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7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE IN THE PARIS REGION • REF. PSN\_AIPP / SNP\_AIPP (opposite direction)

Paris, Medieval France, and romance at Fontainebleau From Paris to Sens

### DAY 1 | Paris

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise through Paris by night (depending on water level)

### DAY 2 | Paris • Évry

Cruise towards Évry Excursion proposed:

Visit of Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte

### DAY 3 | Évry • Melun

Cruise towards Melun Excursion proposed:

Visit to Barbizon village

### DAY 4 | Melun • Moret-Loing-et-Orvanne

Excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of Château de Fontainebleau and its magnificent gardens, followed by a visit of the cosmopolitan town of Fontainebleau Cruise towards Moret-Loing-et-Orvanne

### DAY 5 | Moret-Loing-et-Orvanne Montereau-Fault-Yonne

Cruise towards Montereau-Fault-Yonne Excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of Provins and its exceptional heritage, followed by a tasting of a renowned specialty



### DAY 6 | Montereau-Fault-Yonne • Sens

Cruise towards Sens Excursion proposed:

 Visit of Sens, its cathedral and covered market Gala dinner

### DAY 7 | Sens • Paris

Disembark at 9:00 a.m. Transfer<sup>(1)</sup> by coach from Sens to Paris

See excursion details on page 32.

# Cruise highlights

 A magnificent journey including quaint ports of call, historical cities and excellent local cuisine

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Vaux-le-Vicomte, a 17<sup>th</sup>-century masterpiece
- The village of Barbizon
- Château de Fontainebleau and its splendid gardens, one of the most beautifully decorated and furnished in France
- Medieval Provins
- Peaceful Sens, its cathedral and covered marketplace



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



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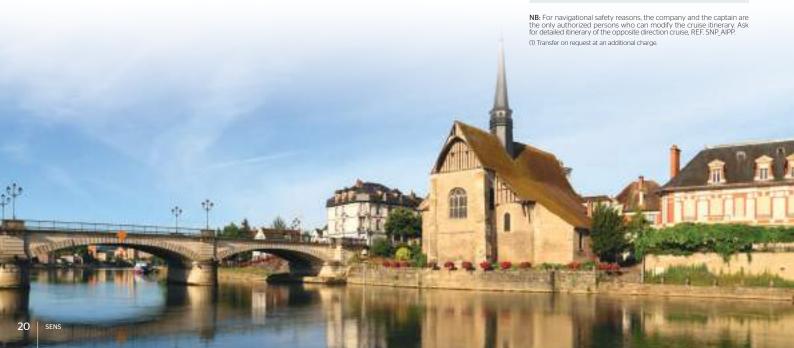
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7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE IN THE CHAMPAGNE REGION • REF. ECP\_AIPP / PCE\_AIPP (opposite direction)

# Paris and the Champagne Region From Epernay to Paris

### DAY 1 | Paris • Épernay

Transfer<sup>(1)</sup> by coach from Paris to Épernay Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

### DAY 2 | Épernay • Dormans

Excursion proposed:

Visit of Reims, guided tour of the historic centre and its cathedral

Cruise towards Dormans

### DAY 3 | Dormans • Château-Thierry

Excursions proposed:

- Hautvillers and the famous champagne route
- Visit of a major champagne house followed by a tasting

Cruise towards Château-Thierry

### DAY 4 | Château-Thierry Saint-Jean-les-Deux-Jumeaux

Cruise towards Saint-Jean-les-Deux-Jumeaux Excursion proposed:

 Visit of Château-Thierry followed by a falconry show(2)



### DAY 5 | Saint-Jean-les-Deux-Jumeaux • Meaux Lagny-sur-Marne

Cruise towards Lagny-sur-Marne Excursion proposed:

 Visit of the charming town of Meaux followed by a tasting of the renowned Brie de Meaux cheese

### DAY 6 | Lagny-sur-Marne • Paris

Cruise towards Paris

Excursion proposed:

 Guided visit of Paris and its major sites Gala dinner

### DΔY 7 | Paris

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 31.

# Cruise highlights

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Reims and the Notre-Dame Cathedral, a majestic jewel of Gothic art
- · Hautvillers, birthplace of champagne
- Château-Thierry and falconry show<sup>(2)</sup>
   Meaux and the "King of Cheese"
- Paris, an original visit of the French capital



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- (1) Transfer on request at an additional charge.
- (2) For end-of-year departures from October, the falconry show is replaced by a visit to the ruins of the medieval castle.





### NEW FOR 2024

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE IN THE OISE VALLEY • REF. EVP\_AIPP / PEV\_AIPP (opposite direction)

# The Oise Valley From Pont-l'Évêque to Paris

### DAY 1 | Paris • Pont-l'Évêque

Transfer<sup>(1)</sup> by coach from Paris to Pont-l'Évêque Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Excursion proposed:

Noyon and its cathedral

### DAY 2 | Pont-l'Évêque • Compiègne

Cruise towards Compiègne Excursion proposed:

• Compiègne and the Armistice Memorial

# DAY 3 | Compiègne • Pont-Sainte-Maxence Saint-Lieu-d'Esserent

Cruise towards Pont-Sainte-Maxence Excursion proposed:

• Château de Chantilly

Free time to explore Saint-Leu-d'Esserent

### DAY 4 | Saint-Leu-d'Esserent Auvers-sur-Oise • Pontoise

Cruise towards Auvers-sur-Oise Excursion proposed:

Absinthe Museum of Auvers-sur-Oise

### DAY 5 | Pointoise • Bougival

Excursion proposed:

Pontoise and the Pissarro museum



### DAY 6 | Bougival • Paris

Excursion proposed:
• Château de Malmaison

 Château de Malmaisor Cruise towards Paris Gala dinner

### DAY 7 | Paris

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 33.

# Cruise highlights

 Indulge in a first-rate cruise with fascinating ports of call and enticing treats

### EXCURSIONS:

- Compiègne and the Armistice Memorial
- Absinthe Museum of Auvers-sur-Oise
- Pontoise and the Pissarro museum

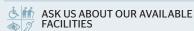








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(1) Transfers on request at an additional charge.





7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE IN ÎLE-DE-FRANCE • REF. PAP AIPP

# From Fontainebleau to Saint-Germain-des-Prés

### DAY 1 | Paris

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail During dinner, we'll cruise through Paris to take in the romantic City of Light at night(1)

### DAY 2 | Paris • Évry

Excursion proposed:

 Tour of Paris by bus and on foot Cruise towards Évry

### DAY 3 | Évry • Melun • Saint-Mammès

Cruise towards Melun

Excursion proposed:

• Tour of the Palace of Fontainebleau and its magnificent gardens

### DAY 4 | Saint-Mammès • Troyes and the tourist champagne route • Melun

Excursion proposed:

• Troyes and the tourist champagne route with tasting

### DAY 5 | Melun • Évry • Paris

Excursion proposed:

• The Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte Cruise towards Paris

### DAY 6 | Paris

Excursion proposed:

 Saint-Germain-des-Prés Free time to discover Paris on your own Gala dinner

### DAY 7 | Paris

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 32.

4-DAY / 3-NIGHT CRUISE IN PARIS • REF. PAM AIPP

# Prestigious Paris & the canal Saint-Martin

### DAY 1 | Paris

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Evening of traditional Titi Parisien show on board

### DAY 2 | Paris and its famous sites The canal Saint-Martin

Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Paris

Cruise along the canal Saint-Martin Cruise through Paris at night(1)

### DAY 3 | The canal Saint-Martin Paris and the Saint-Germain-des-Prés district

Morning spent cruising on the Seine Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of the Saint-Germain-des-Prés district Gala dinner

### DAY 4 | Paris

Disembark at 9.00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 32.

# Cruise highlights

· An enchanting cruise through picturesque landscapes and man-made wonders

### **EXCURSIONS:**

REF. PAP AIPP

- Tour of Paris by bus and on foot
- The Palace of Fontainebleau and its wonderful gardens
- Troyes and its picturesque historic
- · The tourist champagne route with tasting
- The Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte
- Saint-Germain-des-Prés

REF. PAM\_AIPP

- · Panoramic tour of the capital city, and visit of the covered arcades with their authentic charm
- Tour of the legendary Saint-Germain-des-Prés district, where history was made and creativity was cultivated



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7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE IN PROVENCE • REF. AVF\_AIPP / SVA\_AIPP (opposite direction)

Charming Provence: a barge cruise in Southern France From Arles to Sète

### DAY 1 | Arles

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

### DAY 2 | Arles • Gallician

Excursion proposed:

 Tour of Arles and visit of an olive oil production domain Cruise towards Gallician

### DAY 3 | Gallician • Aigues-Mortes

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of the Camargue Cruise towards Aigues-Mortes

### DAY 4 | Aigues-Mortes

Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Aigues-Mortes Free afternoon and evening

### DAY 5 | Aigues-Mortes Palavas-les-Flots • Sète(1)

Cruise towards Palavas-les-Flots Excursions proposed:

- · Discover a manade and the life of its herders during a wagon tour
- Tasting of local products Cruise towards Sète



### DAY 6 | Sète(1)

- Excursions proposed:
   Visit of the Étang de Thau Museum and commented tasting of shellfish
- Tour of Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert Gala dinner

### DAY 7 | Sète • Arles

Disembark at 9:00 a.m. Transfer<sup>(2)</sup> by coach from Sète to Arles

See excursion details on page 32.

# Cruise highlights

- A wonderful journey through charming towns and historic sites
- · Tastings of local delicacies

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Arles local olive oil tasting
- The beauty of the Camargue
- The fortified city of Aigues-Mortes and the salt marshes
- A traditional Camargue experience in a manade
- The Étang de Thau and its oyster farms
- Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, listed as one of the most beautiful villages in France



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Depending on mooring availability and weather conditions, the stopover in Sete could be replaced by a stopover in Frontignan.
 Transfer on request at an additional charge.





7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE IN BURGUNDY • REF. DBC AIPP / BDJ AIPP (opposite direction)

# Burgundy and the Doubs valley From Dijon to Besançon

### DAY 1 | Dijon

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

### DAY 2 | Dijon • Petit-Ouges

Excursions proposed:

- The Burgundy Grands Crus Wine RouteWalk along the "Circuit of the Three Washhouses"(1)

### DAY 3 | Petit-Ouges • Saint-Jean-de-Losne

Day spent cruising towards Saint-Jean-de-Losne, arriving late in the afternoon Possibility to ride along the canal banks<sup>(2)</sup>

### DAY 4 | Saint-Jean-de-Losne • Dole

Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Saint-Jean-de-Losne and the Musée de la Batellerie (navigation museum) Cruise towards Dole

### DAY 5 | Dole • Ranchot

Excursion proposed:

• Trail of the "Chat Perché" Cruise towards Ranchot

### DAY 6 | Ranchot • Besançon

Cruise towards Besancon Excursion proposed:

 Visit of the Saline Royale (Royal Salt Works) Gala dinner

### DAY 7 | Besançon

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 30 and 31.

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. DSL AIPP / SLD AIPP (opposite direction)

# Meandering along the Saône, the Burgundy and Centre canals

### DAY 1 | Dijon

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

### DAY 2 | Dijon • Longecourt-en-Plaine

Possibility to walk or bike along the canal banks<sup>(2)</sup> Excursion proposed:

• The Burgundy Grands Crus Wine Route

### DAY 3 | Longecourt-en-Plaine Saint-Jean-de-Losne

Day spent cruising towards Saint-Jean-de-Losne, arriving late in the afternoon Possibility to ride along the canal banks(2)

### DAY 4 | Saint-Jean-de-Losne • Dole

This morning will be spent cruising Possibility to bike along the Doubs river(2) Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Saint-Jean-de-Losne The visit will end with a tasting of local specialties from Burgundy

### DAY 5 | Chalon-sur-Saône • Chagny

This morning will be spent cruising towards Chagny Excursion proposed:

• Walk to the Cirque du Bout du Monde

### DAY 6 | Chagny • Santenay Saint-Léger-sur-Dheune

Cruise towards Santenay with a wine tasting session Cruise towards St. Léger-sur-Dheune Gala dinner

### DAY 7 | Saint-Léger-sur-Dheune • Dijon

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

Transfer<sup>(3)</sup> by coach from Saint-Léger-sur-Dheune

See excursion details on pages 30 and 31.

# Cruise highlights

· Discover idyllic landscapes all along your cruise

### **EXCURSIONS**

REF. DBC\_AIPP / BDJ\_AIPP

- The Burgundy Grands Crus Wine Route
- The charming village of The monuments of Saint-Jean-de-Losne
  • Dole, hilltop city and birthplace
- of Louis Pasteur
- La Saline Royale listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site

REF. DSL AIPP / SLD AIPP

- The Grands Crus Wine Route
- Saint-Jean-de-Losne, a historic European river port
- · Chalon-sur-Saône, a city full of art and history and the birthplace of photography
- · Wine tasting at Santenay
- The Cirque du Bout du Monde and the Mont de Sène, remarkable natural sites



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- (1) The Circuit of the Three Washhouses is not a guided tour
- (2) Timetables and embarkation/disembarkation points will be decided on board by the ship's captain.
- (3) Transfer on request at an additional charge, contact us





7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE IN BURGUNDY • REF. BCM AIPP / MBC AIPP (opposite direction)

# The Valley of the Doubs From Besançon to Montbeliard

### DAY 1 | Besançon

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

### DAY 2 | Besançon • Deluz

Excursions proposed:

- · Guided tour of the Vauban Citadel in Besançon
- Walking paths around Deluz<sup>(1)</sup>

### DAY 3 | Deluz • Baumes-les-Dames

Cruise towards Baumes-les-Dames Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Baumes-les-Dames

### DAY 4 | Baumes-les-Dames • Clerval

Cruise towards Clerval Excursion proposed:

• Discover the walking path to the Altar Chapel<sup>(1)</sup>

### DAY 5 | Clerval • L'isle-sur-le-Doubs

Cruise towards l'Isle-sur-le-Doubs Excursion proposed:

• Discover l'Ilsle-sur-le-Doubs at our own pace

### DAY 6 | L'isle-sur-le-Doubs • Montbéliard

Cruise towards Montbéliard Excursion proposed:

 Visit the historic heart of Montbéliard Gala dinner

### DAY 7 | Monthéliard

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 30 and 31.



7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE IN BURGUNDY • REF. DPS AIPP / PJN AIPP (opposite direction)

# The Burgundy Canal and the Petite Saône From Dijon to Port-sur-Saône

### DAY 1 | Diion

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

### DAY 2 | Dijon • Longecourt-en-Plaine

Excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of Dijon Cruise towards Longecourt-en-Plaine

### DAY 3 | Longecourt-en-Plaine • Auxonne

Excursion proposed:

• The Burgundy Grands Crus Wine Route Cruise towards Auxonne

### DAY 4 | Auxonne • Grav

Day spent cruising towards Gray

### DAY 5 | Grav • Rav-sur-Saône

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Gray and tasting of local specialties Cruise towards Ray-sur-Saône

### DAY 6 | Ray-sur-Saône • Port-sur-Saône

Excursion proposed:

• Visit to the medieval castle in Champlitte Cruise towards Port-sur-Saône Gala dinner

### DAY 7 | Port-sur-Saône • Dijon

Disembark at 9:00 a m Transfer<sup>(2)</sup> by coach to Dijon

See excursion details on pages 30 and 31.

# Cruise highlights

### **EXCURSIONS:**

REF. BCM\_AIPP / MBC\_AIPP

- The Vauban Citadel in Besançon
- · Baumes-les-Dames & its abbey
- Montbéliard and its historic centre
- Walking trails<sup>©</sup>: Clerval and the path to the Reposoir Chapel, Deluz and the Pelouse Sèche (Dry Grassland)
- Tastings of local specialties REF. DPS\_AIPP / PJN\_AIPP
- The Burgundy Grands Crus wine route
- · Gray and its hidden treasures
- The medieval Château at Champlitte, Museum of Popular Art and Traditions



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- (1) The walks along recognised walking paths are not guided and on a voluntary basis only.
  (2) Transfer on request at an additional charge.



7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE IN ALSACE • REF. SXO AIPP / XOS AIPP (opposite direction)

# History and traditions through Alsace-Lorraine From Strasbourg to Lagarde

### DAY 1 | Strasbourg

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Excursion proposed:

• Visit of the Old Strasbourg by panoramic boat

### DAY 2 | Strasbourg • Waltenheim

Cruise towards Waltenheim

Excursions proposed:
• Visit of the Maison du Kochersberg museum

- and the Villa Meteor
- Dinner at a restaurant in Waltenheim to taste a local specialty: "tarte flambée"

### DAY 3 | Waltenheim • Saverne

Cruise towards Saverne

Excursion proposed:
• Visit of Haut-Barr Castle

DAY 4 | Saverne • Lutzelbourg Excursions proposed:

- · Guided tour of Saverne
- Walk to Lutzelbourg Castle

### DAY 5 | Lutzelbourg • Arzviller Inclined Plane Xouaxange

Excursion proposed:

Visit of the cristal glassworks

Cruise towards Xouaxange

Passage through the Arzviller inclined plane Excursion proposed:

· Guided tour of Sarrebourg that will take us along the Chagall Route

### DAY 6 | Xouaxange • Lagarde

Day spent cruising towards Lagarde Gala dinner

### DAY 7 | Lagarde • Strasbourg

Disembark at 9:00 a.m. Transfer<sup>(1)</sup> by coach from Lagarde to Strasbourg

See excursion details on page 30.

