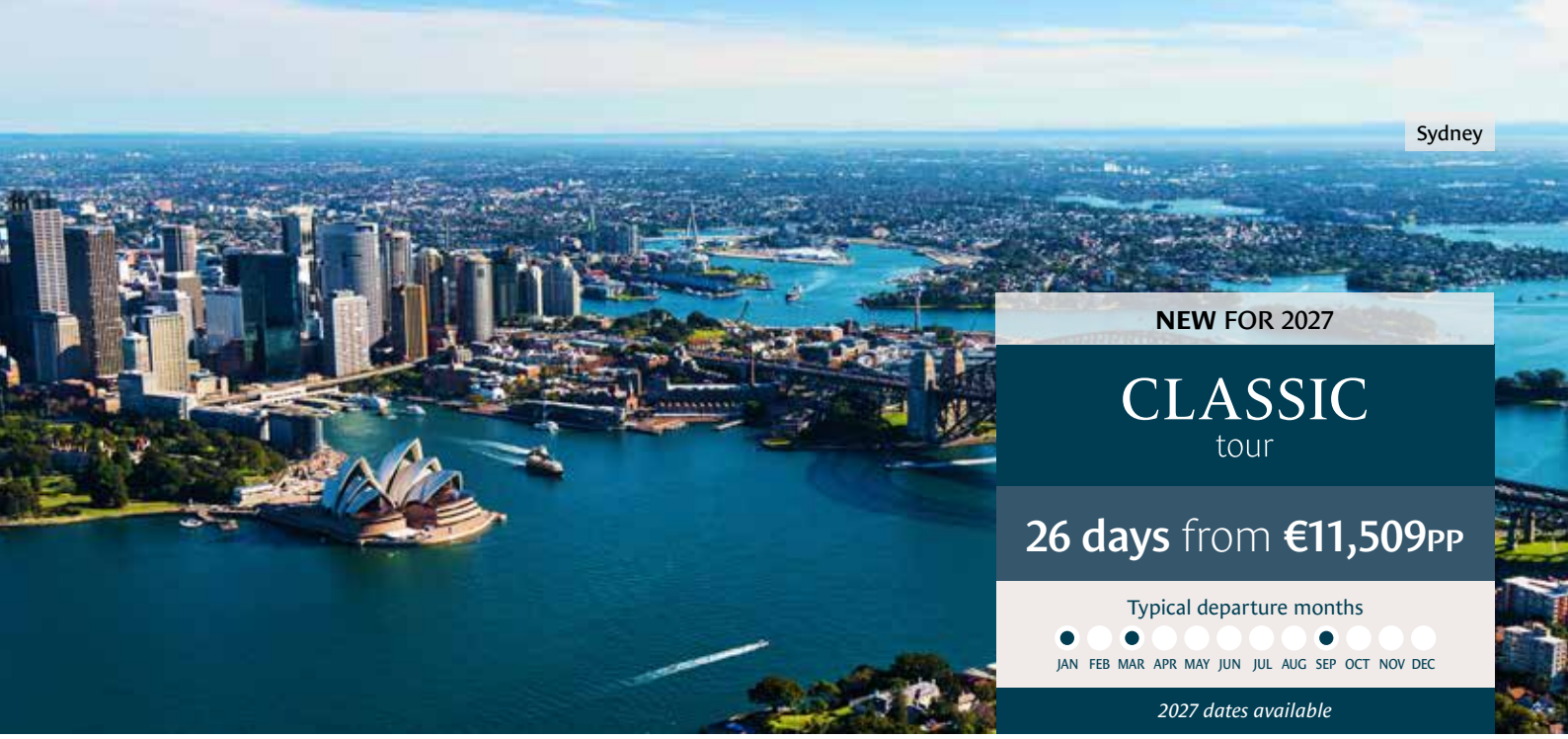

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DAY 20 – Melbourne
Introductory tour of Melbourne, including the Old Treasury Building and the Exhibition buildings, the famous Melbourne Cricket Ground and Rod Laver Arena, parklands and the War Memorial. (B)

DAY 21 – Puffing Billy & Philip Island
Ride a steam train through The Dandenong Ranges, visit the animals of Koala Centre and the marine life of Nobbies Centre and see the Penguin Parade. (B)

DAY 22 – Fly to Sydney (B)

DAY 23 – Sydney
Visit The Rocks and explore Sydney on a guided tour, visiting Bondi Beach, Mrs Macquarie's Chair, and the famous Sydney Opera House, where we'll have a guided tour. (B)

DAY 24 – Free day in Sydney
Today is free to see Sydney. This evening, enjoy a cruise through Sydney Harbour as the sun sets with a delicious 3-course dinner (drinks not included). (B,D)
Included Experience – Sydney Harbour dinner cruise

DAY 25 – Return home (B)

