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2023 & 2024


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*Let's explore
together*



Whether it's the chance to discover somewhere new with fascinating local guides, the spectacular riverside views or fine dining on board, there's so much to enjoy about our award-winning river cruises. Cruise Europe's romantic waterways, or further afield for an adventure of a lifetime.

And for 2023, enjoy even more flexibility on our cruises, with our range of cruise extensions. On European river cruises choose between five fully escorted Tour Extensions, or our new collection of City Stays in hand-picked hotels - so you can explore more at your own pace.

At Riviera Travel, we believe our holidays should be a balance of adventure and luxury, sparking inspiration and joy along the way. We look after our guests as if you're part of our family, so we want to ensure you're happy in every sense, from booking all the way through to travelling on our award-winning cruises and tours. Our Happiness Guarantee means that if you're not happy by day two of your holiday, we'll bring you home and with a full refund.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Phil Hullah

Chief Executive Officer



We are fully bonded by ABTA and ATOL for your complete peace of mind. Your money is fully protected.



We're so proud of our independent review scores from customers.



97%

would buy again from Riviera Travel

Our river cruise collection

Our collection of European and worldwide river cruises promise genuine, life-enriching experiences and superb value. Every detail is planned with you in mind.

Porto, Portugal

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The Riviera difference

Holidays are precious so here's just a few of the reasons why you can feel fully confident you've made the right choice when you entrust your travel plans to us.



Unrivalled holidays, created by our Masters of Travel

At Riviera, we are proud to call ourselves 'Masters of Travel', creators of the finest holidays – because our specialists go the extra mile when creating our cruises and tours, you can be assured that every detail has been crafted with your experience in mind. Our itineraries perfectly balance seeing iconic sights with hidden gems, to take you off the tourist trail and under the skin of a destination. We're so confident in the quality of our itineraries that we offer a 'Happiness Guarantee'; if you're not completely happy by the second day of your holiday, we'll bring you straight home and give you a full refund.

We'll look after you as if you were family

When you book a Riviera Travel holiday, you are not just booking an itinerary, you are joining our family and we'll take care of you as one of our own. That's why we've been awarded the esteemed 'Recommended Provider' accreditation with Which? for ten years and 98% of our customers would book with us again. We know choosing a holiday is an important decision, so we have the best people in place to make every step of your experience easy and enjoyable – from booking, to travel. With us, it's personal.

Our friendly customer service team are based here in the UK, and are ready to help with any questions you have along the way. Our Cruise Directors and Concierges are knowledgeable and experienced and will go above and beyond to ensure every aspect of your holiday runs smoothly – so all you need to worry about is your packing.

Luxury travel, without the price tag

Quality is at the heart of every Riviera Travel holiday. Look closely at our itineraries to see the small but important details that stand our holidays head and shoulders above the rest; five-star ships, regional airports to suit you, and of course, so much included in the price you pay. We believe that luxury travel should not cost the earth and we offer the best value for money – we're so confident you won't find the same quality of experience for less elsewhere that if you do, we'll refund you the difference.

It's our 39 years of experience as the UK's leading escorted tour operator that means we can offer such remarkable value on our holidays; our scale and the strong relationships we've built with our suppliers enables us to negotiate exceptional rates – and we pass those savings straight back to you. Our prices are fair and straightforward, with no hidden extras. We don't play games with pricing and promotions – with our price promise, you can be confident that you'll always pay the best price by booking early.

You make the choices, we do the hard work

At Riviera, we know that there's no 'one size fits all' when it comes to the perfect travel experience; and that's why we have built choice into every aspect of our holidays, putting you in control. With an extensive collection of holidays, select the destination, dates, and holiday type to suit you; then customise your experience to your exact requirements; upgrade your travel, extend your trip or add special excursions. The choice is yours – and we'll do the hard work behind the scenes to bring your perfect trip to life. But freedom and flexibility doesn't mean a lack of support. You'll be looked after by our award-winning team every step of the way, and if anything goes awry, we'll take care of it – so you can enjoy every single moment.

Holiday happiness. Guaranteed.

You're in safe hands with Riviera Travel. Here's just a few of the reasons you can feel confident that we're the right choice for your next adventure.





Quality Promise

You can't find the same quality of holiday for less with a competitor – if you do, we'll match the price.



Price Promise

If the price of your holiday reduces after you've booked, we'll reduce the price for you – or refund you the difference.



Your money is safe and secure

If we ever have to cancel a holiday, or if there are changes outside our control, then you will be offered a transfer to another departure or a full refund.



We'll take care of all the details

If any aspects of your holiday have to change, such as flights, accommodation or excursions, we take care of it and find a suitable alternative.



24/7 access to UK based team

We're on hand before and during your holiday. If anything were to go awry during your travels, you can call our emergency number at any point.



Holiday Happiness. Guaranteed.

If you're not happy by day two, we'll bring you home at no extra charge and offer you a full refund.

View our full terms and conditions at rivieratravel.co.uk/holiday-happiness

Delivering adventures effortlessly

Our expertise is a key ingredient in ensuring the success of our holidays. We do the hard work for you. Everyone, from the product specialists and our reservations experts, to the Cruise Directors, Concierges and local guides, go the extra mile so your holiday experience is second to none.



Lucerne, Switzerland

Don't just take our word for it

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Absolutely wonderful holiday. So well organised and the information supplied was excellent. All the crew were so helpful and obliging and the atmosphere on board was so good. The food, cabins and cleanliness was superb. Loved it.

Geraldine - The Blue Danube

river cruise - July 2022

Feefo ★★★★★

Beautiful scenery along the Douro. There was a perfect balance between being out on the excursions and relaxing on the ship. The food was very good and plenty of it. Excellent service by the crew. Enjoyed all the excursions and the wine and port tasting.

Elizabeth - The Douro, Porto & Salamanca

river cruise - July 2022

Feefo ★★★★★

Great trip. Immaculate ship. Crew all very friendly and attentive. Tour Manager, assistant, and tour guides excellent.

Some great memories.

Iain - Medieval Germany

river cruise - May 2022

Feefo ★★★★★

A thoroughly enjoyable holiday that was well worth the wait after Covid. The boat was beautiful, well run, clean and all the staff were friendly and efficient. The excursions were interesting and all the guides excellent. The two Riviera reps were lovely. Quite honestly, I couldn't have hoped for a better holiday!

Helen - The Seine, Paris & Normandy

river cruise - July 2022

Feefo ★★★★★



Every member of the crew plays their part in delivering a superb on-board experience and it's a real privilege to work alongside such a great team of people.

Anette

Cruise Director



Introducing our customers to new destinations is a great pleasure and hearing about everyone's adventures ashore is always a highlight of my day.

Edward

Cruise Director



Whether you're a cruising aficionado or new to the scene, there's something for everyone in our collection of thoughtfully crafted itineraries.

Katja

Head of Product Cruise

A photograph of an elderly couple standing in a train station. The man, on the left, has a white beard and is wearing a light blue button-down shirt. The woman, on the right, has short grey hair and is also wearing a light blue button-down shirt. They are both smiling and looking at each other. The man has his arm around the woman's shoulder. They are holding suitcases. The background is a blurred train station with tracks and lights.

More ways to travel

We recognise you'll want more choice and greater flexibility as to how you travel. Our new options ensure you can book the perfect holiday that suits you.

Before you travel

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

Insurance

Book your comprehensive travel insurance with our partner Holiday Extras.

Airport hotels

Choose from over 200 airport hotels across all major UK airports or save even more by booking a hotel and parking package.

Airport parking

Enjoy fast, convenient and easy parking you can rely on. Whether you prefer meet-and-greet parking or a short shuttle ride, we'll help you find the right option.

Airport Fast-Track pass

Skip airport security queues with a fast-track pass – ideal for early-morning flights.

Airport lounges

Relax in peace in a comfortable airport lounge. Available at airports across the UK.

Your travel and upgrade choices

Pre-book directly with our travel consultants.

Air and rail upgrades

Upgrade to First Class on rail journeys within the UK or to Standard Premier Class when travelling by Eurostar. 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 or rail 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?

Group holidays

Did you know that we can also arrange holidays for groups of people who wish to travel together, whether you're an organised club, a society or even just a group of friends?

When you book as a group of 10 or more, you will also receive either a free place offer or money back after you've travelled, as a thank you from us and to share or use as you wish.

- Any group of 10 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.co.uk/group-bookings
or call **01283 742 322**

Let someone else carry the load

If you find carrying your own luggage a stressful way to start and end your river cruise, then we can help. **The BaggageMan** will arrange a luggage collection and delivery service between your home and the ship, on both your outbound and return journeys. This is a fully insured and independent service.

We have negotiated exclusive prices for Riviera Travel customers from **£170 return for one case** or from **£255 return for two cases**. Early booking recommended.

Further details can be found on their website thebaggageman.com
01844 264890





Our European river cruise collection

For centuries, Europe's majestic rivers have carried travellers for many reasons – to explore, trade and sometimes, conquer. Steeped in history and culture, these aqueous arteries connect the continent's greatest and most renowned destinations, bridging the past with the present, flowing through some of the world's most stunning scenery. From picturesque countryside to historic landmarks, enjoy a different perspective on a variety of destinations in style and luxury.

Thoughtful inclusions

Everything you need for an unforgettable holiday
is included on our European River Cruises.

Return travel & transfers

Return flights from a choice of regional airports at no extra cost or travel by Eurostar. Transfers, on-board portering, airport taxes and port charges.

Spacious suites & cabins

Luxurious suites and cabins with beautifully appointed en-suite bathrooms and river views.

Exceptional dining

Sumptuous breakfasts, buffet lunches and delicious four-course dinners featuring our 'Local Flavours' choices.

Fascinating tours & excursions

Thoughtfully balanced itineraries including guided tours in every port in the company of knowledgeable local guides.

Experienced Cruise Director

Riviera Travel Cruise Directors and Concierges on hand to share their knowledge and ensure everything runs smoothly on board and ashore.

Professional & friendly crew

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

Complimentary tea & 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.

Flexibility and choice

Giving you the freedom to make your holiday even more memorable. We know how much you look forward to your holiday and we pride ourselves on the choice and flexibility that we offer to enhance every aspect of your experience.

Your options

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

You're free to choose

On some days, you can choose from two different excursions to offer you a more personalised experience.

On-board credit

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 and restaurant at any time, indulge in a spa or salon treatment or choose something from the on-board boutique.

Personalise your holiday

To make your holiday truly memorable we also offer a range of additional experiences. Enjoy Phare – the Cambodian Circus in Siem Reap, visit Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet in Rüdeshheim or wander the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam – the choice is yours.

Purchase a drinks package

Our package offers a selection of drinks served during lunch and dinner. In the restaurant take your pick from a range of draught beer, non-alcoholic beer, soft drinks, juices and red, white and rosé house wines by the glass. Drinks packages must be purchased by all guests in the same cabin or suite and do not include drinks from the bar.

The perfect balance on board and ashore

We pride ourselves on the unrivalled quality of our river cruises which have been thoughtfully crafted by our knowledgeable experts. We take you to the heart of a region and provide fascinating perspectives on the many aspects of the places we visit. We also give you ample time to explore at your own pace and our experienced Riviera Travel Cruise Directors, Concierges and the friendly crew are always on hand to ensure everything runs smoothly, from start to finish.

Your choice of departure date, UK airport or Eurostar

Across our superb range of river cruises we offer an excellent choice of departure dates. All flights are scheduled and operate from a wide selection of UK airports. On selected river cruises we also offer the option of Eurostar travel with regional rail connections to London, or onward travel on Thalys & TGV.



The Travel Concierge - taking care of your individual travel arrangements

We recognise that everyone's idea of the perfect holiday is different so if you are looking for more flexibility and choice we can help with your preferred travel arrangements. You may wish to fly from an alternative UK airport or perhaps take advantage of a UK door to door chauffeur service. We can also organise rail travel in the UK and book overnight accommodation for you at a UK airport hotel. 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 a small additional charge our dedicated Travel Concierge specialists can look after your travel arrangements and rest assured, you'll always get exceptional value for money.



Your choice of Tour Extensions and City Stays

After your river cruise discover more on our superb range of fully escorted Tour Extensions. Hotels have been carefully selected and daily tours, accompanied by experienced Tour Managers, are meticulously planned. Alternatively, why not choose one of our new City Stay extensions. Stay for 3 nights at a hand-picked centrally located hotel and delve into the delights of some of Europe's most iconic cities at a more leisurely pace.



Fly with your preferred airline and choice of airport



Travel in the UK by rail



Enjoy door to door chauffeur service



Extend your holiday with a pre or post hotel stay and transfers

Life on board

With Riviera Travel you will be staying in a floating, luxury boutique hotel. Our fleet of five-star ships are truly world class. Primarily Swiss-operated, they are rated as some of the finest river cruise ships to grace Europe's waterways.



World-class ships

As you glide between towns and cities, relax in the privacy of your spacious cabin, unwind on deck with a refreshing drink, or enjoy the finest cuisine in a choice of wonderful restaurants on board. What better way is there to discover Europe's most awe-inspiring landscapes?

Dramatic terraced vineyards, gentle, rolling countryside or fairy-tale castles – wake up to a different view every morning from the comfort of your luxurious cabin. On a Riviera Travel river cruise everything is carefully choreographed to ensure your journey will always be a memorable one.



MS William Wordsworth

World-class facilities

Sustainable hardwoods, gleaming brass, polished copper, intricate wrought iron and sparkling glass combine harmoniously with soft leather furnishings and tasteful colour palettes. Immediately striking is just how remarkably spacious and illuminated these vessels are.

Fully air-conditioned decks, all easily accessed via lift or stairs, offer different vantage points of the surrounding 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 shaded sun lounge. Many of our vessels feature a pool, library, sauna and steam room, fitness suite, or hair salon and treatment room. Please refer to the ship information pages.

World-class crew

Every detail is meticulously inspected before a friendly crew welcomes you on board. From ship to shore the professional crew ensure our customers receive unparalleled standards of service and comfort. All our ships have an excellent ratio of crew to guests, so you are guaranteed personal attention. Working closely with the Riviera Travel Cruise Director, the English-speaking crew will anticipate your every need in a manner which is intuitive and efficient yet discreet and friendly.



Observation lounge

Exclusive cruises

All our European river cruises are exclusive to customers 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.



Luxury with a view

Our luxurious suites and cabins are among the largest on any river cruise vessel and over 80% feature a French or full balcony. All are well-appointed with superb facilities you would expect from a luxury boutique hotel.

Special touches that make all the difference

Step beyond the wooden door into a beautifully designed room, complete with comfortable hotel-style bed that can also be set up as twin beds, crisp cotton linen and sumptuous pillows. Your cabin comes with an en-suite bathroom and shower, fluffy towels, slippers and complimentary toiletries.

All cabins are equipped with adjustable air conditioning or heating, a small desk, flat-screen TV with satellite channels, hairdryer,

telephone and complimentary Wi-Fi. You'll also find a wardrobe with ample storage space and a safe for your valuables.

To make you feel at home, there are facilities for making coffee and tea – our thoughtful planning means we can offer you well-loved British brands.

All cabins come with a complimentary set of maps, to provide you with a handy city guide, to ensure you get the most out of your visit.



Deluxe Balcony Suite bathroom – MS Emily Brontë

Your choice of suites & cabins

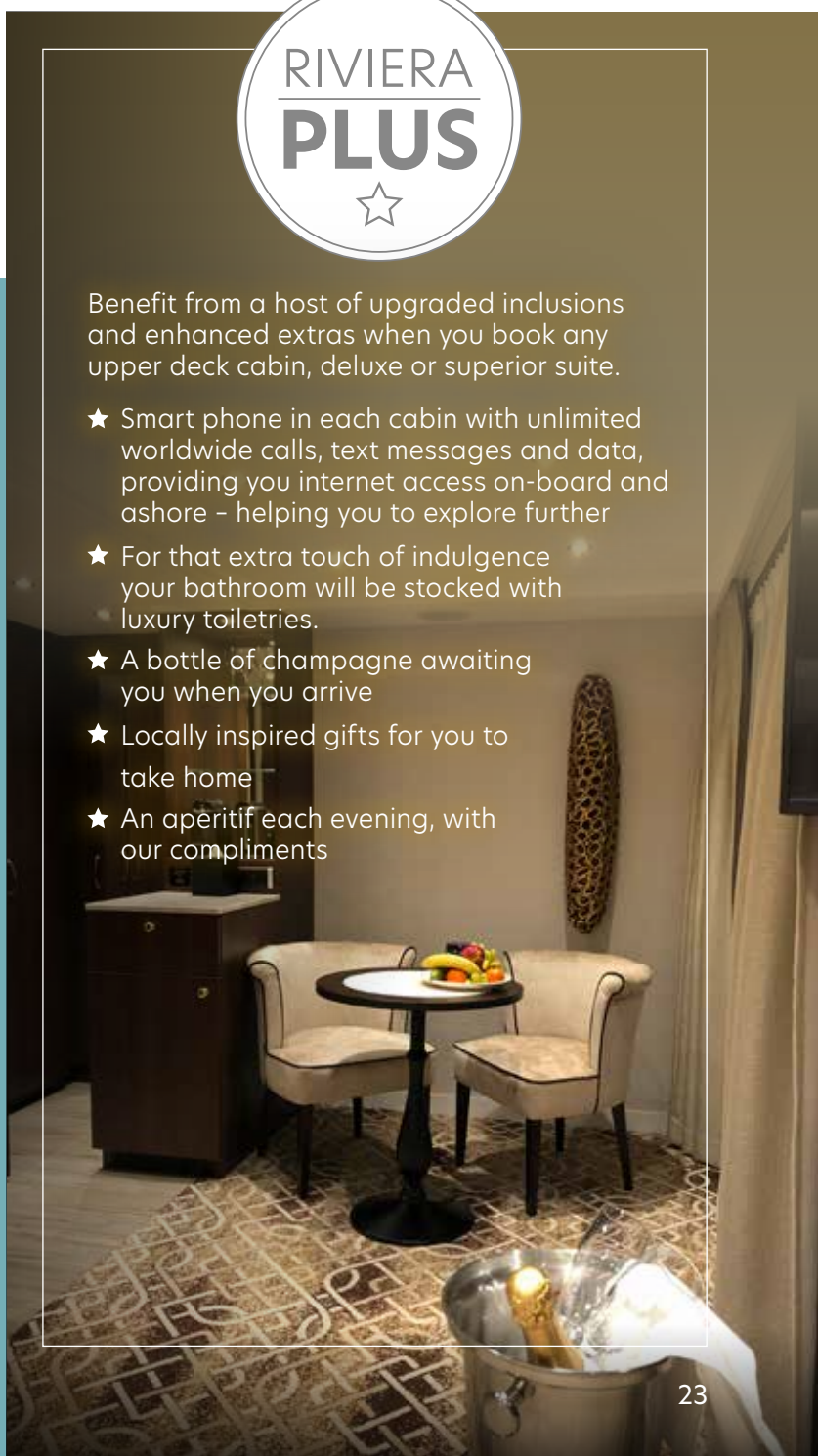
You can choose from a range of spacious, well-appointed and elegantly decorated standard or superior suites and cabins, all with a river view window. For the ultimate in luxury, treat yourself to a stay in a deluxe suite with floor-to-ceiling doors that open up to a French balcony or lead to a private balcony.

Here you can enjoy a refreshing drink and watch as the ever-changing landscape drifts by. Our largest suite measures a generous 25 square metres (269 square feet) so there's plenty of room for relaxation.



Benefit from a host of upgraded inclusions and enhanced extras when you book any upper deck cabin, deluxe or superior suite.

- ★ Smart phone in each cabin with unlimited worldwide calls, text messages and data, providing you internet access on-board and ashore – helping you to explore further
- ★ For that extra touch of indulgence your bathroom will be stocked with luxury toiletries.
- ★ A bottle of champagne awaiting you when you arrive
- ★ Locally inspired gifts for you to take home
- ★ An apéritif each evening, with our compliments



Fine culinary experiences

We offer a wide variety of fine dining experiences which are waiting to be savoured. From splendid breakfasts with over 60 options to deliciously varied lunches and classic four course dinners, our menus feature regional and international specialities.



First-class flexible dining

Enjoy classic cuisine in the ship's excellent main restaurant. A magnificent buffet breakfast including healthy options and your choice of eggs made to order is the perfect start to the day. For lunch enjoy salads from the buffet or a tasty dish from the pasta station. A hearty bowl of soup and your choice of main course, including delicious local dishes, will be served to your table and then a tempting choice of desserts awaits at the buffet. Classic four course à la carte dinners will include a selection of superb regional and international specialities.

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

Typical dinner menu

Poached egg on crisp frisée, Comté cheese, roasted walnuts and balsamic dressing

Marinated king prawns with Asian style noodles, curry sauce and root vegetables

Smoked halibut carpaccio, celery, leek & lemon salad

Consommé niçoise - vegetable broth, aubergine, courgette, bell pepper, pasta and pesto

Beef tea royale - beef essence, root vegetables and Chester stick

Rosemary honey glazed duck breast, potato dauphinoise, apple red cabbage, star anise gravy

Pan fried fillet of sea bream, lemon butter sauce, orange fennel, risotto

Fried white asparagus, potato pearls, cress, sesame, strawberries, vegan lemon hollandaise sauce

Crème Brûlée Classique - vanilla crème brûlée and mint

Gratinated ice cream, warm cherries and pralines

Chocolate cheesecake with marinated berries

Coffee or tea

Local Flavours

Tartare of Dutch herring, pumpernickel bread, onion, sour cream and pickles

"Nederlandse Schol" - Pan fried fillet of plaice, sautéed dill cucumbers, buttered potatoes, Dutch North Sea shrimps, bacon and lemon butter sauce

"Haagse Bluff" - forest berries, biscuit, egg white

Informal dining in La Brasserie and Riverview Kitchen

For a more informal setting with wonderful views and seating for no more than 28 guests you can choose to dine in La Brasserie on our French cruises and Riverview Kitchen on our Rhine and Danube Cruises. Lighter fare including sandwiches, burgers and pasta dishes will be on the menu at lunchtime and your chef will prepare a selection of locally inspired dishes which you can enjoy with your fellow guests at dinner. Your friendly waiter will be on hand with recommendations from the menu.

Local Flavours

Across our fleet, your chef will prepare a range of dishes every evening, inspired by the regions that you cruise through. Whether it be a traditional Hungarian soup flavoured with smoky paprika, a French cassoulet bursting with flavour or indulgent Dutch desserts, you are sure to feel connected to the places we visit through delicious and varied cuisine.

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 from vineyards just a few yards from your floating restaurant.

Look out for 'Local Flavours' on your menu every evening.

Drinks package

We include everything you might need in our prices, we never charge for something you might not. To enjoy selected house wines, beers and soft drinks during lunch and dinner, you can purchase our drinks package prior to departure. If you'd like more flexibility to purchase drinks at any time of day, why not add on-board credit to your booking before you travel? Visit our website for more details.

PRICING FROM

4 nights	£89	10 nights.....	£219
5 nights.....	£109	14 nights.....	£279
7 nights.....	£149		

Exceptional on-board facilities

Our fleet of cruise ships are one of the youngest in Europe and also one of the most advanced, so an unforgettable experience is assured.



Riverview Kitchen

For a more intimate setting the Stern Bar transforms into our 'chef's restaurant', with seating for 28 diners. Take in panoramic views as the chefs present their signature dishes.



Cabins with no single supplement

We have a number of cabins on every sailing that have no single supplement. These are double cabins used for single occupancy.



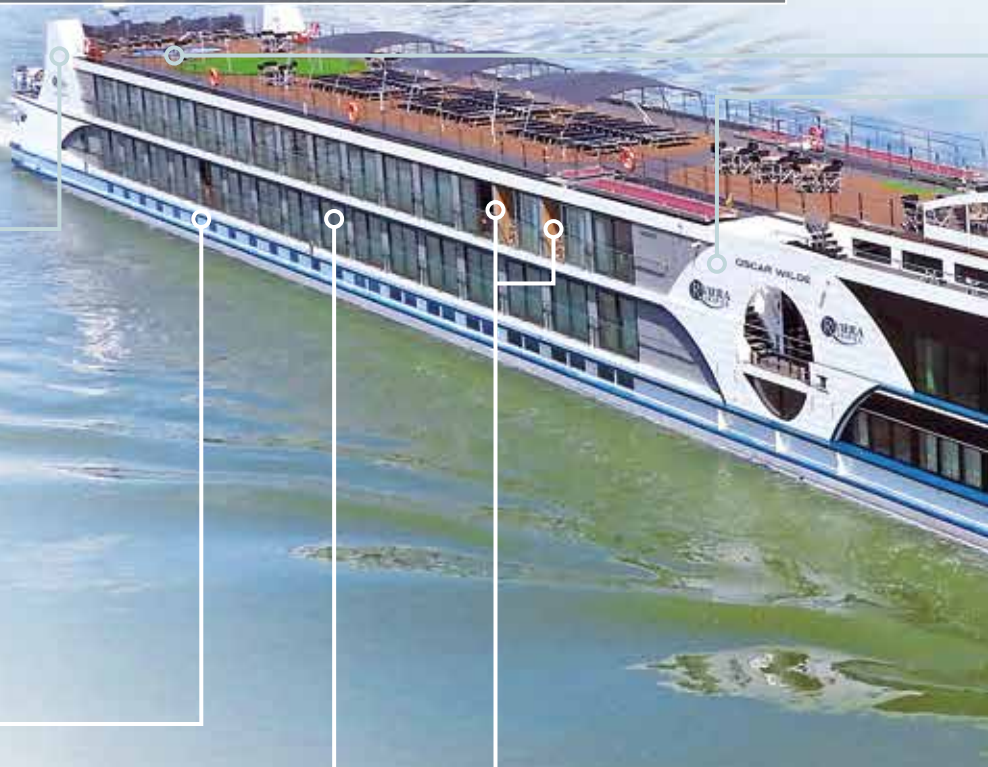
French balcony cabins

On the upper and middle decks, cabins measuring up to 183 square feet feature full floor-to-ceiling glass doors that slide away to create a French balcony, so you can enjoy the panoramic views.