### Marne-Rhine WALTENHEIM -SUR-ZORN LUTZELBOURG Arzviller inclined plane LAGARDE **STRASBOURG**

# Cruise highlights

- · Strasbourg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- The Arzviller inclined plane, an exceptional structure
- · The beautiful scenery of the Zorn valley and the Vosges Mountains
- · Tastings of local specialties

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Maison du Kochersberg museum and Villa Meteor
- · The Haut-Barr Castle, the "eye of Alsace"
- · Saverne, a small and particularly charming town
- Lutzelbourg Castle
- Marc Chagall's unique stained glass window in Sarrebourg



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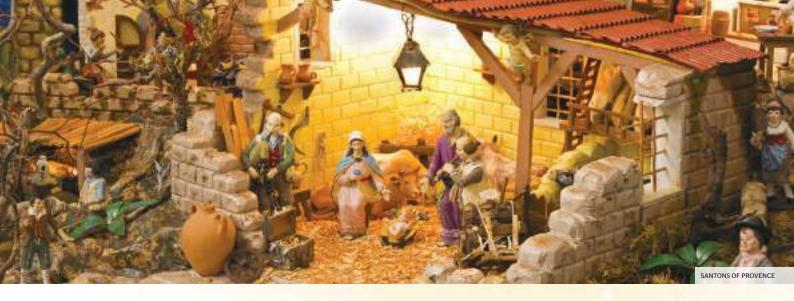
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5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE IN PROVENCE • REF. NAF\_XMASPP / FAN\_XMASPP (opposite direction)

# Christmas traditions of Provence

### DAY 1 | Avignon • Aigues-Mortes

Transfer by coach from Avignon to Aigues-Mortes Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail "Christmas traditions"-themed evening

### DAY 2 | Aigues-Mortes • Arles

Excursion proposed:

• Tour of Aigues-Mortes Cruise towards Arles Christmas-themed evening

### DAY 3 | Arles • Tarascon

Excursions proposed:

- The Village des Santons museum at Le Paradou
- Visit of the santon exhibition in Arles Cruise towards Tarascon

Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of the Château de Tarascon
 "Christmas Carols"-themed evening



### DAY 4 | Tarascon • Avignon

Cruise towards Avignon

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Avignon and the Papal Palace Gala dinner

### DAY 5 | Avignon

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 32.

# Cruise highlights

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- · Aigues-Mortes, medieval city
- Le Paradou and its legendary santons
- Avignon and the Papal Palace



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4-DAY / 3-NIGHT CRUISE IN ALSACE • REF. PMN XMASP1

# hristmas markets in Alsace

### DAY 1 | Strasbourg

Boarding at 5:00 p.m. Free evenina

### DAY 2 | Strasbourg • Sélestat • The Wine Route Obernai

Cruise through Strasbourg

Excursion proposed

• Sélestat and Eguisheim: Christmas markets and the Alsatian House of Bread

Lunch along the Wine Route Excursion proposed:

• Tour of Obernai

### DAY 3 | Strasbourg

Excursions proposed:

- The Hospices de Strasbourg<sup>(1)</sup> and wine tasting
- Guided tour of Strasbourg

Free time to discover the Christmas markets Gala dinner



DAY 4 | Strasbourg Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 30.

4-DAY / 3-NIGHT CRUISE IN ALSACE • REF. CKC\_XMASPP

# **Enchanting Christmas Markets** along Alsatian canals

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

### DAY 2 | Colmar • Kunheim • Kaysersberg Riquewihr

Cruise towards Kunheim

Excursion proposed:
• Kaysersberg<sup>(2)</sup> and Riquewihr Christmas-themed evening

### DAY 3 | Kunheim • Colmar

Cruise towards Colmar

Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Colmar

Gala dinner

### DAY 4 | Colmar

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 30.

# Cruise highlights

### **EXCURSIONS:**

REF. PMN\_XMASP1

- Christmas bakeries and cookies at the Alsatian House of Bread
- Authentic Christmas markets in Alsatian villages
- · The secret cellars in the Hospices de Strasbourg<sup>(1)</sup>

REF. CKC\_XMASPP

- The medieval city of Riquewihr
- Little Venice in Colmar
- · Chocolate delights in Colmar



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- (1) The Hospices de Strasbourg are closed on Sundays. In this event, D2 and D3 of the programme will be reversed.

  (2) The Kaysersberg Christmas Market is open on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, On other days, well visit the Eguisheim Christmas Market, one of the most beautiful in Alsace.





# Our excursions - French Canals

# **CLASSIC EXCURSIONS**

# Alsace

### **BOAT TOUR OF STRASBOURG**

### LENGTH: 2.5 hours

We'll set off by coach for the Palais Rohan to board a panoramic boat. Our tour will take us along the canals of the famous Petite France district with its charming half-timbered houses and narrow alleyways. We'll glide past the Tanners Quarter, the Covered Bridges and the Panoramic Terrace on the Vauban Dam. We'll continue towards the European Parliament Building and the Human Rights Building where the European Court of Human Rights is located.

### **COLMAR**

### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll set out for the center of Colmar. Your guide will first introduce you to picturesque Little Venice. The Lauch River canals wind their way through the city dotted with colorful, half-timbered homes. During the holidays, everything is decorated to the hilt. We'll then visit the Choco-Story chocolate museum, dedicated to the wonders of our favorite sweet, located in Colmar's center of the holiday activity. Warm up with a cup of delightful hot chocolate. Afterwards, spend some time strolling through the Christmas market enjoying what the ambiance has to offer-small chalets with traditional Christmas decorations and housewares, original gift ideas, and culinary specialties swathed in spicy holiday smells.

### **HAUT-BARR CASTLE**

### LENGTH: 2.5 hours

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Enjoy unrivalled views over the Alsace plain from the Haut-Barr Castle, often called "the Eye of Alsace". Constructed in 1170, it was transformed and restored during the 14th century. It was built at an altitude of 470 metres on 3 wide rocks linked by a footbridge called the "Devil's Bridge" and a series of staircases, which enabled the Bishops of Strasbourg to watch over the Zorn Valley and the Alsace Plain. With your guide, you will have the opportunity to discover this wonderful castle which has been listed as a historic monument since 1874.

### **KAYSERSBERG AND RIQUEWIHR**

### LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll head to Kaysersberg for a Christmas exhibit. Each year, the village goes all out showing the expanse of Alsatian Christmas decorations. Take some time getting into the Christmas spirit by admiring the meticulous, original designs straight from the crea-

tors' imaginations. Next stop is Riquewihr, a charming medieval village nestled among the vineyards, where you'll discover an authentic Christmas market in a unique setting. The bright colors of the half-timbered homes add to the postcard-like setting of traditional Alsace. Take your time wandering the cobblestone streets and admiring the marvelous decorations covering the facades and village monuments.

The Kaysersberg Christmas Market is open on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. On other days, we'll visit the Eguisheim Christmas Market, one of the most beautiful in Alsace.

### **KOCHERSBERG REGION**

### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach from Waltenheim-sur-Zorn for Truchtersheim. We'll travel through the lush green hills and expansive fields in the Kochersberg Region and quaint villages lined with halftimbered houses before reaching Truchtersheim. We'll tour the Maison du Kochersberg museum, which highlights the local heritage and traditions. The museum displays a wide range of objects from antique to modern in its exhibits. Our next stop will be Hochfelden and the Villa Meteor. This is a great experience for beer lovers and connoisseurs. Discover the history of the Meteor family and their brewery from 1640 to the present Learn about beer making and enjoy a tasting of their famous products\*.

### **LEHRER CRYSTAL GLASSWORKS**

Within a short walking distance of the Saint-Louis-Arzviller inclined plane, you'll visit the Lehrer Crystal Glassworks where you'll discover the secrets of glass-blowing through a guided tour. Afterwards, you'll have some free time to browse through the gift store.

### **SARREBOURG**

### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set off by coach for Sarrebourg. This guided tour of the town will allow you to admire monuments like the cinema, built in 1912, the library and the Custine Hotel. You'll also get to discover the square and the Chapel of the Cordeliers with its quite unique stained glass window by Marc Chagall.

### SAVERNE

### LENGTH: 2 hours

Guided tour of Saverne, a town off the beaten track of the usual tourist haunts, despite its many places

to see and admire. Founded in Roman times, the town has preserved many relics from its past. You will visit the Main Street, with its unicorn fountain, the Katz House, the Church of Notre Dame with its porch tower from the 12th century and the former convent of the Récollets founded in the 14th century.

### **SÉLESTAT, THE ALSATIAN WINE ROUTE AND OBERNAL**

### LENGTH: 10 hours

You'll leave by coach with your tour guide for Sélestat. The first stop will be the Maison du Pain d'Alsace, tat. The first stop will be the Maison du Pain d'Alsace, where you'll discover the secrets of Alsatian baking. Of course, you'll be able to have a taste or two! The next stop will be Éguisheim, officially listed as one of France's most beautiful villages. The village will be totally decked out for the holidays, and the Christmas market will provide all you need to get you in the holiday spirit. Take some time to peruse the stands with crafts and items for sale. We'll enjoy lunch on the Wine Route before heading to Optimal Christmas is a particularly decorative and feating. nai. Christmas is a particularly decorative and festive time in this Renaissance village. After our tour, we will return on board the ship.

### STRASBOURG CHRISTMAS MARKETS

### LENGTH: 4 hours

Join us for a guided tour on foot to see the city's iconic Petite France area and majestic cathedral. Af-terwards, enjoy some free time at the various Christmas markets set up across the city.

### WINE CELLARS AT THE STRASBOURG **HOSPICE**

### LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll leave on foot to discover the ancient secrets found within the Strasbourg Hospice wine cellars. In old times, it was used to store wine offered as payment for hospital care. Today, twenty or so winemakers use the renowned cellar to age their prestigious wines. The oldest wine barrel dates back to 1472! Your tour will be followed by a tasting\*. After our tour, we will return on board the ship.

# Burgundy

### **BAUMES-LES-DAMES**

### LENGTH: 2 hours

Set off by coach in the company of one of the town's guides. You'll discover the charming local houses dating from the  $15^{\rm th}$  and  $16^{\rm th}$  centuries, followed by the main religious buildings in the town such as the Chapel of the Holy Sepulchre (exteriors only) and St Martin's Church (exteriors only). Next you will visit the famous Abbey of Baume-les-Dames. Founded in the 5th century by St Germain, the abbey welcomed and housed nuns from illustrious families, including Odile, the blind daughter of Duke Etichon (Adalric) of Alsace, who had her sight restored here during her baptism. The visit ends with a tasting of local products featuring charcuterie and cheeses.

### **BESANÇON AND ITS CITADEL**

### LENGTH: 4 hours

Transfer by coach to the Besançon Citadel, one of Vauban's great masterpieces (must be booked in advance with your travel agent or tour operator before the cruise). You will learn about the history of this exceptional defensive site in the company of your guide, from its construction through to the present day. It is today listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. After the visit, you will have free time to walk around in the citadel.

### **BURGUNDY:** THE GRANDS CRUS WINE ROUTE

### I FNGTH: 4 hours

In the afternoon, set off on the Grands Crus Wine Route, including Gevrey-Chambertin and the Clos de Vougeot, with a visit of the Chateau du Clos de Vougeot. As early as the 12th century, monks from the Citeaux abbey built winegrowing outbuildings in the middle of the vines. The main building strongly influenced by the Renaissance style was added in the 16th century. The Clos Vougeot remains the symbol of more than 1000 years of Burgundy history. The journey continues to a wine estate for a tasting\* of Burgundy wines. Here you will discover a traditional vineyard, visit the cellars that hold barrels and bottles, then take part in a commented tasting of the famous wines from the region.

### **CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE**

### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll set off on a discovery tour of Chalon-sur-Saône and its old town. Chalon came into being as the main port to the Eduens people during the Gaulish period and saw its glory days at the beginning of the Middle Ages as the Merovingian capital of Burgundy, and then again at the end of the same period as the site of famous international fairs. Today, Chalon is a city of art and history, and as you wan

der around the Old Town you will be delighted by the half-timbered houses built between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 17th centuries, the restored facade of St Vincent's cathedral and fine classical mansions.

### **CHAMPLITTE CASTLE**

### LENGTH: 4.5 hours

Set off by coach to the medieval castle at Champlitte, which has been a listed historical monument since 1909. The castle was first a stronghold and then a home, and was a seat of power located at the boundary of both the Duchy and the County of Burgundy. You will be able to admire the architecture of the castle and understand its history through your guided visit. Flemish influences are in great evidence but nonetheless, the décor is much more provincial in style. You will also visit the Mu-seum of Popular Arts and Traditions, an ethnological museum located in the castle, where the wealth of exhibits gives a glimpse into life at the turn of the 20th century.

### **CLERVAL (UNGUIDED TOUR)**

### LENGTH: 2 hours

Discover the walking path of the Reposoir Chapel at your own pace. Visit the heart of Clerval, and stroll through this once-fortified village center and along streets lined with 16th-century houses, towers and arches. Travel along the old Route de Bâle and cross a lovely wooded area bringing you to a remarkable panoramic view of the village and valley. After our visit, we'll return to the ship by

### **DELUZ (UNGUIDED TOUR)**

### LENGTH: 3 hours

Discover the foot paths through this village at your own pace. You'll be able to visit the Natura 2000 dry grassland and admire its variety of wild orchids, take in the view from the Château Loriot and discover the charming Montoille Chapel.

### **DIJON**

### LENGTH: 2 hours

Guided tour of Dijon, the historic capital of Burgundy. The historic center is packed with many ancient houses, including some beautifully decorated townhouses (built by wealthy medieval burghers) and Parliamentary buildings, and occupies several hectares of what is known as a Protected Area (to preserve Dijon's ancient monuments and buildings for posterity).

### **DOLE**

### LENGTH: 2 hours

Discover Dole, the birthplace of Louis Pasteur, in the company of your guide as you follow the "trail of the Chat Perché". This is a reference to Marcel Aymé, author of the famous "Contes du Chat Perché", who spent his childhood years in Dole. Your tour will take you past the many historic monuments which have granted Dole the City of Arts and History label.

### **GRAY**

### LENGTH: 2 hours

Discover the delightful town of Gray on our biscover the delightful town of Gray or our guided tour. The town became wealthy thanks to a wide range of industries and businesses, making Gray one of the main three strongholds in Franche- Comté. You'll have some time to admire the charming, traditional houses while your guide tells you all about the region's past. During your visit, you'll discover gorgeous monuments such as the Town Hall, a listed historic building and one of the most beautiful Renaissance edifices in Franche-Comté that was built between 1567 and 1572. You'll also be able to marvel at the Gothic-style Notre Dame Basilica, whose façade was only completed in 1863, as well as the Hotel-Dieu built between 1716 and 1747 under the orders of Louis XIV. Don't miss its three sculptures representing the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity. Afterwards, enjoy a tasting of local products.

### **MONTBELIARD**

### LENGTH: 3 hours

Set off in the company of a tour guide for a tour through the historic center of Montbeliard, a former Württemberg principality. You will travel back in time through four centuries of royal destiny along the town's charming and whimsical streets. You will discover some fine Renaissance houses, the beautiful Temple of Saint Martin the oldest Lutheran church in France - as well as the stone covered market. There will be some free time before returning on board.

### **PETIT-OUGES**

### LENGTH: 2 hours

Arrival at the end of the afternoon. Take time to visit this tiny village at your own pace. Discover the surprising mini-museum dedicated to locks and its collection of photos, post cards and objects related to the Burgundy Canal. You can also enjoy a four-kilometer walk on the "Path of the Three Wash Houses", exposing three historic wash houses in very different styles. This little known area of Dijon that traces its roots back to the  $7^{\rm th}$ century will surprise you.

### **SAINT-JEAN-DE-LOSNE**

### LENGTH: 2.5 hours

Today, this city is the capital of barging in France, lying at the heart of the French waterways and canal system in southern Burgundy. You'll discover the exterior of the Monument Commemorating the Siege of 1636 and the Hôtel-Dieu, as well as the Gare d'Eau (Water Station), the Church of St John the Baptist, and the Batellerie Museum (Sailors' House) which recounts the history of navigation. Your visit ends with a tasting of some local specialties.

### THE ROYAL SALTWORKS

### LENGTH: 4 hours

Transfer by coach to Arc-et-Senans to discover La Saline-Royale (Royal Saltworks) built at the wishes of King Louis XV. Today listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this masterpiece was where the salt workers lived and worked. There is time for a stroll in the gardens spread out behind the different buildings.

### WALK TO THE CIRQUE DU BOUT DU MONDE AND THE MONT DE SÈNE

### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

Departure for a walk to the Cirque du Bout du Monde, part of Natura 2000 sites - a European network of nature protection areas. There, you will admire the imposing chalk cliffs carved out by the river Cozanne which create a cirque wheré a 25-metre high waterfall was formed. Our coach will then take us to Mont de Sène, or the Mountain of the Three Crosses, an ancient Celtic religious site which overlooks the Santenay vineyards from a height of some 521 meters. This classified site is characterized by its rustic plants

### WINE TASTING IN SANTENAY

### LENGTH: 2 hours

Discover the center of Santenay, a charming little wine-producing town with a priceless historic heritage where a local wine producer will greet you. You will learn more about the wine making process and enjoy a tasting\* of 3 wines

# Champagne

### **ALONG THE FAMOUS** CHAMPAGNE ROUTE

### LENGTH: 5 hours

Our tour guide will greet us before we set off on our coach tour of the champagne Tourist Route, where you'll discover the magnificent vineyard-dotted valleys of the region. You'll partake in a guided tour of the village of Hautvillers, birthplace of champagne. We'll continue our visit to a prominent champagne house, with a tasting\* of course.

### **CHÂTEAU-THIERRY**

### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave on foot to visit the medieval castle in Château-Thierry. In these fortifications which have dominated the Marne Valley for centuries, you'll take part in a falconry show with live de-monstrations. You'll get the chance to discover an art that has been listed as an Intangible Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO. You'll literally rub elbows with impressive birds. It's the perfect occasion to view these amazing animals up close and discover their prowess. You might even be so lucky as to touch one or two!