DAY 26 – Arrive home

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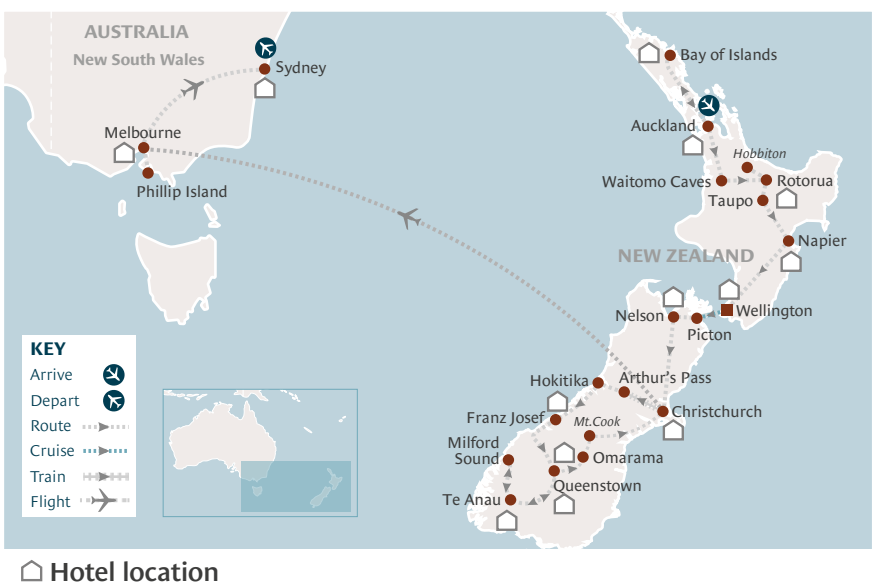
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.



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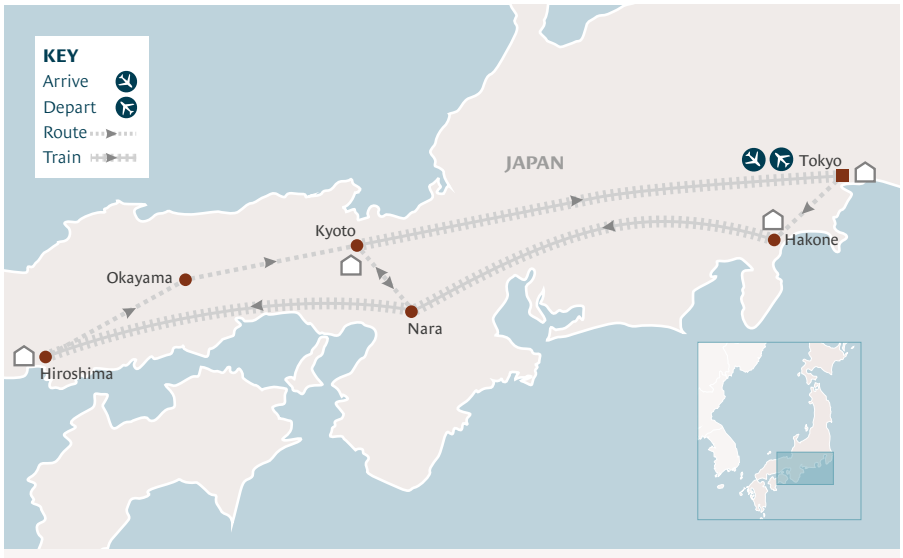

⌂ Hotel location



Takoyaki street food

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Departure

DAY 2 – Arrival in Tokyo
On our arrival, we transfer to our hotel where we spend the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 3 – Tokyo
We commence the exploration of Japan's capital and largest city. Our first stop is the famous Shinto Meiji Shrine, dedicated to one of its past emperors. Next, we explore Tokyo's version of Rodeo Drive – Omotesando Street, followed by the Harajuku area, known for bold teen fashion, and finally Akihabara electronic town. We savour some Japanese cuisine at our included lunch. (B,L)
Included Experience – Visit the Shinto Meiji shrine, Omotesando Street and Harajuku

DAY 4 – Tokyo
This morning, we visit Tokyo's Asakusa district - full of traditional small houses and shops. We will then transfer by boat down the Sumida River to Ginza, widely recognised as one of the world's most luxurious shopping destinations, and your afternoon is free to shop, visit the Tokyo National Museum, taste the flavours of Japan at a local restaurant or head back to your hotel to relax. (B)
Included Experience – Visit Tokyo's Asakusa district.

DAY 5 – Mount Fuji & Hakone
Saying goodbye to Tokyo, we drive towards Mount Fuji, probably Japan's most instantly recognisable sight. First, we visit with Lake Kawaguchi to soak in the mountain views. Then, we travel to Hakone and Lake Ashi, where we take a cruise on a rather unusual Japanese version of an early 19th-century pirate ship. (B,D)
Included Experience – Visit Lake Kawaguchi, Hakone and Lake Ashi. Visit the Kubota Itchiku Art Museum

DAY 6 – Bullet Train
This morning, we travel to Hiroshima on Japan's iconic bullet train, arriving at lunchtime, we visit Hiroshima's Peace Park and museum, displaying the remains of the only building to survive the atomic bomb blast of August 1945. (B)
Included Experiences – Travel on the Bullet Train and visit Hiroshima's Peace Park and museum

DAY 7 – Miyajima
Today, we make our way to one of the country's most distinctive views on the small island of Miyajima. A huge red 'torii' gate sits just offshore; widely celebrated, at high tide it appears to float between the sea and sky. Your afternoon is at leisure: you could choose to remain on Miyajima or head back to explore Hiroshima at leisure. (B,L)
Included Experiences – Visit to Miyajima.