Deluxe balcony suites

Enjoy even more generous space and comfort with a deluxe balcony suite. Located on the upper deck, and measuring up to a staggering 312 square feet - 50% larger than our standard suites. What's more, there is a private full balcony with table and chairs - perfect for an al fresco breakfast.





Sun deck

Admire the river scenery from the comfort of a sun lounger, enjoy a round on the putting green or take a dip in the splash pool.



Massage, hair or nail salon

For an additional charge, customers can treat themselves to a relaxing massage or enjoy a hair or nail treatment.



Fitness room

Enjoy keeping up with your exercise routine with our well-equipped on-board fitness centre.



Restaurant

With a variety of fine dining experiences from sumptuous breakfasts to superb buffet lunches and fine four-course dinners, our menus feature international classics and regional specialties. We keep it relaxed in our restaurant with the dress code being smart casual. There is no set seating or dining time (except for gala dinners).

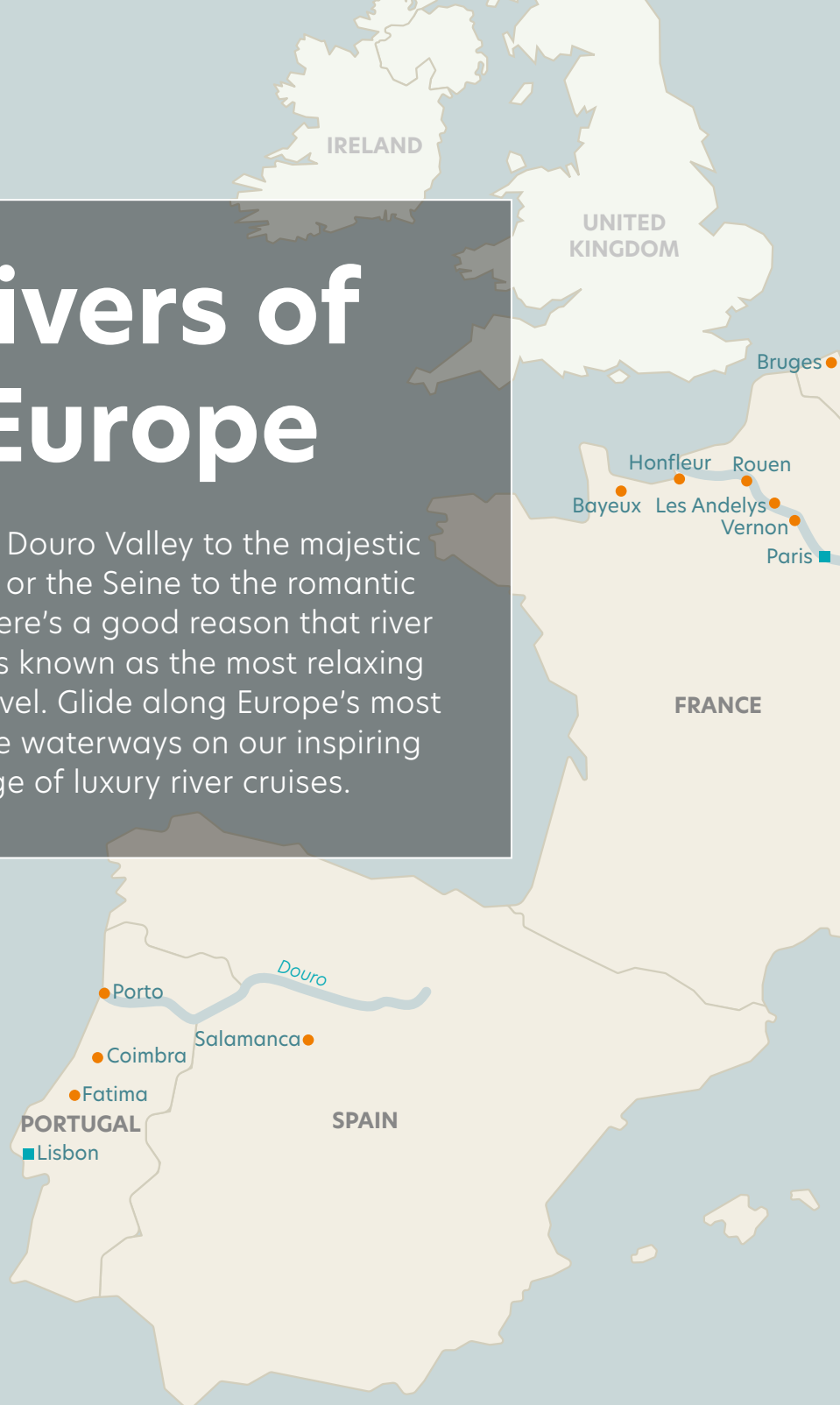


Public spaces

Enjoy our stunning public spaces where customers can take in the views as we cruise along the river.

Rivers of Europe

From the Douro Valley to the majestic Danube, or the Seine to the romantic Rhône, there's a good reason that river cruising is known as the most relaxing way to travel. Glide along Europe's most incredible waterways on our inspiring range of luxury river cruises.



The Douro

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



The Seine

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



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.

Amsterdam • Enkhuizen • Rotterdam
• Kinderdijk • Keukenhof

Amsterdam, Kinderdijk & the Dutch Bulbfields

Exclusive
SOLO
departures
available
See online

Experience historic maritime cities, where innovation meets the traditions of the past and immerse yourself amidst the art and architecture of a Golden Age. Be inspired by iconic windmills lining the canal banks and the floral masterpiece that is Keukenhof Tulip Gardens.



Rotterdam cube houses



Keukenhof garden



Kinderdijk windmills

Your itinerary

DAY 1 - Arrival in Amsterdam

Fly to Amsterdam or take the Eurostar from London St Pancras International via Brussels. On arrival transfer to your cruise ship. Overnight sailing to Enkhuizen. (D)

DAY 2 - Enkhuizen

As dawn breaks, you're greeted by views of historic Enkhuizen, a picturesque port nestling at the edge of the former Zuiderzee. During the Dutch Golden Age of the 17th-century, the Netherlands dominated world maritime trade and Enkhuizen flourished. Wealthy merchants created this town of gabled houses, bridges and waterways and it's a delight to explore. Enkhuizen is also home to the superb Zuiderzee Museum which recreates the 19th-century heritage of Holland's inland bay. A visit to the museum is included.

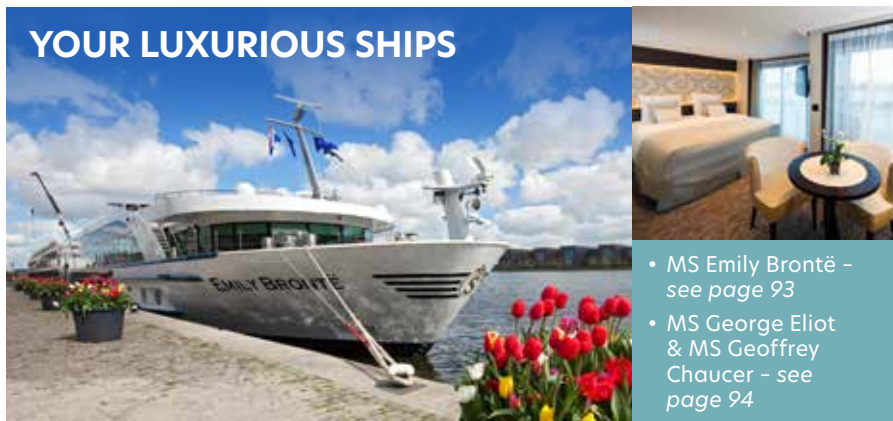
This afternoon we cruise along the Markermeer, the southwestern part of the IJsselmeer, the great freshwater lake created when the Zuiderzee was separated from the North Sea by a series of dams and dykes built during the 1920s and '30s. Overnight sailing to Rotterdam. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Entry to
Zuiderzee Museum

DAY 3 - Rotterdam & Kinderdijk

Wake up in historic Rotterdam, situated

YOUR LUXURIOUS SHIPS



- MS Emily Brontë – see page 93
- MS George Eliot & MS Geoffrey Chaucer – see page 94

where the Rhine flows into the North Sea. This morning we embark on a guided tour of this captivating city, known as the 'Gateway to Europe'. Unsurprisingly, Rotterdam's logistical significance made it a target during the Second World War and its old town was destroyed, with only the Church of Saint Lawrence left standing. During the following decades Rotterdam was reconstructed and now boasts an abundance of innovative and imaginative architecture.

A significant part of the Netherlands lies below sea level, but an intricate network of dykes and polders has kept the seawater at bay, allowing land reclamation. At the very heart of this region is Kinderdijk, our next port of

call. Here, you can witness a truly iconic scene – a series of 19 authentic windmills lining the canal banks. Wrapping up a memorable day is the lavish Captain's Dinner in the ship's restaurant, whilst sailing to Amsterdam. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences – Guided tours of Rotterdam & Kinderdijk

DAY 4 – Keukenhof & Amsterdam

This morning we drive to Keukenhof. Nothing prepares you for the dazzling colours of the world's largest flower garden which covers nearly 80 acres.

We return to Amsterdam to explore this beautiful city on a classic glass-topped canal cruise through the network of canals that infuse every aspect of life here. You'll see a fascinating variety of gabled buildings, bustling streets and historic bridges. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences – Visit to Keukenhof & canal cruise in Amsterdam

DAY 5 – Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return journey to the UK. (B)



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DECK:	LOWER	MIDDLE	UPPER-RIVIERA PLUS	
CABIN:	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
2023 from	£1,169	£1,179	£1,309	£1,709
2024 from	£999	£1,349	£1,549	£1,949
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2024	○	○	○	✓	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Your cruise includes

- 4 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite
- Upgrade to a deluxe or superior suite, or an upper deck cabin and benefit from the luxury of RIVIERA**PLUS** – see page 23 for details
- All meals on board, including welcome cocktails and the Captain's Dinner
- Complimentary on-board tea and coffee
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)
- Return scheduled flights from a selection of regional airports or seats on Eurostar / Thalys from London St Pancras International
- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel Cruise Director and Concierge

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

5 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 2 guided tours including iconic Kinderdijk and innovative Rotterdam
- 2 visits including spectacular Keukenhof and the Zuiderzee Museum in Enkhuizen
- Classic Amsterdam canal cruise



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• Bruges • Keukenhof

Bruges

Bruges, Medieval Flanders, Amsterdam & the Dutch Bulbfields

Discover the artisanal traditions of a once mighty naval power and the remarkable art of Flemish masters. This superb cruise also takes in Arnhem and the glorious Keukenhof Gardens, home to one of the world's largest collection of flowers.



Ghent



Antwerp

Your itinerary

DAY 1 - Arrival in Amsterdam

Fly to Amsterdam or take the Eurostar from London St Pancras International via Brussels. On arrival transfer to your cruise ship. (D)

DAY 2 - Amsterdam & Hoorn

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. This afternoon we sail along the Zuiderzee to Hoorn, once a prosperous port of the Dutch East India Company. There's time to explore before our overnight sailing. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences – Canal cruise in Amsterdam and visit to Hoorn

DAY 3 - Arnhem

We pass flower-bedecked houseboats and windmills before arriving in 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 passage along the mighty River Rhine. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience – Visit to Airborne Museum and Commonwealth War Cemetery.

DAY 4 - Antwerp

This morning we moor in Antwerp. Our morning tour takes in the captivating Grote Markt, the Renaissance town hall

YOUR LUXURIOUS SHIPS





- MS Geoffrey Chaucer, MS Emily Brontë, MS Oscar Wilde – see page 93
- MS George Eliot – see page 94

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Antwerp

Today we awake in picturesque Ghent and we explore this medieval gem in the company of a local guide. Highlights include 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. Evening and overnight sailing. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 - Bruges

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, the chef prepares superb dishes for you to enjoy at the Captain's Dinner. Evening and overnight sailing. (B,D)

DAY 7 - Keukenhof & Amsterdam

This morning we visit Keukenhof, the heart of the glorious Dutch bulbfields. Nothing prepares you for the dazzling colours of the world's largest flower garden which covers nearly 80 acres. We re-join our ship in Amsterdam and after lunch you're free to explore the city. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 - Return home

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8 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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- Classic Amsterdam canal cruise
- 3 visits including charming Hoorn, the Airborne Museum and Commonwealth War Cemetery and spectacular Keukenhof
- 4 guided tours including medieval Antwerp, gorgeous Ghent, historic Ypres and captivating Bruges



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Amsterdam, Cologne and the Best of Holland & Flanders

Wander the picture-perfect streets of medieval towns, gaze in awe at magnificent Gothic architecture, discover contemporary urban landscapes and the iconic windmills of a bygone age – our superb cruise embraces the rich and diverse cultural heritage of these northern European neighbours, inextricably linked by history and their fascinating waterways.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 – Arrival in Amsterdam

Fly to Amsterdam or take the Eurostar from London St Pancras International via Brussels. On arrival transfer to your cruise ship. (D)

DAY 2 – Amsterdam

We embark on a charming glass-topped canal cruiser to begin exploring this beautiful city. With a network of 165 17th-century canals, taking to the water really is the best way to immerse yourself in Amsterdam's history and culture. You'll see a fascinating variety of gabled buildings, bustling streets and historic bridges. This afternoon our ship remains moored, so you can explore the city at your leisure. Overnight sailing. (B,L,D)
+ Included Experience – Canal cruise in Amsterdam

DAY 3 – Rotterdam & Kinderdijk

We wake up in historic Rotterdam. The logistical significance of the city made it a target during the Second World War and the old town was destroyed. Rotterdam has been reconstructed over the decades and now boasts an abundance of innovative architecture. A significant part of the Netherlands lies below sea level, but an intricate network of dykes and polders has kept the seawater at bay. At the heart of this region is Kinderdijk, and here you can witness a truly iconic scene – a series



Bruges



Antwerp



Cologne Cathedral

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- MS George Eliot – see page 94

of 19 authentic windmills which line the canal banks. Overnight sailing to Ghent (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences – Guided tours of Rotterdam & Kinderdijk

DAY 4 – Bruges & Ghent

This morning we drive to Bruges. The centre is simply captivating and the main square is dominated by the soaring Belfry. After our tour you can choose to stay in Bruges, returning to the ship later, or returning to Ghent for an afternoon tour where highlights include the gorgeous waterfront. Overnight sailing. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences – Guided tours of Bruges & Ghent

DAY 5 – Antwerp

This morning we moor in charming Antwerp. Our tour takes in the bustling Grote Markt, the Renaissance town hall and the opulent Brabo Fountain. Afternoon and overnight sailing. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience – Guided tour of Antwerp

DAY 6 – Arnhem

We awake in Arnhem, and this morning

you have a choice of two visits: either the fascinating Airborne Museum at Oosterbeek or the lost garden of Het Loo Palace. Later, we continue our passage along the mighty River Rhine. Tonight enjoy dinner hosted by the Captain in the ship's restaurant. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience – Visit to the Airborne Museum or Het Loo Palace

DAY 7 – Cologne

If you're up early, you'll witness our arrival in magnificent Cologne. Our tour takes in the splendid twin-spired cathedral and the beautifully restored old town. The afternoon is free for you to explore at leisure. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience – Guided tour of Cologne

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the train station in Brussels or the airport for your return journey to the UK. (B)

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



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CABIN:	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
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- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite
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- Services of a Riviera Travel Cruise Director and Concierge

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

8 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- Visit the Airborne Museum or Het Loo Palace
- Canal cruise in Amsterdam
- 6 guided tours including vibrant Rotterdam, captivating Bruges, gorgeous Ghent, historic Antwerp, iconic Kinderdijk and magnificent Cologne



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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'.



S-Bend near Boppard



Porta Nigra, Trier



Bernkastel

Your itinerary

DAY 1 - Arrival in Cologne

Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne or take the Eurostar to Brussels from London St Pancras International and transfer to your cruise ship. Overnight sailing. (D)

DAY 2 - Cochem

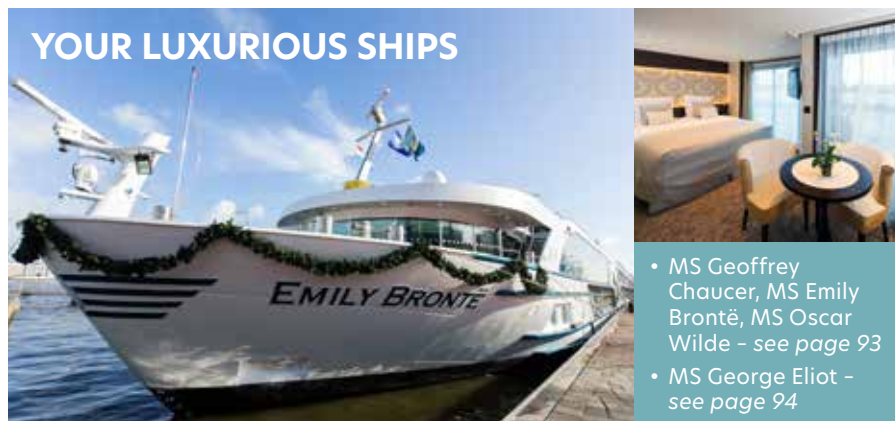
This morning you're cruising some of Europe's most dramatic waterways - the mighty River Rhine and its tributary the Moselle. After lunch we glide into Cochem for a guided tour. A multi-turreted castle crowns the vineyard covered hillside, but Cochem's real charm is found in the jumble of narrow streets lined with pastel coloured houses, quirky shops and wine cellars. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Cochem

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



YOUR LUXURIOUS SHIPS

- MS Geoffrey Chaucer, MS Emily Brontë, MS Oscar Wilde – see page 93
- MS George Eliot – see page 94

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. Afternoon and overnight sailing. (B,L,D)
+ Included Experience – Guided tour of Bernkastel

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 & 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 Captain's Dinner featuring a range of local specialties. (B,L,D)

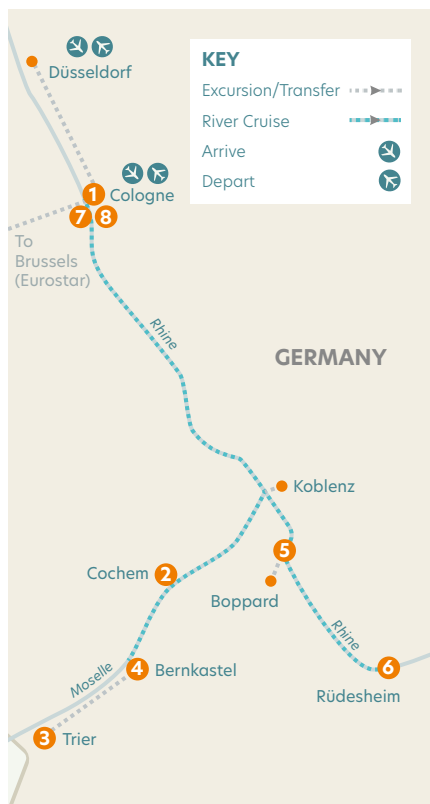
+ Included Experiences – Cruise through Rhine Gorge & guided tour of Rüdesheim

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. (B,L,D)
+ Included Experience – Guided tour of Cologne

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the train station in Brussels or the airport for your return journey to the UK. (B)



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CABIN:	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
2023 from	£1,599	£1,969	£2,169	£3,029
2024 from	£1,599	£2,099	£2,299	£2,849
Prices are per person based on two people sharing. For all availability and timings, call us or visit our website.				

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2024	○	○	○	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	○

Your cruise includes

- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite
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- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)
- Return scheduled flights from a selection of regional airports or seat on Eurostar from London St Pancras International with regional rail connections available*
- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel Cruise Director and Concierge

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

*A supplement may apply.

8 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 7 guided tours including captivating Cochem, fascinating Trier, timeless Bernkastel, charming Koblenz, beautiful Boppard, magical Rüdesheim and magnificent Cologne
- Cruise through the spectacular Rhine Gorge



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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.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 - Arrival in Cologne

Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne or take the Eurostar to Brussels from London St Pancras International and transfer to your cruise ship. Overnight sailing to Koblenz. (D)

DAY 2 - Koblenz & Boppard

We pass the vine-covered valleys of the Rhine as we cruise to Koblenz, located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle. Our tour will take us through Koblenz's patchwork of narrow streets, many lined with exquisitely restored houses and cosy cafés. We continue upstream to Boppard, the 'Pearl of the Rhine', where highlights include the charming marketplace and the old town. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tours of Koblenz & Boppard

DAY 3 - Rhine Gorge & Mainz

This morning we cruise through the magnificent Rhine Gorge, passing numerous ruined castles, once built as symbols of power. Sheer valley walls soar 600 feet and magnificent birds of prey glide above. Your next port of call is Mainz, whose most famous son was Johannes Gutenberg, inventor of the printing press. Overnight sailing. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Cruise through the Rhine Gorge & guided tour of Mainz

DAY 4 - Heidelberg

A morning drive brings us to Heidelberg.



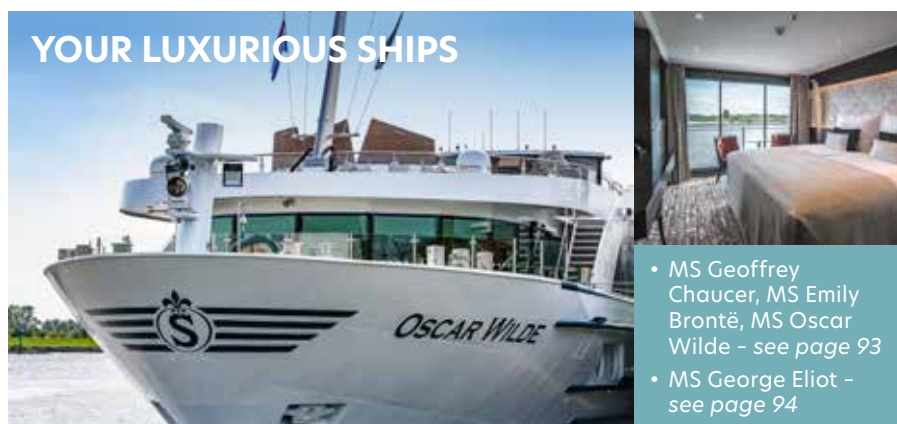
Colmar



Strasbourg



Cologne Cathedral



YOUR LUXURIOUS SHIPS

- MS Geoffrey Chaucer, MS Emily Brontë, MS Oscar Wilde – see page 93
- MS George Eliot – see page 94

This German jewel sits on the banks of the River Neckar, surrounded by forests and with an imposing castle dominating the old town. There are few more delightful places to explore, as you'll discover on our walking tour. Evening and overnight sailing. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience – Guided tour of Heidelberg

DAY 5 – Strasbourg & Colmar

By breakfast we've arrived in charming Strasbourg, capital of the French Alsace region. We take in the Petite France quarter, the famous covered bridges and the stunning Notre-Dame Cathedral on our walking tour. We then take the picturesque wine route to Colmar where we discover a magical concoction of canals, merchants' houses and ancient

religious buildings. Overnight sailing. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences – Guided tours of Strasbourg & Colmar

DAY 6 – Rudesheim

After a relaxing morning cruise, we arrive in Rudesheim. Our walking tour will take us along the narrow, crooked streets which lead down to the sweeping river. Rudesheim also has many atmospheric Weinstuben where you can sample the local wines. Tonight, we enjoy the Captain's Dinner featuring a range of local specialities. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience – Guided tour of Rudesheim

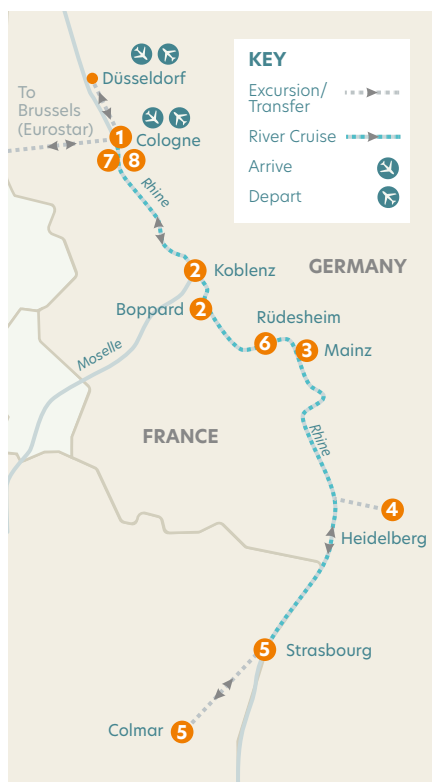
DAY 7 – Cologne

This morning we cruise through the Rhine Gorge once again and this afternoon we discover fascinating Cologne, taking in the twin-spired cathedral, the largest Gothic church in Northern Europe. We also see the old town, beautifully restored and boasting an abundance of excellent shopping and atmospheric bars. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience – Guided tour of Cologne

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the train station in Brussels or the airport for your return journey to the UK. (B)



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CABIN:	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
2023 from	£1,669	£2,069	£2,269	£2,819
2024 from	£1,599	£2,099	£2,299	£2,849
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- Services of a Riviera Travel Cruise Director and Concierge

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

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8 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 8 guided tours including charming Koblenz, beautiful Boppard, historic Mainz, romantic Heidelberg, elegant Strasbourg, medieval Colmar, magical Rudesheim and fascinating Cologne
- Cruise through the magnificent Rhine Gorge



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Rothenburg

Medieval Germany

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.