For end-of-year departures from October, the falconry show is replaced by a visit to the ruins of the medieval

### **MEAUX AND CHEESE TASTING**

### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll take a coach to Meaux and leave on a guided tour of the Episcopal Palace and the Brie de Meaux exhibit hall with a certified guide who will explain the techniques used in making the region's famous cheese. After learning about Brie de Meaux, what would be better than tas-ting the cheese declared as "The Prince of All Cheeses" by Talleyrand in 1815?

### **REIMS**

### LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll depart by coach for Reims, the "City of Coronations". We'll enjoy a guided tour on foot and discover the Place Royale, Place Du Forum (Roman forum), the Place de l'Hôtel de Ville and more. We'll take part in a guided visit of the cathedral, which receives about one million visitors annually.

\* Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.



# Paris and its region

### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach for Barbizon, tucked along the western corner of the forest of Fontainebleau. This charming village found fame in the 19<sup>th</sup> century through the works of art created by landscape pain-ters who were members of the Barbizon School art movement. A stroll through the lush forest renders a snapshot of the rocky chaos painted by Jean-Bap-tiste-Camille Corot and the old oak forests where Simon Mathurin Lantara raised his cows. In the centre of the village, we'll stop by the Auberge Ganne, a period museum that recreates the atmosphere of the time the artists were in residence.

### **FONTAINEBLEAU**

### LENGTH: 4 hours

Guided tour of Fontainebleau with its historic château, gorgeous town squares, lavish theatre, and magnificent church. This tour reveals the secrets and anecdotes of times gone by. We'll then visit the castle and its vast estate which was the residence of every French monarch for almost eight centuries. Some of the monarchs that lived in the castle in-clude Louis XV, Louis XVI, Napoleon I, Napoleon III, William I and Maximilian II of Bavaria. The gardens themselves are a work of art that evokes that glory of royal France.

### PARIS AND ITS COVERED WALKWAYS

Guided visit of Paris. This tour will bring you to some of the most important sites in the capital such as the Madeleine Church and the Louvre. Leaving from the Palais Royal, we'll walk through the unique Parisian covered walkways – pedestrian shortcuts with a life all to their own within the heart of the bustling city.

### PARIS AND SAINT-GERMAIN-DES-PRÉS

Departure by coach from the Trocadero for Saint-Germain-des-Prés following the Voie Triomphale.

We'll pass the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs Elysées and the Place de la Concorde, locations just bursting with history, before reaching Saint-Germain-des-Prés. There, you'll get to stroll through streets and small squares lined with buildings from the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17th century and discover the history, architecture, art, and everyday life of these legendary sites that have come to symbolize Paris. Built up around the former Abbey of Saint-Germain-des-Prés, this neighbourhood became the meeting place of intellectuals and philosophers, actors and musicians during the existentialist movement right after World War II. Closer to the Odeon, we'll discover many of the famous participants of the French Revolution such as Danton, Marat, and Dr. Guillotin, as well as the oldest café in Paris.

### **PROVINS**

### LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll leave by coach for Provins, once the former seat for the powerful Counts of Champagne. Our guided tour will bring you to the top sites in the town, including the imposing 12th century fortified walls, the Cesar Tower on its rocky outcrop, the old Grange aux Dîmes market dating back to the 1200s, half-timbered homes, and the Saint-Quiriace collegiate church. We'll wrap up our excursion with a tasty bite of one of the local specialties, delicious rose honey!

### **SENS**

### LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll leave on foot for a guided tour of Sens to get a feel for its remarkable history as told through its medieval and Renaissance-style architecture. Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Becket, the "meddlesome priest' who was a thorn in English King Henry's side in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, spent his exile here. Each step through the city feels like a walk through the yesteryears. The cathedral itself is outstanding for many reasons, the biggest being its stained glass windows that recount Becket's life. The museum next to the cathedral holds an important collection

of relics, ornaments, and religious art. The exquisite market hall is right across the street from the cathedral. We'll enjoy a tasting of local products at the end of our tour.

### **TROYES AND** THE CHAMPAGNE ROUTE

### LENGTH: 9.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for Troyes, one of the most beautiful medieval cities in France. During a guided tour, you'll be transported back through time as you admire the colorful, 16<sup>th</sup>-century, half-timbered homes; Renaissance-style manors; streets laid out during the Middle Ages; secret passageways; and intimate courtyards. The cathedral and seve-ral churches with hidden treasures sit majestically among this labyrinth of stone and wood. Troyes is a veritable kaleidoscope of history and colors. It is also the capital of the Champagne region and lies alongside some of the most famous vineyards in France. We'll stop for lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon, we'll continue along the champagne route, and discover the stunning landscapes mixed with forests, quaint villages, and vast vineyards. We'll visit a champagne producer and enjoy a tasting\*.

### VAUX-LE-VICOMTE CHÂTEAU

We'll leave by coach for a visit to the splendid Vaux-le-Vicomte Château. Nicolas Fouquet transformed the small castle he purchased in 1641 into the masterpiece it is today. To achieve this dream, he brought together architect Louis Le Vau, painter Charles Le Brun, and landscaper André Le Notre. The result is an unparalleled work of harmony and

### Provence

### **AIGUES-MORTES**

### LENGTH: 3 hours

You'll be greeted by your guide for a tour of Aigues-Mortes. This old, fortified city with a rich heritage is located in the middle of the marshes and is one of the most beautiful sites in Provence. The tour will finish up with a tasting of fougasse, a local sweet bread made with orange-bloom syrup. After, you'll have some free time before we return to the ship.

### **AIGUES-MORTES AND THE SALINS DU MIDI SALTWORKS**

### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set off for a guided tour of Aigues-Mortes. This old walled town with a prestigious heritage is located in the middle of marshlands in one of the loveliest natural settings in Provence. We'll then board a tourist train which will take us on a 90-minute journey through the salt tables, with a stop at the Salt Museum.

### ARLES AND THE SANTON MAKERS

### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for Paradou to visit the mu-seum displaying more than 400 different santons— traditional, handmade figures used in local nativity scenes that represent 55 various characters from traditional Provencal village life. Each remarkable, lifetraditional Provencal village life. Each remarkable, life-like santon is based on a character from the books of Alphonse Daudet and Marcel Pagnol. They are remarkable for their originality and details. We'll then return to Arles for a visit to the international santon-niers trade show displaying almost 300 years of this local tradition—from the very first models to the latest creations. Many are priceless works of art. We'll re-turn to the ship on foot turn to the ship on foot.

For cruises REF. FAN\_XMASPP, the order of the visit is reversed: we'll first head to The Santon exhibition in Arles, then on to the Paradou for a visit of the Santon museum.

### ARLES AND VISIT OF AN OLIVE OIL **PRODUCTION SITE**

### LENGTH: 4 hours

Depart by foot for a guided tour of Arles. For 2,000 years, Arles has maintained an outstanding architectural heritage making it a genuine open-air museum. Afterwards, we'll leave by coach for a traditional olive farm which produces the famous Provençal olive oil. The owners will explain the cultivation and production of the "yellow gold" of Provence. After this discovery, you will have the opportunity to taste the products of the estate. Return to Arles by coach.

### **AVIGNON AND THE PAPAL PALACE**

### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave for a guided tour of Avignon and the Papal Veri leave for a gladed told of Angli of a find for a part of the Papar Palace. Avignon was one of the most important cities in Europe during the Middle Ages, and the official residence of nine popes in the 14th and 15th centuries. We'll then head to the Halles market to discover the regional holiday treats. After our tour, we'll return to the ship and cruise towards Tarascon.

The Halles market is closed on Mondays and in the afternoons

### CHÂTEAU DE TARASCON

### LENGTH: 2 hours

The magnificent medieval Château de Tarascon sits on the banks of the Rhône. Built by two Dukes of Anjou in the 15th century, many consider it one of the most beautiful castles in Europe. During our tour of the château, we'll visit more than 30 rooms, discover the apothecary jars from the former city hospital, and enjoy the exceptional view of Provence and the Rhône River from the immense patio above.

### **DISCOVER A MANADE**

### LENGTH: 3 hours

Discover a manade and the life of its herders during a wagon tour and take part in a bull sorting. Before returning to the boat, we'll have a delicious snack with products from the farm.

### **ÉTANG DE THAU**

### LENGTH: 2.25 hours

The Étang de Thau is well known for its shellfish. We'll visit the Étang de Thau Museum, where you'll learn about the shellfish farmers and fishermen, and you'll enjoy tasting some of the shellfish while taking in the beauty of the basin from a terrace.

### SAINT-GUILHEM-LE-DÉSERT AND THE DEVIL'S BRIDGE

### LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll depart from Sète by coach with our guide towards the Pont du Diable (Devil's Bridge), located at the heart of the Hérault Gorges. We'll then discover Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, listed as one of the most beautiful villages in France. You'll be delighted by this picturesque town and its abbey (exteriors only).

### **THE CAMARGUE**

### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll set off on a panoramic guided tour of the Camargue for an occasion to admire its rivers, marshland and lakes, pink flamingos, bulls and the famous white Camargue horses. A stop is planned in Les Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, renowned as a pilgrimage centre for gypsies from all over Europe.

# Oise Valley

### **AUVERS-SUR-OISE AND THE MUSÉE DE L'ABSINTHE**

### LENGTH: 3 hours

Stretching almost four miles (seven kilometers) of the Oise River bank, Auvers-sur-Oise was Vincent Van Gogh's last home and final resting place. We'll stroll through the picturesque village streets and along the Artists' Pathway, where works by famous Impressionists compare the current landscapes and architecture. Our next stop will be the Musée de l'Absinthe and its reproduction of the ambiance found in cafés during the Belle Epoque, when the "green fairy" was the preferred drink of poets and artists. The museum collection gives us great insight into 19th century culture in France. We'll finish up our tour with a demonstration of the absinthe ritual and a tasting, of course.

### **CHATEAU DE CHANTILLY**

### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set off for Chantilly, home to one of the most beautiful castles in France. The château is the work of an exceptional figure, Henri d'Orléans, Duke of Aumale, son of the last French king, Louis-Phillipe. The duke is considered to have owned one of the finest art collections of his time, making Chantilly a showcase for his many masterpieces and priceless manuscripts. The castle has remained at a virtual standstill since the Duke of Aumale bequeathed it to the Institut de France, so take advantage of this moment to jump back in time and relish this princely domain.

### **CHATEAU DE MALMAISON**

### LENGTH: 3 hours

Built in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Joséphine de Beauharnais acquired this castle in 1779. In 1800, it became the headquarters of the government and a came the headquarters of the government and a conference room. The library restores the industrious atmosphere by which Bonaparte enjoyed to be surrounded. The council room is shaped like a military tent where receptions, dances and countrystyle games took place. The musical lounge offers Josephine's "troubadour" paintings and her wellknown harp for visitors to admire. The Napoleonic museum was inaugurated in 1906; its furnished decorated and adorred with 1906; it is furnished, decorated and adorned with the paintings that Joséphine bought and loved.

### **COMPIEGNE AND THE ARMISTICE MEMORIAL**

### LENGTH: 3 hours

On the picturesque streets of this significant city, you'll see the lovely 16th century town hall with its intricately sculptured late-Gothic facade containing several historical figures, such as Louis XII on his horse. The town hall tower holds one of the oldest municipal bells in France dating back to 1303. We'll enjoy a tasting of regional delicacies before we continue on to the Armistice Memorial. Part of the museum's collection includes the emblematic train car used in the signing of the 1918 Armistice, later vindictively recommissioned by Hitler for the 1940 surrender of France during World War II; a Marne Taxi requisitioned by the French government to transport troops during its namesake battle; and 800 stereoscopic images from the time of World War I. The memorial is dedicated to all soldiers who have fought since 1870.

### NOYON AND ITS CATHEDRAL

### LENGTH: 3 hours

Discover Noyon and its 2,000 years of history during this exclusive tour. A festival of lights and colors awaits you within the Notre Dame Cathedral, the first example of Gothic architecture in northern France during the second half of the 12th century.

### **PONTOISE AND** THE PISSARRO MUSEUM

### LENGTH: 3 hours

Learn about Pontoise's monuments and celebrities as you stroll along its picturesque streets at your own pace. The city's superb cathedral dates as far back as the 12th century and includes a Flamboyant-style tower and central portal, as well as Renaissance additions added a few das weil as relassarice additions added a few centuries later. Afterwards, we'll visit the Pissaro Museum, containing works not only by the mu-seum's namesake, but also by his sons (Lucien, Ludovic-Rodo, Georges, and Félix) and contem-poraries such as Paul Signac, Ludovic Piette, Federico Zandomeneghi, Edouard Béliard, and Louis Hayet. The collection is rounded out by canvases from pre- and post-Impressionists who worked in the Oise Valley, most notably Charles-François Daubigny, Luis Jimenez, and Octave Linet. We'll finish up our excursion with a taste of goat cheese and honey at the Tourist Information Office.



<sup>\*</sup> Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.

Villandry

Ussé Azay-le-Rideau



# The Loire Valley

SAINT-NAZAIRE

The Loire river was one of the main French waterways with very active canal transport operations from the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

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- The Loire Valley, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site
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7-DAY / 6-NIGHT ITINERARY • REF. NSN CLR(3)

# From Chambord & Chenonceau castles to the Loire Valley

Passengers will be greeted at 5:00 p.m. at the hotel in Paris. Transfer by coach to a typical Parisian brasserie for dinner Night will be spent at a 4-star hotel

### DAY 2 | Paris • Châteaux of the Loire • Nantes Saint-Nazaire

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of the Château de Chambord
- Guided tour of the Château de Chenonceau Transfer to Nantes

Boarding around 6:30 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise towards Saint-Nazaire

### DAY 3 | Saint-Nazaire • Nantes

Excursion for both packages:

 Visit the Saint-Nazaire shipyard and discover the Escal'Atlantic(1) Cruise towards Nantes

Excursion for both packages:

• Cruise on the Erdre

### DAY 4 | Nantes • Ancenis

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Nantes and the Castle of the Dukes of Brittany
- DISCOVERY: Nantes, the Machines de l'Île, secret courtyards and covered passageways Cruise towards Ancenis
- Excursions proposed: • CLASSIC: The Muscadet Wine Route
- DISCOVERY: Helicopter ride(2)

### DAY 5 | Ancenis • Chalonnes-sur-Loire(6) • Angers

Cruise towards Chalonnes-sur-Loire Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Angers

- DISCOVERY: Tour of Château de Brissac and the castle cellars with wine-tasting Gala dinner

### DAY 6 | Chalonnes-sur-Loire(6) The Châteaux of the Loire Valley • Ancenis

Full-day excursion for both packages:

· Visit the Châteaux of the Loire valley

### DAY 7 | Nantes • Paris

Disembark at 9:00 a.m. Transfer by coach from Nantes to Paris

See excursion details on pages 40 and 41.

### 6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. NSN PP

# The Loire Valley, a Royal legacy Round-trip cruise from Nantes

### DAY 1 | Nantes • Saint-Nazaire

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise towards Ancenis

### DAY 2 | Saint-Nazaire • Nantes

Excursion for both packages:
• Visit the Saint-Nazaire shipyard and discover the Escal'Atlantic<sup>(1)</sup>

Cruise towards Nantes

### DAY 3 | Nantes • Ancenis

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Nantes and the Castle of the Dukes of Brittany
- DISCOVERY: Nantes, the Machines de l'Île, secret courtyards and covered passageways Cruise towards Ancenis

- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: The Muscadet Wine Route
- DISCOVERY: Helicopter ride(2)

### DAY 4 | Ancenis • Chalonnes-sur-Loire • Angers

Cruise towards Chalonnes-sur-Loire Excursions proposed:

- · CLASSIC: Guided tour of Angers, its historic districts and the famous Apocalypse tapestry(5)
- DISCOVERY: Tour of Brissac castle(4) and its cellars complete with a wine-tasting session

### DAY 5 | Chalonnes-sur-Loire The Châteaux of the Loire Valley • Ancenis

Full-day excursion for both packages: · Visit the Châteaux of the Loire valley

Gala dinner

### DAY 6 | Nantes

Disembark at 10:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 40 and 41.

# Cruise highlights

### **EXCLUSIVE TO CROISIEUROPE:**

- · Cruise on board a paddle riverboat
- · Helicopter ride: the Loire from above(2)

### EXTENDED STAY INCLUDED: REF. NSN CLR

- 2-day / 1-night trip to the Châteaux of the Loire Valley
- Accommodations at a 4-star hotel
- Dinner in a typical French brasserie
- Visit the Chambord and Chenonceau châteaux

### **EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:**

• The Châteaux of the Loire Valley (day trip)

### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- Wine-tasting in the cellars of the Château de Brissac
- · Secret courtyards and covered passageways in Nantes
- The Saint-Nazaire shipyard<sup>(1)</sup> embodiment of French pride
- The wine route of the Muscadet through the vineyards of the Nantes region



**ALL MEALS INCLUDED** 



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the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary. The cruise schedule may vary according to tides and arrival times at ports of call may be subject to change.

- (2) This excursion must be booked in advance through your travel agency. Each passenger will be asked to produce a valid passport in order to book the excursion and gain access to the shipyard.

  (2) This excursion must be booked in advance through your travel agency. Subject to availability and favorable weather conditions (3) A minimum of 25 participants is requested to guarantee the departures of the 7-Day itinerary, otherwise the services will be adjusted consequently.

- (4) The Brissac castle is closed on Tuesdays, it will be replaced by the Serrant Castle.
- (5) Site closed on January 1st, May 1st, November 1st and 11th, and December 25th
- (6) Depending on mooring availability, the stopover in Chalonnes-sur-Loire may be replaced by a stopover in Ancenis.