DAY 8 – Kyoto
Leaving Hiroshima by coach, we head towards the old imperial capital of Kyoto for our four-night stay. En route, we'll visit Korakuen garden at Okayama – built in 1700 and renowned as one of Japan's most exquisite gardens. (B)
Included Experiences – Visit Korakuen garden

DAY 9 – Kyoto & Tea Ceremony
This morning is one of the real highlights of the tour as we discover some of the overwhelming treasures of Japan's most revered city. First is the beautiful Golden Pavilion, dating from the classical Muromachi age of Japanese temple design. Nearby is the Ryoan-ji temple, or the Temple of the Dragon at Peace, home to Japan's most famous Zen garden. We then visit the amazing Arashiyama Bamboo Forest – experiencing an almost other-worldly feel as the light streams through the tall green columns of bamboo, up to 30 feet high! Next – Nijo Castle, set at the heart of the city and built in the 17th century. Finally, we take a walking tour through Kyoto's Gion district, where we'll enjoy a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. (B)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Kyoto and the Gion district. Enjoy a traditional Japanese tea ceremony

DAY 10 – Nara
Capital city before Kyoto, Nara is just a few miles south. Here, traditional culture first took root, and it is famous for its great Buddhist monuments and time-honoured festivals. We see one of the country's most iconic shrines, made from thousands of red torii gates. The highlight is the Todai-ji temple, the world's largest wooden structure, housing a huge bronze Buddha. We also get an insight into the traditional Japanese sake drink, visiting a museum with a tasting. (B)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Nara and sake museum with tasting


Mount Fuji

DAY 11 – Free day in Kyoto
You're free today to explore and discover the many delights and attractions of Kyoto. Tonight, you also have the option of staying in a ryokan, a typical Japanese inn. You'll sleep on a rolled-out futon with tatami matting on the floor and enjoy a traditional 'kaiseki' multi-course dinner. This is subject to availability and needs to be pre-booked, please mention at time of booking. (B)

DAY 12 – Bullet Train
Take our bullet train to Tokyo, staying overnight near the airport. (B)
Included Experience – Travel on the Bullet Train

DAY 13 – Return flight (B)

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Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Departure
Fly to Colombo.

DAY 2 – Arrival in Colombo
After our morning arrival, we will transfer to the hotel, where you will have the rest of the afternoon at leisure. (D)

DAY 3 – Dambulla
The countryside is stunning – scenic paddy fields studded by water buffalos accompanied by wiry, loin-clothed farmers, extensive coconut groves, pineapple fields, working elephants with attentive mahouts and everywhere the dense jungle interspersed by huge lakes. We visit the 1st-century cave temples of Dambulla, a UNESCO World Heritage site with frescoes and Buddhist statues. (B,D)
Included Experience – Visit the temples of Dambulla

DAY 4 – Sigiriya Rock
Sigiriya, the 'Lion Rock', is a massive 600ft granite tower with sheer cliffs on all sides crowned by the remains of a 1,500-year-old royal palace, water gardens and caves. Later afternoon, watch the sunset and enjoy a poolside drinks reception with your fellow travellers at your hotel.* (B,D)
Included Experience – Visit Sigiriya Rock and *sundowner drinks

DAY 5 – Kandy
Sri Lanka is noted for its spices, so en route to Kandy, we visit a fascinating garden with many indigenous plants. You stay overlooking the scenic Mahaweli River, and this evening watch a traditional dancing display. (B,D)
Included Experiences – Visit a spice plantation

DAY 6 – Kandy
Kandy's centre is dominated by a beautiful lake and the fascinating Temple of the Tooth, said to hold Buddha's tooth. This is Buddhism's most sacred shrine on the island. We'll also visit the stunning Royal Botanical Gardens. Other highlights are the Avenue of Royal Palms and 'Bat' Drive, where you can spot the 'Flying Foxes'. Later, nature's wonders will be revealed on a fascinating cruise along the magnificent Mahaweli River in the company of a knowledgeable naturalist.* (B,D)
Included Experiences – Visits Kandy and the Temple of the Tooth, the Royal Botanical Gardens & *nature cruise along the Mahaweli River


Kandy

DAY 7 – Tea estates
We drive from Kandy, through mountainous scenery, to Sri Lanka's premier tea-growing areas. You visit one of the best-known tea estates, followed by a cup of Ceylon's finest. Later, indulge yourself with a sumptuous high tea at the acclaimed Grand Hotel in Nuwara Eliya with a choice of fragrant local teas or a glass of sparkling wine.* (B,D)
Included Experiences – Visit a tea estate and *afternoon tea at the Grand Hotel in Nuwara Eliya

DAY 8 – Elephant transit home & Yala
We stop at the Elephant Transit Home at Udawalawe National Park, where you'll be able to watch young elephant orphans being fed. (B,D)
Included Experiences – Visit the Elephant Transit Home

DAY 9 – Yala National Park
We explore the jungle in 4x4 vehicles. You might see leopards, elephants, saltwater crocodiles, wild boar, sloth bears, monitor lizards and birdlife. Later, you can relax by the hotel's pool before an optional second safari drive. (B,D)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Yala National Park

DAY 10 – Kalutara
We head to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Galle, with its imposing 16th-century Dutch fort. In Kalutara, our hotel is set on a narrow peninsula with 360-degree ocean and lagoon views. (B)
Included Experiences – Visit Galle

DAYS 11 to 12 – Free days
Perhaps relax in your hotel, rejuvenate at the spa or enjoy the pool. (B)

DAY 13 – Return flight
Return flight, arriving home the same day. (B)