Würzburg



Mainz



Nuremberg

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

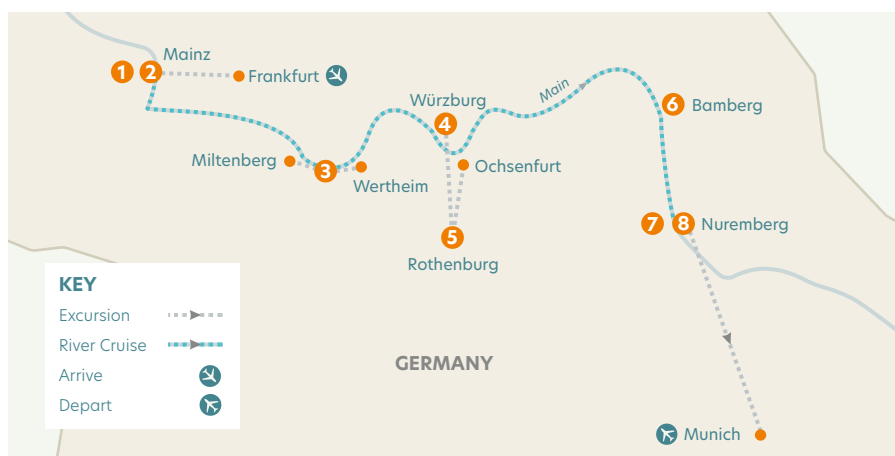
We'll explore the beautiful village of Miltenberg on our tour which takes in the impressive gatehouse and the charming marketplace. This afternoon we'll discover the delights of Wertheim. A 12th-century castle overlooks the multicoloured buildings of the old town and as you wander on our included tour look out for the Zobelhaus, a contender for the narrowest house in Germany. Evening sailing towards Würzburg. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tours of Miltenberg & Wertheim

DAY 4 - Würzburg

Continuing along the Main we arrive at Würzburg where we enjoy an afternoon tour. The impressive Marienberg Fortress

Bamberg



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- 7 guided tour including magnificent Mainz, delightful Miltenberg, intriguing Wertheim, Würzburg, picturesque Ochsenfurt, pretty Bamberg and historic Nuremberg
- Drive along the Romantic Road to visit charming Rothenburg

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Mountain railway



The Black Forest



Speyer

Your itinerary

DAY 1 - Arrival in Cologne

Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne or take the Eurostar to Brussels from London St Pancras International and transfer to your cruise ship. (D)

DAY 2 - Koblenz

After our first morning of sailing we reach Koblenz, located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle. Our tour will take us through Koblenz's patchwork of narrow streets, lined with exquisitely restored houses and cosy cafés. Later you will have time to explore at leisure. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Koblenz

DAY 3 - Rhine Gorge & Rüdesheim

This morning we cruise through the most famous of all river reaches and a real highlight of the cruise, the magnificent Rhine Gorge, passing ruined castles, once built as symbols of power. An afternoon walking tour will take us through the charming streets of Rüdesheim which lead down to the sweeping river. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Cruise through Rhine Gorge & guided tour of Rüdesheim

DAY 4 - Speyer

Sailing upstream, we make our way to Speyer. Our afternoon tour will take in the highlights of this historic city

YOUR LUXURIOUS SHIPS



- MS Geoffrey Chaucer, MS Emily Brontë, MS Oscar Wilde – see page 93
- MS George Eliot – see page 94

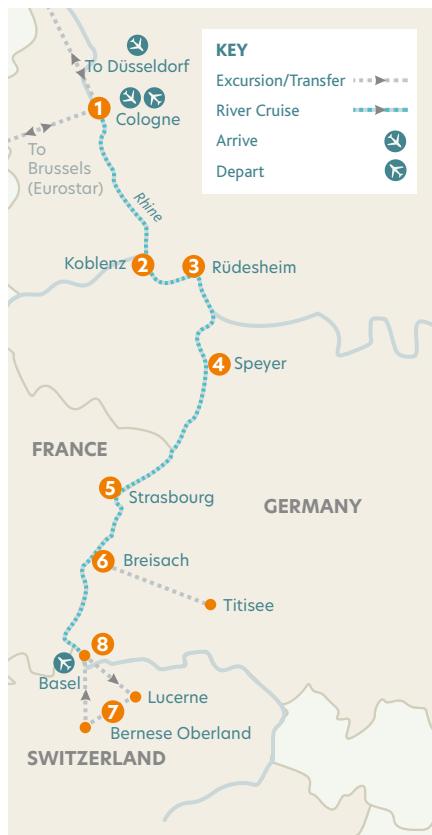
including the breathtaking imperial Cathedral and the magnificent Gedächtniskirche. Overnight sailing towards Strasbourg. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience – Guided tour of Speyer

DAY 5 – Strasbourg

This morning we cruise to Strasbourg, capital of the French Alsace. Our walking tour this afternoon will lead us through the charming centre as we take in the Petite France quarter, the famous covered bridges and the stunning Notre-Dame Cathedral. Overnight sailing. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience – Guided tour of Strasbourg



DAY 6 – Breisach & Black Forest

We glide past the dramatic Vosges Mountains to ancient Breisach. Later we drive through the stunning landscape of the Black Forest Mountains. Our destination is the idyllic village of Titisee, nestling on the shores of its crystal-clear lake. Whilst we enjoy the captain's dinner we resume our passage upstream to Basel where we moor overnight. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences – Visit to Breisach & drive through the Black Forest with visit to Titisee

DAY 7 – Lucerne & Bernese Oberland

Today we drive to the beautiful Swiss city of Lucerne. Highly recommended is a stroll along the iconic Chapel Bridge, a unique covered wooden walkway crossing the lake. Our journey continues into the Bernese Oberland with the magnificent snow-capped peaks of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau. We'll enjoy more jaw-dropping alpine vistas on a thrilling ride by mountain railway. The ship will offer a packed lunch* for this excursion. (B,L*,D)

+ Included Experiences – Tour of the Bernese Oberland & visit to Lucerne

DAY 8 – Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return journey to the UK. (B)

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



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DAYS

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Your cruise includes

- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite
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- All meals on board except one lunch, including welcome cocktails and the Captain's Dinner
- Complimentary on-board tea and coffee
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)
- Return scheduled flights from a selection of regional airports or seats on Eurostar from London St Pancras International and TGV
- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel Cruise Director and Concierge

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

9 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 6 guided tours including atmospheric Koblenz, magical Rudesheim, historic Speyer, charming Strasbourg, the magnificent Bernese Oberland with mountain railway and the stunning Black Forest and Titisee
- 2 visits to ancient Breisach and Lucerne
- Cruise through the spectacular Rhine Gorge



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EXTEND YOUR HOLIDAY

Basel or Cologne City Stay extensions available

Add 3 nights to your holiday, staying at the **Hotel Märthof Basel** or **Dorint Hotel am Heumarkt** – see pages 87 & 88

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2023 from	£1,499	£1,919	£2,119	£2,719
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This was a superbly managed experience. The ship, the food, the people were all second to none. The places visited were amazing and the journeys between them were all restful and beautiful. This was not our first Riviera holiday and expectations were high. It will certainly not be our last.

David, 25 May 2022

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Rhine Gorge • Rüdesheim • Mainz
Miltenberg • Wertheim • Würzburg
Bamberg • Nuremberg • Boppard
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Cruise the Heart of Europe

Journey along the Rhine, Main & Danube





A 12th-century castle overlooks the old town, with views of the church spires, turrets and patchwork of multicoloured buildings of the old town below. As you wander look out for the Zobelhaus, a contender for the narrowest house in Germany. Evening and overnight sailing towards Würzburg. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tours of Miltenberg and Wertheim

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 impressive Marienburg 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 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. Later we return to the ship and join the Main-Danube canal, a superb feat of engineering guiding us to our next stop, Nuremberg. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Bamberg

DAY 8 - 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 tour including the enormous Kaiserburg Castle, the splendid Church of Saint Lawrence and the bustling Hauptmarkt with its ornate fountain. Afternoon and overnight sailing towards Regensburg. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Nuremberg

DAY 9 - Regensburg

This morning we cruise along the Main-Danube Canal to 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 we take in the sights of this fascinating Bavarian city on our tour. As we wander through the winding streets and elegant squares of the old town we'll see the striking merchants' houses and the splendid Gothic cathedral. Overnight sailing. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Regensburg

DAY 10 - Passau

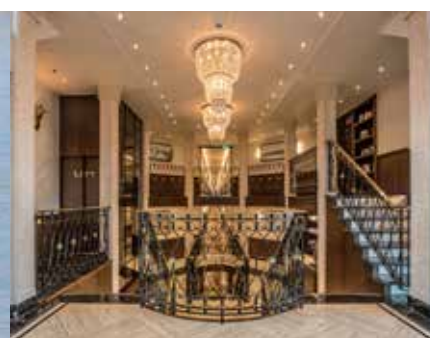
Our journey brings us to Passau, the last town we stop at in Germany, nestling where the Inn and Ilz Rivers join the Danube. We'll explore this 'Three Rivers City' on our guided tour. The old town is known for its Baroque architecture



Melk Abbey



Monument of Johann Strauss



• MS Geoffrey Chaucer, MS Emily Brontë, MS Oscar Wilde – see page 93

including Saint Stephen's Cathedral, where the world's largest cathedral organ sounds. Afternoon and evening sailing to Melk. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience – Guided tour of Passau

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. 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 & 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 cafes. Perhaps the most iconic monument is the lovely 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 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 – Guided tour of 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 an included 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. We reach our journey's end cruising into Budapest and enjoying spectacular views on our final approach. (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. The Ottomans ruled for 150 years, leaving their legacy in the many thermal baths and then Budapest came under the rule of the Hapsburg Empire. Castle Hill is Budapest in microcosm, with its churches, museums, atmospheric streets and dramatic views to the Parliament Building. You have the rest of the day free to explore and you're spoilt for choice with the city's array of museums, galleries and sensational Art Nouveau architecture. The main event this evening is the 'Captain's Dinner', the chef's delicious selection of specialities from the countries and regions we've visited during our cruise. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience – Guided tour of Budapest

DAY 15 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

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Salzburg



Melk Abbey



Esztergom Basilica

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

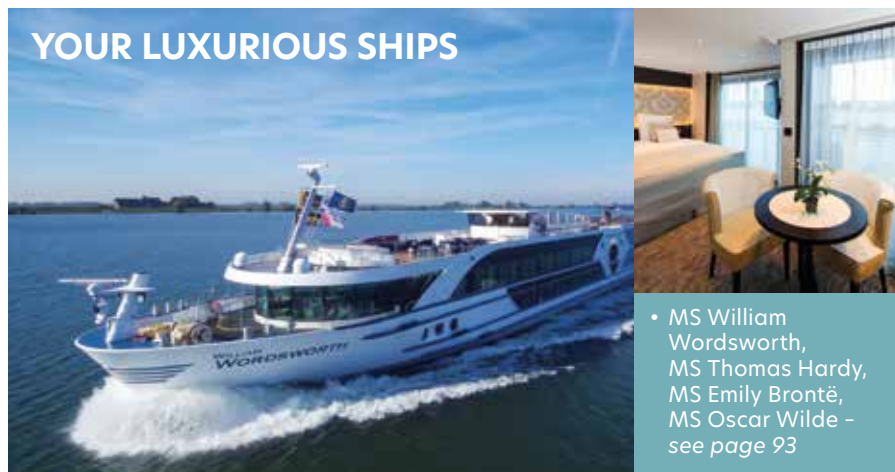
DAY 3 - Bratislava

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

Dürnstein is famous for the ice-blue tower of its abbey and the castle where Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned. This morning join a guided tour of Dürnstein 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)



YOUR LUXURIOUS SHIPS

- MS William Wordsworth, MS Thomas Hardy, MS Emily Brontë, MS Oscar Wilde - see page 93

+ Included Experience - Guided tours of Dürnstein & Melk Abbey

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. The ship will offer a packed lunch* for the Salzburg excursion. This evening we cruise towards Vienna. (B,L*,D)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Linz or Salzburg

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 guided tour and this afternoon you're free to explore. Tonight the Captain hosts dinner in the ships 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 - Guided tour of Vienna & live classical recital

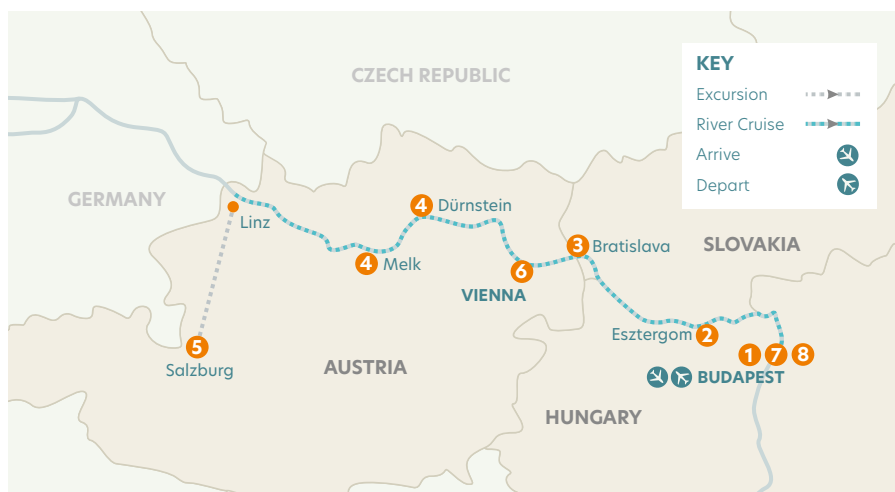
DAY 7 - Budapest

Cruise through the Hungarian landscape towards Budapest and after lunch enjoy a sightseeing tour of this captivating city. The Ottomans ruled for 150 years, leaving their legacy in the many thermal baths and then Budapest came under the imperial rule of the Habsburg Empire. Castle Hill is Budapest in microcosm: with its churches, museums, atmospheric streets and dramatic views to the Parliament Building. You'll also have plenty of free time to immerse yourself in the culture and history. This evening's dinner closes with a Hungarian folklore show. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Budapest & Hungarian folklore show

DAY 8 - Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)



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2024 from	£1,399	£1,899	£2,099	£2,649
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2024	○	○	○	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	○

Your cruise includes

- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite
- Upgrade to a deluxe or superior suite, or an upper deck cabin and benefit from the luxury of RIVIERAPLUS - see page 23 for details
- All meals on board (except one lunch if choosing the Salzburg excursion), including welcome cocktails and the Captain's Dinner
- Complimentary on-board tea and coffee
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)
- Return scheduled flights from a selection of regional airports
- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel Cruise Director and Concierge

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

9 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 7 guided tours including the neoclassical Esztergom Basilica, charming Bratislava, historic Dürnstein, remarkable Melk Abbey, baroque Linz or magnificent Salzburg, elegant Vienna and captivating Budapest
- Live classical quartet recital on board
- Hungarian folklore show on board



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Vienna City Stay extension available

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Budapest & Prague Tour
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Perfect holiday which definitely lived up to expectations. Beautiful and comfortable ship, great food, amazing staff, and lots of interesting and varied trips in a well-organised programme.

Mary, 10 May 2022

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• Iron Gates Gorge • Pleven • Bucharest
• Danube Delta • Constanța • Rousse
• Ivanovo • Veliko Tarnovo • Arbanassi
• Belogradchik • Lepenski Vir • Novi Sad
• Osijek • Vukovar

Budapest to the Black Sea



Bucharest Palace of Parliament



Danube Delta



Belgrade

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.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 - Arrival in Budapest

Fly to Budapest and transfer to your cruise ship which stays here overnight. (D)

DAY 2 - Kalocsa

Our adventure begins as we cruise to Kalocsa. 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. Later we drive into the 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. Afternoon sailing towards Belgrade. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Kalocsa & scenic drive into the Puszta with an equestrian show

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.

Evening and overnight sailing. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Belgrade

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)

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. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Pleven

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Your cruise includes

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- All meals on board, (except one lunch), including welcome cocktails and the Captain's Dinner
- Complimentary on-board tea and coffee
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)
- Return scheduled flights from a selection of regional airports
- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel Cruise Director and Concierge

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

17 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 10 guided tours including Kalocsa, Belgrade, Pleven, Bucharest, Constanța, Novi Sad, Vukovar, Osijek and Budapest
- Scenic drive into the Puszta with an equestrian show
- Spectacular cruising through the magnificent Iron Gates Gorge and the heart of the Danube Delta
- 4 guided visits including beautiful Veliko Tarnovo and enchanting Arbanassi, the Churches of Ivanovo, Belogradchik Rocks and Mesolithic Lepenski Vir



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Vienna City Stay extension available

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**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 extravaganza 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 Tulcea. (B,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Bucharest



Belogradchik

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 disembark to take a guided excursion on smaller boats. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Cruise into the Danube Delta

DAY 8 - Constanța

We begin our return passage and this morning we visit the ancient city of Constanța. It is said that Jason landed here with the Argonauts after finding the Golden Fleece and numerous remains from Greek and Roman times



Constanta

are on display in the city's many museums. 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 Constanța

DAY 9 - Rousse - Veliko Tarnovo, Arbanassi & Ivanovo

Crossing into Bulgaria, we arrive in Rousse and a scenic drive brings us Veliko Tarnovo. Located in a rugged landscape entangled by the meanderings of the Yantra River, the charming old town is clustered on three hills with houses stacked on steeply sided valleys. Tucked away in the cobbled streets are tiny workshops, where you can watch copper pots being beaten or wooden utensils skilfully carved.

Later we head to Arbanassi, set high on a plateau. During Ottoman times, this village became a commercial centre for traders and their caravans, crammed with wares bound for distant places. Perhaps visit one of the mansion houses with their fortress-like stone walls, or view the superb frescoes inside the Church of the Nativity. We end the day with a visit to the Churches of Ivanovo, a fascinating 12th century religious complex, hewn into solid rock. Evening and overnight sailing. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Guided visits to Veliko Tarnovo, Arbanassi & Ivanovo

YOUR LUXURIOUS SHIPS



- MS William Wordsworth, MS Thomas Hardy, MS Oscar Wilde – see page 89

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 Gate & Lepenski Vir

This morning's cruising brings us once again to the splendour of the Iron Gates Gorge. This afternoon we moor in Donji Milanovac and take the short drive to Lepenski Vir. Dating back to 9,500 BC, this important archaeological site consists of a series of Mesolithic villages located on a high terrace overlooking the Danube. Our tour will reveal more about this fascinating place and how

these ancient people lived. Overnight sailing. The Captain's Dinner is served this evening, with a superb menu reflecting the countries and regions we visit on this cruise. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided visit to Lepenski Vir

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. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Novi Sad

DAY 13 - Vukovar & Osijek

Today we cross into Croatia and stop in Vukovar, the country's largest river port. Here we enjoy a guided tour, seeing the main sights and learning about the city's tumultuous past. We then drive to the historic city of Osijek where we explore the old town. Behind the stone walls lies an intriguing market square, lined by handsome public buildings and in the Upper City you'll see the neo-Gothic cathedral, its spire soaring above the rooftops. Evening sailing to Hungary. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tours of Vukovar & Osijek

DAY 14 - Budapest

We cruise through the pastoral landscape towards Budapest. On our guided tour we see all the main sights of this captivating city including the iconic Parliament Building, the National Gallery with its huge collection of Hungarian masterpieces, and the Matthias Church with its intricate rose windows. The rest of the day is yours to explore. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Budapest

DAY 15 - Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)



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Avignon



Beaune



Your itinerary

DAY 1 - Arrival in Lyon

Fly to Lyon, Geneva, Marseille or Montpellier, or take the Eurostar from London St Pancras International via Paris to Lyon. On arrival transfer to your cruise ship moored in Lyon. (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 and eateries. 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 Experience - Guided tour of Lyon

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 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 & Tournon

We enjoy a morning tour of Vienne, a



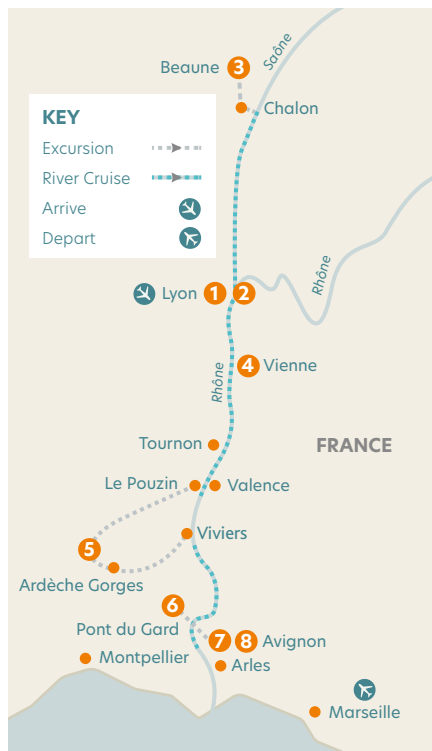
treasure trove of historic remains. A little train takes us through the charming streets to the top of the city for superb Rhône views. This afternoon we enter perhaps the most picturesque section of the Rhône and moor overnight in delightful Tournon. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Vienne & visit to Tournon

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 rejoin our ship in the medieval town of Viviers and later we continue overnight to Arles. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of the Ardèche Gorges



DAY 6 - Arles & Pont du Gard

Our morning tour will help you appreciate Arles's magnificent Roman remains, including the splendid amphitheatre. Van Gogh lived here for just over a year and inspired by the light and beauty, he produced many works, including Sunflowers. After lunch we visit 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 Captain's Dinner. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Arles & visit to Pont du Gard

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 extraordinary gothic Pope's Palace. After lunch you're free to explore as you wish. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Avignon

DAY 8 - Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return journey to the UK. (B)

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



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2023	○	○	○	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	○
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
2024	○	○	○	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	○

Your cruise includes

- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite
- Upgrade to a deluxe or superior suite, or an upper deck cabin and benefit from the luxury of RIVIERAPLUS - see page 23 for details
- All meals on board, including welcome cocktails and the Captain's Dinner
- Complimentary on-board tea and coffee
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)
- Return scheduled flights from a selection of regional airports or return Eurostar / TGV from London St Pancras International
- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel Cruise Director and Concierge

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

8 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 5 guided tours including glorious Lyon, charming Beaune with wine tasting, historic Vienne, splendid Arles and intriguing Avignon
- 3 visits including the magnificent Ardèche Gorges, the remarkable Pont du Gard and beautiful Tournon



EXTEND YOUR HOLIDAY

Marseille or Lyon City Stay extensions available

Add 3 nights to your holiday, staying at the **Mercure Marseille Centre Vieux Port** or **Lyon Mercure Part Dieu** - see page 90

Lake Geneva & Golden Pass

Tour Extension also available - see page 85

PRICING & DEPARTURES 2023 / 2024				
DECK:	LOWER	MIDDLE	UPPER-RIVIERAPLUS	
CABIN:	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
2023 from	£1,399	£1,749	£1,949	£2,719
2024 from	£1,599	£2,129	£2,379	£2,879
Prices are per person based on two people sharing. For all availability and timings, call us or visit our website.				

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Lyon • Mâcon • Chalon • Beaune
 • Ardèche Gorges • Avignon • Pont du
 Gard • Uzès • Arles • Camargue
 • Les Baux-de-Provence • Orange
 • Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône
 • Chateauneuf-du-Pape

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Lyon, Provençal Rhône & the Camargue

World-class wines and legendary cuisine, the most spectacular river scenery, verdant landscapes draped in vineyards and honey-coloured medieval towns with intriguing, cobbled lanes – discover one of southern France's most tantalising regions.