Chambord SAINT-NAZAIRE ANCENIS LOIRE Villandry Ussé Azay-le-Rideau Chenonceau CHALONNES-SUR-LOIRE



5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. NDN PP2

# The Loire Valley, a Royal legacy Round-trip cruise from Nantes

### DAY 1 | Nantes • Saint-Nazaire

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise towards Saint-Nazaire

### DAY 2 | Saint-Nazaire • Nantes

Excursion for both packages:

· Visit the Saint-Nazaire shipyard and discover the Escal'Atlantic(1)

Cruise towards Nantes

### DAY 3 | Nantes • Ancenis Chalonnes-sur-Loire(2)

Cruise towards Ancenis

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: The Muscadet Wine Route
- DISCOVERY: Helicopter ride(3) Cruise towards Chalonnes-sur-Loire Gala dinner



### DAY 4 | Chalonnes-sur-Loire(2) The Châteaux of the Loire Valley • Nantes

Full-day excursion for both packages: · Visit the Châteaux of the Loire valley

### DAY 5 | Nantes

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 40 and 41.

# Cruise highlights

### **EXCLUSIVE TO CROISIEUROPE:**

- · Cruise on board a paddle riverboat
- Helicopter ride: the Loire from above<sup>(3)</sup>

### **EXCURSION INCLUDED:**

 Full-day excursion to the castles of the Loire Valley: guided tours of the castles of Ussé, Azay-le-Rideau and the gardens of Villandry

### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- The Saint-Nazaire shipyard, embodiment of French pride
- The wine route of the Muscadet through the vineyards of the Nantes region



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY **BEVERAGES** 



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FAMILY CLUB IN JULY AND AUGUST REF. NSN\_FAMPP

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  (1) This excursion must be booked in advance through your travel agency. Each passenger will be asked to produce a valid passport in order to book the excursion and gain access to the shipyard.

  (2) Depending on mooring availability, the stopover in Chalonnes-sur-Loire may be replaced by a stopover in Ancenis.
- (3) Subject to availability and favorable weather conditions



# Dur excursions - The Loire Valley

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# **CLASSIC EXCURSIONS**

### **ANGERS**

### LENGTH: 4 hours

Angers was the capital of the historical Anjou province and is distinguished not only by its legacy, but also by its modern nature. Angers, particularly rich during the Renaissance, was home to the House of Plantagenet. The immense walls of the famous Château d'Angers contain the extraordinary Apocalypse Tapestry. We'll visit the 13<sup>th</sup> century castle and discover the Apocalypse Tapestry, part of one of the most important collections of medieval tapestries

The Apocalypse Tapestry site is closed on January 1st, May 1st, November 1st and 11th, and December 25th.

### **CHAMBORD AND CHENONCEAU**

### LENGTH: 12 hours

We'll set off by coach for the Château de Chambord. King Francis I built this extraordinary castle as a Amy Francis i built this extraordirlary castle as a hunting lodge. It is one of the most recognizable châteaux in the world because of its very distinctive architecture blending traditional French medieval forms with classical Renaissance structures. Enjoy a tour of this majestic castle and its grounds. We'll then continue on to Chenonceau, stopping the purpose in a local restaurant. lunch in a local restaurant. Our afternoon will be spent visiting the Château de Chenonceau. Once of the best-known and most-visited châteaux in the Loire Valley, it spans the Cher River. Its architecture is a fascinating mix of late Gothic and early Renaissance. The list of aristocrats and nobles that have lived in it is astounding: Thomas Bohier, Diane de Poitiers, and Catherine de Medici, to name just a few. After our visit, we'll head to Nantes, arriving in

### **CRUISE ON THE ERDRE RIVER**

### LENGTH: 2.75 hours

We'll leave for a cruise on what King Francis I called the "most beautiful river in France": the Erdre. As the scenery rolls by, discover the history of the river and its numerous châteaux

### **NANTES**

### LENGTH: 4.5 hours

You'll discover the small streets of the medieval Bouffay quarter and the beautiful Flamboyantstyle Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul. We'll visit the île Feydeau and its exceptional buildings dating back to the 18th century, and then on to the quays. After, you'll discover the shopping districts created in the 18th century around the Théâtre Graslin and the Passage Pommeraye. We'll continue our tour to the Castle of the Dukes of Brittany. The last castle before the river reaches the ocean, this Breton monument with its outstanding 15th to 17th century buildings will transport you back in time.

### **SAINT-NAZAIRE**

### MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE THROUGH YOUR TRAVEL AGENCY

### LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll begin our visit with the Escal'Atlantic, which ingeniously retraces the history of Norman and French ocean liners through a unique experience. Then we'll continue on to the Saint-Nazaire ship-yard, one of the largest and well-renowned in Euyard, one of the largest and well-renowned in Europe. Once the birthplace of the most outstanding French transatlantic liners, today it is the construction site for elegant cruise ships. While following a tour especially designed to better understand the complexity of constructing these truly modern floating palaces, you'll discover the immensity of this site (267 acres), the stunning logistics, and the advanced technology required to build the chips. advanced technology required to build the ships.

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### THE CHÂTEAUX OF THE LOIRE VALLEY

### LENGTH: 11 hours

We'll leave by coach for the Château d'Azay-le-Rideau. Built on a small island in the middle of the Indre River, the château as it is seen today was built under Francis I by Gilles Berthelot, a wealthy financier who wanted to incorporate its medieval past alongside the latest architectural styles of the Italian renaissance. The chateau is a French national monument and possesses all the refinement found in the French Renaissance. We'll continue to Villandry for lunch. Renaissance. We'll continue to Villandry for lunch. After lunch, enjoy a walk through the lovely gardens surrounding the Château de Villandry. Spread out over an impressive area, the gardens bring together aestheticism, diversity and harmony. Afterward, we'll continue our tour and visit the Château d'Ussé. Rebuilt in the 15th and 16th centuries, this stronghold with fortified towers, turrets and steeples looks like something out of a fairytale. The castle is still inhabited today and takes visitors back to a time of legends and fairytales. It is thought to have inspired Charles Perrault when writing "Sleeping Reauty" Charles Perrault when writing "Sleeping Beauty".

### THE MUSCADET REGION

### LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll pass through several villages that are testimony to the strong winegrowing identity in the region. We'll travel to La Chapelle Heulin and stop at the Château Cassemichère (or similar site). This exceptional site invites you to discover its history-filled vineyards, visit its cellars and taste\* the dry, light, fruity and aromatic wine. We'll continue towards Clisson, a charming medieval city with 15th century vestiges and a slight Italian feel.



# **DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS**

### **CHÂTEAU DE BRISSAC**

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach for a visit to the Château de Brissac, located about nine miles from the city of Angers. Known as the tallest royal residence in France, it contains 204 rooms, monumental staircases and never-ending hallways. Acquired by René de Cossé in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, Château de Brissac is still owned by the Cossé-Brissac family. Its park contains some magnificent shady spots under centuriesold trees, and the castle's spectacular decorations and the breathtaking Belle Époque theater are definitely not to be missed! At the end of our visit, we'll discover the castle cellars and enjoy a wine tasting\*

Closed on Tuesdays, replaced with the château de Serrant.

### **HELICOPTER RIDE:** THE LOIRE FROM ABOVE

**LENGTH OF THE RIDE: 10 minutes** 

We'll take you to the airport in Ancenis. Upon your arrival, you'll meet your pilot and head out for a helicopter tour of the Loire. You'll enjoy a bird'seye view of breathtaking landscapes. You'll fly over the tower in Oudon, whose medieval architecture reaches towards the sky, dominating the city of Ancenis then farther along the châteaux de city of Ancenis, then farther along the châteaux de Clermont, a Renaissance-era building in the style of Louis XIII that was also the home of French actor Louis de Funès. Next you'll notice the Île d'Or golf course, built in a unique setting on one of the islands of the Loire. The minutes tick by and soon it's time to return to Ancenis. On the way back, you'll fly over Champtoceaux, without a doubt one of the most beautiful panoramic views of the Loire.

Helicopter ride subject to favorable weather conditions. Must be booked in advance and depends on availability.

### NANTES: THE MACHINES DE L'ÎLE, SECRET COURTYARDS AND COVERED **PASSAGEWAYS**

LENGTH: 4 hours

Leaving from the dock in Nantes, you'll set out to discover the magical world of the Machines de l'île. This totally unprecedented artistic project is a cross between the imaginations of Jules Verne and Leonardo da Vinci. After this exceptional tour, we'll continue on to explore Nantes through its hidden courtyards and covered passageways reflecting the glorious past of the city's grand families from the 15th century to today.

The Machines de l'Île are closed on Mondays (except in July & August).

\* Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.





# The Seine Valley

What a wonderful way to (re)discover fabulous Paris, the picturesque villages lining the edges of the river, and the must-see sites in Normandy. Art lovers will fall under the spell of the scenery that mesmerized immortal painters such as Monet, Renoir, Cézanne, Van Gogh, and Boudin, to name just a few.

History buffs will adore exploring the Palace of Versailles, the Châteaux de Martainville or Malmaison, as well as discovering the profound past at the beaches of Normandy. The different Norman abbeys remain a large part of the region's religious heritage. Outdoor lovers will prefer the wild beauty found on the white Côte d'Albâtre cliffs, the beaches, the Côte Fleurie countryside, and the breathtaking panoramas throughout the Seine Valley.





### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Linking the French capital to the coast of Normandy
- A combination river and coastal cruise from Duclair to Honfleur
- Cruise Paris by night on the ship and stay just a few steps away from the Eiffel Tower!
- · Paris, the City of Light (and Love)
- Normandy and its traditions
- The Seine, one of the favorite backdrops for Impressionist painters
- Discover the Seine Valley, its immense beauty, inspiring landscapes, and vibrant cities

# OUR SHIPS ON THE SEINE

### CATEGORY: PREMIUM

MS Renoir









### CATEGORY: STANDARD

- MS Botticelli
- MS Seine Princess















# Paris, the Seine Valley, ANNIVERSARY D-DAY & BATTLI OF NORMANDY and the Normandy Beaches Round-trip cruise from Paris

### DAY 1 | Paris

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise through Paris by night (depending on water level)

### DAY 2 | Paris

- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: Panoramic tour of Paris
- DISCOVERY: Stroll on the banks of the Seine and the bridges of Paris Free afternoon in Paris

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of the Château
- **DISCOVERY:** Walking tour of the gardens at the palace of Versailles<sup>(1-2)</sup>

### DAY 3 | Vernon

Cruise towards Vernon

Excursion for both packages:

• Visit of the Claude Monet Foundation in Giverny Cruise towards Honfleur

### DAY 4 | Honfleur

Cruise towards Honfleur

- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: The Côte Fleurie and tasting of Calvados
- DISCOVERY: The Alabaster Coast

### DAY 5 | Honfleur

Excursion for both packages:

• Full-day guided tour to the Landing Beaches (lunch included)(1)

### DAY 6 | Honfleur • Rouen

Excursion for both packages:

Honfleur

Cruise towards Rouen

Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Rouen

### DAY 7 | Rouen • Les Andelys

Cruise towards Les Andelys Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Visit of the Martainville Château
- DISCOVERY: Walk to Château Gaillard<sup>(3)</sup>

### DAY 8 | Paris

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 50 and 51.

- of Paris and Honfleur
- Travel through a spectacular valley whose changing light has inspired countless painters and poets of all ages

### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- · Paris and its legendary places
- · The Côte Fleurie
- The Landing Beaches(1) (day-trip)
- The Claude Monet Foundation



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES



FREE Wi-Fi



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(1) This excursion must be booked in advance through your travel agency. Available for a minimum of 25 participants.

- (2) Available for a minimum of 25 persons, otherwise (and on Mondays) this excursion will be replaced by a visit to the Château de Malmaison.
- (3) Replaced by the Martainville Château on Tuesdays when the Château Gaillard is closed.







7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. PFH\_PP / HFP\_PP (opposite direction)

# The Meandering Seine From Paris to Honfleur

### DAY 1 | Paris

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise through Paris by night (depending on

### DAY 2 Paris • Melun

Excursion proposed:
• The Palace of Fontainebleau<sup>(1)</sup>

### DAY 3 | Melun • Paris

Cruise towards Paris

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Panoramic tour of Paris

• DISCOVERY: Stroll on the banks of the Seine and the bridges of Paris Cruise towards Mantes-la-Jolie

### DAY 4 | Mantes-la-Jolie • Giverny • Rouen

Excursion proposed:

· Visit Claude Monet's house in Giverny Cruise towards Rouen

### DAY 5 | Rouen • Honfleur

Excursions proposed:

Guided tour of Rouen

• The Norman Abbey Circuit Cruise towards Honfleur Gala dinner

# HONFLEUR ROUEN MANTES-LA-JOLIE PARIS MELUN

### DAY 6 | Honfleur

Excursions proposed:

• Guided tour of Honfleur

• Discover the Cote Fleurie

We'll spend the afternoon cruising

### DAY 7 | Honfleur

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 50 and 51.

# Cruise highlights

- · Original cruise from Melun to Normandy
- Experience Paris at night from the bow of the ship

### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- · The palace of Fontainebleau
- · The must-see sites in Paris
- · Giverny and Monet's gardens
- Art and history in Rouen
- Astounding beauty on the Norman Abbey Circuit
- The enchanting city of Honfleur and the Côte Fleurie



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(ii) Replaced by the Castle of Vaux-le-Vicomte on Tuesdays and days when the Castle of Fontainebleau is exceptionally closed.





6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. SIP\_PP EVENT 2024

# The most picturesque O-D-DAY & BATTILOF NORMANDI ports of call in the Seine Valley Round-trip cruise from Paris

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail "Titi parisien" themed evening

### DAY 2 | Paris • Les Andelys • Honfleur

Cruise towards Les Andelys Excursion for both packages: · Visit of the Martainville Château Cruise towards Honfleur

### DAY 3 | Honfleur

Excursion for both packages:

 Full-day guided tour to the Landing Beaches (lunch included)(1

### DAY 4 | Honfleur • Rouen

Excursion for both packages:

Honfleur

Cruise towards Rouen

Excursion for both packages:

Rouen

Gala dinner

Cruise towards Paris

### DAY 5 | Rouen • Paris

Cruise towards Paris

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Panoramic tour of Paris

• DISCOVERY: Stroll on the banks of the Seine and the bridges of Paris

Cruise through Paris by night (depending on

### DAY 6 | Paris

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 50 and 51.



# Cruise highlights

- Ship moored in the heart of Paris and Honfleur
- · Travel through a spectacular valley whose changing light has inspired countless painters and poets of all ages

### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

REF. SIP PP

- "Titi parisien" themed evening on board
- The Martainville Château
- The Landing Beaches(1) (day-trip)
- · Art and history in Rouen
- · Paris and its legendary places REF. SEN PP
- Join us for an extensive overview of the Seine
- · Enjoy authentic Parisian ambiance on board and a perfect mixture of history and nature
- The Palace of Versailles<sup>(2)</sup>, a dazzling royal residence



**ALL MEALS INCLUDED** 



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(2) Available for a minimum of 25 persons, otherwise (and on Mondays) this excursion will be replaced by a visit to the Château de Malmaison.

5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. SEN PP

# The Seine Valley Round-trip cruise from Paris

### DAY 1 | Paris

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise through Paris by night (depending on water level)

### DAY 2 | Poissy • Mantes-la-Jolie

Cruise towards Poissy Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of the Palace of Versailles(2)
- DISCOVERY: Tour through the most beautiful parts of the gardens of Versailles(2) Cruise towards Honfleur

### DAY 3 | Honfleur

Excursion for both packages:

- Guided tour of Honfleur Excursions proposed:
- CLASSIC: Stroll along La Côte d'Albâtre
- DISCOVERY: Hike across the cliffs of Étretat

### DAY 4 | Honfleur • Rouen

Excursion for both packages

• Guided tour of Rouen Cruise towards Paris Gala dinner

### DAY 5 | Paris

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 50 and 51.

THE SEINE VALLEY

# Cruise highlights

### **EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:**

REF. PAB\_PP

- Paris and its legendary places
- "Titi parisien" themed evening on board

### REF. PIN PP

- The Île de la Cité
- · The Père Lachaise Cemetery
- Saint-Germain-des-Prés
- The Panthéon

### **OPTIONAL EXCURSION:** REF. PIN\_PP

• Rungis<sup>(2)</sup>, the largest wholesale produce market in the world



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- (1) Depending on mooring port availability at Quai de Grenelle. If unavailable, the boat may moor at Quai de Bercy, Quai de Javel or Quai d'Austerlitz. Mooring location will be confirmed 15 days prior to
- (2) The excursion to the Rungis produce market is not available on Saturday, Sunday, or Monday. It is subject to availability at the time of your reservation.

# The French art de vivre along the Seine

4-DAY / 3-NIGHT MINI CRUISE • REF. PAB PP

# Short break in Paris

### DAY 1 | Paris

Boarding<sup>(1)</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

"Titi parisien" themed evening on board

### DAY 2 | Paris • Renowned sights and legendary attractions • La Défense

Excursion proposed:

• Panoramic guided tour of Paris Free time to stroll around Paris at your own pace In December, enjoy the many Christmas festivities and attractions in the city

### DAY 3 | Paris • The Old Montmartre Cruise through Paris at night

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of the Old Montmartre

Free time

Gala dinner

Cruise through Paris by night (depending on water level)

### DAY 4 | Paris

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 50 and 51.

4-DAY / 3-NIGHT MINI CRUISE • REF. PIN PP

# Extraordinary Paris

### DAY 1 | Paris

Boarding<sup>(1)</sup> at 6:00 p.m. "Titi parisien" themed evening on board

### DAY 2 | Paris • Île de la Cité Saint-Germain-des-Prés

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour through the heart of Paris: the Île
- Guided tour of Saint-Germain-des-Prés. Tasting of chocolates and macarons.