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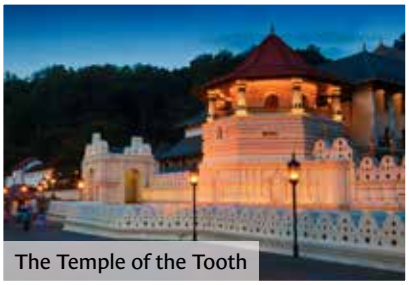
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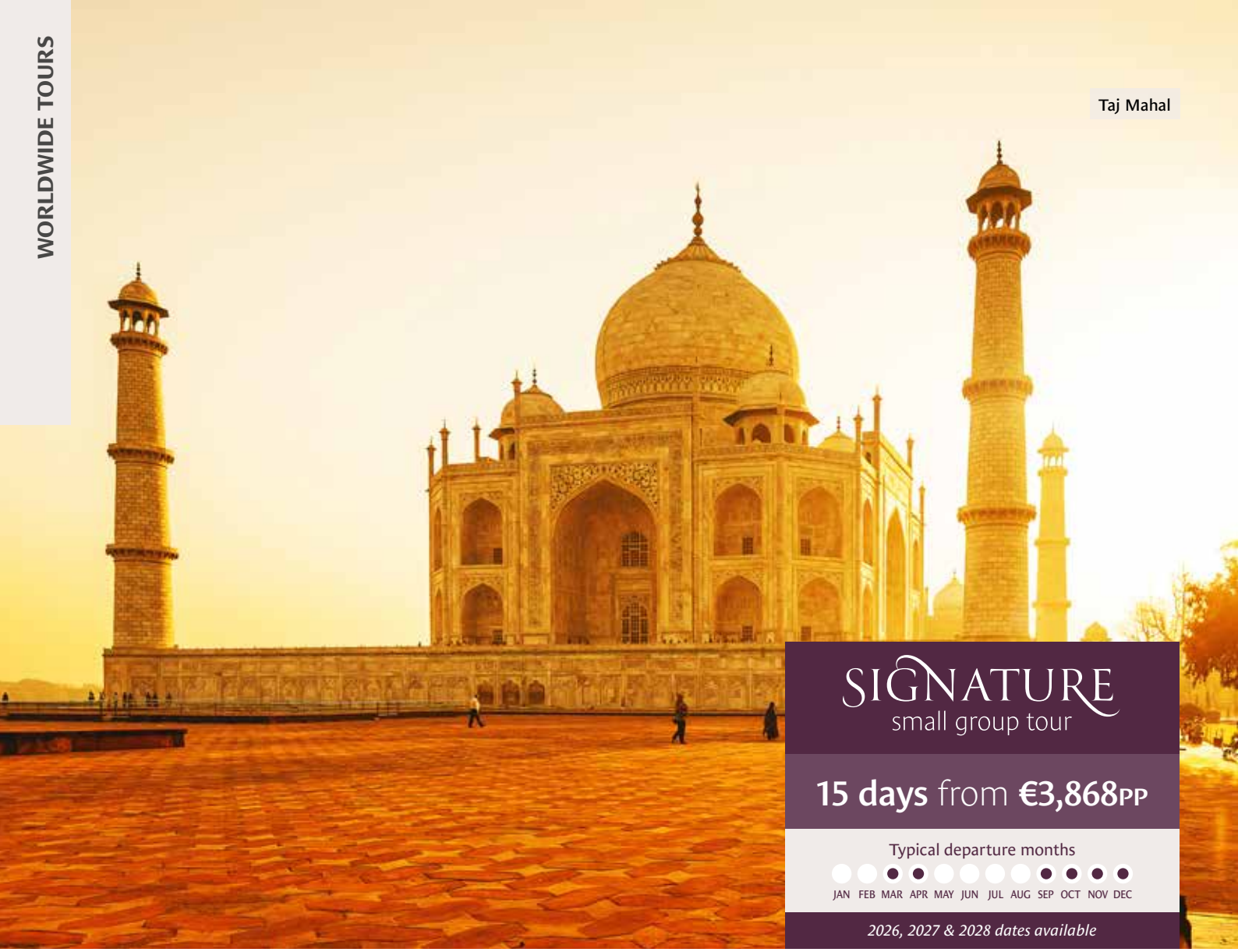

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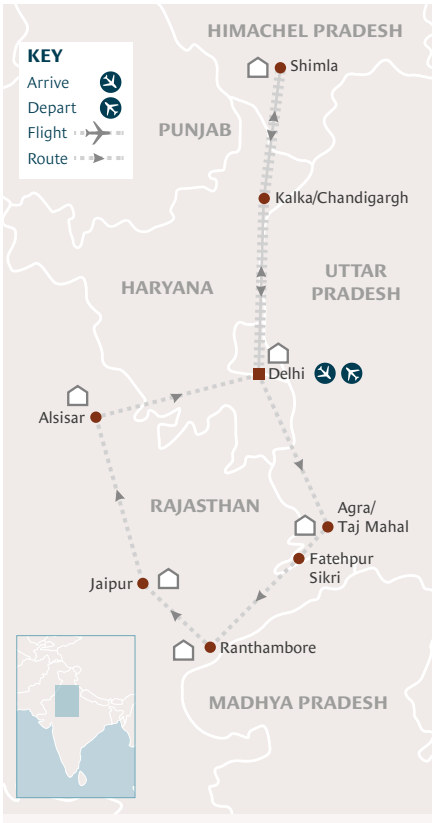

Hotel location

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Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Departure
Airport check-in for your overnight flight to Delhi.