Pont d'Arc, Ardèche River



Avignon



The Camargue

Your itinerary

DAY 1 - Arrival in Lyon

Fly to Lyon or take the Eurostar from London St Pancras International and transfer to our ship moored in Lyon. (D)

DAY 2 - Mâcon

Drive to Cluny Abbey, enjoy a fascinating guided tour of one of the most glorious Benedictine abbeys. We visit one of the region's best winemakers for a tour and tasting before stopping off at the geological phenomenon Solutre Rock. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Cluny Abbey & wine tasting

DAY 3 - Chalon, Beaune & Burgundy

On this morning's tour we see the villages that produce some of the world's most sublime wines. 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. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Beaune

DAY 4 - Lyon

Overnight the ship has cruised to the delightful city of 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



YOUR LUXURIOUS SHIP

• MS Lord Byron
- see page 95

DAY 5 - Ardèche Gorges

After breakfast take a spectacular drive to explore the Ardèche Gorges, whose scale is a fitting reminder of Mother Nature's power. Our ship continues through the lock at Bollène as you relax over lunch. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Visit to the Ardèche Gorges

DAY 6 - Avignon, Pont du Gard & Uzès

Avignon boasts more remarkable monuments, churches, chapels and convents than you can possibly count. This morning we embark on a guided tour. 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 - Guided tour of Avignon, visit the Pont du Gard & walking tour of Uzès

DAY 7 - Arles & Les Baux-de-Provence

Awake in Arles and our guided tour will help you appreciate the finer points of Arles's magnificent Roman remains,

including the splendid amphitheatre.

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 - Guided tour of Arles & visit to Les Baux-de-Provence and an Olive Oil farm

DAY 8 - Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône, Camargue & Ornithological Park

Glide into Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône, surrounded by the unique wilderness of the Camargue. We enjoy a tour into this unique landscape with a visit to the Ornithological Park of Pont de Gau. Later we drive to the seaside town of Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer and enjoy a short orienteering tour. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Camargue with visit to the Ornithological Park & Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer

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. Tonight enjoy the Captain's dinner featuring a range of local specialities. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Orange & wine tasting

DAY 10 - Lyon

After our final morning of sailing we return to Lyon, where the afternoon is free for you to explore as you wish, perhaps visit one of the superb museums, or head to the famed market of Les Halles Paul Bocuse. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Visit to Lyon

DAY 11 - Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)



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DECK:	LOWER	MIDDLE	UPPER-RIVIERAPLUS	
CABIN:	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
2023 from	£2,399	£2,949	£3,249	£3,949
2024 from	£2,699	£3,449	£3,799	£4,499

Prices are per person based on two people sharing. For all availability and timings, call us or visit our website.

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2023	○	○	○	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	○	○
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2024	○	○	○	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	○

Your cruise includes

- 10 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite
- Upgrade to a deluxe or superior suite, or an upper deck cabin and benefit from the luxury of RIVIERAPLUS - see page 23 for details
- All meals on board, including welcome cocktails and the Captain's Dinner
- Complimentary on-board tea and coffee
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)
- Return scheduled flights from a selection of regional airports or return Eurostar / TGV from London St Pancras International
- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel Cruise Director and Concierge

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

13 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 7 guided tours including Cluny Abbey, Beaune, Lyon, Avignon, Uzès, Arles and Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer
- 3 visits including the Camargue & the Ornithological Park of Pont de Gau, the Pont du Gard and the Ardèche Gorges
- 2 wine tastings in Mâcon and Chateauneuf-du-Pape and 1 Olive Oil farm visit at Les Baux-de-Provence



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Lyon City Stay extension available

Add 3 nights to your holiday, staying at the centrally located Lyon Mercure Part Dieu - see page 90

Paris • Les Andelys • Rouen
Bayeux • Arromanches • Honfleur
Giverny • Vernon



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The Seine, Paris & Normandy

Catch the remarkable sights that line the majestic Seine and reflect on the many historical events that shaped the world today, with visits to iconic Paris, the incredibly preserved Bayeux Tapestry and Gold Beach, along the picturesque and captivating Normandy coastline.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 - Arrival in Paris

Take the Eurostar from London St Pancras International to Paris or 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. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Rouen & visit to Caudebec-en-Caux

DAY 4 - Bayeux and Arromanches

Our first visit is to the remarkable Bayeux Tapestry which tells the story of the 1066 Norman invasion of Britain. At Arromanches we visit the museum



Old mill at Vernon



Honfleur



Monet's Garden



YOUR LUXURIOUS SHIP

• MS Jane Austen
- see page 95

dedicated to the 'longest day' and then we continue to the British Normandy Memorial. From here you have best point of view to Gold Beach, one of the five main landing sites on D-Day. (B,D)

+ Included Experiences - Visit to the Bayeux Tapestry & the D-Day Normandy Beaches

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

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 Captain's Dinner, featuring specialities of the regions through which we have

travelled. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Visits to Claude Monet's house & Vernon

DAY 7 - Paris

We have arrived in Paris and this morning we take a sightseeing tour of this amazing capital. The Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Champs Élysées, Sacré-Coeur - you'll see all these and much more. After lunch you are free to explore the city as you wish. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Paris.

DAY 8 - Return home

Transfer to the train station or airport for your return journey to the UK. (B)



Arc de Triomphe, Paris



PRICING & DEPARTURES 2023 / 2024				
DECK:	LOWER	MIDDLE	UPPER-RIVIERAPLUS	
CABIN:	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
2023 from	£1,299	£1,649	£1,849	£2,619
2024 from	£1,699	£2,229	£2,479	£2,979
Prices are per person based on two people sharing. For all availability and timings, call us or visit our website.				

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DAYS

FROM
£1,299 PP

2023	○	○	○	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	○	○
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2024	○	○	○	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	○

Your cruise includes

- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite
- Upgrade to a deluxe or superior suite, or an upper deck cabin and benefit from the luxury of RIVIERAPLUS - see page 23 for details
- All meals on board (except one lunch), including welcome cocktails and the Captain's Dinner
- Complimentary on-board tea and coffee
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)
- Return scheduled flights from a selection of regional airports or Eurostar seat from London St Pancras International with regional rail connections available*
- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel Cruise Director and Concierge

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

*A supplement may apply.

8 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 4 guided tours of picturesque Honfleur, Rouen, Paris and to the Bayeux Tapestry and the D-Day Normandy Beaches
- 4 visits including Les Andelys, charming Caudebec-en-Caux, Claude Monet's house and garden, and quaint Vernon



EXTEND YOUR HOLIDAY

Paris City Stay
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Add 3 nights to your holiday, staying at the centrally located **Leonardo Boutique Museumhotel** - see page 91

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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.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 - Arrival in Cologne

Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne or take the Eurostar to Brussels from London St Pancras International 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 we moor in Rüdesheim for a guided tour. This classic Rhine village with crooked houses sloping down from wooded hillsides is the perfect chocolate box setting for a Christmas market. As you wander the tempting stalls stop for a slice of gingerbread and don't forget to pay a visit to the Christmas shop: it's a treasure trove of all things seasonal. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Rüdesheim and visit to the Christmas market

DAY 3 - Rhine Gorge & Koblenz

This morning we glide back through the spectacular Rhine Gorge, making our way to Koblenz. This historic city, dramatically located at the confluence of the rivers Rhine and Moselle is a romantic's dream. Forest-covered hillsides dominate the skyline, whilst the lower slopes are strewn with



YOUR LUXURIOUS SHIPS

- MS Emily Bronte, MS Oscar Wilde – see page 93

KEY

- Excursion/Transfer
- River Cruise
- Arrive
- Depart

PRICING & DEPARTURES 2023				
DECK:	LOWER	MIDDLE	UPPER-RIVIERA PLUS	
CABIN:	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
2023 from	£799	£1,099	£1,299	£1,699
Prices are per person based on two people sharing. For all availability and timings, call us or visit our website.				

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

- 3 guided tours including romantic Rudesheim, charming Koblenz and historic Bonn
- Visit to magnificent Cologne
- 4 Christmas market visits including Rudesheim, Koblenz, Bonn and Cologne



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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 and visit to the Christmas markets

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 and visit churches to view their traditional Christmas cribs. You are then free to wander the maze of streets, admiring the Christmas decorations until you reach the main square and the market with its cosy atmosphere. You may choose to join our optional



Bratislava

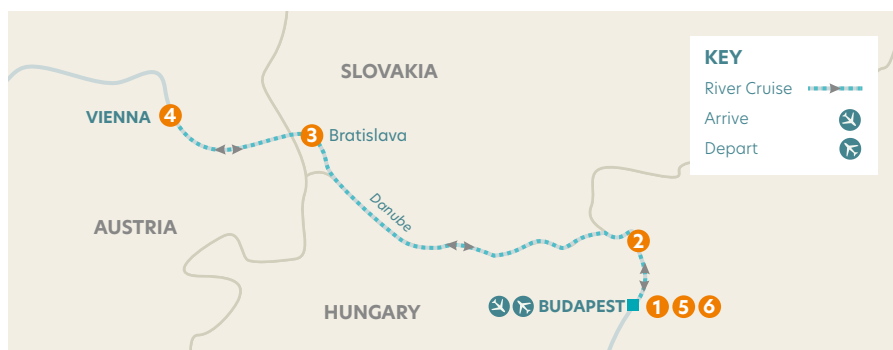


Vienna

YOUR LUXURIOUS SHIPS




- MS William Wordsworth, MS Thomas Hardy - see page 93



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DECK:	LOWER	MIDDLE	UPPER-RIVIERA PLUS	
CABIN:	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
2023 from	£949	£1,299	£1,549	£1,949
Prices are per person based on two people sharing. For all availability and timings, call us or visit our website.				

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

- 3 guided tours including captivating Budapest, charming Bratislava and elegant Vienna
- 3 Christmas market visits including Budapest, Bratislava and Vienna

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Melk • Salzburg or Linz • Vienna



Christmas on the Blue 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.



Esztergom



Budapest



Melk

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. There will also be time to browse the stalls at the Christmas market for last minute gifts. This afternoon sail past enchanting towns and villages en route to Bratislava. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Visit to Esztergom Basilica and the Christmas market

DAY 3 - Bratislava on Christmas Eve

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. Christmas here is an enchanting experience, with Hviezdoslav Square now dressed up for the special season. This afternoon cruise into Lower Austria. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Bratislava

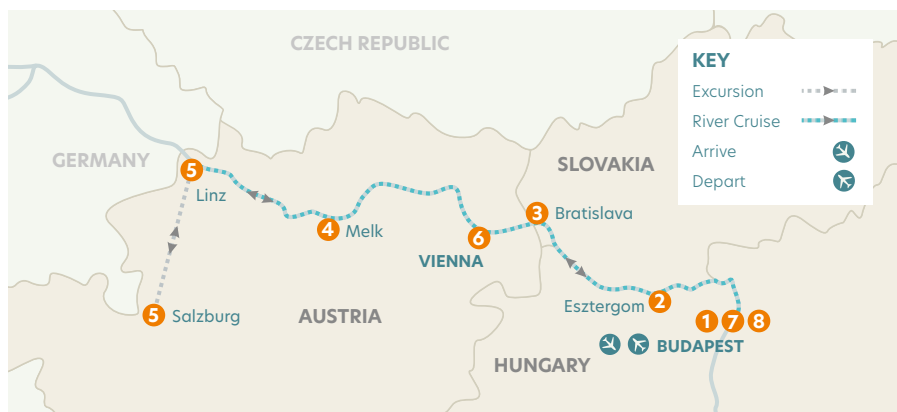
DAY 4 - Melk on Christmas Day

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



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. There has been a Christmas market in Vienna since the Middle Ages and there will also be time for you to browse the stalls for seasonal treats. After lunch we visit the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace which also hosts a superb Christmas market.

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)



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DECK:	LOWER	MIDDLE	UPPER-RIVIERA PLUS	
CABIN:	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
22 December 2023 from	£2,099	£2,549	£2,749	£3,299
Prices are per person based on two people sharing. For all availability and timings, call us or visit our website.				

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

Your cruise includes

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

9 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 6 guided tours including Esztergom Basilica, charming Bratislava, historic Melk Abbey, baroque Linz or magnificent Salzburg, elegant Vienna and captivating Budapest
- Visit to Schönbrunn Palace
- On board classical quartet recital
- On board Hungarian Christmas folklore show
- Christmas Day Gala dinner



Cologne • Koblenz • Rhine Gorge
Rüdesheim • Speyer
Strasbourg • Boppard



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.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 - Arrival in Cologne

Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne or take the Eurostar to Brussels from London St Pancras International 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's Christmas market is one of the largest in the Rhineland and as you browse its enticing stalls, the aroma of hot chestnuts fills the air. This evening we've arranged a festive folklore show on board. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Koblenz, visit to the Christmas market & 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, the perfect chocolate box setting for a Christmas market. As you wander the many stalls don't forget to stop for a piece of gingerbread. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Cruise through the Rhine Gorge & guided tour of Rüdesheim and visit to the Christmas market



Cologne Christmas market



Koblenz



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Your cruise includes

- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite
- Upgrade to a deluxe or superior suite, or an upper deck cabin and benefit from the luxury of RIVIERA**PLUS** – see page 23 for details
- All meals on board, including welcome cocktails, Christmas dinner and the Captain's dinner
- Complimentary on-board tea and coffee
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)
- Return scheduled flights from a selection of regional airports or seats on Eurostar from London St Pancras International*
- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel Cruise Director and Concierge

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner
*A supplement may apply.

12 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 6 guided tours including atmospheric Koblenz, captivating Rüdesheim, historic Speyer, Strasbourg, magnificent Cologne and gorgeous Boppard
- Cruise through the spectacular Rhine Gorge
- 3 Christmas market visits including Koblenz, Rüdesheim and Speyer
- On-board classical music concert
- On-board festive folklore show
- Christmas Day Gala Dinner

Morning sailing to historic Speyer. Our afternoon tour will take in the highlights of the city including the breathtaking Imperial Cathedral. Speyer's delightful Christmas market is held on the bustling Maximilianstrasse where the alluring aroma of Glühwein will tempt you. Overnight sailing towards Strasbourg. (B.L.D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Speyer and visit to the Christmas market

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

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. Overnight sailing towards Coloane. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Boppard

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 afternoon 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 the sumptuous Captain's dinner is followed by an on-board classical music concert. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Cologne & classical music concert

Transfer to the train station in Brussels or the airport for your return journey to the UK. (B)



PRICING & DEPARTURES 2023				
DECK:	LOWER	MIDDLE	UPPER-RIVIERA PLUS	
CABIN:	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
21 December 2023 from	£2,099	£2,549	£2,749	£3,299
Prices are per person based on two people sharing. For all availability and timings, call us or visit our website.				





New Year on the Blue 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.



Vienna



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 and 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

Cologne • Rhine Gorge • Koblenz
Rüdesheim • Frankfurt

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.



Rüdesheim



Frankfurt



Your itinerary

DAY 1 - Arrival in Cologne

Fly to Düsseldorf or Cologne or take the Eurostar to Brussels from London St Pancras International 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)

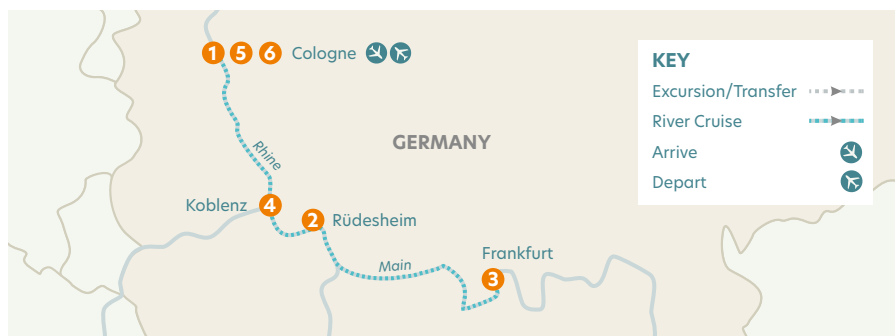
+ Included Experiences - Cruise through Rhine Gorge, guided tour of Rüdesheim & folklore show

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

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

Transfer to the train station in Brussels or the airport for your return journey to the UK. (B)



PRICING & DEPARTURES 2023				
DECK:	LOWER	MIDDLE	UPPER-RIVIERA PLUS	
CABIN:	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
28 December 2023 from	£1,699	£2,049	£2,299	£2,699
Prices are per person based on two people sharing. For all availability and timings, call us or visit our website.				

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- 5 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite
- Upgrade to a deluxe or superior suite, or an upper deck cabin and benefit from the luxury of RIVIERA**PLUS** – see page 23 for details
- All meals on board, including welcome cocktails, New Years Eve dinner, New Year brunch and the Captain's dinner
- Complimentary on-board tea and coffee
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)
- Return scheduled flights from a selection of regional airports or Eurostar seat from London St Pancras International with regional rail connections available*
- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel Cruise Director and Concierge

*A supplement may apply.

- 4 guided tours including romantic Rudesheim, dynamic Frankfurt, charming Koblenz and magnificent Cologne
- Cruise through the spectacular Rhine Gorge
- On-board classical music concert
- On-board folklore show
- New Year's Eve gala dinner, midnight drinks and canapés, and a New Year's Day brunch



Our Douro river cruise

Weave through one of the most photogenic river valleys and the sun-soaked Iberian countryside, past vineyard terraces and hillside villages. Along the way delve into Portugal's rich and fascinating history and discover ancient monasteries, historic castles and splendid baroque palaces.

The Douro Valley, Portugal

Life on board our cruise ships

Smaller ships

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



MS Douro Splendour

Elegant Cabins

The well-appointed cabins are spacious and 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 and enjoy all the superb on-board facilities.



Douro Elegance Deluxe Suite

Stunning restaurant

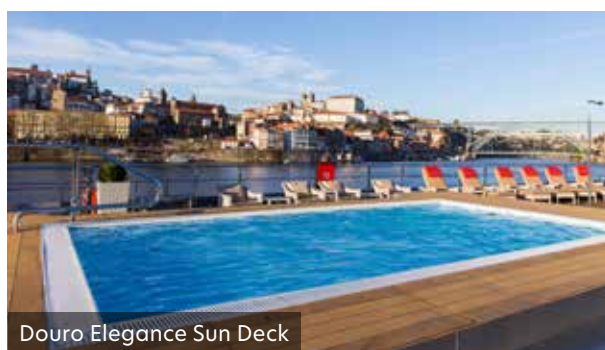
Experience authentic dining at the chic restaurant, serving delicious Portuguese, Mediterranean and International cuisine and enjoy wonderful vistas from the large panoramic windows. A glass of ruby red port in the beautifully appointed lounge bar is the perfect way to round off your evening.

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.

World-class 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.



Douro Elegance Sun Deck

Our friendly and welcoming Portuguese crew

Every detail is meticulously inspected before an exclusively Portuguese crew welcomes you on board. All our ships have an excellent ratio of crew to guests, so you are guaranteed personal attention. Working closely with the Riviera Travel 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 escorts will also be on hand to guide all shore excursions.

Dining Experiences

First-class dining

Enjoy classic cuisine in the ship's excellent restaurant. A magnificent buffet breakfast including healthy options and your choice of eggs made to order is the perfect start to the day. A buffet lunch includes freshly prepared salads, hearty soups and a choice of typical local dishes, or freshly cooked pasta dishes. 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.



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 fine 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.

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" and
sautéed vegetables
Pork cheek, sautéed potatoes with oregano and
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

Drinks package

We include everything you might need in our prices, we never charge for something you might not. To enjoy selected house wines, beers and soft drinks during lunch and dinner, you can purchase our drinks package prior to departure. If you'd like more flexibility to purchase drinks at any time of day, why not add on-board credit to your booking before you travel? Visit our website for more details.

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Thoughtful inclusions

Everything you need for an unforgettable holiday.

Return travel & transfers

Return flights from a choice of regional airports at no extra cost. Overseas transfers, on-board portage, airport taxes and port charges.

Spacious suites & cabins

Luxurious suites and cabins with beautifully appointed en-suite bathrooms and river views.

Exceptional dining

Sumptuous breakfasts, excellent lunches and delicious four course dinners featuring Portuguese and International cuisine and tempting 'Local Flavours' choices.

Fascinating tours & excursions

Thoughtfully balanced itineraries including guided tours in every port in the company of our knowledgeable on-board Riviera Travel tour escorts.

Professional & friendly crew

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

Complimentary tea & 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

Our vessels feature a spa, fitness suite and swimming pool.

Experienced Cruise Director

Your Riviera Travel Cruise Director is on hand to share their knowledge and ensure everything runs smoothly on-board and ashore.

The Douro, Porto & Salamanca

Exclusive
SOLO
departures
available
[See online](#)

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'.

Your itinerary

DAY 1 - Arrival in Porto

Fly to Porto and transfer to your cruise ship. (D)

DAY 2 - Mateus Palace Gardens

Morning cruise to Peso da Régua for a visit to the grounds of the splendid Mateus Palace. This evening we drive to the Quinta da Pacheca. You have time to wander through this beautiful estate before dinner including a selection of the quinta's wines. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Visit to Mateus Palace gardens & dinner at a typical quinta

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. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Visit to Castelo Rodrigo

DAY 4 - Salamanca

Today we visit historic Salamanca, one of the many UNESCO World Heritage Sites on this journey. Founded by the Romans, who erected its 389-yard-long bridge, Salamanca is mostly built from local sandstone that emanates a gorgeous rose-coloured glow in the sunlight and is dominated by its two cathedrals and its university.



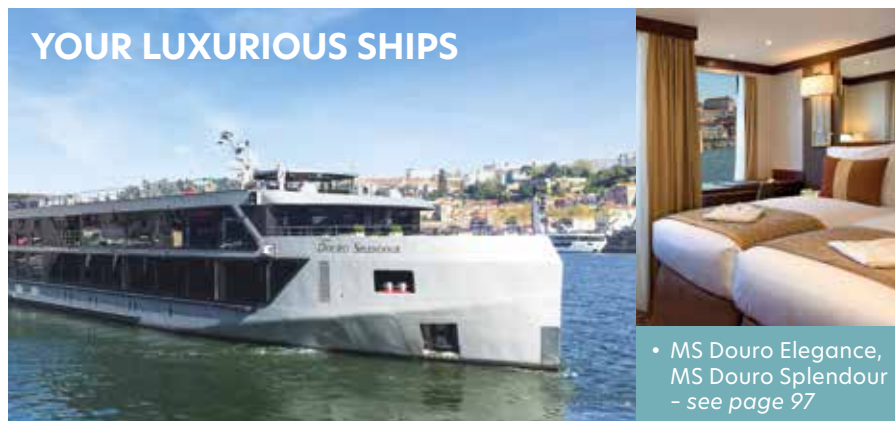
Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedios in Lamego



Porto



Salamanca



YOUR LUXURIOUS SHIPS



- MS Douro Elegance, MS Douro Splendour - see page 97

We enjoy a guided tour of the city seeing the main sights. Over lunch you enjoy a traditional flamenco show, then you are free to explore Salamanca as you wish. You may choose to linger, admiring the ornate interiors of its cathedrals - the more recent dates from the 16th-century - or explore its tiny streets, medieval squares, traditional shops, gardens and marketplaces. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Salamanca with lunch and flamenco show

DAY 5 - Pinhão

Morning cruise to Pinhão. We visit a traditional quinta to learn about wine production and enjoy a tasting. We are moored in Pinhão overnight. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Visit to a quinta with a wine-tasting

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. Later relax on board as we glide towards Entre-os-Rios. This evening the Captain's Dinner is followed by a performance of traditional Portuguese folk music. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Visit to Lamego & traditional Portuguese folk music show

DAY 7 - Porto

Our ship makes a graceful arrival in Porto. We visit a port producer and sample various port styles and this afternoon we enjoy a guided city tour. You'll experience the tangled lanes of the old town, soaking up the atmosphere whilst stopping to admire the charming architecture. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Porto & wine-tasting

DAY 8 - Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return journey to the UK. (B)

For 2022 departures on day 2 we sail to Pinhão with a visit to a traditional quinta and on day 5 we see Mateus Palace with an evening at the Quinta da Pacheca for dinner.



PRICING & DEPARTURES 2023 / 2024				
DECK:	LOWER	MIDDLE	UPPER-RIVIERAPLUS	
CABIN:	Standard	Standard	Standard	Deluxe Suite
2023 from	£1,519	£2,169	£2,369	£2,769
2024 from	£1,699	£2,499	£2,699	£3,099
Prices are per person based on two people sharing. For all availability and timings, call us or visit our website.				

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DAYS

FROM
£1,519 PP

2023	○	○	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV DEC
2024	○	○	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○

Your cruise includes

- 7 nights on board in your choice of luxury cabin or suite
- Upgrade to a deluxe or superior suite, or an upper deck cabin and benefit from the luxury of RIVIERAPLUS - see page 23 for details
- All meals on board, including welcome cocktails and the Captain's Dinner
- Complimentary on-board tea and coffee
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi (connection speeds may vary)
- Return scheduled flights from a selection of regional airports
- Five-star service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- Services of a Riviera Travel Cruise Director and Concierge
- (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner.