Cruise towards the business district of La Défense (depending on water level)

### DAY 3 | PARIS • Rungis • Père Lachaise Cemetery OR the Panthéon • Paris by night cruise

 Optional tour (must be reserved before your departure): Guided tour of the world-renowned Rungis produce market<sup>(2)</sup>

Free time in Paris

Guided tour of Père Lachaise Cemetery

• Guided visit of the Panthéon

Gala dinner Cruise through Paris by night (depending on water level)

### DAY 4 | Paris

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 50 and 51.



# our excursions - The Seine Valley

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# **CLASSIC EXCURSIONS**

### **CHÂTEAU DE MALMAISON**

### LENGTH: 3 hours

Guided tour of the Château de Malmaison. Built in the 17th century, Joséphine de Beauharnais acquired this castle in 1779. In 1800, it became the headquarters of the government and a conference room. The library restores the industrious atmosphere by which Bonaparte enjoyed to be surrounded. The council room is shaped like a military tent where receptions, dances and countrystyle games took place. The musical lounge offers Josephine's "troubadour" paintings and her wellknown harp for visitors to admire. Here, many paintings from these times are on display. After her divorce in 1809, Joséphine continued to live in her house, where she died in 1814. The Napoleonic museum was inaugurated in 1906; it is furnished, decorated and adorned with the paintings that Joséphine bought and loved. The charm and authenticity that have been preserved in this castle will certainly delight you. Return on board.

### **CHÂTEAU DE VERSAILLES**

### LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure by coach in the company of your hostess for a visit to the Château de Versailles. Listed as a World Heritage Site for thirty years, the Château de Versailles is considered to be one of the finest achievements of French art from the 17th century. Louis XIII's former hunting lodge was transformed and enlarged by his son Louis XIV, who fixed the Court and government of France here in 1682. Until the French Revolution, one king followed another, each embellishing the Château in his turn. When you arrive, your guide will take you through the King's Grand Apartment. These seven successive rooms were intended to serve as a Parade Apartment, that is to say for the sovereign's official business. This is why it was decorated with the most splendid riches and based on the model of Italian palaces of the time. During daytime, it was open to all, French and foreigners, who came to see the king, and it was reseryed for the Court three evenings a week. Afterwards, you'll go through the Hall of Mirrors, known in the 17th century as the "Great Gallery" and which was where courtesans would wait, meet or just pass through every day. This 75m-long, 10m-wide and 12m-high hall was designed by Mansart in. The principal feature of this hall is the seventeen mirror-clad arches that reflect the seventeen arcaded windows that overlook the gardens. You tour will end with a visit to the Queen's Apartments, where the Queen would host the ladies of the Court when she rose in the morning and granted private audiences. After visiting the Château, you will still have a little free time to discover the fabulous formal French gardens created by André Le Notre for Louis XIV. Return on board by coach.

### **CLAUDE MONET FOUNDATION IN GIVERNY**

### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for the Claude Monet Foundation in Giverny (Monet's house between 1883 and 1926) where you'll discover the famous garden with its riot of flowers as well as Monet's private collection of Japanese prints. Inside, Monet's particular taste for warm tones will strike you. You'll also get to see some painting reproductions in the workshop.

### **FONTAINEBLEAU**

### MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE THROUGH YOUR TRAVEL AGENCY

### LENGTH: 4 hours

Join us on a guided tour of Fontainebleau for a look at its historic château, gorgeous town squares, lavish theater, and magnificent church. This tour reveals the secrets and anecdotes of times gone by We'll then visit the castle and its vast estate, the veritable stomping grounds for French sovereigns for over eight centuries. The gardens themselves are a work of art that evokes that glory of royal France. After our tour, we will return on board the ship.

### **HONFLEUR**

### LENGTH: 1.5 hours

Honfleur, the cradle of Impressionism, is located at the mouth of the Seine as it flows into the English Channel. Untouched by the passage of time, this small port has kept the landmarks of its rich past, making it today one of the most visited towns in France. During our guided tour, we'll get to see landmarks such as the Vieux Bassin, Saint Catherine's Church and the original 17th century Salt Halls (Greniers à Sel)

### **MARTAINVILLE CHÂTEAU**

### LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll leave by coach with our hostess for the Martainville Château. Built at the end of the 15th century by Jacques Le Pelletier and bought by the State in 1906, it was turned into a museum in 1961. There, you'll learn about 500 years of rural Norman history and travel to the heart of Norman traditions

### **NORMAN ABBEY CIRCUIT**

### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll set off by coach from Duclair with our guide. Our excursion begins with a visit of the Jumièges Abbey. We'll also discover the cloisters and the ruins of the Church of Saint Peter before visiting the Abbey of Saint Wandrille (or Wandregisel - exteriors only) founded in the same century. The wonderful classi-cal architecture of this abbey blends with the magni-ficence of its mediaeval heritage in perfect harmony.

### **PARIS**

### LENGTH: 2.5 hours

Enjoy a guided tour of Paris. This excursion takes you to the most spectacular sites in Paris, including the Champs-Élysées, Palais Garnier, Notre-Dame Cathedral, Left Bank, Eiffel Tower and more! At the end of our tour, we'll return on board the ship.

### PARIS AND OLD-TIME MONTMARTRE LENGTH: 3.5 hours

A hill that reaches a height of about 427 feet, located in the north of Paris, Montmartre has long been known as the premier artist's enclave in the city Montmartre's most recognizable landmark is the bright-white Sacré-Cœur Basilica, constructed from 1875 to 1914. Inside the Roman-Byzantine style place of worship, the ceiling is decorated with the largest mosaic in France. From the top of the Butte Mont-martre, you'll experience one of the most beautiful panoramic views of the capital

### **PARIS, DISCOVER** SAINT-GERMAIN-DES-PRÉS

Join us for a guided tour of Saint-Germain-des-Prés, one of the cradles of Parisian culture. Take your time in the small bookstores, boutiques, and art galleries. Indulge in the best that France has to offer at the most exquisite pastry, chocolate, and wine shops! We'll also stroll through the Grande Épicerie, an impressive showcase that will feed both your eyes and appetite. It's a food-lover's paradise! Our special treat during this tour will be a tasting gift box

### **PARIS: PANORAMIC GUIDED TOUR**

### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll leave by coach with our guide to discover the mythical sites of the capital. Our coach will take you past Bercy, the F. Mitterrand National Library, the Bastille, the Marais, the Latin Quarter, Saint-Germain-des-Prés, the Louvre, the Pyramid, the Opéra Garnier, Place Vendôme, the Concorde, the Champs Elysées, the Arc de Triomphe, the Invalides, the Tro-cadéro and of course the famous Eiffel Tower.

### PARIS, THE ÎLE DE LA CITÉ

### LENGTH: 3 hours

Travel through time in the heart of Paris: the Île de la Cité. Once known as Lutetia, l'Île was the predecessor of present-day Paris. Impressive remains of the ancient city can still be seen, of which Notre-Dame,

though bruised, still is the most famous symbol. As you stroll around the city, you can admire magnificent monuments bearing witness to a bygone era: the Sainte-Chappelle, the Conciergerie, the Palais de Justice as well as the Place Dauphine and the mythical Pont Neuf. You'll be captivated by the history found on the banks of the Seine River and across its bridges.

### PÈRE LACHAISE CEMETERY

### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

The Père Lachaise Cemetery is one of the most famous resting places in the world. It might seem a bit of a macabre way to spend an afternoon, but be-cause there are so many famous tombs, and such artistry in the graves, it becomes something like a visit to a museum. There are many graves here with famous "residents," including Chopin, Moliere, Edith Piaf, Oscar Wilde, and of course, Jim Morrison

### **ROUEN**

### LENGTH: 2 hours

Stretched along the Seine, Rouen is Normandy's cultural, historical, and gastronomical capital. The exceptionally complex Notre-Dame Cathedral is renowned for the juxtaposition of all the Gothic pereirowhed to the juxtaposition of all the dothle periods. We'll walk past the Gros-Horloge, one of the most emblematic monuments in the city, located right next to a Gothic belfry which has housed the communal bells and clock of the city since its construction. Finally, we'll visit the Saint Joan of Arc Church on the Old Market Place.

### **RUNGIS, THE HEART OF FINE FRENCH CUISINE**

### LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll leave at dawn by coach for a guided tour of the world-renowned Rungis produce market. This is where all fine French cuisine begins: at the largest fresh produce market in the world. The market is broken down into five sub-markets: fish, meat, fruits and vegetables, dairy products, and flowers. To round out our visit, we'll sit down to a delicious brunch. After our excursion, we will return on board the ship.

### THE ALABASTER COAST

### LENGTH: 4 hours

Leave Honfleur by coach for the excursion to the Alabaster Coast, classified as a Natura 2000 site since 2009. This trip will be your chance to discover the natural heritage of the Pays de Caux and the Seine estuary. We will pass by Le Havre. The high cliffs of white chalk and stone beaches were popularised by the paintings of Claude Monet. The suspended valleys of the little coastal rivers, the Normandy bridge and Etretat, sights not to be missed bordering a coast that you will see in a fresh light after this trip. Marvel at the beauty of the Alabaster Coast and the diversity of its plant and animal life. Stop at Etretat. Once a fishing village, Etretat transformed itself into a seaside resort in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and became a place of inspiration for artists (Gustave Courbet, Eugène Boudin and Claude Monet), writers (Gustave Flaubert and Guy de Maupassant, Maurice Leblanc) and famous people (J. Michelet, F. Faure, the Queens of Spain, J. Bonaparte...). Etretat was the holiday spot of numerous famous opera composers and singers of the 19<sup>th</sup> century who had villas there or stayed there regularly in a comic-opera decor. The town has several remarkable chateaus, manor houses and villas, such as the Manoir de la Salamandre (a house admired by tourists and located in the main street near the hall), The Clos Lupin and the Château des Aygues which were the seaside residences of the Spanish queens Maria Christina of the Two Sicilies and Isabel II. Return by coach to Honfleur

### THE CÔTE FLEURIE

### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll depart by coach with our guide, first stopping in Deauville, the most glamorous coastal French city. Enjoy a stroll along the beach and discover the facade of the famous casino, one of the nicest in Europe. We'll then set off for the Château du Breuil, one of the most beautiful examples of the architectural heritage of this region. Today, it is also home to a prestigious distillery where you will get the chance to discover the various steps to making Calvados before tasting\* it.

### THE LANDING BEACHES

# MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE THROUGH YOUR TRAVEL AGENCY

### LENGTH: 10 hours

We'll leave by coach for a day trip (lunch included) to the landing beaches. Arrival at Pointe du Hoc, the scene of one of the landings on June 6, 1944. We'll then pass through Omaha Beach, Colleville sur Mer and its American cemetery. After lunch, we'll continue to Arromanches and stop at Arromanches 360° where you'll be able to watch a film in its circular room. The Price of Liberty combines archived footage filmed in June 1944 by war correspondents with current shots on the same site. We'll get back to Honfleur via Gold Beach, Juno Beach and Sword Beach

### THE PANTHÉON

Set out for a guided visit of the Panthéon. The Panthéon's iconic domed silhouette is perched at the top of the historic Latin Quarter. Designer Jacques-Germain Soufflot began work on the church in 1757. Since the days of the French Revolution is the state of t tion, it has been the necropolis of many well-known French figures, including Victor Hugo, Marie Curie, Alexandre Dumas, and, most recently, Simone Veil.

### **VAUX-LE-VICOMTE CHÂTEAU**

### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for a visit to the splendid Vaux-le-Vicomte Château. Nicolas Fouquet trans-formed the small castle he purchased in 1641 into the masterpiece it is today. To achieve this dream, he brought together architect Louis Le Vau, painter Charles Le Brun, and landscaper André Le Notre. The result is an unparalleled work of harmony and beauty.

Proposed only on thuesdays

# **DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS**

### STROLL ON THE BANKS OF THE SEINE, THE BRIDGES OF PARIS

### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set out from the Quai de Grenelle for a stroll along the banks of the Seine which were added to the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites in 1991. Come with us and discover the splendid sites and surprising points of view on each side of the river. You'll also learn about the complex relationship Parisians have had with their waterways since the Middle Ages. All levels of walkers are welcome to join us and hear about the river's fascinating history.

You will have to return to the ship on your own using the combined transport tickets that are included in your cruise. The guide will not escort you on this return trip.

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### **WALK ACROSS THE CLIFFS** OF THE CÔTE D'ALBATRE

### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave from Honfleur by coach for the beautiful Côte d'Albâtre, passing by Le Havre. Once in Étretat, we'll set out for a walk across the cliffs to bask in the landscapes that have been dramatically shaped by weather and erosion. These high cliffs of white chalk and stone beaches were popularised by the paintings of Claude Monet.

### **WALK TO CHÂTEAU GAILLARD**

### LENGTH: 2.5 hours

From Les Andelys, we'll walk to the Château Gaillard. Come discover this ruined medieval castle and its gorgeous views overlooking the small city of Les Andelys and one of the loveliest bends in the Seine. The complex and advanced-design castle was expensive to build, yet the majority of the work was done in an unusually short time. After our walk and visit, we'll return to the ship by coach. The Château Gaillard is closed on Tuesdays

### **WALKING TOUR OF THE GARDENS** OF THE PALACE OF VERSAILLES

### LENGTH: 4 hours

Set out on foot for an unequaled tour of the ma-quificent palace gardens. An alternative experience at Versailles will bring you face to face with groves sculptures, thriving greenery, and abundant water sources. In 1661, King Louis XIV authorized André Le Nôtre to create a French-style garden that would be the envy of all in the great European courts through the 18th century. The Sun King took such great pleasure in exploring his gardens, he wrote a book explaining how to give tours of the immense grounds. This tour will follow the king's recommendations, and your guides will let you in on the secrets and tales of this unique site - one of the most beautiful open-air museums in the world.

\* Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.





# The Garonne & Dordogne Valleys

The Gironde Estuary in southwestern France is where the Garonne and Dordogne Rivers meet. It is the entryway to Bordeaux, known throughout the world for its exquisite wines—including famous protected designations such as Blaye, Pauillac, Saint-Estèphe, and Médoc. Royan is ideally located at the mouth of the Gironde estuary, allowing you to discover the famous seaside towns

of Rochefort and La Rochelle.

The Gironde is also known for its diverse landscapes.

On the left bank we find vineyards sitting above the bottomlands, and dunes and marshes close to the sea. On the right bank, steep cliffs and rolling hills contrast the lower lands on the opposite side, while the great swamps are located to the north.





# **OUR SHIP IN BORDEAUX**

### CATEGORY: PREMIUM

• MS Cyrano de Bergerac











7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. BYA PP

# Cruise through the Aquitaine region from Bordeaux to Royan Along the Gironde Estuary and the Garonne and Dordogne rivers

### DAY 1 | Bordeaux • Cussac-Fort-Médoc

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise towards Cussac-Fort-Médoc

### DAY 2 | Cussac-Fort-Médoc • The Médoc Gironde Estuary • Royan

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: The Grands Crus Wine Route of the Médoc
- DISCOVERY: Helicopter ride of the Médoc(1) and wine tasting

Excursion for both packages:

Royan and its waterfront

### DAY 3 | Royan • Rochefort • La Rochelle • Royan

Full-day excursion proposed:

• Rochefort and La Rochelle Cruise towards Libourne

### DAY 4 | Libourne<sup>(2)</sup> • Bordeaux

Excursions propoșed:

 CLASSIC: Saint-Émilion • DISCOVERY: Libourne by bike

Cruise towards Bordeaux

### DAY 5 | Bordeaux • Cadillac

Cruise towards Cadillac Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: The Château de Roquetaillade and Cadillac
- DISCOVERY: "Pick-me-up" walk in Cadillac Cruise towards Bordeaux Gala dinner

### DAY 6 | Bordeaux • Arcachon Bay • Bordeaux

Excursion for both packages:

Day-trip to the heart of the Arcachon Bay

- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: Bordeaux, the quartier des Chartrons, Wine and Trade museum and wine tasting
- DISCOVERY: The Bassins des Lumières in Bordeaux

Free time in Bordeaux In the evening, oyster tasting on board

DAY 7 | Bordeaux

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 56 and 57.

- The Médoc Wine Route
- The charming, retro city of Royan
- Rochefort and the Corderie Royale
- The seaside city of La Rochelle
- Arcachon Bay and the Dune of Pilat



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY **BEVERAGES** 



FREE Wi-Fi



ASK US ABOUT OUR AVAILABLE FACILITIES

NB: For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary. The cruise schedule may vary according to tides and arrival times at ports of call may be subject to change.

Subject to availability and favorable weather conditions.

 Depending on mooring availability, the stopover in Libourne may be replaced by a stopover in Bourg.







6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. BOS PP

# A cruise in Aquitaine: the great wines of Southern France Round-trip cruise from Bordeaux

### DAY 1 | Bordeaux

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

### DAY 2 | Bordeaux • Cussac-Fort-Médoc • The Médoc

Cruise towards Cussac-Fort-Médoc Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: The Grands Crus Wine Route of
- **DISCOVERY:** Helicopter ride of the Médoc<sup>(2)</sup> and wine tasting

# DAY 3 | Cussac-Fort-Médoc • The Gironde Estuary Blaye $^{(1)}$

Cruise towards Blaye

Excursions proposed

- CLASSIC: The Route de la Corniche Fleurie and the Blave Citadel
- · DISCOVERY: Blaye and its underground monuments

### DAY 4 | Blaye<sup>(1)</sup> • Libourne<sup>(1)</sup> • Saint-Émilion

Cruise towards Libourne Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Saint-Émilion • DISCOVERY: Libourne by bike

### DAY 5 | Libourne(1) • Bordeaux

Cruise towards Bordeaux Oyster tasting on board Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Bordeaux, the quartier des Chartrons, Wine and Trade museum and wine tasting
- DISCOVERY: The Bassins des Lumières in Bordeaux

### DAY 6 | Bordeaux

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 56 and 57.