DAY 2 – Arrival in Delhi
On arrival, we transfer to New Delhi for one night and after a short rest we commence our guided tour. The city centre, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens in 1911, is bisected by wide, tree-lined avenues, a hub which clearly reflects the Raj legacy and home to the former Viceroy's Palace, now the Presidential Palace. Heading down the imposing Rajpath, we pass the India Gate and the Parliament building. We'll visit some of Delhi's older monuments, including the Qutub Minaret, the tallest stone-built tower in India. A buffet dinner is included at your hotel tonight. (D)
Included Experience – Guided tour of New Delhi

DAY 3 – Old Delhi
This morning, we continue our city tour, first visiting Old Delhi, including the Raj Ghat – a fittingly simple memorial to Mahatma Gandhi – and a local Sikh temple. Then, meet the former street children whose lives have been turned around by a transformative charity for a walking tour of the vibrant streets of Old Delhi.* Later, travel to Agra. (B)
Included Experiences – Guided tour of Old Delhi & meet the children of the Salaam Baalak Trust

DAY 4 – Taj Mahal
We rise early for the jewel of our tour, watching the sun rise over the Taj Mahal, when its colours and ethereal beauty are at their most amazing. We continue our tour with a visit to the vast red sandstone Agra Fort. Completed in 1573, it was the headquarters of the Mughal Empire. In the evening, wander in the elegant gardens of Mehtab Bagh and gaze in awe at the Taj Mahal from a different angle, then enjoy dinner at a local restaurant in Agra.* (B)
Included Experiences – Visits to the Taj Mahal and Mehtab Bagh with evening meal


Ranthambore

DAY 5 – Fatehpur Sikri
Leaving Agra this morning, we continue towards the ancient, abandoned city of Fatehpur Sikri, built in 1571, with numerous palaces, wide courtyards and beautiful carvings. Just 15 kilometres away is the Laxmi Villas Palace in Bharat where we stop for lunch before going on to the railway station to catch the Shatabdi Express for our comfortable two and a half hour journey to Ranthambore National Park. India's famous Tiger Project was created to protect the country's tiger population. Despite many difficulties, the tigers of Ranthambore have survived, and numbers have stabilised. (B,L,D)
Included Experiences – Visit Fatehpur Sikri and enjoy lunch at the Laxmi Villas Palace in Bharat

DAY 6 – Ranthambore tiger safari
An early start as we head out to the park for our safari using specially built, 20-person, open-top four-wheel drive vehicles known as 'canters'. Ranthambore is now the best place to spot tigers in India, and over 300 bird species have also been counted here, including impressive, crested eagles, painted stork and wild peacocks. Other residents include large numbers of sambars, the largest Asian antelope, as well as marsh crocodiles, wild boar and leopards. Spend time with a knowledgeable naturalist and gain a greater understanding of the conservation of Ranthambore's elusive tigers. We return to our hotel in the late morning, with time to relax. In the afternoon, we take our second trip into the park. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Ranthambore tiger safari & expert talk by Ranthambore's naturalists

DAY 7 – Jaipur
Leaving Ranthambore, we head north to Rajasthan's capital city, Jaipur, known as the 'Pink City' because of the colour of its walls and many of its buildings. Our afternoon


The India Gate in New Delhi commemorates the 70,000 Indian soldiers who lose their lives fighting for the British Army during WWI


Fatehpur Sikri

tour will cover all the major highlights of this ancient city. (B,L)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Jaipur

DAY 8 – Amber Fort
This morning, you'll visit the immense Amber Fort, one of the masterpieces of Rajput architecture. Sampling all the most fascinating sights, our guided tour includes the sections reserved for the Maharajah's wives and concubines as well as the remarkable hall of mirrors. (B)
Included Experience – Guided tour of the Amber Fort

DAY 9 – Rajasthan
After breakfast, we will head north into rural Rajasthan, passing through small villages and towns. We will arrive at our hotel in time for lunch, and this afternoon, we will have a walking tour of a local village and explore some of the old havelis, or you may choose to relax by the pool, before our included dinner. (B,D)
Included Experience – Guided walking tour of a local village

DAY 10 – Delhi
Leave Rajasthan behind and return to New Delhi for a one-night stay. (B,D)

DAY 11 – Train to Shimla
We take the morning express train from Delhi for our four-hour journey north to Kalka. Our train reservations are in 'chair-class' carriages, with comfortable seating, air-conditioning and large windows. At Kalka, we change trains onto the Shimla narrow-gauge 'toy' train for the last part of our journey. Although the carriages are smaller and not air-conditioned, the compensation is the increasingly spectacular scenery en route. Inaugurated by Viceroy Lord Curzon back in 1903, its singletrack route, on a narrow gauge just 80cm wide, is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our journey encounters no less than 800 bridges and 102 tunnels as we trundle through desolate yet undeniably pretty landscapes of snowy mountains and an abundance of lush green mountainside on our 96-kilometre journey to Shimla. (B,L)
Included Experience – Travel on the Shimla Narrow-gauge railway

DAY 12 – Shimla
Today, we explore the many reminders of British colonial life in Shimla. Under British rule, it became a microcosm of late Victorian English society, and, thanks to the cooler climate at 7,300ft, Shimla is the ideal location to escape from the searing summer temperatures on the plains below. It is effectively the summer capital of the Raj. We visit the immense Viceregal Lodge and its botanical gardens. Built in Scottish baronial style to house the Viceroy and his staff for the six months they were based in the town, the interior areas that are open to the public give an incredible glimpse into the not-so-distant past. We also take a walk down the long, winding pedestrian-only Mall, from Scandal Point and Christ Church past the mock-Tudor Post Office, the Gaiety Theatre and the Town Hall. Cascading down the hillside, bazaars hum with life as locals and visitors frequent the plethora of shops and market stalls selling hardware, stationery, fabrics and spices. Many of their retro hand-painted signs look as though they haven't been changed since the British left. (B)
Included Experiences – Visit Shimla and the Viceregal Lodge