8 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 4 visits including Mateus Palace Gardens, Castelo Rodrigo, Lamego and a typical quinta with wine tasting
- Guided tour, lunch and flamenco show in historic Salamanca
- Dinner at Quinta da Pacheca with a selection of their wines
- Traditional Portuguese folk music show
- Guided tour of charming Porto and visit to a port wine cellar



EXTEND YOUR HOLIDAY

Porto City Stay extension available

Add 3 nights to your holiday, staying at the **Pestana Vintage Porto** - see page 91

Lisbon Tour Extension also available - see page 84

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Extend your holiday

When a holiday comes to an end and you're reluctantly packing the suitcase, we've all wished we could stay just a little bit longer. Well now you can truly make the most of your precious time away by extending your holiday in a superb selection of European cities with our Tour Extensions and **new** City Stays.





Tour Extensions

Enhance your river cruise experience and discover even more on one of our inspiring Tour Extensions

After a cruise on the Danube delve into more of Budapest's imperial past and experience the wonder of Hungary's Great Plain or venture a little further to Prague, one of the world's most alluring capitals. Why not take a ride on the iconic Glacier Express railway and discover the enchanting alpine wonders of Switzerland - surely the perfect way to round off a splendid Rhine cruise.

Perhaps the elegant shores of Lake Geneva will tempt you after a cruise along the beautiful River Rhône. From this picturesque location you can also experience the thrill of Glacier 3000 and the magnificent Golden Pass. Or maybe the ancient Roman city of Coimbra and cosmopolitan Lisbon with its elegant 18th century architecture and glorious panoramic views will prove to be totally irresistible after a cruise through the stunning landscape of the Douro Valley.

From the comfort of carefully chosen hotels enjoy fascinating hand-crafted daily tours accompanied by our experienced Tour Managers. Daily breakfast and return transfers are also included and our choice of five exciting Tour Extensions are available on selected river cruise dates. **Visit rivieratravel.co.uk/extensions**

OUR TOUR EXTENSIONS

Budapest Tour Extension

on The Blue Danube river cruise

Prague Tour Extension

on The Blue Danube river cruise

Glacier Express Tour Extension

on Rhine Cruise to Switzerland river cruise

Lisbon Tour Extension

on The Douro, Porto & Salamanca river cruise

Lake Geneva & Golden Pass Tour Extension

on Burgundy, the River Rhône & Provence river cruise

Available on our
Blue Danube cruise -
see page 48

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 - Visegrád & Szentendre

We leave the ship and return to the dramatic Danube Bend to explore some of the region's hidden gems. First we visit Visegrád, renowned for its historic Royal Palace and citadel, followed by a typical Hungarian lunch. We then stop in picturesque Szentendre, the perfect spot to while away a lazy afternoon, exploring the old town's delightful maze of cobblestone streets. We return to Budapest. (B,L)

+ Included Experiences - Visit to Visegrád with lunch & visit to Szentendre

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 an included tour we'll see the Domed Hall, the 16-sided Central Hall with its astonishing Golden Staircase. Our next stop is the impressive National Gallery, which is located in Buda Castle. We enjoy a visit to this world-famous collection of Hungarian masterpieces as well as a crypt containing tombs of several members of the Habsburg dynasty. (B)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Budapest's Parliament Building & visit to the National Gallery

DAY 10 - Gödöllő & the Puszta

Our first port of call this morning is the charming Baroque town of Gödöllő, where we have a tour of the impressive Royal Palace, known as 'Hungary's Versailles'. 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. (B,L)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of the Royal Palace of Gödöllő & scenic tour of the Puszta with lunch and horse show

DAY 11 - Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

3 NIGHTS
FROM **£599**

Your extension includes

- 3 nights in an excellent, centrally located hotel with breakfast
- 2 typical Hungarian lunches

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch

6 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 5 guided visits including to Visegrád and its royal palace, picturesque Szentendre, the iconic Parliament building in Budapest, the famous National Gallery & the impressive Royal Palace in Gödöllő
- Tour of the dramatic 'Puszta' with visit to an Equestrian Park and performance by some of the region's most famous horsemen

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.



Available on our
Blue Danube cruise -
see page 50



Prague Tour Extension

Stay in picture-perfect Prague, undoubtedly one of the world's most enchanting and beautiful capitals, spanning the lovely Vltava river. Explore 'The Magical City', painstakingly restored and bursting at its seams with magnificent palaces, cathedrals, exquisite churches and elegant bridges.

Your itinerary

DAY 8- Brno & Prague

We leave the magnificent Budapest skyline behind as we head north-west on a scenic drive along the Danube basin. Heading north we then cross the border into the Czech Republic where the rolling landscape is gently undulating, lush and green, as we drive through the region known as Czech Tuscany. We arrive in historic Brno, once the region's capital, and enjoy some time at leisure to explore this attractive city. There's time to seek out a local restaurant for a spot of lunch before we continue our drive north. We arrive in Prague and our hotel early evening. (B)

+ Included Experience - Visit to Brno

DAY 9 - Prague

After breakfast this morning it's time to set off on our guided tour to Hradčany, Prague's spectacular Castle and Cathedral complex and the centre of political power for a thousand years. Perched on a cliff towering over the city, Prague Castle, dating from 880, is said to be the largest ancient castle in the world - a staggering 70,000 square metres in fact! Our guide will relay tales of the great history of royal rulers, medieval warfare and the differing religions and politics that have been responsible

for such an intriguing mix of palaces, churches and fortifications contained within this UNESCO-listed site. After lunch enjoy some free time to visit the old town and explore under your own steam; perhaps take a scenic cruise along the Vltava river to take in the cityscape from a very different perspective. This evening is at leisure. (B)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tours of Prague and the Castle district

DAY 10 - Prague & Lodi Brewery

This morning enjoy a guided tour of Prague's Old Town, its unique atmosphere is a consequence of its remarkable history and there really are few more enchanting European cities to spend a couple of days absorbing the sights and sounds of a bygone age. Later there's the opportunity to visit the local Lodi Brewery - the only

3 NIGHTS
FROM **£549**

Your extension includes

- 3 nights in an excellent, centrally located hotel with breakfast

(B) Breakfast

4 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- Visit to historic Brno
- 2 guided tours of Prague, 'city of hundred spires', and the magnificent Hradčany Castle District
- Visit to Lodi boat brewery with tour & tasting

boat brewery in Europe! Moored in the heart of the city, we tour the on-board brewery, enjoying a tasting directly from the tanks and sampling some of their different beers. Enjoy some delicious local Czech fare and you'll receive a souvenir from your visit to take home too. Your evening is at leisure. (B)



Our hand-picked hotel

Hermitage Hotel - Prague

This excellent hotel is centrally located close to the Vltava River, with easy access to the historic centre. A former printing house, this elegant building is furnished in a contemporary style with smart lobby, bar, and restaurant.

Available on our
Rhine Cruise to
Switzerland cruise -
see page 42



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. Its characterful old town is a maze of winding cobbled alleys, handsome townhouses, refreshing fountains and quiet courtyards. There's free time to explore and dinner at your leisure. (B)

+ Included Experience - Visit to Chur

DAY 9 - Glacier Express

After breakfast we embark on an unforgettable 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. The train first winds its way through the 'Swiss Grand Canyon', a dramatic section of the Upper Rhine where the river has carved deep into an eerie landscape of white rocks, climbing ever higher along the Oberalp Pass. 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

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



3 NIGHTS
FROM **£799**

Your extension includes

- 3 nights in excellent, centrally located hotels with breakfast
- Explore Switzerland by train

(B) Breakfast

3 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 2 visits including historic Chur and world-famous Zermatt with option to take the Gornergrat train to the summit
- Journey on the legendary Glacier Express, Europe's most scenic rail journey

DAY 11 - Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

Please note: on certain departure dates, the extension operates in reverse before your cruise. You will experience the same tours and visits. Visit our website for full details.

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.

Available on our
Douro, Porto &
Salamanca cruise –
see page 76



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 & Fátima

For those choosing to extend their holiday, our first destination is the ancient city of Coimbra. We have the privilege of a visit to the university, which is situated on a hill overlooking the city. Its Baroque library contains over 200,000 leather-bound, centuries-old volumes. We then drive to Fátima, an important Catholic pilgrimage site and a national shrine. The large and impressive Sanctuary Complex is well worth exploring. Later we arrive in Lisbon. (B)

+ Included Experiences – Guided tour of Coimbra University & visit to the shrine of Fatima

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 Alfama, and Jerónimos Monastery. One of the most magnificent buildings in Europe, the Monastery is a symbol of Portuguese wealth and power during the Age of Discovery. 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 to the UK. (B)

3 NIGHTS
FROM **£549**

Your extension includes

- 3 nights in an excellent, centrally located hotel with breakfast

(B) Breakfast

4 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 2 guided tours including ancient Coimbra's university and Lisbon with visit to the astounding Monastery of Jeronimos
- 2 visits including the holy shrine of Fátima and the historic town of Sintra and its Royal Palace

Our hand-picked hotel

The Real Palacio Hotel

This hotel is creatively constructed around the renovation of a historic 17th-century palace, with a restaurant, bar, health club and spa, and well-located in one of Lisbon's most prestigious neighbourhoods with easy access to the metro.



Available on our
Burgundy, the River
Rhône & Provence
cruise – see page 54



Lake Geneva & Golden Pass Tour Extension

Stay on the elegant shores of Lake Geneva. See picturesque Annecy, cruise the sophisticated Montreux Riviera and experience the thrill of Glacier 3000 and the magnificent Golden Pass, one of the world's most scenic mountain rail journeys.

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-Rhône 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 drive 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 with lunch to Lausanne, where the afternoon is at leisure. (B, L)

+ Included Experiences – Guided tour of Chillon Castle, lake cruise with lunch & 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 drive 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 & journey on the Golden Pass train

DAY 11 – Return home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. (B)

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

3 NIGHTS
FROM **£799**

Your extension includes

- 3 nights with breakfast in excellently located hotel in either Montreux or Lausanne

(B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch

7 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 3 visits including the alpine town of Annecy and Montreux & Lausanne on Lake Geneva
- Guided tour of Chillon Castle
- Cruise on Lake Geneva with lunch
- Journey on the Golden Pass Panoramic train
- Cable car to Glacier 3000 with option to take the suspension bridge Peak Walk

Our hand-picked hotels

Grand Hotel Suisse Majestic

This superb hotel is located on the picturesque shores of Lake Geneva, in Montreux.

Hotel Mirabeau

This traditional and elegant hotel is superbly located in the heart of Lausanne just a short walk from the centre and the lake's shore.



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FOR 2023

You're free to explore at your own pace on our new range of City Stays. Admire Old Masters at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam or relax with a glass of wine at an atmospheric café in Paris. Sample Bavaria's hearty cuisine at one of Munich's lively beer gardens, lose yourself amid Basel's architectural gems or perhaps admire the panoramic views from the summit of Frankfurt's Main Tower.

Stroll through the fascinating Old Town of Marseille or delve into a superb eatery in Lyon. A waterfront bar in Porto is the perfect spot to sample more excellent wines or perhaps you'll be tempted by Cologne's fascinating Roman Museum or the sophisticated café culture of Vienna. Our City Stays really do offer so many wonderful experiences for you to choose from.

All our City Stays include a three night stay at a hand-picked hotel with daily breakfast. Return flights and transfers are also included and our City Stays are available across our full range of classic river cruises in 2023. If you wish, we can also arrange additional tours and visits in your chosen destination.

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OUR CITY STAYS

Amsterdam	Frankfurt	Paris
Cologne	Vienna	Porto
Basel	Marseille	
Munich	Lyon	



Amsterdam City Stay

3 NIGHTS
FROM **£475**

3 nights hand-picked hotel stay

Add three nights to your holiday, staying at the centrally located **Leonardo Boutique Museumhotel**

Conveniently located in the centre of Amsterdam, this contemporary hotel is right next door to the Rijksmuseum and the Van Gogh Museum, and the Stedelijk Museum is also within walking distance. Stylishly decorated, air-conditioned rooms come with flat screen TV and unlimited Wi-Fi, and bathrooms feature modern fittings and a shower. The hotel café is open for breakfast and drinks, and light meals are served throughout the day.

Discover the interior of Anne Frank's house, rummage through the Waterlooplein flea market, take a stroll in the picturesque Westerpark or just relax at an atmospheric café. Amsterdam is also the ideal walking city and it is always a pleasure to explore the characterful streets at your leisure.



Available on these cruises:

- Amsterdam, Kinderdijk & the Dutch Bulbfields – see page 30
- Bruges, Medieval Flanders, Amsterdam & the Dutch Bulbfields – see page 32



Cologne City Stay

3 NIGHTS
FROM **£475**

3 nights hand-picked hotel stay

Add three nights to your holiday, staying at the centrally located **Dorint Hotel am Heumarkt**

This elegant hotel offers luxury in the centre of the city, and the panoramic elevator with a view of the cathedral will take you to your spacious room. Guest rooms come with air-conditioning, fridge, safe and TV, and bathrooms feature a separate shower and bath. Regional and international dishes are served in the stylish restaurant and the chic bar is the perfect spot for an aperitif.

Cologne is one of the oldest cities in Germany as it was founded by the Romans in AD 50 and best known for its cathedral, the Kölner Dom, the largest Gothic church in northern Europe. Linger in a cosy bar in the vibrant old town, admire the superb collection of modern art at the Museum Ludwig or maybe opt for spot of shopping in the Belgian quarter with its quirky boutiques. You'll be spoilt for choice in Cologne.



Available on these cruises:

- Amsterdam, Cologne and the Best of Holland & Flanders (*standard itinerary*) – see page 34
- Rhine & Moselle – see page 36
- Rhine, Strasbourg & Heidelberg – see page 38
- Rhine Cruise to Switzerland (*reverse itinerary*) – see page 42
- Cruise the Heart of Europe (*reverse itinerary*) – see page 44





Basel City Stay

3 NIGHTS FROM £625

3 nights hand-picked hotel stay

Add three nights to your holiday, staying at the centrally located hotel **Hotel Märthof Basel**

With a superb location on Basel's Marktplatz this charming hotel is the perfect base from which to explore the city. The stylish rooms feature minibar, tea & coffee-making facilities, TV and Wi-Fi and bathrooms come with a rainfall shower. Enjoy an espresso on the terrace or a speciality from the grill at the restaurant which overlooks the Marktplatz. Guests can access the roof terrace with its lovely views and use of the wellness area and fitness room is complimentary.

Basel is the cultural centre of Switzerland, and it is bursting with architectural gems. Explore the characterful old town, discover the magnificent gothic cathedral, or visit the Kunstmuseum which is home to a superb collection of old masters.



Available on this cruise:

- Rhine Cruise to Switzerland (standard itinerary) - see page 42



Munich City Stay

3 NIGHTS FROM £660

3 nights hand-picked hotel stay

Add three nights to your holiday, staying at the conveniently located **Novotel Munich City**

This contemporary hotel is well located with excellent access to public transport. The spacious air-conditioned rooms feature tea & coffee making facilities, TV and Wi-Fi, bathrooms come with a shower, bathrobe and hairdryer. Hotel facilities include a restaurant, swimming pool and sauna.

Discover world-class museums and superb food markets, explore the vibrant neighbourhoods and sample some of Bavaria's hearty cuisine at one of the many beer gardens. The Marienplatz lies at the heart of Munich and it is here that you can see the famous Altes Rathaus and the chiming Glockenspiel.



Available on this cruise:

- Medieval Germany (standard itinerary) - see page 40



Frankfurt City Stay

3 NIGHTS
FROM **£345**

3 nights hand-picked hotel stay

Add three nights to your holiday, staying at the conveniently located **Holiday Inn Frankfurt Alte Oper**

This modern hotel is conveniently located for all the most popular city sights. The spacious air-conditioned rooms feature custom made oak and wool furnishings, tea & coffee making facilities, TV and Wi-Fi, and bathrooms come with bath, shower and hair dryer. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in the restaurant and you can also enjoy a drink in the lobby bar.

Discover quaint Römerberg square, at the heart of the Altstadt and visit the magnificent gothic cathedral or take a ride to the top of the soaring Main Tower for superb panoramic views. The art-filled Städel Museum is also just across the river and the main shopping area is within easy reach of the hotel.



Available on this cruise:

- Medieval Germany (reverse itinerary) - see page 40



Vienna City Stay

3 NIGHTS
FROM **£535**

3 nights hand-picked hotel stay

Add three nights to your holiday, staying at the centrally located **Austria Trend Savoyen Vienna**

This elegant hotel, located in the heart of Vienna's embassy district, was once home to the imperial court print works. The Belvedere Palace and Botanical Gardens are also close by. Spacious, air-conditioned rooms are decorated in a contemporary style and feature a minibar, TV and Wi-Fi. Modern bathrooms come with a shower and hairdryer. Other facilities at the hotel include two restaurants, bar, sauna and fitness centre.

You'll have seen many highlights of Vienna during your cruise. Now you are free to explore at your own pace. Hire a bicycle, view the city from the iconic Wiener Riesenrad ferris wheel or relax amidst the elegant café culture, there's an absolute wealth of things to do and see.



Available on these cruises:

- Cruise the Heart of Europe (standard itinerary) - see page 44
- The Blue Danube - see page 48
- Budapest to the Black Sea - see page 50



Marseille City Stay

3 NIGHTS
FROM **£515**

3 nights hand-picked hotel stay

Add three nights to your holiday, staying at the centrally located **Mercure Marseille Centre Vieux Port**

Located just a 5 minute walk from the Old Port and with views of Notre-Dame de la Garde, this hotel is the ideal base for a stay in Marseille. Air-conditioned rooms are decorated in rich colours and feature tea & coffee making facilities, iron, TV and Wi-Fi. Bathrooms come with a shower and hairdryer. A buffet breakfast is served every morning and you can enjoy an aperitif in the hotel bar.

Take a stroll through the enchanting Old Town, explore the city's past at the History Museum or just watch the world go by at the Vieux Port, perhaps whilst sampling traditional bouillabaisse with a glass of local rosé.



Available on this cruise:

- Burgundy, the River Rhône & Provence (standard itinerary) - see page 58



Lyon City Stay

3 NIGHTS
FROM **£305**

3 nights hand-picked hotel stay

Add three nights to your holiday, staying at the centrally located **Lyon Mercure Part Dieu**

Discover the architectural and gastronomic delights of Lyon from your hotel, conveniently located near Gare Part Dieu, Parc de Tête d'Or and the Part Dieu shopping centre. Air-conditioned rooms come with fridge, tea & coffee making facilities, TV and Wi-Fi and bathrooms feature a shower and hairdryer. The hotel restaurant offers a daily menu and you can enjoy a glass of local wine at the bar.

You will have seen many of the highlights of Lyon during your cruise. Now you are free to explore at your own pace. Take a leisurely stroll along the river banks at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône, or delve into one of the many superb speciality food shops and eateries in this legendary capital of cuisine.



Available on this cruise:

- Burgundy, the River Rhône & Provence (reverse itinerary) - see page 54
- Lyon, Provençal Rhône & the Camargue - see page 56



Paris City Stay

3 NIGHTS
FROM **£390**

3 nights hand-picked hotel stay

Add three nights to your holiday, staying at the conveniently located **Novotel Tour Eiffel** or **Mercure Paris Alésia**

Mercure Paris Alésia

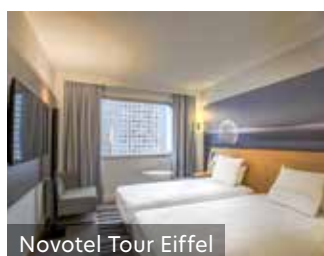
Featuring modern décor with a Parisian feel, this comfortable hotel is conveniently located close to the districts of St-Germain-des-Prés and Montparnasse. The air-conditioned rooms feature a fridge, TV, Wi-Fi and tea & coffee making facilities and bathrooms come with a shower. A buffet breakfast is served every morning and you can enjoy an aperitif in the bar.

Novotel Tour Eiffel

This modern hotel is located in the lively district of Paris-Beaugrenelle and the Eiffel Tower is within walking distance. The air-conditioned rooms feature a safe, TV, Wi-Fi and tea & coffee making facilities and bathrooms come with a bath or shower. Other facilities include two restaurants, bar and fitness centre.



Mercure Paris Alésia



Novotel Tour Eiffel

Available on this cruise:

- The Seine, Paris & Normandy – see page 58



Porto City Stay

3 NIGHTS
FROM **£595**

3 nights hand-picked hotel stay

Add three nights to your holiday, staying at the conveniently located **Pestana Vintage Porto**

Situated in the prestigious district of Ribeira, with stunning views of the Douro this luxurious and historic hotel is named as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The comfortable air-conditioned rooms feature a safe, mini bar, TV, tea & coffee making facilities and Wi-Fi. Marble bathrooms come with a bath or walk-in shower, hairdryer, bathrobe and slippers. The restaurant is renowned for excellent meat dishes and the bar is the perfect spot for a cocktail.

You will have seen many highlights of Porto during your cruise, now explore at your own pace. Take a ride on the Guindais Funicular, sample more wines or explore the fascinating waterfront – the choice is yours. Porto is a coastal city famous for its stately bridges and port wine production. In the medieval Ribeira district, narrow cobbled streets wind past merchants' houses and cafés. Why not explore São Francisco Church known for its lavish baroque interior or book a wine cellar and cheese tasting experience.



Available on this cruise:

- The Douro, Porto & Salamanca – see page 76



Our superb ships

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

ALL-SUITE
SHIPS

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.

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 'Crabtree & Evelyn' cosmetics. All suites feature air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, minibar, flat screen TV, telephone, complimentary bathrobes and slippers and tea and coffee-making facilities.



Deluxe Balcony Suite

RIVIERAPLUS 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.

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

RIVIERAPLUS 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; some are available for sole occupancy with no supplement (subject to availability).



Standard Ruby Deck Suite

Your ship's facilities

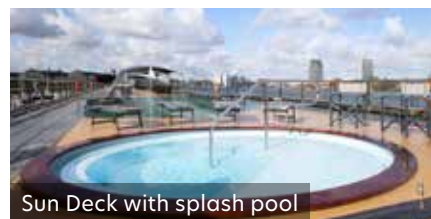
- Panoramic observation lounge and bar
- Sun Deck with sun loungers, small splash pool and putting green
- Informal dining at the Riverview Kitchen and exceptional first-class cuisine in the main restaurant
- Fitness centre
- Spa and wellness area featuring Nail Salon and Hairdressing Service (small additional fee)
- 24hr self service station for tea and coffee
- Boutique gift shop
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi
- A lift operates to all accommodation decks
- Laundry service is available



Restaurant

FIGURES

Length:	135m
Crew:	44
Guests:	169
Decks:	4
Suites:	88
Launch years:	2017-2020

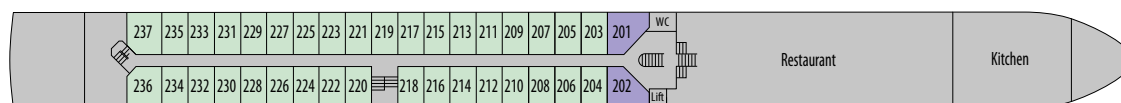


Sun Deck with splash pool

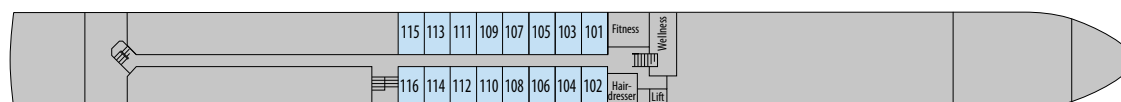
Diamond Deck (Upper Deck)



Ruby Deck (Middle Deck)



Emerald Deck (Lower Deck)



- RIVIERAPLUS**
DELUXE BALCONY SUITE
25sq.m/269sq.ft
- RIVIERAPLUS**
SUPERIOR SUITE
23sq.m/247sq.ft
- RIVIERAPLUS**
SUPERIOR STERN SUITE
23sq.m/247sq.ft
- RIVIERAPLUS**
DIAMOND DECK SUITE
17sq.m/183sq.ft
- RUBY DECK SUITE**
17sq.m/183sq.ft
- EMERALD DECK SUITE**
16sq.m/172sq.ft

OUR SHIPS



MS George Eliot

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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.

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.

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

RIVIERAPLUS 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.

RIVIERAPLUS 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; some are available for sole occupancy with no supplement (subject to availability).