### 5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. BOQ PP

# The exceptional region of Bordeaux

### DAY 1 | Bordeaux

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

### DAY 2 | Bordeaux • Cussac-Fort-Médoc • The Médoc

Cruise towards Cussac-Fort-Médoc

- Excursions proposed: • CLASSIC: The Grands Crus Wine Route of the
- Médoc • DISCOVERY: Helicopter ride of the Médoc(2)

# DAY 3 | Cussac-Fort-Médoc • The Gironde Estuary

Cruise towards Blave Excursions proposed:

and wine tasting

- CLASSIC: The Route de la Corniche Fleurie and the Blaye Citadel
- **DISCOVERY**: Blaye and its underground monuments

### DAY 4 | Blaye(1) • Libourne(1) • Saint-Émilion

Cruise towards Libourne Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Tour of Saint-Émilion
- DISCOVERY: Libourne by bike and wine tasting

### DAY 5 | Libourne<sup>(1)</sup> • Bordeaux

Disembark at 11:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 56 and 57.

# Cruise highlights

- · Discover the largest area of AOC vineyards in the world
- · Oyster tasting on board with a glass of white wine

### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- · Bordeaux, and its emblematic quartier des Chartrons
- The Grands Crus wines of the region
- · Blaye and Vauban's citadel
- Saint-Émilion, the history of a medieval village



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  (2) Subject to availability and favorable weather conditions.



# Our excursions The Garonne & Dordogne Valleys

EXCURSIONS PACKAGE: Book several excursions at the same time as your cruise and benefit from preferential rates. Contact us for more information.

Our excursions are valid for a minimum of 25 participants. Below this number, our rates can be adjusted on board.

## **CLASSIC EXCURSIONS**

### **ARCACHON BAY**

(DAY TRIP - LUNCH INCLUDED)

### LENGTH: 10.5 hours

Departure by coach from Bordeaux for the Bassin d'Arcachon. We will start our tour with a boat trip on the Bassin d'Arcachon. You'll be able to see the Bird Island, the famous "Cabanes tchanquées" houses on stilts and the oyster beds. Free time in Arcachon. We will have lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon, we will go to the Great Dune of Pilat. Culminating at 107 m, it is the highest sand dune in Europe. The view from the top is awe-inspiring.

# BLAYE: THE ROUTE DE LA CORNICHE FLEURIE AND THE CITADEL

### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach with a tour guide for a journey along the Route de la Corniche Fleurie. You'll see the old, traditional fishing huts on stilts and the remarkable limestone cliffs. We'll also stop in Bourg to take in the impressive views and walk to the market center where you'll be able to taste the local figs. After we return to Blaye, we'll have a guided tour of the citadel built by Vauban, including the monastery and several army barracks. We'll finish up our tour with a tasting of the famous Blaye "praslines".

# BORDEAUX, THE CHARTRONS DISTRICT, WINE AND COMMERCE MUSEUM

### LENGTH: 3 hours

Set out with your guide on foot to explore the old neighborhood where wine merchants performed their trade—the Chartrons District. You'll visit the Wine and Commerce Museum to trace the history of Bordeaux's classic nectar. We'll enjoy a tasting of wine\*.

### CHÂTEAU DE ROQUETAILLADE AND CADILLAC

### LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for the Château de Roquetaillade. This magnificent and prestigious medieval castle built between the 12th and 14th centuries is a listed historic monument. You will see its medieval keeps, the first Renaissance chimneys in the region (1600), but above all its unique 19th century interiors, a masterpiece by Viollet-le-Duc today listed as a historic monument. Along the way, we will visit a vineyard and enjoy a tasting\* of a wine from the Sauternes area. We'll return to Cadillac for our guided tour of the town located on the right bank of the Garonne. The Grailly family, Lords of Cadillac, founded this "bastide" (walled town) where the Duke of Epernon built a sumptuous castle.

### **ROCHEFORT AND LA ROCHELLE**

### LENGTH: 10 hours

We'll leave by coach for Rochefort. The historical downtown area boasts lovely private mansions and beautiful homes where the legendary sailors and explorers lived. We'll visit the Corderie Royale, a historical rope-making factory. Afterwards, we'll head to La Rochelle. We'll stop for lunch in a local restaurant. During a guided tour of the old town and port, you'll learn about the Grosse-Horologe gate, Renaissance arcades, lovely half-timbered homes, finely sculpted facades of the private mansions, and the cathedral.

### ROYAN AND ITS WATERFRONT

### LENGTH: 1 hour

Join us for a panoramic tour of Royan, a seaside city and an official French "Ville d'Art et d'Histoire". Villas from the Belle Epoque and the charming "retro" homes from the 1950s line the waterfront. In the Foncillon District, we'll have a look at the fascinating church and learn about its conception.

### SAINT-ÉMILION

### LENGTH: 3 hours

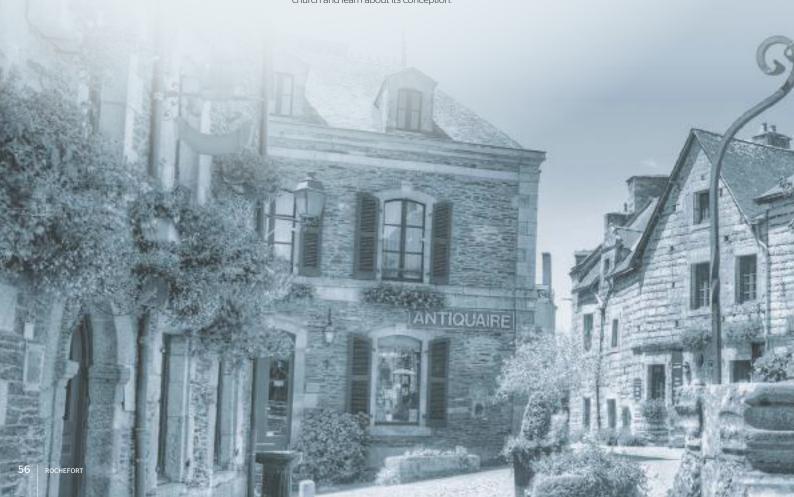
A guide will tell you all about the history of the medieval town of Saint-Émilion during our tour. We'll visit the Monolithic church, an original monument hewn entirely in limestone and the largest in Europe. Afterwards, we'll depart for a visit to a family-owned wine-growing estate where the owner will explain the various stages of wine-making in Saint-Émilion. We'll finish up our tour with a commented wine-tasting\* session.

# THE GRANDS CRUS WINE ROUTE OF THE MÉDOC

# MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE THROUGH YOUR TRAVEL AGENCY

### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll depart by coach for our trip along the Grands Crus Wine Route of the Médoc, a prestigious wine-growing region that produces the most prestigious red wines on the planet, tightly wedged between an ocean and an estuary. We'll travel along the Châteaux Route through most of the Médoc appellations such as Saint-Julien and Haut-Médoc as well as some of the major domains. We'll stop off at one of the estates for a wine-tasting\* session.



# **DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS**

### **BLAYE AND ITS UNDERGROUND MONUMENTS**

### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave on foot to visit the Blaye Citadel, built in the 17th century by Vauban in order to better protect the city of Bordeaux. You will explore the underground passages that soldiers once used and learn how the site was developed using older buildings that Vauban preserved and reused. After our tour, we'll walk a few more feet to a local vine-yard and taste\* some regional products with an excellent glass of wine.

### **HELICOPTER RIDE OF THE MÉDOC AND WINE TASTING**

### LENGTH: 10 min

Discover the Médoc Region as never before! Taking off from the Château-d'Arsac, you'll experience breathtaking views of the prestigious vineyards producing the Margaux wines. You'll see the point where the Dordogne and Gironde Rivers meet up to form the extraordinary Gironde Estuary. After your flight, you'll tour the wine cellar and taste three AOC wines. The Château d'Arsac incorporates 1,000 years of history as one of the oldest wine domains in the Médoc producing exceptional wines and possessing singular works of art.

Flight subject to favorable weather conditions - reservations must be made before the cruise begins and are subject to availability.

### LIBOURNE BY BIKE AND WINE TASTING

### LENGTH: 4 hours

Guided tour of Libourne. Discover this former English bastide. Located at the confluence of the Isle and Dordogne rivers, Libourne expanded around its port. We'll see the Saint John the Baptist Church, Abel Surchamp Square, and the imposing clock tower in the grand harbor. Then, we'll hop on our bikes and head over to the Pomerol winegrowing area. We'll enjoy a tasting of wine\*

### "PICK-ME-UP" WALK IN CADILLAC LENGTH: 3 hours

You'll set out for a guided tour on foot of the hillsides in Cadillac. You'll cross the city, passing in front of the imposing Château des Ducs d'Épernon before walking up the vineyard trails to some of the most beautiful points of view of the river

found in the area. Your tour guide will explain the nature and landscapes that you will see throughout the walk. The walk will finish up with a gourmet pick-me-up at a family farm, where you'll visit the cellars, taste\* a few wines and indulge in some lo-

If the ship isn't moored in Cadillac after this excursion, be prepared to pay an additional fee per person for transport back to Bordeaux (payable on board).

### THE BASSINS DES LUMIÈRES

### LENGTH: 3 hours

With our guide leading you, discover this unique digital art center within a former submarine base built by the Germans during their occupation of France during World War II. Each year, the center hosts a different multimedia exhibit, perfectly adapted to the architecture's grandeur and reflective waters.

\* Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.





# The Rhône & Saône Valleys

From Burgundy to Provence, our cruises on the Rhône and Saône Rivers are filled to the brim with cultural, natural, historical, and gastronomical discoveries.

Our cruises on the Rhône pass through the Gorges de l'Ardèche and the Vercors Massif, some of the most impressive and well-preserved landscapes in France.

Art and history are also in the forefront on these cruises as we stop in some of the most legendary cities in the area, including Arles, Avignon, Mâcon, and Lyon.





#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Cruise between Burgundy and the Mediterranean Sea
- Discover the diverse and lush landscapes along the Saône and Rhône: the Burgundy and Beaujolais vineyards, the Gorges de l'Ardèche, the Vercors Massif, and the Camargue region
- Official monuments and sites include Vieux Lyon, the Papal Palace in Avignon, Regional Nature Park of the Camargue, and the Alpilles Mountains
- Protected Designations of Origin vineyards abound

# OUR SHIPS ON THE RHÔNE

#### CATEGORY: PREMIUM

- MS Camargue
- MS Van Gogh









#### CATEGORY: STANDARD

- MS Mistral
- MS Rhône Princess













6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. LMX PP

# The beautiful Rhône Valley Round-trip cruise from Lyon

#### DAY 1 | Lyon

Boarding at 4:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Avignon • Arles

Cruise towards Avignon.

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Avignon and the Papal
- DISCOVERY: Hike along the Pont du Gard and visit to the museum

Cruise towards Arles.

Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Arles

#### DAY 3 | Arles • Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône Martigues<sup>(5)</sup>

- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: Discover the Camargue
- DISCOVERY: Jeep through the Camargue

Cruise towards Martigues Free time in the city Cruise towards Arles

#### DAY 4 | Arles • Viviers

Excursion proposed:

• The Baux-de-Provence Cruise towards Viviers

#### DAY 5 | Viviers • La Voulte • The Vercors Plateau Tain l'Hermitage

Cruise towards La Voulte

Excursion proposed:
• Discover the Vercors and taste the famous Clairette de Die sparkling wine Gala dinner

Cruise towards Lyon

#### DAY 6 | Lyon

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 65 to 67.

#### 7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. LMY PP2

# The magic of the Rhône Valley and the Camargue with a dinner at Paul Bocuse's Abbaye of Collonges Round-trip cruise from Lyon

#### DAY 1 | Lvon

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Lyon • Collonges-au-Mont-d'Or

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Lyon and tasting of specialties at Les Halles Paul Bocuse covered market Cruise towards Collonges-au-Mont-d'Or Gastronomic dinner at Paul Bocuse's Abbaye of Collonges(1)

#### DAY 3 | Tain l'Hermitage • Avignon

Excursion proposed:

• The Cité du Chocolat in Tain l'Hermitage Cruise towards Avignon

#### DAY 4 | Avignon • Arles(3)

Excursions proposed:

- · Guided tour of the Papal Palace
- · Visit Gordes and Senangue Abbey Cruise towards Arles

#### DAY 5 | Arles(3) • Viviers

Excursion proposed

• The Camargue and its manades Cruise towards Viviers

#### DAY 6 | Viviers • the Ardèche Gorges

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of Viviers
- Tour of the Ardeche Gorges

#### DAY 7 | Lyon

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 65 to 67.

# Cruise highlights

#### **INCLUDED:**

REF. LMY\_PP2

Dinner at Paul Bocuse's Abbaye of Collonges<sup>(1)</sup>

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

REF. LMX\_PP

- · Les Baux-de-Provence: one of the "most beautiful villages in France"
- Arles and its vestiges
- The Camargue: wild and unique
- · The Pont du Gard, architectural masterpiece
- The Vercors Plateau and its "hanging houses"

REF. LMY\_PP2

- Lyon and a tasting of fine food at Paul Bocuse's Les Halles de Lyon<sup>(2)</sup>
- The Cité du Chocolat in Tain l'Hermitage
- · Avignon and the imposing Papal Palace
- · The village of Gordes and the Sénanque Abbey(4)
- · The Camargue and its customs
- The Gorges de l'Ardèche, the most beautiful canyon in Europe



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES



FREE Wi-Fi



ASK US ABOUT OUR AVAILABLE **FACILITIES** 



FAMILY CLUB IN JULY AND AUGUST REF.LMX FAMPP

NB: For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary. The cruise schedule may vary according to tides and arrival times at ports of call may be subject to change.

(1) Dinner served at the Abbaye or at Paul Bocuse's restaurant according to the final number of passengers on board.

(2) Les Halles de Lyon Paul Bocuse are closed on Sundays and Mondays. In this instance, arrangements will be made so as to maintain the tasting of local products.

(3) The stopover in Arles can be replaced by a stopover in Avignon depending on passage through the locks.

(4) If the Abbey is closed, we'll visit the Lavender Museum instead.

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(5) Depending on mooring availability, the stopover in Martigues could be replaced by a stopover in Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône.



7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. LMM PP / MML PP (opposite direction)

# From Burgundy to Provence

#### DAY 1 | Lyon

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise towards Mâcon

#### DAY 2 | Mâcon • The Beaujolais Vineyards • Lyon

Excursions proposed:

- · Guided tour of Mâcon
- The Beaujolais vineyards Cruise towards Lyon

#### DAY 3 | Lyon • Tain l'Hermitage, Valley of the Côtes du Rhône

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Panoramic tour of Lyon
- DISCOVERY: Food tour of Lyon Cruise towards Tain l'Hermitage

#### DAY 4 | Tain I'Hermitage • The Vercors Massif Avignon

Excursion proposed:

 Discover the Vercors and taste the famous Clairette de Die sparkling wine Cruise towards Avignon

#### DAY 5 | Avignon • Arles

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Avignon and the Papal Palace Cruise towards Arles

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Arles Cruise towards Martigues

#### DAY 6 | Arles • The Camargue • Martigues(1)

- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: Discover the Camargue
- DISCOVERY: Jeep through the Camargue Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 | Martigues(1)

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 65 to 67.



# Cruise highlights

· An exceptional cruise on the Saône to the mouth of the Rhône River

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- · Mâcon and its historic downtown
- The Beaujolais vineyards
- · Lyon and its strategic street doorways
- · The hanging houses in the Vercors Massif
- Arles
- The wild Camargue



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#### **WINE LOVERS CLUB**

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. OLM\_PP

# Oenological cruise: discover the fabulous world of vines and wine

#### From Lyon to Martigues

Taste and sensory melodies await you throughout your cruise. Oenology and nature enthusiasts will discover renowned vineyards and authentic terroirs.

See detailed programme on page 196.

#### **₩** ART & HISTORY CRUISE

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. PEI\_PP

# French Art and History along the Rhône River

From Lyon to Martigues

See detailed programme on page 195

#### CRUISE'N WALK

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. LMM RANPP

## Discover everything the Rhône and Saône regions have to offer From Lyon to Martigues

Cruise the beautiful French countryside along the Rhône and Saône Rivers Trek astounding locations such as the Alpilles Regional Nature Park and Les Baux-de-Provence, incontestably one of the prettiest villages in France.

See detailed programme on page 204



8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. LSR PP

Burgundy and Provence along the Saône and the Rhône Round-trip cruise from Lyon

#### DAY 1 | Lyon

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Lyon • Mâcon

- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: Panoramic tour of Lyon
- DISCOVERY: Food tour of Lyon Cruise towards Mâcon

#### DAY 3 | Mâcon • Vienne

Excursion for both packages:

 Visit to the Cluny Abbey Cruise towards Vienne

#### DAY 4 | Vienne

Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Vienne Cruise towards Avignon

#### DAY 5 | Avignon • Arles

Excursion for both packages

• Guided tour of Avignon and the Papal Palace Cruise towards Arles

Excursions proposed

• CLASSIC: Discover the Camargue • DISCOVERY: Jeep through the Camargue

Provençal folk evening on board

#### DAY 6 | Arles • Viviers

Excursion for both packages:

- Tour of Arles and stop at a local olive oil producer's Cruise towards Viviers
- Excursion for both packages:

Guided tour of Viviers



#### DAY 7 | Viviers • Tournon • I von

Cruise towards Tournon

Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Tournon

Gala dinner

Cruise towards Lyon

#### DAY 8 | Lyon

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 65 to 67.

# Cruise highlights

- Extensive discovery of the region and its terroir from the Saône to the Rhône
- · Provençal folk evening on board

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- Tastings of local specialties in Tournon
- The highly spiritual Cluny Abbey
- Lyon and its peculiar "traboules"
- Jeep through the wild Camargue
- · Avignon and the Papal Palace with its private apartments



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES



FREE Wi-Fi



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#### **₱** GOURMET CLUB

5-DAY / 4-NIGHT ROUND-TRIP CRUISE FROM LYON • REF. LLY PP French gastronomy on a cruise

Gastronomy and viticulture enthusiasts, this cruise between Rhône and Saône will seduce you. From the Rhône Valley to the Beaujolais vineyards, through the vineyards of Côte Rôtie and the terroir of Condrieu, go for a discovery tour with tastings that will tantalize your palate.