Amber Fort once used mirror mosaics to light rooms naturally







Taj Mahal



Viceregal Lodge

DAY 13 – Free day in Shimla
Enjoy a day at leisure in Shimla, relax at the hotel pool, book in for a treatment at the hotel's spa or do some last-minute bargain hunting in the markets – Shimla is known for the quality of its locally made pashmina shawls, so if you're looking for an authentic souvenir, you're in luck here. Alternatively, there are a number of short local 'treks' that can be arranged in the surrounding hills. A sumptuous buffet dinner at our hotel is included tonight. (B,D)

DAY 14 – Train to Delhi
Today, we say goodbye to Shimla as we start our return journey to Delhi. This time we descend by car to Kalka or Chandigarh, from where we catch the train back to Delhi for our last night. (B)

DAY 15 – Return flight
We depart Delhi in the early afternoon on our flight home, arriving back the same day. (B)

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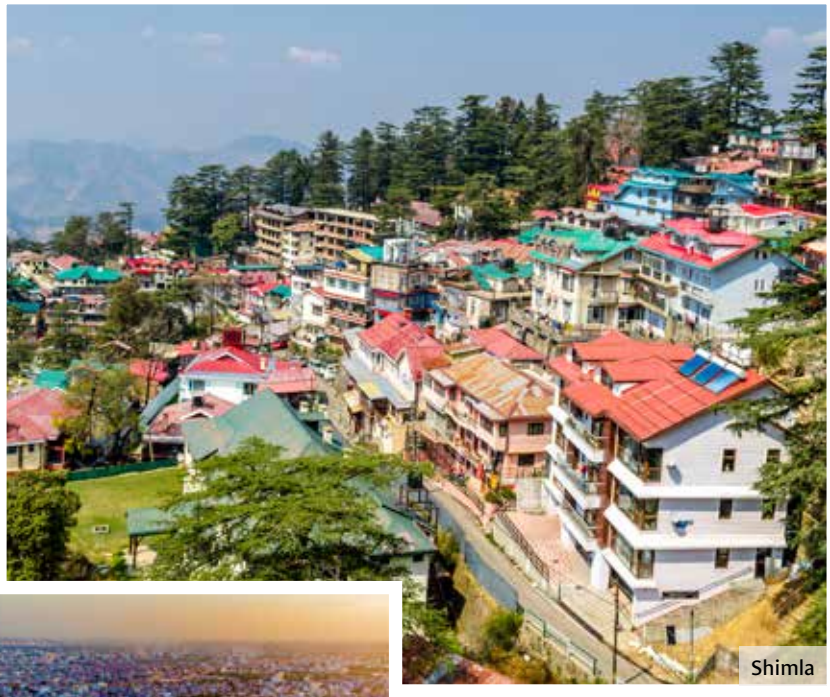
(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.



Shimla





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Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Departure

DAY 2 – Arrival in Johannesburg
Afternoon at leisure.

DAY 3 – Panorama Route
Follow the scenic Panorama Route to Kruger National Park and around the spectacular rim of the Blyde River Canyon to our hotel for the next three nights amidst lush forest on the banks of the Sabie River. (B,D)
Included Experience – Visit Blyde River Canyon and *drinks reception at Hippo Hollow Hotel**

DAY 4 – Kruger game drive
Enjoy a full day's game drive in specially adapted 4x4 vehicles. Experience areas of sweeping savannah, bisected by rivers full of hippos, and muddy waterholes lined with animals quenching their thirst. Perhaps we'll spot an elephant, a family of warthogs or possibly even the elusive cheetah! The experienced game rangers know the best tracks and waterholes, whilst their wealth of knowledge will amuse and fascinate you. (B)
Included Experience – 4x4 game drive in Kruger National Park

DAY 5 – Free day in Kruger
A day at leisure, so take it easy by one of the hotel pools or do some hippospotting from the lawn overlooking the river. Exclusively for Riviera Travel guests, there are also a limited number of places available to stay the night at a tented camp and go on a bushwalk. Enjoy a glamping experience, wholesome cuisine and listen out for any nocturnal visitors whilst sitting around the campfire! You rejoin the main tour on the morning of day 6. (B)
Included Experience – *Afternoon Game Drive in Kruger National Park.**

DAY 6 – Eswatini & KwaZulu-Natal
After breakfast, we'll drive south, entering the small but scenically beautiful country of Eswatini, formerly known as Swaziland. We cross back into South Africa in the afternoon and enter KwaZulu-Natal province. (B,D)

DAY 7 – Isandlwana & Rorke's Drift
Today we visit the battlefields of the Zulu Wars, Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift – one a crushing British defeat sending shock waves throughout the Empire, the other a valiant stand of just 140 against 4,000 Zulus. Isandlwana, particularly, remains a haunting and lonely place, with mass graves marked by simple white stones and our specialist Zulu guide will make those desperate encounters come alive. Later, we return to our hotel. (B,L)
Included Experience – Guided tours of Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift Battlefields

DAY 8 – Knysna
We return to Johannesburg airport, flying to George in the Western Cape and at the heart of the Garden Route, before the short drive to the coastal town of Knysna. Dinner at a local restaurant is included tonight. (B,D)