Your ship's facilities

-  Panoramic observation lounge and bar
-  Sun Deck with sun loungers, small splash pool and putting green
-  Informal dining at the Riverview Kitchen and exceptional first-class cuisine in the main restaurant
-  Spa and wellness area featuring Nail Salon and Hairdressing Service (small additional fee)
-  24hr self service station for tea and coffee
-  Boutique gift shop
-  Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi
-  A lift operates to all accommodation decks
-  Laundry service is available



Sun Deck

FIGURES

Length:	110m
Crew:	36
Guests:	132
Decks:	4
Cabins / Suites:	70
Launch years:	2019



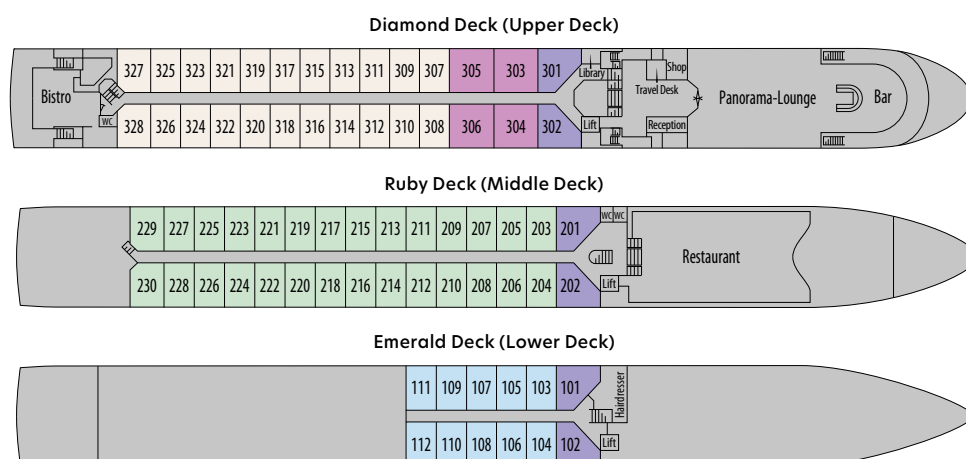
Superior Suite



Deluxe Balcony Suite



Riverview Kitchen



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DIAMOND DECK DELUXE BALCONY SUITE
23.5sq.m/253sq.ft

RIVIERAPLUS

DIAMOND DECK SUPERIOR SUITE
18sq.m/194sq.ft

RIVIERAPLUS

DIAMOND DECK CABIN
16sq.m/172sq.ft

RUBY DECK SUPERIOR SUITE
18sq.m/194sq.ft

RUBY DECK CABIN
16sq.m/172sq.ft

EMERALD DECK SUPERIOR SUITE
17sq.m/183sq.ft

EMERALD DECK CABIN
15sq.m/161sq.ft

Upgrade to
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MS Lord Byron & MS Jane Austen

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.

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

RIVIERAPLUS Superior Suites 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.

RIVIERAPLUS 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; some are available for sole occupancy with no supplement (subject to availability).

Your ship's facilities

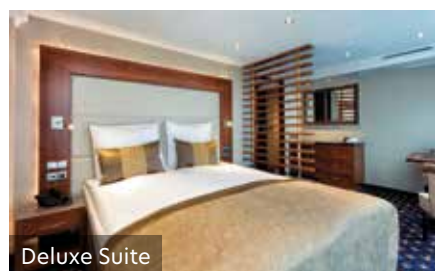
-  Panoramic observation lounge and bar
-  Sun Deck with sun loungers, small splash pool and putting green
-  Informal dining at the La Brasserie with its terrace and alfresco seating and exceptional first-class cuisine in the main restaurant
-  Spa and wellness area featuring Nail Salon and Hairdressing Service (small additional fee)
-  24hr self service station for tea and coffee
-  Boutique gift shop
-  Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi
-  A lift operates to all accommodation decks
-  Laundry service is available



Lido Bar - MS Lord Byron

FIGURES

Length:	110m
Crew:	36
Guests:	140
Decks:	4
Cabins / Suites:	74
Launch years:	2013 & 2015



Deluxe Suite

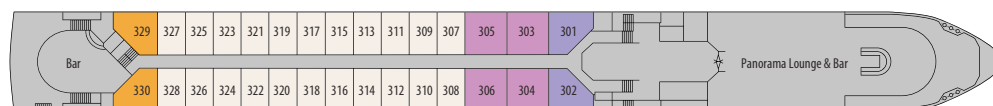


Restaurant

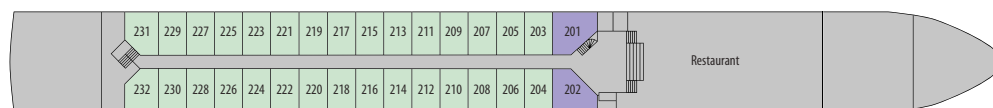


Spa

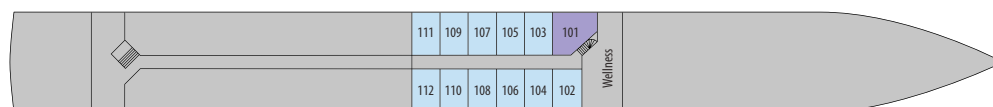
Diamond Deck (Upper Deck)



Ruby Deck (Middle Deck)



Emerald Deck (Lower Deck)




RIVIERAPLUS

 **DELUXE SUITE**
22.5sq.m/242sq.ft


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 **SUPERIOR SUITE**
18.5sq.m/199sq.ft

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 **SUPERIOR STERN SUITE**
18.5sq.m/199sq.ft

RIVIERAPLUS

 **DIAMOND DECK CABIN**
15sq.m/161sq.ft

 **RUBY DECK CABIN**
15sq.m/161sq.ft

 **EMERALD DECK CABIN**
15sq.m/161sq.ft



MS William Shakespeare

Upgrade to
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Our boutique hotel style cabins ensure the most luxurious holiday awaits. Why not treat yourself to something special with an upgraded cabin featuring either a French or superb outside balcony for soaking up the views.

Finest Italian fabrics, deep pile carpets and subtle lighting combine to make 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, telephone, complimentary bathrobes and slippers and tea and coffee-making facilities.

RIVIERAPLUS Deluxe Balcony Suites on the Upper Deck, enjoy extra living space and an outside balcony with table and chairs, bringing riverside life just that little bit closer.

RIVIERAPLUS Upper Deck Cabins have French balconies with glazed floor-to-ceiling doors that slide away to create a true panoramic extension to your already spacious cabin area.

Middle Deck Cabins have French balconies with glazed floor-to-ceiling doors that slide away to create a true panoramic extension to your already spacious cabin area.

Lower Deck Cabins have smaller fixed windows; some are available for sole occupancy with no supplement (subject to availability).

Your ship's facilities

- Panoramic observation lounge and bar
- Sun Deck with sun loungers, small splash pool and putting green
- Informal dining at the Riverview Kitchen and exceptional first-class cuisine in the main restaurant
- Spa and wellness area featuring Nail Salon and Hairdressing Service (small additional fee)
- 24hr self service station for tea and coffee
- Boutique gift shop
- Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi
- A lift operates to all accommodation decks
- Laundry service is available



Sun Deck

FIGURES

Length:	110m
Crew:	35
Guests:	142
Decks:	4
Cabins / Suites:	76
Launch years:	2015



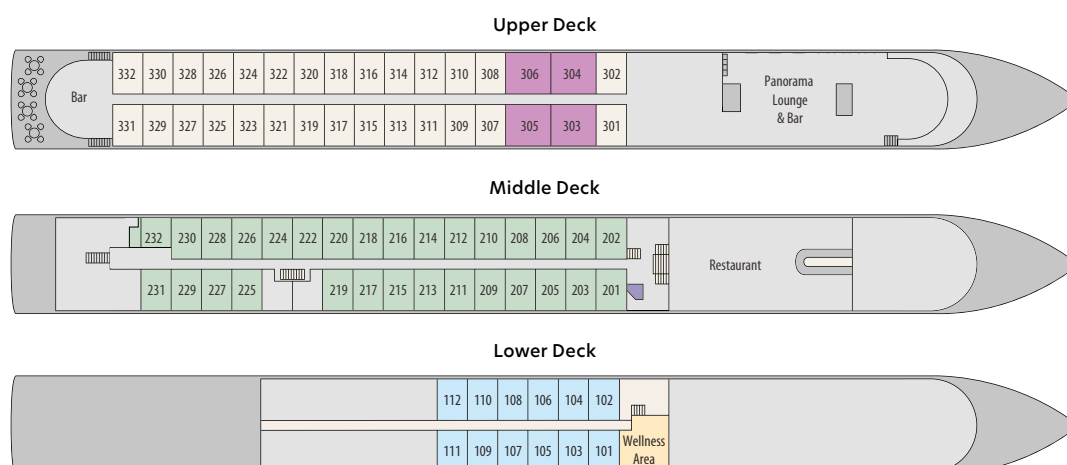
Deluxe Balcony Suite



Bar



Panorama Lounge



RIVIERAPLUS

UPPER DECK CABIN
15sq.m/161sq.ft

RIVIERAPLUS
DELUXE BALCONY
SUITE
22.8sq.m/245sq.ft

MIDDLE DECK CABIN
15sq.m/161sq.ft

LOWER DECK CABIN
14sq.m/151sq.ft

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PLUS
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Your ship's facilities

-  Sun Deck with sun loungers and swimming pool
-  Experience exceptional first-class cuisine in the main restaurant
-  Spa and wellness area featuring a fitness room
-  Tea and coffee making facilities in every cabin and suite
-  Boutique gift shop
-  Complimentary on-board Wi-Fi
-  A lift operates to all accommodation decks
-  Laundry service is available

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.

RIVIERAPLUS 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.

RIVIERAPLUS 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.

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

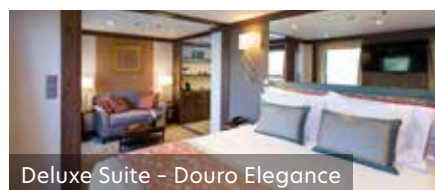
Main Deck Cabins feature floor-to-ceiling windows that slide down halfway.

Lower Deck Cabins have smaller fixed windows. Stern Cabins are available for sole occupancy with no supplement.



Sun Deck - Douro Elegance

FIGURES	Length:	80m
	Crew:	36
	Guests:	121
	Decks:	4
	Cabins / Suites:	63
	Launch years:	2017 & 2018



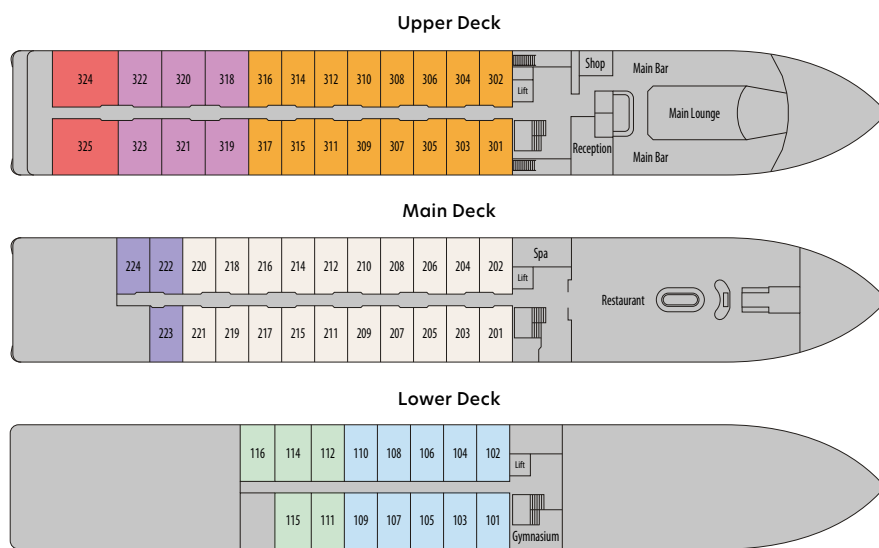
Deluxe Suite - Douro Elegance



Standard Cabin - Douro Elegance



Restaurant - Douro Splendour



RIVIERAPLUS

DELUXE SUITE (DOURO ELEGANCE) & DELUXE BALCONY SUITE (DOURO SPLENDOUR)
29sq.m/312sq.ft

RIVIERAPLUS

SUPERIOR SUITE (DOURO ELEGANCE) & SUPERIOR BALCONY SUITE (DOURO SPLENDOUR)
19sq.m/205sq.ft

RIVIERAPLUS

UPPER DECK CABIN
14sq.m/151sq.ft

MAIN DECK STERN CABIN
14sq.m/151sq.ft

MAIN DECK CABIN
14sq.m/151sq.ft

LOWER DECK STERN CABIN (SOLE OCCUPANCY)
12sq.m/129sq.ft

LOWER DECK CABIN
12 sq.m/129 sq.ft

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Thoughtful inclusions

Everything you need and more is included
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Return travel & transfers

Return flights, overseas transfers, on-board portage, airport taxes and port charges.

Spacious suites & cabins

Spacious cabins and suites with beautifully appointed en-suite bathrooms and river views.

Exceptional dining

Sumptuous breakfasts, excellent buffet lunches and delicious dinners – see cruise for full details.

Fascinating tours & excursions

Thoughtfully balanced itineraries including guided tours in every port in the company of knowledgeable local guides.

Experienced Tour Manager

Expert Tour Manager dedicated to share their knowledge and ensure everything runs smoothly on board and ashore.

Professional & friendly crew

Five-star service from an English-speaking crew who are available 24/7.

Complimentary tea & coffee

With tea and coffee-making facilities in your cabin, you can help yourself to hot drinks at any time.

Free Wi-Fi

Stay in touch throughout your cruise.



Life on board our worldwide ships

On our worldwide river cruises, we partner with carefully selected operators that we trust to deliver the highest quality of service and on board experience.

Our boutique ships on the Mekong and the Nile are spacious elegant, and well-appointed with all the facilities you need for a relaxing and comfortable cruise.



MS Darakum

Appointed to the highest specification and furnished with a distinctive Moroccan theme, the MS Darakum offers extensive open deck space on three levels, with plenty of sun loungers, sofas and armchairs to relax in. The pool on the Sun Deck is perfect for a cooling dip.

The spacious, yet cosy lounge bar is the social hub of the ship, with board games and evening entertainment including music, wine-tasting, a cookery lesson, a black & white party, the ever-popular 'galabiya' party and even a belly dancer!

Dining on board

As in ancient times, it's the fresh local produce of the lush Nile valley that is central to any meal in Egypt. The MS Darakum is known for its plentiful and varied buffets which feature a wide selection of both western and middle-eastern dishes – be sure to try the refreshing salads, hummus and falafel with hot flat bread straight from the oven.



Sun Deck - MS Darakum

RV Mekong Prestige

Just imagine yourself relaxing in the large plunge pool as the ever-changing scenery of the Mekong slips by all around you. With three decks, there is plenty of outdoor and indoor space in which to relax.

At the very top of the ship is the spacious Sun Deck with a large plunge pool and plenty of sun loungers where you can relax under the awning or in the sun. Here you'll find the best views of river life. The bar and comfortable, air-conditioned lounge are also on the same deck, as is the ship's small spa and fitness room.

The restaurant located on the Upper Deck is bright and airy with delicious local cuisine served and excellent service, and can accommodate all guests in one sitting.

Dining on board

Early risers can enjoy morning coffee or tea on the Sun Deck. Breakfast is an array of tropical fruit, pastries, cereals, eggs from an omelette station and hot food, plus some exotic Asian options. Lunch is always a generous and informal buffet, while dinner is mostly a table d'hôte menu with a choice of starter and main course, and house wine included.



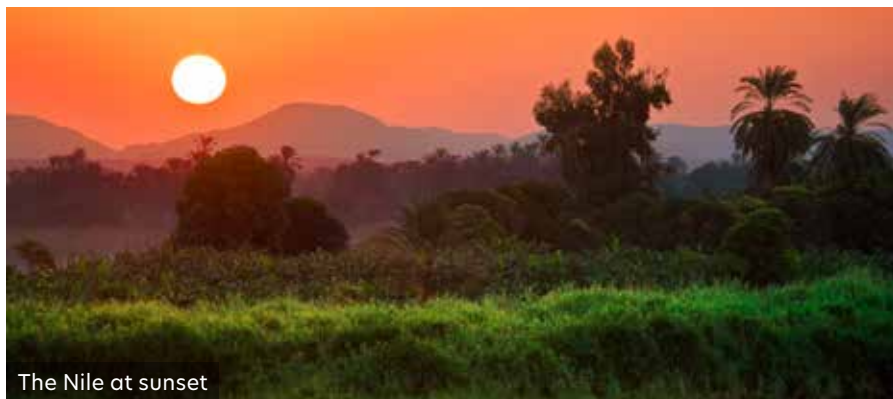
Restaurant - RV Mekong Prestige

Complimentary tea and coffee are available all day, as are non-alcoholic soft drinks, local beer and local wines with dinner. Dinners on board feature a variety of freshly prepared, mouth-watering Cambodian and Vietnamese regional specialities plus international options, all extremely well-executed.



Wonders of the Nile: The Long Cruise from Cairo

Egypt, just the name is enough to set your imagination back in history – to a time when Pharaohs controlled a mysterious and fabulously wealthy empire, which lasted virtually intact for over 5,000 years! Cruise the famed River Nile and experience ancient pyramids, astonishing temples and lesser-known monuments.



The Nile at sunset



The golden mask of Tutankhamun



Seti-temple of Abydo

Your itinerary

DAY 1 -Arrival in Cairo

You should arrive at the airport to take your direct flight to Cairo. After our late evening arrival, we transfer to our home for the next 10 or 14 nights, the MS Darakum. (D)

DAY 2 - The Pyramids, Sphinx & Coptic Museum

Today we drive out of the city towards the Giza plateau for our first close-up view of the Great Pyramids. A little further down the hill is the mighty Sphinx, the world's largest free-standing sculpture.

This afternoon we'll explore Old Cairo's Christian history with a visit to the 'Hanging Church', built over a gateway to the Romanera Babylon fortress. We continue to the Coptic Museum and the nearby Ben Ezra synagogue, said to be where the Pharaoh's daughter found Moses in his basket amongst the reeds. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences – Visit the Great Pyramid of Giza & the Coptic Museum

DAY 3 - Egyptian Museum & Saqqara

King 'Tut's' tomb held so many treasures that it took 10 years to examine, photograph, catalogue and finally remove all 5,398 of them. The collection forms the centrepiece of the Egyptian Museum, without question one of the

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MS Darakum

world's greatest museums, a treasure-house overflowing with artefacts of remarkable ancient craftsmanship, ranging from the mundane to the mystical.

After lunch, we head to the pyramids at the necropolis of Saqqara. Soon the lush fields give way to desert, and we see the giant 'step' pyramid looming above the palms. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences – Visit the Egyptian Museum; visit to the pyramids of Saqqara

DAY 4 – Full-day sail

This morning our ship starts its journey out of Cairo. In the afternoon we arrive at the small town of Beni Suef where we moor overnight. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – Full-day sail

After a sumptuous breakfast buffet, relax under one of the many comfortable shaded sun loungers or Balinese-style canopied day-beds as the unchanged landscape of the Nile Valley slips by. This afternoon we arrive in Minya where we will moor for two nights. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – Beni Hassan Tombs

After breakfast, set out with a visit to Tuna El Gebel, the necropolis of Hermopolis, sacred to the Greek god Hermes and his Egyptian counterpart



Thoth, god of writing and wisdom. Explore the tomb of Petosiris and the catacombs which once held thousands of mummified ibis and baboons. After lunch on board, we continue with a tour of the tombs at Beni Hassan. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences – Visit Tuna El Gebel & the Tombs of Petosiris and Beni Hassan

DAY 7 – Amarna

This morning we arrive in Amarna, site of the short-lived capital of the Pharaoh Akhenaten and his queen Nefertiti. We'll visit Akhenaten's tomb, as well as those of some of his courtiers. We return to our ship in time for lunch and continue our journey, sailing by Egypt's Coptic monasteries. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience – Visit Pharaoh Akhenaten's tomb

DAY 8 – Full-day sail

Today we continue our journey southwards, with a full day's cruising, ideal to relax after the busy last couple of days. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 – Abydos

Abydos remains one of ancient Egypt's most mysterious sites, with the Great Temple of Seti I as its centrepiece. Dedicated to the cult of Osiris, god of the dead, Abydos was a pilgrimage

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DAYS

FROM
£3,399 PP

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DAYS

FROM
£4,199 PP

2023	○	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
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2024	○	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Your cruise includes

- Return scheduled flights from the UK
 - 10 or 14 nights on board, with a choice of spacious cabins and suites, all with river views
 - No single supplement on lower deck cabins, with limited availability
 - All meals on board, including complimentary bottled water in your cabin and tea & coffee-making facilities
 - The services of our experienced and insightful tour manager throughout
- (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

10 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- 7 visits including the Great Pyramid of Giza, the Egyptian Museum and the Coptic Museum, Tuna El Gebel, the Tombs of Petosiris and Beni Hassan, Pharaoh Akhenaten's tomb, Temple of Seti
- 3 guided tours including Old Cairo, the 'Step Pyramid' at Saqqara and the archeological site of Amarna

Continue your cruise to Aswan for a further 4 nights:

- Guided tour of the Temples of Karnak and Luxor
- 7 visits including Valley of the Kings, Howard Carters House, the Temple of Hatshepsut, the Temple at Kom Ombo, the Aswan High Dam, the Temple of Philae and the Nubian Museum
- Sail to Kitchener Island



Temple of Kom Ombo

centre for thousands of years. The temple is known for its Gallery of the Kings, which lists all the pharaohs, as well as some hieroglyphs which look like modern machines! We sail on to Naga Hammadi where we moor overnight. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Visit the Temple of Seti

DAY 10 - Dendera

The temple of Hathor is one of the most complete and best-preserved in all of Egypt. Hathor was the Egyptian goddess of love, beauty, joy and healing, and her temple, although only completed in Roman times, nevertheless follows the architecture and style of much older temples. We sail the short distance to Luxor where we moor overnight. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Visit the Temple of Hathor

DAY 11 - Return flight

An early start today as you will be transferred to Luxor airport for the flight home, via Cairo. (B)

Your option

Extend your holiday

Luxor to Aswan extension

The 15-day tour continues to Aswan and the Valley of the Kings.

DAY 11 - Luxor West Bank & Valley of the Kings

Cross the Nile to the West Bank for the Valley of the Kings! We also visit Howard Carter's house which has been beautifully preserved and is next to the



Temple of Philae

newly-opened replica of King Tut's tomb. Our tour ends at the mortuary temple of Hatshepsut, the first female pharaoh, with its stunning colonnaded terraces. We return to our ship at lunchtime and the rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Visit the Valley of the Kings, Howard Carters House & the Temple of Hatshepsut

DAY 12 - Karnak & Luxor Temples

This morning we visit the Temple of Karnak. The astounding Hypostyle Hall is the most awe-inspiring part of this vast complex, said to be the largest religious centre of the ancient world. We also visit the Temple of Luxor. After lunch we set sail for Edfu where we moor overnight. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Visit the Temples of Karnak & Luxor

DAY 13 - Kom Ombo

The temple at Kom Ombo is unusual in that it's dedicated to two gods, Horus and Sobek, the crocodile. The temple had a lake with sacred crocodiles and mummies of them have been found nearby. Depart Kom Ombo and sail to Aswan where you will moor overnight. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Visit the Temple at Kom Ombo

DAY 14 - Aswan

This morning is our last full day in Egypt and we visit one of modern Egypt's greatest achievements - the Aswan High Dam. We continue to the temple of Philae, which had to be rescued from the rising waters of Lake Nasser. After a visit to the Nubian museum, we take to the water on a felucca as the sun sets in the west to Kitchener Island, which the general converted to a botanical park. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Visit the Aswan High Dam, the Temple of Philae and the Nubian Museum & sail to Kitchener Island

DAY 15 - Return flight

Early morning transfer to the airport for our flight home, via Cairo. (B)



Temple of Hathor

PRICING & DEPARTURES 2023 / 2024						
	Lower Deck	Main Deck	Upper Deck	Deluxe Cabin	Senior Suite	Panorama Suite
Luxor 2023 from	£3,999	£3,604	£3,734	£3,884	£4,414	£4,844
Luxor 2024 from	£3,699	£3,924	£4,054	£4,224	£4,754	£5,204
Aswan 2023 from	£4,199	£4,484	£4,664	£4,874	£5,624	£6,224
Aswan 2024 from	£4,599	£4,904	£5,094	£5,334	£6,084	£6,704
Prices are per person based on two people sharing. For all availability and timings, call us or visit our website.						

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Based on 62 reviews

Your ship's facilities

-  Spacious sun deck with loungers, sofas and armchairs
-  Lounge and bar area to relax in
-  Evening music entertainment
-  A selection of board games to enjoy
-  Wine tasting and cookery lessons (at a charge)
-  Tea and coffee making facilities
-  Complimentary bottled water
-  Large restaurant to enjoy the varied buffet dinner

MS Darakum

One of the largest ships on the Nile, with 52 cabins and suites, the five-star MS Darakum is managed by the renowned Swiss hospitality company, Mövenpick, and has been designed with a shallow draft in order to navigate the full length of the Nile in Egypt. It is currently one of only two vessels cruising the Nile from Cairo all the way to Aswan – this cruise is very much a unique experience!