See detailed programme on page 197

#### **WINE LOVERS CLUB**

5-DAY / 4-NIGHT ROUND-TRIP CRUISE FROM LYON • REF. BJL PP

## Celebrate the Beaujolais Nouveau event, on a wine tasting cruise in Burgundy

Join us on a cruise specifically designed for wine lovers! We'll spend an exceptional evening in Beaujeu to greet the annual release of Beaujolais Nouveau, an experience not to be missed!

See detailed programme on page 196.

# Our excursions The Rhône & Saône Valleys

EXCURSIONS PACKAGE: Book several excursions at the same time as your cruise and benefit from preferential rates. Contact us for more information.

Our excursions are valid for a minimum of 25 participants. Below this number, our rates can be adjusted on board.

### **CLASSIC EXCURSIONS**

#### **ARLES**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

Our guided tour of Arles will take us past such sites as the Roman Amphitheatre (the "Arènes"), the Ancient Roman Theatre and the Place St Trophime with its cloister and church. These are part of the Arles route, one of the three pilgrimage routes leading to Santiago de Compostela. We will continue our visit with the Place du Forum and finally, the Thermae of Constantine.

#### **ARLES AND VISIT TO A LOCAL OLIVE OIL PRODUCER'S**

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave on foot for our guided tour of Arles. For two thousand years, Arles has maintained an outstanding architectural heritage making it a genuine open-air museum. Our tour will take us past the Roman Amphitheatre (the "Arènes"), the Ancient Roman Theatre and the Place St Trophime with its cloister and church. These are part of the Arles route, one of the three pilgrimage routes leading to Santiago de Compostela. We will continue our visit with the Place du Forum and the Thermae of Constantine before hopping on board our coach leading us to Tarascon. There, we'll visit becal blive all producer's demain. The express will a local olive oil producer's domain. The owners will explain the various steps to making the "yellow gold of Provence" before we indulge in a tasting of the product.

#### **AVIGNON AND THE PAPAL PALACE**

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set out on foot with our guide for the center of Avignon, first stopping at the Place de l'Horloge. This square has always been the beating heart of the city as revealed by the remains of the Roman forum, still visible amidst the numerous cafés and restaurants that have since taken up its former social function. We'll continue on to the Place du Palais for our visit to the Papal Palace, the most important monument in the city. The two parts that make up the Palace were built by Pope Benedict XII and his successor Pope Clement VI. Our visit will take you through the staterooms where numerous ceremonies and feasts took place, the chapels, the Pope's private apartments and the terraces which offer a wonderful panorama on Avignon and the Rhône River.

#### **BEAUJEU**

#### LENGTH: 10.5 hours

We'll set out for Beaujeu, the former capital of the Beaujolais. The departure of the Beaujolais Nouveaux wine from the Les Sarmentelles International Festival is a joyful, 30-year-old event. You'll be able to join in on the action and discover the 12 appellations of Beaujolais while listening to great music and admiring the fantastic scenery and quaint architecture of the tiny city. In the evening, we'll enjoy the famous "soirée prestige" in the center of it all, where cabaret shows and dinner prepared by the best chefs in the region await you under outdoor tents. At midnight, we'll set off on a torch-lit stroll to welcome Beaujolais Nouveau Day and watch a fireworks show.

#### **BEAUNE**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

As we travel through the outlying hills of Beaune, we'll cross through several well-known wine appellations: Pommard (once appreciated by Henri IV and Louis XV), Puligny, Montrachet, and many others. When we arrive in Beaune, we'll first visit the famous hospice, founded by Chancellor Nicolas Rolin during the extreme poverty and plague that hit the region in 1443. It remained a working hospital overseen by the Holy See up through the 20th century, with the daily activities run by nuns known as Les Soeurs Hospitalières. Now a museum, it contains over 5,000 objects, including a dazzling polyptych altarpiece of The Last Judgment by Rogier van der Weyden.

The hospice is also well known for their more than 148 acres of vineyards, most of which are located in prestigious appellation areas. As anticipated, our tour will finish up with a tasting of a selection of these wines

#### **CLUNY ABBEY**

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave by coach with our guide towards Cluny Abbey. Founded in 910 by William the Pious, this ancient Benedictine abbey extended a widespread influence on all of medieval Europe. Its church was the largest in all of West Christianity until the construction of Saint Peter's basilica in Rome. In 1798, the abbey was sold as a national asset and thus dismantled, while its church was almost completely destroyed. Today, you can still admire their vestiges which bear witness to the past splendour of Cluny.

#### FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF **VAN GOGH IN ARLES**

LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll leave on foot for a guided tour of Arles following the footsteps of Vincent Van Gogh. Arles is an ancient Roman city whose ruins are second only to Rome and include the Antique Theater, Amphitheater, Thermes of Constantine, and the Alyscamps. Arles is also an important stop along the Way of St. James. Vincent Van Gogh came to Arles to escape the gray winter in Paris and the indifference he felt within the artistic milieu there. He arrived in Arles on February 20, 1888, and immediately began to produce his most prolific number of works in his career: more than 300 paintings and drawings within an 18-month period. Van Gogh crisscrossed the city and its surroundings to paint the landscapes, people, and scenes as he interpreted them. Everything around him served as inspiration for his canvases. Our tour will retrace his steps to the different sites where he set up his easel, such as the Place du Forum, the Quai du Rhône, and Place Lamartine. Panels at each stop compare his painting and the actual scene as it appears today. After some free time on your own, we'll return to the ship.

#### **GASTRONOMIC DINNER** AT PAUL BOCUSE'S **ABBAYE DE COLLONGES**

LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll leave on foot for Paul Bocuse's Abbaye de Collonges for a veritable French feast. Paul Bocuse was a three-star gourmet chef who was known for his innovative approach to cuisine and his love for fresh, high-quality ingredients. This will be a sin-gular experience in an exceptional setting, where you'll be able to relish in out-of-this-world courses prepared by some of the most renowned chefs.

#### LYON LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave by coach for our guided panoramic tour of Lyon which will take us all the way to the Fourvière Basilica. We'll first take in the breathtaking views from the heights of the Basilica before visiting its interior. Afterwards, we'll set off on a walking tour with our guide and discover the "traboules", types of passageways that were designed to reach the river quickly. Enjoy some free time in the Old Town.

#### LYON AND LES HALLES DE LYON **PAUL BOCUSE**

LENGTH: 4 hours

Join us on a guided tour of Lyon. We'll cross through the city and go up Fourvière Hill to the white basilica, the best place to take in the view. Then we'll head over to Vieux Lyon to have a look at its historical homes and the "bouchon" restaurants that are found throughout the district. Learn about the discrete and strategies described. the discrete and strategic doorways leading to shortcuts, known as traboules, that go from street to street. Don't miss the tasting of fine food at Paul

Bocuse's Les Halles de Lyon, a huge, three-story, indoor market where close to 50 shops offer the finest gourmet food—a veritable feast for the eyes and palates. We'll enjoy a snack of local sausage and cheese, topped off with a lovely glass of wine\*. Enjoy some free time before returning to the ship.

#### MÂCON

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

Although it is still in the Burgundy region, with its unique roof tiles and brightly colored facades, Mâcon feels like it should border the Mediterranean Sea. The city has a wide range of striking monuments and beautiful, old mansions lining the streets in the older sections.

#### SAINT-RÉMY-DE-PROVENCE

I FNGTH: 4 hours

We'll set off on a tour that includes areas of the beautiful Alpilles Natural Regional Park and the vines that produce the classic Baux-de-Provence wines. The red and rosé wines are produced mostly from the Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre varieties, giving them aromas that include blackberry, violet, black olives, and herbs. We'll visit Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, located in the Alpilles Natural Regional Park, a quintessential Provençal village bursting with French charm. We'll visit a local vineyard for a tasting\*.

#### TAIN L'HERMITAGE, WINE TASTING

LENGTH: 1.5 hours

We'll leave on foot for the visit of a wine cellar in Tain L'Hermitage. We'll discover the vats, barrels and storehouse and learn all there is to know about wine-making, followed by a wine-tasting session\*.

#### THE BAUX-DE-PROVENCE

LENGTH: 4 hours

Discover the Baux-de-Provence, one of the most beautiful villages in France. Located at the heart of the Alpilles on a rocky plateau, the village overlooks breathtaking landscapes over Arles, the Camargue and the Alpilles. This gorgeous and impressive stone fortress is definitely a must-see.

#### THE BEAUJOLAIS VINEYARDS **AND WINE TASTING**

LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure by coach to discover the Beaujolais vineyards extending on 22,500 ha. We will pass through charming little wine-growing villages before reaching Romanèche-Thorins for a visit to the 'Hameau Duboeuf", a unique museum in Europe containing a collection of old and rare objects from over 2,000 years of wine-growing history. We'll learn about the current wine-making and vine-growing processes when visiting the wine storehouse where the wines are left to age in oak barrels. In the midst of the Beaujolais vineyards, we will discover the skills of the winemakers through exhibitions, automated puppet theaters and 3-D films. Afterwards, immerse yourself in fine aromas and delightful scents during a walk through the surprising gardens of "Oenoparc", a true haven for wine-lovers spread out on 30,000 m<sup>2</sup> and 25 exhibition halls. Before leaving the "Hameau Duboeuf", we will, of course, enjoy a tasting\* of some of the region's wines.

#### THE CÔTES DE PROVENCE REGION LENGTH: 3 hours

The Côtes de Provence region is best known for its crisp rosé wines and magnificent scenery. Provence was one of the very first regions to cultivate grapevines for wine production almost 2,600 years ago. Today, vineyards extend along the coastline and deep inland. The strong mistral winds are key to its great success. We'll visit a local vineyard for a tasting\*

<sup>\*</sup> Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.

# THE GOLDEN HUES OF THE BEAUJOLAIS REGION

LENGTH: 4 hours

The rocky area to the south of Lyon is known for the lovely golden hues that glow differently as the sun moves across the sky. The area is as much a feast for the eyes as it is for your taste buds. Join us for a tour to discover the beauty of the region. We'll visit a local vineyard for a tasting\*.

#### **THE VERCORS**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach from La Voulte towards Die. Carved out in limestone, the Vercors Regional Nature Park extends over 186,000 ha between the Isère Valley to the north and the Diois to the south. Water has shaped deep gorges in the cliffs, majestic cirques, caves and chasms among the most famous in Europe. Wooded plateaux and valleys shaped by agriculture are home to a remarkable fauna and flora. We'll stop at the cellars of Die Jaillance to discover a true love story between man and the vine and enjoy a wine-tasting' session. Afterwards, we will continue by coach for a panoramic view of the Rousset Pass located in the heart of the Vercors and reaching an altitude of over 1,400 m. The belvedere culminates at a height of 1,245 m and from this point of view the scenery is outstanding: arid escarpments and a road with hairpin bends down the hill, which accentuates the overall impression of depth. We'll move on towards Vassieux-en-Vercors, La Chapelle-en-Vercors and Pont-en-Royans where you'll get to see the suspended houses, whose daring architecture dates as far back as the perched village itself, built in the 15th century. Last, we'll drive through Romans-sur-Isère well known for its shoe industry.

# TOURING THE CAMARGUE AND VISITING A MANADE

LENGTH: 4 hours

Enjoy a panoramic guided tour of the Camargue. Sit back and admire the rivers, marshes, ponds, flamingoes, black bulls and the famous, indigenous Camargue horses. Discover the salt and rice fields that make the area so well known. We'll visit a manade (bull breeding farm) and learn about the work of a manadier as we watch a demonstration of how they work with the animals they raise. Our visit will include a cocktail\* on the patio.

#### **TOURNON**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

Located in the heart of the Rhône Valley, at the gates of Provence, Tournon will enchant you with its heady perfumes. We'll begin our visit on foot passing all the main tourist attractions of the town, including the historic monuments and shopping areas. We'll stop at the Château Museum where we'll get the opportunity to discover the permanent collection tracing the history of navigation on the Rhône River. This imposing castle was built on a high granite rock overlooking the town and was the domain of the barony of the Counts of Tournon. At the foot of the castle, enjoy a pleasant walk along the streets and alleys of the historic centre which will take you back to the Middle Ages. Our visit will end with a tasting\* of regional products and wines. We'll return to the ship on foot.

#### **VIENNE**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

Our guided walking tour of Vienne will allow us to discover a Roman city rich in vestiges. The history of Vienne goes back more than 2,000 years. The city is indivisible from the Rhône River and the surrounding hills. The Allobrogi people are thought to have made it their capital, but it was in the Roman era that the city began to prosper on both banks. You will see the Antique Theatre; built roughly between 40 and 50 AD, it is considered one of the largest in the Roman Empire, with its 130m-diameter and 13,000-spectator capacity. Restored in 1938, it was returned to its original function and is now a venue for artistic events. The tour will continue with the Temple of Augustus and Livia (exteriors only). This temple dedicated to Rome and Augustus stood in a sacred area on the forum and has carried this name since the end of the 18th century. Its construction began about 20-10 BC; it was later transformed at the beginning of the Middle Ages into a church, and was finally restored in the second half of the 19th century thanks to the intervention of Prosper Mérimée. Finally, to complete the tour, you will see the Cathedral of \$t\$ Maurice (exteriors only), which has been listed as a historic monument since 1840.

#### **VIVIERS**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll leave on foot for our guided tour of Viviers. The third largest protected sector in the Rhône Alpes region and residence of bishops since the 5th century, Viviers, a small town with a population of 3,500 is like an open-air museum where every stone contains a page of history. You will be able to admire France's smallest Cathedral in this sumptuous medieval town. Among other things you will see the House of Knights with its superb Renaissance façade, the Tower of St Michael, the great seminary and the Belvedere with an unobstructed view of Viviers at night.



# **DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS**

#### **FOOD TOUR OF LYON**

LENGTH: 3 hours

Join us for a guided tour on foot within the heart of Lyon, known as the Presqu'île. What makes this tour unique are the stops at several eateries to have a bite of the local cuisine. The sweet pink praline and savory cold cuts are the stars of this show. We'll discover the multitude of candies and pastries made with pink praline, a local confection you just can't say no to. For those with a savory tooth, our next stop will be a tasting of regional charcuterie. During this tour, your guide will also talk about renowned local chefs for a complete understanding of the "Gastronomic Capital of the

\* Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.

### **JEEP THROUGH THE CAMARGUE**

LENGTH: 4 hours

Far from the tourist traps, discover the Petite and Grande Camargue from the back of a jeep with local guides who will share their enthusiasm for this legendary area. You'll cross the Parc Naturel Régional de Camargue, a nationally designated protected acquirité par la contraction de contraction d tected area with ponds and marshes that are home to waders, flamingoes, egrets, herons, etc. Join us for another way to get up and close to nature.

#### WALK ALONG THE PONT DU GARD AND VISIT TO THE MUSEUM

LENGTH: 4 hours

You'll leave by coach for the Pont du Gard, a true masterpiece of ancient architecture. Built as a three-level aqueduct, it carried water across the Gardon River. We'll walk along the aqueduct trail, a 2-mile walk through the site with numerous viewing points. At the end of our walk, we'll visit the museum and then return on board our ship.





19-DAY / 18-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. ABU PP

# Cruise across Europe From Amsterdam to Budapest

#### DAY 1 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1) (Holland)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1)

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Amsterdam
- DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Amsterdam Excursion for both packages:
- The Keukenhof floral gardens(4) Cruise towards Nijmegen

#### DAY 3 | Niimegen • Krefeld (Germany)

Excursion for both packages:

• The open-air museum in Arnhem Cruise towards Krefeld

#### DAY 4 | Krefeld • Cologne

Cruise towards Cologne Excursion for both packages

· Guided tour of Cologne Cruise towards Rüdesheim

#### DAY 5 | Rüdesheim

Cruise on the romantic Rhine Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Tour of Rudesheim by tourist train, wine tasting and visit to the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments
- DISCOVERY: Hike through the vineyards in Rudesheim

Free evening in the Drosselgasse

#### DAY 6 | Rüdesheim • Mannheim

Cruise towards Mannheim

Excursion for both packages: Guided tour of Heidelberg Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 | Strasbourg (France)

Free day and lunch in Strasbourg Boarding

Cruise towards Mainz

#### DAY 8 | Mainz (Germany) • Frankfurt

Cruise towards Frankfurt Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Frankfurt
- **DISCOVERY:** Panoramic tour of Frankfurt and ascent of the Main Tower

#### DAY 9 | Miltenberg • Wertheim

Cruise towards Miltenberg Free time to discover the city on your own Cruise towards Wertheim Free time to discover the city on your own

#### DAY 10 | Wertheim • Wurzburg

Cruise towards Karlstadt Excursion for both packages: Guided tour of Wurzburg Cruise towards Schweinfurt

### Navigation on the largest European

Cruise highlights

waterways, the Rhine, the Main and the Danube

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- · The distinctive architecture of Amsterdam by bus or by bike Delightful scents and springtime colors
- at the Keukenhof floral gardens4
- Charming Rüdesheim and its Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments
- · Melk Abbey, a true wonder
- of Baroque architecture Vienna and the heritage of
- the House of Habsburg

  Budapest, 2000 years of history



**ALL MEALS INCLUDED** 



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#### DAY 12 | Bamberg • Nuremberg • Muhlhausen

DAY 11 | Schweinfurt • Rothenburg • Bamberg

Cruise on the Rhine-Main-Danube canal towards Nuremberg Excursion for both packages:

 Guided tour of Nurembera Cruise towards Muhlhausen

Excursion for both packages:

 Guided tour of Rothenburg Cruise towards Bamberg

#### DAY 13 | Regensburg

Cruise towards Kelheim Excursion for both packages:

Guided tour of Regensburg

#### DAY 14 | Passau

Cruise towards Passau Free time to discover the city on your own

#### DAY 15 | Melk (Austria) • Dürnstein • Vienna

Cruise towards Melk

Excursion for both packages:

· Visit of the abbey of Melk Cruise towards Dürnstein

Free time to discover the city on your own Cruise towards Vienna

Excursion for both packages:

· Discover Vienna by night

#### DAY 16 | Vienna

- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: Guided tour of Schönbrunn Palace and Vienna
- DISCOVERY: The high art of Viennese living: music and Viennese cafes

Free time or horse-drawn carriage ride though Vienna<sup>(2)</sup>

Cruise towards Esztergom Gala dinner

#### DAY 17 | Esztergom (Hungary) • Budapest

Free time to discover Esztergom on your own Cruise towards Budapest Excursion for both packages:

Discover Budapest by night

#### DAY 18 | Budapest

Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Budapest

Free time or guided visit of the Gellert baths and spa<sup>(2)</sup> or Budapest Market Halls<sup>(25</sup>

Excursion for both packages:

Traditional folk evening

#### DAY 19 | Budapest

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 104 to 109 and 122 to 125.