DAY 9 – Knysna & Featherbed Nature Reserve
This morning, we take a ferry across the lagoon to the Featherbed Nature Reserve, a South African Natural Heritage site which we explore by 4x4 vehicle. We stop at some magnificent viewpoints whilst our guide describes the area's fauna, flora, history and shipwrecks, followed by an easy downhill guided walk and delicious buffet lunch under the canopy of the milkwood trees. (B,L)
Included Experience – Guided tour of Featherbed Nature Reserve

DAY 10 – Hermanus
This morning, we take the long scenic drive to the Cape's beautiful Winelands before continuing to Hermanus, the world's best spot for on-shore whale watching (usually between July and November). These gentle giants move in seemingly permanent slow motion and are a truly amazing sight as they playfully cavort in the water. (B)
Included Experience – Visit Hermanus

DAY 11 – Winelands
Today we tour the beautiful Winelands, set in a valley backed by majestic mountains. Our first stop is Stellenbosch, home to South Africa's most prestigious university, period buildings and historic streets. We have time to explore before enjoying a fascinating cellar tour and tasting at an award-winning wine estate. Later, we visit the small town of Franschoek, set at the head of a valley, and tonight enjoy an included typical South Cape Malay buffet dinner at our hotel. (B,D)
Included Experience – Tour the Winelands with cellar tour and tasting

DAY 12 – Cape Town
Visit the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, set on the eastern slopes of Table Mountain, before arriving in Cape Town. (B)
Included Experience – Visit the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens

DAY 13 – Cape of Good Hope
Travel to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve - one of the world's biodiversity hotspots, passing Hout Bay and Chapman's Peak Drive. Then on to Cape Point, where the Indian and Atlantic Ocean currents meet. Finally, we visit Boulders Beach and its penguin colony, returning to the city during the afternoon. (B)
Included Experience – Visits to Cape Point, Cape of Good Hope and Boulders Beach

DAY 14 – Free day in Cape Town
Spend the day at leisure in Cape Town. (B)
Included Experience – *Visit District Six**

DAY 15 – Return flight (B)

DAY 16 – Arrive home

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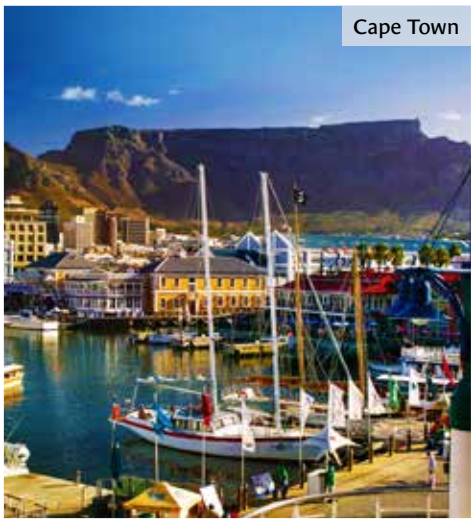

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Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Calgary
Arrive at the airport for your flight to Calgary.

DAY 2 – Calgary
Today we start our spectacular journey from Calgary across the gently rolling prairies of Alberta and soon the slate-grey, snow-capped peaks of the Rockies come into view. Carpets of wild flowers bedeck the green meadows spread beneath the towering glaciers – huge expanses of brilliant white ice and snow, contrasting with the muted greys and pinks of the jagged peaks.
Included Experience – Tour of Calgary

DAY 3 – Banff
This morning our breathtaking journey is along the Icefields Parkway, one of the most spectacular roads in the world, with stunning mountain vistas. Our first stop is famous Lake Louise, completely encircled by high peaks, perhaps the most photographed view in the Rockies. We then take in Peyto Lake, one of the world's most beautiful azure-blue glacial waters. Finally we see the Columbia Icefield, the largest in the Rockies, covering an area of over 200 square miles with depths of over 1,000 feet. We'll ride on a giant 'Snocoach' (weather permitting) across the Athabasca Glacier for a closer inspection of the massive crevasses before returning to Banff.
Included Experience – Travel on the Icefields Parkway

DAY 4 – Free day in Banff
Today we have a free day. Why not take a leisurely 'float' trip on the Bow River or a dip in Banff's relaxing hot springs. There are also helicopter trips on offer, or perhaps a ride up to the top of Sulphur Mountain at 7,500 feet on the Banff gondola. Several walks commence from the peak and there's also a restaurant with an open-air terrace. Also very popular is afternoon tea at the magnificent Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, built in the style of a massive Scottish baronial castle.

DAY 5 – Rocky Mountaineer train
This morning we set off on what is one of the world's greatest train journeys! Crossing high passes, deep ravines and innumerable spectacular bridges, places that can only be seen by rail, the Rocky Mountaineer is acknowledged as the ultimate way to travel through the beautifully rugged terrain of Alberta and British Columbia. The train begins its spectacular two-day 585-mile journey following the wide Bow River valley before crossing the Continental Divide at Kicking Horse Pass. Through the famed spiral tunnels, an engineering marvel built 100 years ago, we follow the Columbia River, crossing the dramatic 500-foot steel span of Stoney Creek bridge. The excellent on-board commentary highlights the intriguing history of the towns en route and the building of the railway itself. Meals in SilverLeaf Class include hot meals served at your seat on each day, including complimentary snacks, tea and coffee, non-alcoholic drinks, plus beer and house wine with lunch, (bar service at extra cost). Upgrade to the excellent GoldLeaf Service provided in impressive Dome carriages. Our overnight stay is in a selection of hotels in the town of Kamloops. (B,L)
Included Experience – Journey on the Rocky Mountaineer train