Lower Deck – the 20sq.m cabins have two twin beds and smaller square windows which cannot be opened. A limited number are offered for sole occupancy without single supplement (subject to availability). The main restaurant is located at this level.

Main Deck – the light and airy glass-panelled reception allows the light to filter down to the deck below. All cabins from this deck and above have large picture windows offering magnificent river views, with a panel

that can be opened. There are two more spacious Deluxe cabins on this deck.

Upper Deck – this is where you'll find the small fitness room and the on-board shop, as well as the Senior suites (40sq.m), the forward-facing Panorama suites (34sq.m) and rear sun deck.

Top Deck – has just two Senior suites (34sq.m), the main bar and lower sun deck.

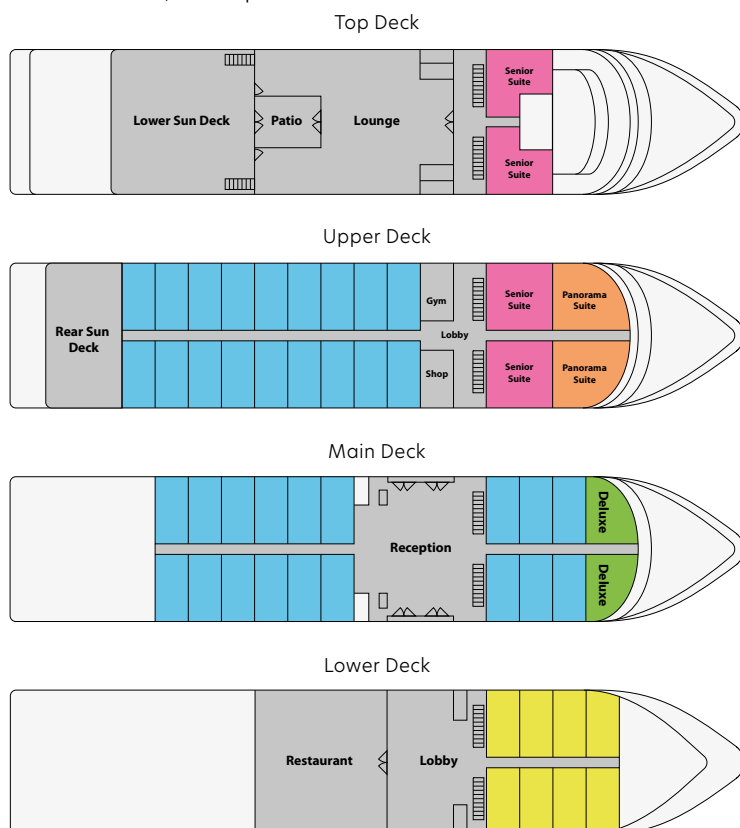
Sun Deck – has the pool and an open-air bar.



Pool

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Length:	72m
Guests:	104
Decks:	5
Cabins / Suites:	52
Launch year:	2008



Main Deck Cabin

- SENIOR SUITES UPPER DECK – either 34sq.m or 40sq.m with large panoramic windows and king or twin beds.
- PANORAMA SUITES UPPER DECK – 34sq.m with large panoramic windows and king or twin beds
- DELUXE SUITES MAIN DECK – 20sq.m with large panoramic windows and king or twin beds
- STANDARD CABINS MAIN & UPPER DECK – 20sq.m with large picture windows and double or twin beds.
- STANDARD CABINS LOWER DECK – 20sq.m with a small square window and twin beds

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A very interesting and varied trip. Went on rickshaws, tuk tuks and ox cart. Cruise on the Mekong was excellent. Seeing life on the river was fascinating. Lovely people, lovely food. Temples, history, culture, saw so much.
Sandra, Feefo ★★★★★

Saigon • Cu Chi Tunnels • Tan Chau
• Cao Dai Temple • Phnom Penh
• Chong Koh or Oknathey • Wat Hanchey •
Upper Mekong Angkor Ban • Siem Reap
• Kampong Cham • Angkor Wat

A Journey on the Mekong

Cruise along the mighty Mekong River through the heart of South East Asia and explore captivating water-borne worlds, from rural villages to colourful markets. Explore the highlights of Vietnam and Cambodia, experiencing their fascinating blend of French colonial culture, unique local heritage and beautiful scenery. *This tour is also available operating in reverse on our **Downstream Cruise: From Siem Reap to Saigon**, with outbound flight to Siem Reap via Bangkok.*



Saigon



Reunification Palace tanks



Your itinerary

Upstream Cruise: From Saigon to Siem Reap

DAY 1 - Departure

Arrive at the airport for your overnight flight to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon).

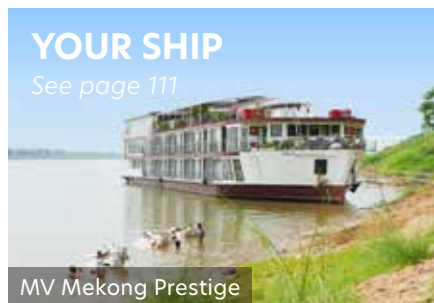
DAY 2 - Arrival in Saigon

After your morning arrival with early check-in and breakfast at your hotel, we'll take an introductory tour of the city. Highlights include the Reunification Palace where famously in 1975, a tank burst through its gates in the final defining moment of the Vietnam War. We also see the War Remnants Museum and the lively Ben Thanh market - a fascinating insight into Saigon's daily life, you can find anything here, all at extremely good prices! The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

+ Included Experience - Guided tour of Saigon

DAY 3 - Cu Chi Tunnels

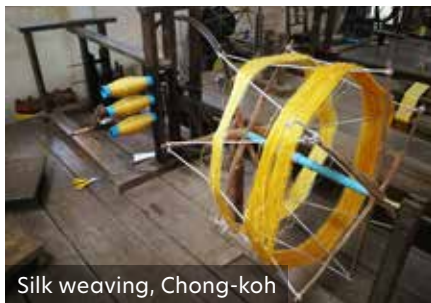
We visit the famous Cu Chi tunnels, a complex underground network stretching for 124 miles, which included hospitals, meeting rooms, sleeping quarters and kitchens. Begun during the last years of French rule and vastly expanded during the 1960s, the tunnels provided a base for the Vietcong from which to attack US forces within just 30 miles of Saigon. Our visit here is a fascinating insight into these troubled



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MV Mekong Prestige



Silk weaving, Chong-koh

times: we see the tunnels themselves and examples of the many mantraps and stake pits which protected them. Despite being carpet-bombed, the tunnels were never really penetrated and should you wish, you may even try out real period weapons on a firing range. We continue through rural farming communities back to Saigon in the afternoon. (B)

+ Included Experience - Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels

DAY 4 - Board the ship

After a stop at the picturesque Cholon market and a lacquer workshop, you board the superb four-star RV Mekong Prestige. Your highly professional crew, imbued by the unique service ethic you find everywhere here, ensure you settle in to your spacious and beautifully appointed cabin. After an excellent lunch, your journey begins, as darkness gently falls, take your seat in the restaurant for your first dinner. Mooring at Cai Be, the day ends with a lovely performance of traditional Mekong music and perhaps a nightcap in the balmy late evening air, bathed by the unmistakable sounds of the East. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 - Cao Dai Temple

This morning we sail by local junk along Cai Be's waterfront and amazing floating market, where wily sellers dangle their wares from long poles to the myriad of smaller boats in a vibrant riot of colour and noisy bartering. We visit the remarkable French Gothic cathedral, a poignant reminder of Vietnam's colonial past.

This afternoon we cruise through Vinh Long to Sa Dec with a guided stroll through the colourful local market - an interesting comparison with this morning. The highlight of the day is the intriguing Cao Dai Temple, centre of a unique indigenous religion, a fascinating combination of Taoism, Buddhism and Chinese Confucianism plus elements of Christianity, Islam and spiritualism. Bizarrely, its saints include Joan of Arc, Napoleon, Shakespeare and Winston Churchill! The temple itself is a striking combination of western and oriental architectural styles and mesmerising brightly coloured statues, overlooked by the religion's all-seeing Divine Eye - it's sure to leave you something to ponder after your visit. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Visit Cai Be's waterfront and Gothic Cathedral & the Cao Dai Temples

DAY 6 - Tan Chau

One of the great pleasures of river cruising is waking up somewhere completely different, and as dawn breaks, we are berthed in remote Tan Chau near Cambodia. One of the delights of Vietnam is that so many cottage industries still thrive, offering a fascinating insight into the past. This morning we transfer to small boats and explore the town of Tan Chau, Vietnam's leading silk centre producing extremely high quality and truly beautiful naturally dyed clothes. Slipping our moorings, Vietnam slowly recedes as we cross into Cambodia and continue into the evening with a chance to enjoy pre-dinner drinks in the lounge, before another tasty dinner. Take a stroll outside, look above and be dazzled by the luminosity of an amazing night sky, unfettered by streetlights and advertising as we cruise to Phnom Penh. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Visit Tan Chau

DAY 7 - Phnom Penh

Called the 'Paris of the East' during colonial times, Phnom Penh has preserved much of its wonderful rustic charm, elegance and French allure. Sightseeing includes visiting the dazzling Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda, followed by a chance to witness exceptionally beautiful Khmer craft in the National Museum. In homage to Cambodia's tragic recent history, we next visit the haunting Tuol



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DAYS

FROM
£3,549 PP

2023

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

Your cruise includes

- 7 nights aboard the four-star RV Mekong Prestige in your choice of stateroom, all with private balconies and river views
- All shore excursions, meals and selected drinks whilst on the cruise
- Return scheduled flights from London Heathrow. Premium economy flight upgrades are available at a supplement
- 5 nights in hand-picked four-star hotels with breakfast
- The services of our experienced and insightful tour manager throughout

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

YOUR EXPERIENCES

- 2 guided tours including Saigon and Phnom Penh
- 12 visits including the Cu Chi Tunnels, Cai Be's waterfront and Gothic Cathedral, the Cao Dai Temples, Tan Chau, the Tuol Sleng Genocide museum, Chong Koh or Oknathey, Wat Phnom, Angkor Ban, Wat Hanchey and Wat Nokor, the Kampong Kdei Bridge and the temples of Angkor



Angkor Wat



Sleng Genocide museum. Phnom Penh has some excellent markets offering fine silks, spices and high quality lacquer work, providing the perfect opportunity to hone your bargaining skills. We moor overnight, enabling easy exploration of the city late into the evening, where the bustling markets, teeming street restaurants and hawkers sell literally anything, enhancing the electric ambience so typical of the emerging Far East. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Guided tour of Phnom Penh & visit the Tuol Sleng Genocide museum

DAY 8 - Chong Koh/Oknathey

This morning we navigate to visit Chong Koh or Oknathey to discover a delightful silk weaving village. We return on board to Phnom Penh for lunch and in the afternoon, we head to the hill Wat Phnom. Ascending the hill to 27 metres you see the picturesque sanctuary dedicated to Mrs Penh who gave her name to the city. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Visit Chong Koh or Oknathey & Wat Phnom

DAY 9 - Upper Mekong Angkor Ban

We arrive at Angkor Ban, one of the very few villages that survived and was not burned or destroyed during the Khmer Rouge period. We see traditional houses some more than a century old and absorb the peaceful atmosphere where time stands still here as you witness a slice of Cambodian rural life. Back on board we continue our journey north. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experience - Visit Angkor Ban

DAY 10 - Wat Hanchey - Kampong Cham

This morning we stop at Wat Hanchey visiting a pre-Angkorian temple dated



Mekong delta floating market

back to 8th century with architecture of the Chenla Empire, which preceded Angkor. This afternoon our navigation continues to Kampong Cham where we disembark and take a bus to discover the temple of Wat Nokor. This twelfth century Buddhist temple built on the ruins of an ancient temple is unique to Cambodia. (B,L,D)

+ Included Experiences - Visit Wat Hanchey & Wat Nokor

DAY 11 - Siem Reap

Early this morning we disembark and take our bus transfer to Siem Reap enjoying the scenery of everyday life. En route we take a stop at the Kampong Kdei Bridge dating from the Angkorian period, built during the reign of Jayavarman VII. Enjoy the benefits of staying on the Privilege floor of our hotel, with daily fruit, complimentary laundry, a pool and the Mudita Spa. (B)

+ Included experiences - Visit the Kampong Kdei Bridge

DAY 12 - Angkor Wat

Today we see the haunting soft morning light over the eerie temples of Angkor Wat one of the largest religious structures in the world. Encircled by verdant steamy jungle, shrouded in mist and with a tropical chorus reverberating in the air, this is something you will never forget. We visit the huge, fortified 13th-century city of Angkor Thom with its five monumental gates and 91-metre wide moat; its centre contains one of Angkor's most astonishing sites, the temple of Bayon. Crowned by over 50 towers, each with four colossal carved heads

looking out in every direction, this is an extraordinary masterpiece of Khmer art.

One of the most intriguing sites is the smaller temple of Ta Prohm which has been left in its natural, unrestored state, with giant tropical trees bursting through the ruins, their roots entwined like vast tentacles across the moss-covered, weathered walls and roofs. (B)

+ Included Experience - Visit the temples of Angkor

DAY 13 - Free day

Our last full day in Cambodia is at leisure for you to enjoy the swimming pool and facilities of your hotel, or simply explore the excellent markets and restaurants of Siem Reap. (B)

DAY 14 - Return flight

Enjoy an included afternoon tea in the Damnak Lounge at the Borei Angkor Hotel. Later we transfer to the airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City, from where you'll catch your connecting flight to the UK. (B)

DAY 15 - Arrive home



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DECK:	MAIN		UPPER	
CABIN:	Stateroom	Junior Suite	Stateroom	Terrace Suite
2023 from	£3,549	£4,049	£3,749	£4,449
Prices are per person based on two people sharing. For all availability and timings, call us or visit our website.				

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Based on 92 reviews

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RV Mekong Prestige

The RV Mekong Prestige is operated by a French-Vietnamese joint venture and features 32 spacious staterooms. The décor is a fusion of contemporary Asian design with lots of polished teak, coupled with the intimate ambience and service of a boutique hotel.

Staterooms – each stateroom features full-length panoramic sliding glass doors leading to your own private balcony. There is a luxury en-suite bathroom with shower, hairdryer and bathrobes, plus a writing desk, two armchairs with coffee table, personal safe and individually controlled air conditioning. All staterooms are very spacious at 20 square metres (215 square feet) including the French balcony, and feature twin beds which may be pushed together to create a double bed. You have a choice of Upper Deck staterooms and Main

Deck staterooms, as well as a small selection of suites as described below.

Suites – Junior Suites are 24 square metres (258 square feet) including a larger balcony, and are beautifully decorated. Located at the bow of the ship on the Main Deck, they feature queen-size bed, full bathtub and separate shower. Terrace Suites are 27 square metres (290 square feet) with the same facilities as the Junior Suites and are located on the Upper Deck.

Your ship's facilities



Spacious sun deck featuring plenty of sun loungers and a small plunge pool



Bright and airy restaurant serving traditional Cambodian and Vietnamese cuisine



Small boutique for you to purchase your special souvenirs



Complimentary tea and coffee on the sun deck each morning for the early risers



Small spa and fitness room offering a selection of treatments such as luxurious massage (additional charge for treatments)



Local beers and wines served in the comfortable bar and lounge area



Sun Deck

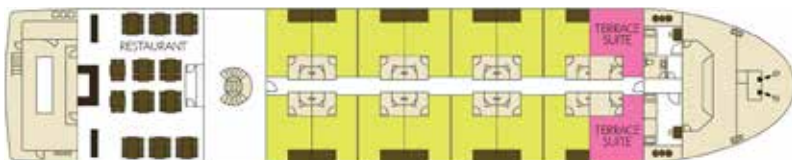
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Length:	68m
Crew:	30
Guests:	64
Decks:	3
Cabins / Suites:	32
Launch year:	2012

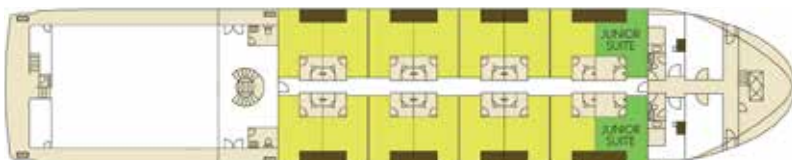
Sun Deck



Upper Deck



Main Deck



Stateroom

- TERRACE SUITE UPPER DECK** – 27 sq.m (290 sq.ft) with full length windows and door onto balcony and queen bed.
- JUNIOR SUITES MAIN DECK** – 24 sq.m (258 sq.ft) with full length windows and door onto balcony and queen bed.
- STATEROOMS MAIN & UPPER DECK** – 20 sq.m (215 sq.ft) with french balcony and twin beds which can be pushed together to make a double.

European river cruise assurance

Cruising along the major rivers of Europe is one of life's great pleasures. It is a great way to see the world and a wonderful way to travel. These magnificent waterways have been carrying people for centuries, and the majority of trips pass without incident. However, on occasion, river conditions, industrial actions, mechanical faults, or other factors may impact your cruise.

Our River Cruise Assurance explains what we do in such circumstances to keep your holiday going and the compensation we pay if we are unable to do so. It's all included in the price of your holiday, with nothing extra to pay, giving you another reason to book a Riviera Travel holiday with confidence.

Disruption - delays to your cruise

If progress along the river is disrupted, we will endeavour to keep your holiday going by doing one or more of the following:

- Remaining moored another night, postponing departure to the next day;
- Arranging excursions to the itinerary destinations or equivalent alternatives by coach, with no more than 2 hours journey each way;
- Swapping ships - transferring you past the affected part of the river to join another ship. The maximum length of coach journey we will undertake to do this is 4 hours.

If we are unable to do the above, or despite doing them your holiday itinerary is delayed or significantly disrupted, we will automatically compensate you for every complete 24 hours affected.

Cabin grade per person	Maximum compensation per complete 24 hours
Lower deck	£80
Middle deck	£100
Upper deck	£120
Superior and Deluxe Suites	£140

Please note we will not pay compensation if the delay is due to civil or military hostilities, or for any other losses incurred beyond the cost of your holiday.

Curtailement - having to come home early

If the disruption is such that we are unable to continue your holiday, we may decide to terminate the cruise.

In this instance we will, at our cost, transport you back to the UK if you originally travelled with us. If you made your own way to the ship embarkation point we will return you at our cost to the original disembarkation point, or the nearest major European city if you prefer. Please note if you join our outbound UK flight, or make your own way to the ship embarkation point, having first flown in from another country, we strongly advise that you take out travel insurance to cover your originating flight into the UK or Europe.

If your holiday is cut short, we will also automatically refund you on a pro rata basis for each full 24-hour period of your holiday that has been lost. For example, if you have lost 3 complete days on an 8-day holiday, we will refund you 3/8ths of your original purchase price.

Cancellation prior to departure

Our shipping company partners constantly monitor river conditions. Whilst we will try to give as much notice as possible, please note that forecasts tend to be short, as river conditions can improve quickly, and hence the shipping company may make a final decision close to departure. If it is looking likely that your cruise would be significantly disrupted across multiple days, we will attempt to provide an amended or alternative cruise of equivalent quality. If we are able to do so we will endeavour to contact you at least 48 hours before departure to ask if you want to go on the alternative. If no alternative cruise of equivalent quality is available, your holiday will be cancelled. In this instance, you will be refunded the full cost of your holiday.



Frequently asked questions

Documentation

Do I require a passport?

You will require a valid passport for your holiday. Please check www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice for country specific information relating to entry requirements (e.g. whether your passport needs to be valid beyond the return date of your holiday/a visa is a requirement of entry).

It's always a good idea to just double check the dates on your passport.

Will I need a visa to travel following Brexit?

As a tourist, you will not need a visa for trips up to 90 days. You can stay up to 90 days in any 180-day period without a visa.

Different rules may apply to travel to other countries including Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus & Romania for example, and visits to these countries will not count towards the 90-day total. However, we recommend that you visit the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/visit-europe-1-january-2021> for further information if you may be affected.

Do I require travel insurance?

It is a condition of booking that you carry suitable travel insurance to ensure you are covered for eventualities, such as cancellations prior to travel, loss of personal possessions during the holiday, and personal accident. We have chosen Holiday Extras as our preferred insurance provider, giving you access to their award-winning policies to suit your individual requirements, with Covid-19 cover included as standard. Please visit our dedicated Holiday Extras webpage for a quote (www.holidayextras.com/riviera-travel/insurance) or contact 0800 083 3551 and quote code V4744 for exclusive discounts. We also advise that you have adequate insurance cover for any other ancillary items such as car parking or overnight airport hotels. Please take your insurance documents with you on holiday in case a claim needs to be registered. If you have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) it will still be valid from 1st January 2021 until its expiry date. If you need to apply for a new card you will be issued with a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). For more information visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-ehic-european-health-insurance-card/>.

Please note that both the EHIC and the new GHIC will not cover travel to Norway, Switzerland, Iceland or Liechtenstein.

When can I expect to receive my travel documents?

Your tickets and final travel documents will be sent to you by post approximately 10 working days before your departure date.

Where can I find travel advice?

Visit <https://travelaware.campaign.gov.uk> for comprehensive travel advice. You will find current information on passport, visa and entry requirements for the country or countries to which you intend to travel, along with advice on money, local laws and customs. Visit www.travelhealthpro.org.uk for travel health guidance, which includes information on travelling with medicine.

Air and rail travel

Can I pre-book my seat?

Requests to pre-book your seat are subject to the relevant airline's policy. If you would like to pre-book seats, please contact our reservations team, who can advise if this is possible and of any applicable cost. If your booking includes rail travel, our team will be able to add seat requests to your booking; however, these requests cannot be guaranteed and are subject to availability.

If I have a connecting flight, will my luggage be checked all the way through?

Your luggage should be checked through to your final

destination; however, we recommend that you reconfirm this with airline staff when checking in at the airport.

How much time do I need to check in at the airport or railway station?

Travel by air: We recommend that you arrive at the airport least 2-3 hours before European flights. This will give you plenty of time to check in and go through security. Travel by Eurostar: We advise that you arrive at the station at least 1-2 hours before departure.

What is my luggage allowance?

Full details of your luggage allowance will be included with your final travel documents, which are sent approximately 10 days prior to your travel date. On Eurostar, only 2 medium-size pieces of luggage are permitted per person. Please call our reservations team for further information.

How long do overseas transfers take to and from the airport?

Approximate airport transfer times are detailed on our website under "Transfers & useful info" on the relevant river cruise itinerary page.

Enjoying the experience

Can I still travel if I have reduced mobility?

If you have any concerns regarding the suitability of our holidays, please contact our team. We want to ensure you make the right choice.

Overseas transfers: All our tours involve some travel on coaches, which have not been adapted for wheelchair access.

Air travel: We can arrange airport assistance at no extra cost, but you must notify us in advance more than 48 hours before your flight departs.

Eurostar: Special assistance is available at no extra cost to help you get to and from the train. Should you need to travel in your own wheelchair, Eurostar trains have specially adapted spaces, which must be pre-booked. If you require assistance at St Pancras railway station, we can notify Eurostar Assist of your request; you will need to make your way to the Eurostar Assist desk at St Pancras at least 60 minutes prior to your departure. Please also refer to our terms and conditions.

Will there be any changes to the itinerary featured in the brochure or on the website?

While you will visit the places as advertised in our brochure and on our website, the exact order of the itinerary may differ. A small degree of flexibility allows us to adapt and provide you with a better experience. The final itinerary will be sent to you along with your travel documents. Your cruise director will also advise you on timings for the daily itinerary.

What clothing should I pack?

This depends on the time of year and your destination. Our holidays include plenty of guided tours and excursions, so comfortable and sensible footwear is recommended, as is a lightweight waterproof jacket in case it rains. If you'll be visiting religious sites, you may need clothing that provides more coverage. Specific requirements will be stated on your travel documents.

What currency should I take?

Information on currency requirements will be stated in your travel documents. Your cruise director can advise you should you wish to exchange money while on holiday.

Can you book an additional tour or visit for me?

Many tours and visits are already included with our holidays. On some river cruises, you have the opportunity to personalise your holiday with a hand-picked experience, which your cruise director can arrange during your cruise. For other tours and visits, please speak to our reservations team.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

These booking conditions set out the terms of your contract with Riviera Tours Limited trading as Riviera Travel (Riviera). Please read them carefully as you will be bound by them. References to "you" and "your" and "passenger(s)" means all persons named on the booking (Booking Party) (including those added at a later date) "We", "us", "our" means Riviera. For cruises, we will be the contracting carrier.

1. Making your booking

We will confirm your holiday by issuing a confirmation invoice to the party leader who confirms they have authority on behalf of the Booking Party including minors (under the age of 18) to make a booking and accept these booking conditions on behalf of everyone in the Booking Party. You are responsible for obtaining and providing all information and payments required by us in accordance with these booking conditions. A binding contract comes into existence when we issue the confirmation invoice.

Please check your documents carefully and contact us immediately if any information on any document is incorrect. We cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies in any document within 10 days of our sending it out (5 days for tickets). You may contact us by e-mail at info@rivieratravel.co.uk or call us on 01283 742 300.

2. Payment

The relevant deposit must be paid to confirm your booking. The balance of the holiday cost is due 8 weeks* prior to the departure. If full payment is not made on time, we will cancel your booking and keep all payments paid at that date and levy the cancellation charges shown in clause 8. If booking within 56 days* of departure, full payment must be made at the time of booking.

A binding contract comes into existence when we issue the confirmation invoice.

*75 days for Worldwide tours and 2023 European tours, 91 days for all 2022 cruises and 101 days for all 2023 cruises.

3. Your Financial Protection

We are Riviera Tours Limited, New Manor 328 Wetmore Road, Burton on Trent, Staffordshire, DE14 1SP.

We hold an Air Travel Organiser's Licence issued by the UK Civil Aviation Authority (ATOL number 3430). When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive package from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable). If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit, you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent or your credit card issuer where applicable. You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme. The Civil Aviation Authority can be contacted at Gatwick Airport South, West Sussex, RH6 0YR, UK tel +44 (0)333 103 6350, e-mail claims@caa.co.uk www.caa.co.uk.

If your holiday does not include flights, we provide full financial protection for your holiday by way of a bond held by ABTA - The Travel Association, 30 Park Street, London, SE1 9EQ, www.abta.com. You agree to accept that in the event of our insolvency ABTA may arrange for the services you have bought to continue, or a suitable alternative to be provided at the same cost as your original booking. You also agree to accept that in circumstances where the travel service supplier provides the services you have bought, you agree to pay any outstanding sum under your contract with us to that alternative travel service provider. However, you also agree that in some cases the services will not be provided, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under ABTA's Scheme of Protection (or your payment card issuer where applicable) for a refund of the monies you have paid.

4. The price of your holiday

Please note, advertised prices may have changed by the time you book your holiday and errors occasionally occur. You must check the price of your chosen holiday at the time of booking. We reserve the right to change prices and correct errors in advertised prices at any time before or after your holiday is confirmed. Subject to the correction of errors or amendment costs, once your booking is confirmed we can change your holiday price only in certain circumstances:

Changes in the price of the carriage of passengers resulting from changes to the cost of fuel or other power services, the level of taxes or fees imposed by third parties including tourist taxes, landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports and airports, or exchange rates mean that the price of your travel arrangements may change after you have booked. However, there will be no change within 20 days of your departure.

We will absorb, and you will not be charged for, any increase equivalent to 2% of the price of your travel arrangements, which excludes insurance premiums and any amendment charges. You will be charged for the amount over and above that. If this results in an increase equivalent to more than 8% of the price of your travel arrangements, you will have the option of accepting a change to another holiday if we are able to offer one (any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value can be used towards an optional excursion, towards a future Riviera Travel holiday or refunded), or cancelling and receiving a full refund of all monies paid, except for any amendment charges. Should you decide to cancel: 1) you must do so within the time period shown on your final invoice 2) We will provide a refund of insurance premiums paid to us if you can show that you are unable to transfer or reuse your policy.

Should the price of your holiday go down due to the cost changes mentioned above, then any refund due will be paid to

you. We will deduct from this refund our administrative expenses incurred. Please note that travel arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some apparent changes have no impact on the price of your travel due to contractual and other protection in place.

5. Special requests

Special requests must be advised at the time of booking. Unless specifically confirmed by us in writing, all special requests are subject to availability and may incur an additional charge at your hotel. Please note that any special requests will not be binding and do not form part of your contract.

6. 'No flight' holidays: Your responsibility

Sometimes we may be able to offer tour or cruise-only holidays subject to availability. Please call for details. If you choose one of these holidays, your tour or cruise will begin at the hotel or ship stated in the itinerary. You must make your own travel arrangements, including any flight or rail travel, plus transfers to the first hotel or ship, and onwards from the final hotel or ship. We will not be liable for the cost of any travel arrangements you put in place if the tour or cruise is cancelled or the starting point of your cruise or tour in destination has changed. You must send us details of your travel arrangements at least eight weeks prior to your departure.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you arrive at the stated embarkation point at the required time for any ship that forms part of your holiday. If you are late, whilst we will make reasonable efforts to assist you in joining the ship, this may not be possible and in such circumstances your holiday will be treated as cancelled and you will not be entitled to any price reduction, refund or any other compensation.

7. Changes by you

You can transfer your booking to another person who satisfies all the conditions applicable to the contract by giving us notice in writing as soon as possible and no later than 7 days before departure. Such a transfer may incur fees, charges or other costs and we will inform you of these before the transfer is confirmed. You and the person to whom your booking is transferred will be responsible for paying any fees, costs and/or charges we incur in making the transfer.

Any amendments other than name changes and transfer of your booking to another person are discretionary and we may not be able to agree to them. Any amendments we agree after issue of the confirmation invoice will incur an administration fee of at least £15 per person plus any costs incurred by us and charged by our suppliers. Some amendments may be treated as a cancellation of the original booking which will require payment of the applicable cancellation fee. A change of holiday dates is a cancellation of the original booking and the cancellation charges in clause 8 apply. Name changes are allowed 7 days or more prior to travel. All costs must be paid before the amendment can be affected.

8. Cancellation by you

You can cancel your holiday at any time by writing (letter or email) to us at our offices. Cancellation will be effective when received by us. Since we incur costs in cancelling your travel arrangements, you will have to pay cancellation charges as set out below. Where a percentage is shown, this is a percentage of the total cost of your holiday.

Please note that if you cancel any insurance premiums you have paid, these may be non-refundable as they do not form part of your holiday contract.

All cruises:

Period before departure within which written notification of cancellation is received by us	Cancellation charge per person cancelling
More than 101 days	Deposit
100 - 61 days	50%
60 - 31 days	75%
30 - 16 days	90%
15 days or less	100%

Long haul tours and European tours:

Period before departure within which written notification of cancellation is received by us	Cancellation charge per person cancelling
More than 75 days	Deposit
74 - 61 days	50%
60 - 31 days	70%
30 - 15 days	90%
14 days or less	100%

In addition, change or cancellation of flights and other transport costs can result in 100% cancellation charges irrespective of the date of cancellation. Part cancellation will require recalculation of the holiday price and we will re-invoice you accordingly. If a cancellation results in single occupancy of a cabin or hotel room, a single person supplement will be payable except where 100% cancellation charges have been paid by the person cancelling.

You can cancel your holiday without paying cancellation charges if unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances occur at your holiday destination which significantly affect the performance of your holiday.

9. Insurance

You must have valid and appropriate travel insurance for the full duration of your trip. You should ensure that your policy provides at least comparable cover to that provided by the policy of our insurance partner. We may ask you to provide evidence of your travel insurance and if you cannot do so or do not purchase any such insurance we will not allow you to travel and will treat your holiday as cancelled with the applicable cancellation fee being due.

10. Changes or cancellations by us

(1) Changes to confirmed holiday arrangements sometimes have to be made and we reserve the right to do so in accordance with this clause. Most changes will be insignificant and we have the right to make these. Where an insignificant change is made before departure, we will notify you in writing. No compensation is payable for insignificant changes. Occasionally, before departure, we may be constrained by circumstances beyond our control to make a significant alteration to any of the main characteristics of the travel services which form part of your contract. Where we have to do so, clauses 10(4) and 10(5) will apply.

(2) All alterations which are not significant in accordance with Clause 10(1) will be treated as insignificant changes. Insignificant changes include, but are not limited to: a change of flight time of less than 12 hours, change of airline, change of departure airport between London airports, change to the type of aircraft (if advised) or destination airport.

(3) Our holidays require a minimum number of passengers to enable us to operate them and we reserve the right to cancel any holiday where this minimum number is not achieved by notifying you not less than 20 days prior to departure. Failure to achieve this minimum number does not, however, oblige us to cancel.

(4) If we have to significantly alter any of the main characteristics of your confirmed arrangements, we will provide you with the following information in writing as soon as possible: (i) the proposed alteration and any impact this has on the price; (ii) if you do not wish to accept the alteration, details of any substitute package we are able to offer (and any price reduction where this is of a lower quality or cost, or any price increase where this is of significantly higher quality or cost); (iii) your entitlement to cancel your booking and receive a full refund if you do not want to accept the alteration or any substitute package offered; and (iv) the period within which you must inform us of your decision and what will happen if you do not do so.

11) Unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances

We cannot accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance of our obligations is prevented or affected, as a result of unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances. This means a situation which is beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken. Such situations are likely to include (whether actual or threatened) war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, epidemics, pandemics, fire, closure, restriction or congestion of airspace, airports and ports, an operating ban on the carrier due to perform your flight, UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development office advice and all other events outside our control.

12) Our liability to you

1) We are responsible for the proper performance of the travel services included in your contract. This means we, or our supplier(s) of services must perform those travel services with reasonable care and skill. You must inform us without undue delay of any lack of conformity to the contract which you perceive during your holiday.

2) If any of the travel services are not performed in accordance with the contract, you may be entitled to an appropriate price reduction or compensation or both. We will not be liable where any failure to perform or improper performance of the travel services is due to: (i) you or another member of your party; or (ii) a third party unconnected with the provision of the travel services in the holiday contract and is unforeseeable or unavoidable; or (iii) unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, which means a situation beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken.

3) Our liability, except in cases involving death, injury or illness, shall be limited to a maximum of three times the cost of your travel arrangements.

4) Our liability (including liability for death, injury or illness) will also be limited in accordance with and/or in an identical manner to:

(a) The contractual terms of the companies that provide the travel services that make up your package. These terms are incorporated into this booking; and

(b) Any relevant international convention, for example the Montreal Convention in respect of travel by air, the Athens Convention in respect of travel by sea, the Bern Convention in respect of travel by rail and the Paris Convention in respect of the provision of accommodation, which limit the amount of and conditions under which compensation can be claimed for death, injury, delay to passengers and loss, damage and delay to luggage. We are to be regarded as having all benefit of any limitation of the extent of or the conditions under which compensation is to be paid under these or any conventions.

5) Liability for incidents on any of the international sea cruises will be regulated by EC Regulation 392/2009 (hereinafter referred to as "The Regulation") provided the carriage by sea satisfies the definition in the Protocol of 2002 to the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea 1974. A summary of the Regulation may be found here: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=URISERV:tr0018&from=EN>.

The Regulation limits the liability of the carrier in respect of passengers and their luggage in the event of accidents. In the event of death or personal injury, we would be limited to a maximum of 400,000 SDR or in the event of terrorism 250,000 SDR, if found liable. These damages can be reduced for any contributory negligence of the passenger. In the event of loss or damage to luggage we would be limited to a maximum of 2,250 SDR subject to a deductible of 149 SDR per person, if found liable. The provision of a safe in the cabin on the ship does not effect whether a charge is levied or not.

The daily conversion rates for Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) can be found on the International Monetary Fund website at www.imf.org.

6) Where your contract includes carriage on inland waterways the liability of the carrier to all passengers shall be determined in accordance with the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims. The limit for claims involving death or personal injury is 175,000 SDR per passenger per carriage. The Strasbourg Convention as amended applies to vessels navigating on waterways located in the territory of a state party which limits passenger claims involving death or personal injury to 60,000 SDR per person subject to a maximum of 6,000,000 SDR.

(7) You can ask for copies of the travel service contractual terms, or the international conventions.

(8) Under EU Law (Regulation 261/2004) you have rights in some circumstances to refunds and/or compensation from your airline in cases of denied boarding, cancellation or delay to flights. Full details will be published at EU airports and available from airlines. However, reimbursement in such cases will not automatically entitle you to a refund of your holiday cost from us. Your right to a refund and/or compensation from us is set out in these booking conditions. If any payments to you are due from us, any payment made to you by the airline or any other service provider will be deducted.

(9) If it is impossible to ensure your return as scheduled due to unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, we will bear the cost of necessary accommodation, if possible, of equivalent category, for a maximum of three nights. The limit does not apply to persons with reduced mobility and any person accompanying them, pregnant women and unaccompanied minors, or persons in need of specific medical assistance, provided that you notified us of these needs at least 48 hours before the start of your holiday.

(10) This entire clause 12 does not apply to any separate contracts that you may enter into for excursions or activities whilst on holiday. We are not responsible for any services which do not form part of our holiday contract with you.

(11) Please note, the travel services we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of our contract will be subject to the laws and applicable standards of the country in which they are provided. This means that on occasions, you might find standards to be lower than those you are used to in the UK.

13) Complaints and problems

All complaints and any problems must be reported whilst on holiday at the time you become aware of them and confirmed in writing. If you remain dissatisfied you must write to us within 28 days of your return to the UK with booking reference and full details of your complaint.

In respect of cruises which commence in the EU complaints pursuant to EU Regulation 1177/2010 must be sent to us as soon as possible. We will endeavor to respond within 28 days. If you are not happy with our final decision you can refer your complaint to the Cruise Line International Association which is the voluntary complaints body authorised by the Department of Transport to deal with complaints at PassengerRights@cruising.org.

14) Arbitration: ABTA

We are a Member of ABTA, membership number V4744. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct. We can also offer you ABTA's scheme for the resolution of disputes which is approved by the Chartered Trading Standards Institute. If we can not resolve your complaint, go to www.abta.com to use ABTA's simple procedure. Further information on the Code and ABTA's assistance in resolving disputes can be found on www.abta.com.

Disputes arising out of, or in connection with your booking which cannot be amicably settled may be referred to arbitration under a special independent scheme arranged by ABTA which provides for a simple arbitration on documents alone with restricted liability on the customer in respect of costs. Full details will be provided on request or obtained from www.abta.com. Your application for arbitration and other required documents must be received by ABTA within 18 months of your return from the holiday. For injury and illness claims, you can request the ABTA mediation procedure and we have the option to agree to this.

You can also access the European Commission Online Dispute (ODR) Resolution platform at <http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr/>. This ODR platform is a means of registering your complaint with us; it will not determine how your complaint should be resolved.

15) Behaviour and damage

You are responsible for any damage or loss caused by you. Full payment for any such damage or loss must be made on demand as soon as possible. If in our or in the reasonable opinion of any other person in authority, you behave in such a way as to cause or be likely to cause danger, upset or distress to any third party or damage to property, we shall be entitled to terminate your holiday and/or require you to leave the accommodation or other service. We will have no further responsibility to you. No refunds will be made. You must not solicit other persons for commercial purposes or advertise goods or services without our prior written permission.

16) Conditions of suppliers

You are bound by the terms and conditions and conditions of carriage of our suppliers and independent contractors which we incorporate into these booking conditions which may limit or exclude liability to you.

17) Passports, visas and health requirements

For guidance we have details on our website of general passport and visa requirements applicable to our holidays, together with details of any compulsory health requirements. It is, however, your responsibility to ensure you have and comply with passport and visa requirements, and you are aware of all recommended vaccinations and health precautions. We cannot accept any liability if you are refused entry onto any transport or into any country due to failure on your part to comply with these requirements.

18) Foreign Office advice

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office publishes regularly updated travel information on its website www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice which we recommend you consult before booking and in good time before departure.

19) Flights

In accordance with EU Directive (EC) No 2111/2005, we are required to bring to your attention the existence of a "Community list" which contains details of air carriers who are subject to an operating ban within the EU. The Community list is available for inspection at https://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/air/safety/air-ban/search_en. We are required to advise you of the actual carrier(s) (or, if the actual carrier(s) is not known, the likely carrier(s)) that will operate your flight(s) at the time of booking. Where we are only able to inform you of the likely carrier(s) at the time of booking, we shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of this. On occasions we may take bookings prior to the airlines/rail schedules being confirmed, whilst the route will be shown on your confirmation and ATOL certificate, the actual flight/rail times will be advised as soon as we have the schedules confirmed. Any change to the operating carrier(s) after your booking has been confirmed will be notified to you as soon as possible. If the carrier becomes subject to an operating ban as above as a result of which we/the carrier are unable to offer you a suitable alternative the provisions of clause 10 Changes and cancellation by us will apply. Such a ban would constitute unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances. We are not always in a position at the time of booking to confirm the flight timings which will be used in connection with your flight. The flight timings shown in our brochure, website and/or on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. Flight timings are outside our control. They are set by airlines and are subject to various factors

including air traffic control restrictions, weather conditions and the ability of passengers to check in on time.

Specific instructions relating to departure and travel arrangements will be sent with your travel documents approximately 2 weeks before departure. Please check your tickets very carefully to ensure you have the correct flight times. Flight times may be changed even after tickets have been despatched - we will contact you as soon as possible if this occurs. Any change in the identity of the carrier, flight timings, and/or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements.

20) Brochure / website / advertising material accuracy

The information contained in our brochure, website and other advertising material is believed correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of publication. However, errors may occasionally occur and information may subsequently change. You must therefore ensure you check all details of your chosen holiday (including the price) with us at the time of booking.

21) Children

For holidays other than cruises, we are unable to accommodate children under 9 years old at the date of departure. For cruises, the minimum age limit is 12 years old at the date of departure. We reserve the right to limit the number of children on any particular cruise. Any minor must be accompanied by and share a cabin with an adult aged 21 or over. If the adult is not the minor's parent, a "Parental Consent Guardianship Form" must be signed by a parent or legal guardian prior to sailing.

22) Health and safety

You must attend all mandatory safety briefings and drills at the commencement of the holiday and any subsequent briefings or drills required during the holiday by any carrier or supplier.

You must at all times comply with rules and regulations and the orders and directions of carriers and our suppliers and warrant that your conduct will not impair the safety of others.

We, carriers, our suppliers and/or the relevant authorities are entitled to administer a public health questionnaire at any time. You must complete the questionnaire and supply accurate information regarding any symptoms of illness. We may deny boarding to any passenger who has symptoms of any illness. You must report illness or any symptoms of illness and you may be required to remain in your cabin or hotel room as required by the ship's captain or the hotel manager. Refusal to comply with any of these procedures may result in your holiday being terminated. We have no liability to you in the event that we cancel or curtail your holiday for the reasons referred to in this clause.

In respect of cruises which commence in an EU Member State and where necessary in order to meet applicable international, European and national safety requirements and/or where the design or structure of the ship or port infrastructure and equipment, including port terminals, makes it impossible to carry out the embarkation, disembarkation or carriage of a passenger suffering from a disability of reduced mobility in a safe or operationally feasible manner, we and the carrier are entitled to refuse a booking from the person concerned. Passengers must be fully mobile to travel on any cruise. We cannot provide individual assistance to any passenger for walking, embarking or disembarking or travelling on other forms of transportation. In the event that you require assistance with embarking or disembarking from the ship at the first or last port as a result of your reduced mobility or disability, please advise us at the time of booking but in any event no later than 48 hours before the assistance is required. Some ships may not have elevators. You must check at the time of booking. Some excursions require a good level of physical fitness and do not have vehicles and/or there are restrictions re access. Regulation 1177/2010 may be viewed at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32010R1177&from=EN> and the DFT Guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/draft-guidance-notes-relating-to-regulation-eu-no-1177-2010>.

The carrier, acting via the captain, reserves the right to refuse passage, disembark or confine to a cabin any passenger whose physical or mental condition or behaviour is considered in the sole opinion of the captain to constitute a risk to the passenger's own well-being or that of any other passenger or crew member. The carrier and the captain reserve the right to disembark any passenger whose behaviour affects the comfort, enjoyment, safety or well-being of other passengers or of any crew.

During passage through locks or under low bridges or in the event of adverse weather conditions, it may be necessary to close the sundeck to passengers. Sundeck closures are rigidly enforced in the interests of safety. Ships may be required to moor alongside one another in some ports. This may result in your view being blocked. It may also result in your having to cross other ships in order to go ashore.

While we take reasonable steps to minimise noise and vibrations on the cruise ships, you acknowledge and accept that some noise and vibration may be experienced on vessels and that we will not be liable to you in relation to such noise and vibration.

23). Covid-19 Requirements

You must advise us if during your holiday you have any symptoms of Covid-19, however mild they may be. The symptoms include but are not limited to, high temperature or fever, a new continuous cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, a loss or change to your sense of taste or smell, muscle aches, headaches and fatigue.

24) Food Allergies

If you have any food allergies which may cause significant health issues, you must report this in writing at the time of booking or as soon as convenient. It is your responsibility to ensure that you actively avoid any food you are allergic to and make all appropriate enquiries to establish the ingredients of any food. The supplier is not under any obligation to prepare or provide special meals.

25) Smoking

Passengers must observe the non-smoking policy on board the ships, hotels and other transport provided. If smoke is detected in any accommodation, a cleaning fee of £165.00 per occurrence will be billed to the passenger's account. Smoking restrictions include e-cigarette smoking. If there is violation of the non-smoking policy, then passengers may be disembarked from the ship or asked to leave the hotel without refund.

26) Indemnity

You must indemnify us and the carrier for all penalties, fines, charges, losses or expenses incurred or imposed upon us, the

carrier or our suppliers by virtue of an act or violation of law by you and/or any breach of these terms and conditions or any carrier's or suppliers terms and conditions of conditions of carriage.

27) Pregnancy

The river cruise ships, yachts and Star Clipper ships do not have doctors or facilities to deliver babies or provide-natal treatment. We recommend that women who are less than 12 weeks pregnant seek medical advice prior to travel.

For safety reasons women past their 24th week of pregnancy at any stage of the cruise cannot be carried on board. Airlines also have restrictions.

Pregnant women are required to produce a fitness to travel certificate based on the proposed holiday itinerary and transport provider's requirements. The carrier expressly reserves the right to refuse passage to board to any passenger who appears to be in an advanced state of pregnancy and the carrier shall have no liability whatsoever in respect of either such refusal and/or the carriage.

28) Medical facilities/treatment on board and ashore

There are no doctors on board any of the river cruise ships, yachts and Star Clipper ships in our programme. Should you require medical attention during your holiday then local medical services can be contacted for emergency treatment. The cost of such treatment is your sole responsibility. We are not liable for any aspect of medical treatment provided to you ashore or in resort.

If you have any medical condition which may need treatment during a cruise, this must be disclosed at the time of booking in order for a risk assessment to be undertaken as to whether you can be safely carried. You may be asked to provide medical evidence for this purpose. Carriage is dependent on the nature and extent of the medical condition, the itinerary and length of cruise.

In relation to other holidays please notify us in writing of any medical or reduced mobility needs at the resort or on transport provided by us. This includes adapted hotel rooms and assistance at airports.

In relation to your own medical equipment, there are limited storage facilities on board ships and in hotels. You must check prior to booking if the equipment is allowed on board aircraft, ships or hotels. Scooters cannot be carried on board ships due to space limitations and reasons of safety.

29) Disability/wheelchairs and service animals

During our holidays, we visit many historical sites and often enjoy walking tours of various places of interest. Some holidays, therefore, may not be suitable for clients of impaired mobility. Before you make your booking, we will advise you as to whether the proposed holiday arrangements are generally suitable for someone with reduced mobility. However, reduced mobility of course means different things to different individuals as we fully appreciate that individual capabilities, restrictions and requirements are likely to vary considerably. When we refer to reduced mobility, this means any material reduction in mobility whether this is permanent or temporary and whether caused by age or by physical or mental disability or impairment or other cause of disability.

Our priority is always the comfort and safety of passengers as well as complying with the strict legal requirements relating to safety of life at sea and inland waterways. In order to achieve these objectives, passengers with reduced mobility or disability or who need assistance dogs should at the time of booking provide as much detail as possible of the matters set out on our website at www.rivieratravel.co.uk/reducedmobilityinformation. Passengers may be required to be accompanied or may be refused carriage. You warrant that you have considered the information to passengers for reduced mobility and disabilities and that you have made all relevant notifications to us.

Please be aware that there are no wheelchair accessible cabins on any of the river cruise ships, yachts and Star Clipper ships used on our cruises. Disabled rooms in hotels are limited in number and so must be pre-booked and subject to availability.

30) Assistance whilst away

In the event you end up in difficulty (of any sort) during your holiday, we will provide you with appropriate assistance as soon as reasonably possible including by the provision of appropriate information on health services, local authorities and consular assistance and by assisting you to make distance communications and to find alternative travel arrangements as may be applicable. Where you are in difficulty as a result of your negligence, we may charge you a reasonable fee for this assistance which will not exceed the costs we actually incur.

31) Security

Weapons, ammunition, explosives, substances that are hazardous, disabling, or illegal, or any other article that in the sole opinion of the captain may be considered dangerous, are strictly prohibited aboard the ship or carried on any form of transport or hotels.

You consent to a reasonable search being made of your person, property, cabin, hotel room and to the removal and confiscation or destruction of any object which may, in our opinion or that of any carrier or supplier will impair the safety of others or of property or be illegal or inconvenience others.

32) Data Protection

We are a data controller for the purposes of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), tailored by the Data Protection Act 2018 (data protection laws). Personal data will be collected, processed, stored and used securely and in accordance with our privacy policy and data protection laws. Please see our data protection privacy policy.

33) Law and Jurisdiction

Save as provided by law and subject to the provisions of the Regulation all claims must be brought in the English courts which shall have exclusive jurisdiction and shall be subject to English law.

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