Lake Louise


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DAY 6 – Vancouver
Following the Fraser and Thomson River canyons, passing the Jaws of Death Gorge, Avalanche Alley and Hell's Gate Canyon, we criss-cross the river many times as we travel through some of British Columbia's most scenic country. We finally reach Vancouver during the afternoon after a truly once-in-a-lifetime journey. (B,L)
Included Experiences – Journey on the Rocky Mountaineer train

DAY 7 – Vancouver
Vancouver regularly features as one of the world's most naturally beautiful cities: the blue of the Pacific Ocean with its picturesque harbour, the glinting glass skyscrapers and the lush coastal mountains form a stunning backdrop. We tour the city stopping at Stanley Park, with its famous collection of totem poles and Prospect Point, affording lovely views. The afternoon is at leisure – there's plenty to see and do in this sophisticated city. A popular, easy walk starts from Vancouver's waterfront pedestrian promenade to the huge expanse of Stanley Park. The path continues along the seashore and offers stunning vistas across the bay until you reach English Bay's sandy beach, a lovely spot to watch the sunset.
Included Experiences – Tour of Vancouver. Visit Stanley Park and Prospect Point.

DAY 8 – Return flight
This morning is at leisure. Those returning home will transfer to the airport for their flight, arriving next morning.

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Included Experience – Tour of Calgary

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Included Experience – Travel on the Icefields Parkway

DAY 4 – Free day in Banff
Today we have a free day.
Included Experience – *Witness jaw-dropping views from the Colombia Icefield Skywalk**

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Included Experience – Journey on the Rocky Mountaineer train

DAY 6 – Vancouver
Experience the Fraser and Thomson River canyons, passing the Jaws of Death Gorge, Avalanche Alley and Hell's Gate Canyon. We reach Vancouver this afternoon. (B,L)
Included Experience – Journey on the Rocky Mountaineer train



Your ship:
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DAY 7 – Vancouver
Vancouver boasts scenic highlights: a picturesque harbour, glinting glass skyscrapers, coastal mountains and more. We tour the city, stopping at Stanley Park, which offers lovely vistas. The afternoon is at leisure.
Included Experience – Tour of Vancouver.
*A thrilling seaplane flight high above the beautiful city of Vancouver**

DAY 8 – Embark Koningsdam
We embark on our Holland America Line Inside Passage cruise. Our ship sails at 5pm, passing below Vancouver's Lion's Gate suspension bridge. (L,D)

DAY 9 – At sea
During our first full day at sea, take in the amazing scenery of the Inside Passage. There is a variety of on-board talks and activities. This evening is the first formal night of the cruise. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 – Juneau
Spend the morning cruising to the Tracy Arm Inlet, where you can join an excursion into the Fjord to witness the twin Sawyer Glaciers – look out for harbour seals. After lunch, we arrive in Juneau. Shore excursions include helicopter flights over a glacier, sledding with huskies and whale-watching. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 – Skagway
After our 7am arrival in Skagway, there's plenty of time to explore this historic gateway to the Klondike. Shore excursions include glacier sightseeing by helicopter and an iconic ride on the White Pass & Yukon Route Railway through the pristine Alaskan wilderness, seeing wildlife galore. (B,L,D)

DAY 12 – Glacier Bay
Our ship enters the Glacier Bay National Park, renowned for its eight actively calving glaciers. Surrounded by the peaks of the Fairweather Range, the waters teem with



salmon and humpback whales. We spend the day cruising the vast marine waters. National Park Service rangers will come on board to provide specialist commentary and answer your questions. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – Visit to Glacier Bay National Park

DAY 13 – Ketchikan
After lunch we arrive at Ketchikan. Trips are available via seaplane into the Misty Fjords National Monument or the Tongass National Forest, where bears can be spotted fishing for salmon. Other excursions include salmon fishing, sea kayaking and a 'zip-line' through the forest canopy! (B,L,D)

DAY 14 - At sea
Our last day is spent at sea, returning through the Inside Passage. (B,L,D)
Included Experience – A private cocktail party on board Koningsdam

DAY 15 – Return flight
We arrive in Vancouver in the morning with free time before transferring to the airport. (B)

DAY 16 – Arrive home

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Your Itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Marrakesh (D)

DAY 2 – Marrakesh & Casablanca
Visit the Jardin Majorelle Gardens, Berber Museum, Hassan II Mosque and enjoy dinner in Rick's Café. (B,D)

DAY 3 – Rabat & Fez
Travel to Fez for a guided walking tour of Rabat before free time to explore at leisure. (B,D)

DAY 4 – Fez
Begin with a guided walking tour of Fez, before an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, dine on typical Moroccan dishes in the traditional surroundings of a charming riad. (B,D)

DAY 5 – Volubilis, Meknes & Fez
Enjoy guided tours for Volubilis and Meknes. *A wine tasting at Domaine de la Zouina*.* (B,D)

DAY 6 – Fez to Marrakesh
Travel back to Marrakesh, arriving late afternoon and spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B,D)

DAY 7 – Marrakesh & free afternoon
Take a guided tour of Marrakesh. *In the afternoon enjoy a Moroccan cooking class.* This evening, we gather in Jemaa el-Fnaa for an evening drink.** (B,D)

DAY 8 – Return flight (B)

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