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(i) The Port of Amsterdam may unexpectedly decide to change the mooring places for cruise ships. In case of modification, an alternative will be set up as close as possible to the city of Amsterdam.

(2) Not included in the packages.

(3) The Great Market Hall is closed on Sundays and will be replaced by a visit to the Jewish Quarter followed by a tasting of Hungarian

(4) Available only through reservation before departure. Open from March 21<sup>st</sup> to May 12<sup>st</sup>, 2024. The opening dates are subject to change by Keukenhof floral gardens. Outside the opening dates of the park, excursion to Volendam and the Zaanse Schans.



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19-DAY / 18-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. AMD PP

### Explore the northern canals by cruising the Elbe, the Havel, the Oder and the Baltic sea From Amsterdam to Copenhagen

#### DAY 1 | Amsterdam or surroundings<sup>(2)</sup> (Holland) Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Amsterdam or surroundings(2)

Excursions proposed:

- Amsterdam
- Volendam and Zaanse Schans

#### DAY 3 | Groningen

Cruise towards Groningen Free time in the city Cruise towards Papenburg

#### DAY 4 | Papenburg (Germany) • Oldenburg

Excursion proposed:

• The Meyer Werft shipyard Cruise towards Oldenburg

#### DAY 5 | Oldenburg • Bremen

Free time in Oldenburg Cruise towards Bremen Excursion proposed: · Guided tour of Bremen

#### DAY 6 | Bremen • Nienburg • Minden

Cruise towards Nienburg Excursion proposed:

· Guided tour of Nienburg

#### DAY 7 | Minden • Hanover

Cruise towards Hanover Excursion proposed:

· Guided tour of Hanover

#### DAY 8 | Magdeburg

Cruise towards Magdeburg Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Magdeburg

#### DAY 9 | Magdeburg • Brandenburg • Potsdam

Cruise towards Brandenburg Excursion proposed:

Potsdam and the Gardens of the Sanssouci Palace

#### DAY 10 | Potsdam • Berlin

Cruise towards Berlin Free time in the city Excursion proposed:

Berlin by night

#### DAY 11 | Berlin

Excursion proposed: · Charlottenburg Palace Free afternoon in Berlin

#### DAY 12 | Berlin

Free day and lunch in Berlin

#### DAY 13 | Berlin Spandau • Eberswalde

Excursion proposed

· Guided tour of Berlin Cruise towards Eberswalde

#### DAY 14 | Eberswalde • Szczecin (Poland)

Excursion proposed

 Cistercian Chorin Abbey Cruise towards Szczecin

#### DAY 15 | Szczecin • Wolgast (Germany)

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Szczecin Cruise towards Wolgast

#### DAY 16 | Wolgast • Island of Usedom Greifswald • Lauterbach

Excursions proposed:

- Island of Usedom
- Greifswald

#### Gala dinner

#### DAY 17 | Lauterbach • Island of Rügen • Stralsund **Fxcursions** proposed:

- Island of Rügen
- Stralsund

#### DAY 18 | Stralsund • Rostock • Gedser (Denmark) Copenhagen

Disembark at 9:00 a.m. Coach transfer to Rostock and ferry crossing

to Gedser Enjoy lunch on your own Coach transfer to Copenhagen Night at 4-star hotel

#### DAY 19 | Copenhagen

Excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of Copenhagen Lunch on your own



# Cruise highlights

· An enticing mixture of nature and culture on an exceptional cruise

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- · Volendam, famous fishing village
- Bremen, the oldest maritime city in Germany
- Hanover, capital of Lower Saxony
- Magdeburg, Hanseatic town
- Potsdam and the gardens of the Sanssoucis Palace
- · Berlin, emblematic capital
- · Chorin Abbey, a jewel of Cistercian architecture
- The breathtaking landscapes of the islands of Usedom and Rügen
- · Visit Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark, a perfect blend of history and modernity



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



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(1) Recommendation: departure D19 from Copenhagen (CPH) after 2 p.m. (2) The Port of Amsterdam may unexpectedly decide to change the mooring places for cruise ships. In case of modification, an alternative will be set up as close as possible to the city of Amsterdam.



18-DAY / 17-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. BAX PP

# The Elbe, the Havel and the Romantic Rhine From Berlin to Strasbourg

#### DAY 1 | Berlin (Germany)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Berlin

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of Berlin
- Free afternoon in Berlin
- Berlin by night

#### DAY 3 | Berlin • Potsdam • Brandenburg

Excursions proposed:

- Charlottenburg CastlePotsdam and the Gardens of Sanssouci Palace Cruise towards Brandenburg

#### DAY 4 | Brandenburg • Magdeburg

Excursion proposed:

Magdeburg

Free time in the city

#### DAY 5 | Magdeburg • Calvoerde • Wolfsburg Anderten

Excursion proposed:

• The Volkswagen Autostadt in Wolfsburg Cruise towards Anderten

#### DAY 6 | Anderten • Minden • Nienburg

Cruise towards Hanover Excursion proposed:

Hanover

Cruise towards Nienburg

#### DAY 7 | Nienburg • Hoya • Bremen

Free tour of the "Red Town" Cruise towards Bremen

#### DAY 8 | Bremen • Oldenburg • Dörpen

Excursion proposed:

DAY 10 | Groningen • Amsterdam or surroundings(1) Day spent cruising towards Amsterdam

#### DAY 11 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1)

Excursion proposed:

Amsterdam

Free time in the city

#### DAY 12 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1)

Free day and lunch in Amsterdam

#### DAY 13 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1)

Free morning in the city Excursion proposed:

• Volendam and Zaanse Schans Cruise towards Nijmegen

#### DAY 14 | Nijmegen • Krefeld (Germany)

Excursion proposed:

• Dutch Open Air Museum of Arnhem

#### DAY 15 | Krefeld • Cologne

Morning spent cruising towards Cologne Excursion proposed:

• Guided walking tour of Cologne

#### DAY 16 | Rüdesheim

Cruise towards Rüdesheim Excursion proposed:

Rüdesheim by tourist train, wine tasting and visit to the Museum of Mechanical Instruments

#### DAY 17 | Rüdesheim • Mannheim

Morning spent cruising

Excursion proposed: • Heidelberg

Gala dinner

#### DAY 18 | Strasbourg (France)



# Cruise highlights

An enticing mixture of nature and culture

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- · Berlin, iconic capital
- The Charlottenburg Palace
- · Magdeburg, Hanseatic town
- · Hanover, capital of Lower Saxony
- · Bremen, the oldest maritime city in Germany
- · Volendam, famous fishing village



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15-DAY / 14-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. ATV PP

# From the Dutch Canals to the Rhine and the Danube From Amsterdam to Vienna

#### DAY 1 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1) (Holland)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Free time in Amsterdam

#### DAY 2 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1)

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of Amsterdam
- Guided tour of Volendam and Zaanse Schans Cruise towards Nijmegen

#### DAY 3 | Nijmegen • Krefeld (Germany)

Excursion proposed:

• The Netherlands Open Air Museum in Arnhem Cruise towards Krefeld

#### DAY 4 | Krefeld • Cologne

Cruise towards Cologne Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Coloane

#### DAY 5 | Rüdesheim

Cruise on the Rhine towards Rüdesheim Excursion proposed:

• Rüdesheim by tourist train and the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments

#### DAY 6 | Rüdesheim • Mannheim

Cruise towards Mannheim Excursion proposed

· Guided tour of Heidelberg Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 | Strasbourg (France)

Cruise towards Strasbourg

Excursion proposed:

· Strasbourg canal boat tour and visit of the cathedral

#### DAY 8 | Frankfurt (Germany)

Excursion proposed:

· Panoramic tour of Frankfurt and ascent of the Main Tower Cruise towards Karlstadt-sur-le-Main

#### DAY 9 | Karlstadt-sur-le-Main • Wurzburg

Excursion proposed

· Guided tour of Wurzburg Cruise towards Schweinfurt

#### DAY 10 | Schweinfurt • Nuremberg

Free time in Schweinfurt Cruise towards Nuremberg

#### DAY 11 | Nuremberg

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Nuremberg Cruise towards Regensburg

#### DAY 12 | Regensburg

Free time in Regensburg Excursion proposed:

· Guided tour of Regensburg Cruise towards Passau

#### DAY 13 | Passau

Free time in Passau Cruise towards Vienna Gala dinner

#### DAY 14 | Vienna (Austria)

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of the Hofburg and the "Sissi" museum
- Vienna, the Capucin church and the National Library
- Concert of Viennese music(2)

#### DAY 15 | Vienna

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109 and 122 to 125.

# Cruise highlights

· Sailing on one of Europe's largest

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

Surprising Amsterdam

- · Volendam, an old fishing village on the IJsselmeer and Zaanse Schans, a picturesque village
- Wurzburg, a fascinating journey through time and architectural styles Regensburg, a city of character,
- with its maze of narrow streets and medieval mansions
- Vienna, the Capuchin Church, the Imperial Crypt and the National Library



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(2) Subject to availability.

29-DAY / 28-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. BSB PP

Contact us for the detailed programme

# Discover 5 countries on a Trans-European cruise From Budapest to Berlin

 $\textbf{Budapest} \bullet \textbf{Vienna} \bullet \textbf{Melk} \bullet \textbf{Passau} \bullet \textbf{Frankfurt} \bullet \textbf{Mainz} \bullet \textbf{Strasbourg} \bullet \textbf{R\"{u}desheim} \bullet \textbf{Cologne} \bullet \textbf{Amsterdam} \bullet \textbf{Groningen} \bullet \textbf{Papenburg} \bullet \textbf{Oldenburg}$ Bremen • Nienburg • Hanover • Magdeburg • Potsdam • Berlin

From Budapest, embark on a trans-European cruise to Berlin, an amazing 3-in-1 to discover 5 countries with diverse and fascinating traditions and cultures. While cruising the Danube, the Main, the Rhine and the Elbe, you will have the opportunity to visit exceptional cities and sites such as Vienna, Frankfurt, Amsterdam or Potsdam. We guarantee an unforgettable journey!

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13-DAY / 12-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. SBU PP / BUS PP (opposite direction)

# Journey through four Northern European countries From Strasbourg to Budapest

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise towards Mainz

#### DAY 2 | Mainz • Frankfurt (Germany)

Discover Mainz with your hostess Cruise towards Frankfurt Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Frankfurt
   DISCOVERY: Panoramic tour of Frankfurt and ascent of the Main Tower

#### DAY 3 | Miltenberg • Wertheim

Discover Miltenberg with your hostess Cruise towards Wertheim Free time to discover the city on your own

#### DAY 4 | Wertheim • Wurzburg • Kitzingen

Cruise towards Karlstadt Excursion for both packages:

· Guided tour of Wurzburg Cruise towards Kitzingen

#### DAY 5 | Kitzingen • Rothenburg • Bamberg

Cruise towards Schweinfurt Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Rothenburg Cruise towards Bamberg

#### DAY 6 | Bamberg • Nuremberg • Mühlhausen

Cruise towards Nuremberg Excursion for both packages:

· Guided tour of Nuremberg Cruise towards Mühlhausen

#### DAY 7 | Mühlhausen • Regensburg

Cruise towards Kelheim

Excursion for both packages: Guided tour of Regensburg

#### DAY 8 | Regensburg • Passau

Cruise towards Passau Discover Passau with your hostess

#### DAY 9 | Passau • Melk • Vienna (Austria)

Cruise towards Melk

Excursion for both packages: Visit Melk Abbev

Cruise towards Dürnstein Free time in the city Cruise towards Vienna Excursion for both packages:

• Discover Vienna by night

#### DAY 10 | Vienna • Esztergom (Hungary)

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Schönbrunn Palace
- DISCOVERY: The high art of Viennese living: music and Viennese cafes

Free time or horse-drawn carriage ride through Vienna<sup>(1)</sup>

Cruise towards Esztergom Gala dinner

#### DAY 11 | Esztergom • Budapest

Free time to discover Esztergom on your own Cruise towards Budapest Excursion for both packages:

· Discover Budapest by night

#### DAY 12 | Budapest

Excursion for both packages:

Guided tour of Budapest

Free time or guided visit of the Gellert baths and spa<sup>(1)</sup> or Budapest Market Halls<sup>(1-2)</sup> Excursion for both packages:

Traditional folk evening

#### DAY 13 | Budapest

Disembark at 9:00 a m

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109 and 122 to 125.

# Cruise highlights

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- · Frankfurt and its impressive Main Tower
- Melk Abbey, a true wonder of Baroque architecture
- · Vienna and the heritage of the House of Habsburg
- · Budapest, 2,000 years of history



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(1) Not included in the packages.

(2) The Budapest in the packages.

(2) The Budapest Market Halls are closed on Sundays, and will be replaced by the visit of the Jewish quarter followed by a tasting of Hungarian products.





12-DAY / 11-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. AMB PP / BMA PP (opposite direction)

# Journey between Holland and Germany From Amsterdam to Berlin

#### DAY 1 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1) (Holland)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Free evening

#### DAY 2 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1)

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of Amsterdam
- Volendam and Zaanse Schans

#### Free evening

#### DAY 3 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1) Groningen • Delfzijl

Cruise towards Groningen
Free time to discover the city on your own

#### DAY 4 | Delfzijl • Papenburg Oldenburg (Germany)

Cruise towards Papenburg Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of the Meyer Werft shipyard

#### DAY 5 | Oldenburg • Bremen

Free time to discover Oldenburg on your own Excursion proposed:

· Guided tour of Bremen

#### DAY 6 | Bremen • Nienburg • Stolzenau • Minden

Cruise towards Nienburg Transfer proposed to downtown Nienburg for an unguided tour of the city

#### DAY 7 | Minden • Hanover • Anderten Braunschweig

Cruise towards Hanover Excursion proposed:

· Guided tour of Hanover Gala dinner

#### DAY 8 | Braunschweig • Bulstringen Magdeburg

Cruise towards Bulstringen Excursion proposed:

· Guided tour of Magdeburg

#### DAY 9 | Magdeburg • Brandenburg • Potsdam

Cruise towards Brandenburg Excursion proposed:

• Potsdam and the gardens of the Sanssouci Palace

#### DAY 10 | Potsdam • Berlin

Cruise towards Berlin Spandau Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of Berlin
- · Tour of Berlin by night

#### DAY 11 | Berlin

Excursion proposed:

Visit of the Charlottenburg Palace
 Free time to discover Berlin on your own

#### DAY 12 | Berlin

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109 and 122 to 125.

# Cruise highlights

· Discover an enticing mixture of nature and culture through Holland and Germany

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- · Volendam, famous fishing village
- · Bremen, Hanover and Magdeburg
- Potsdam and the gardens of the Sanssouci Palace
- · Berlin and Charlottenburg Palace



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11-DAY / 10-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. ASA PP

## Cruise from Provence to the Netherlands From Arles to Amsterdam

#### DAY 1 | Arles (France)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Excursion for both packages:

· Guided tour of Arles

#### DAY 2 | Arles • Port-Saint-Louis • Martigues(1)

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Discover the Camargue
- DISCOVERY: Jeep through the Camargue Cruise towards Martigues Free time to explore the city on your own Cruise towards Arles

#### DAY 3 | Arles • Viviers

Excursion for both packages: The Baux-de-Provence

Cruise towards Viviers

#### DAY 4 | Viviers • Tain L'hermitage The Vercors Plateau

Cruise towards Tain l'Hermitage Excursion for both packages:

· Discover the Vercors and taste the famous Clairette de Die sparkling wine Gala dinner

Cruise towards Lyon

#### DAY 5 | Lyon • Basel (Switzerland)

Coach transfer to Basel Boarding in Basel Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise towards Breisach

#### DAY 6 | Breisach (Germany)

Excursion for both packages:

• Colmar and the Unterlinden Museum(2)

#### DAY 7 | Breisach • Strasbourg (France)

Cruise towards Strasbourg Excursion for both packages:

 Boat tour of Strasbourg Cruise towards Mainz

#### DAY 8 | Mainz • Koblenz (Germany)

Excursion for both packages

• Mainz and the Gutenberg Museum(3) Cruise towards Koblenz Tour of Koblenz with your hostess

#### DAY 9 | Koblenz • Cologne • Düsseldorf

Cruise towards Cologne Excursion for both packages:

 Guided tour of Cologne Cruise towards Düsseldorf Gala dinner

#### DAY 10 | Düsseldorf • Xanten Nijmegen (Holland) • Amsterdam or surroundings(4)

Excursion for both packages

• The open-air museum in Arnhem Cruise towards Amsterdam

#### DAY 11 | Amsterdam or surroundings(4)

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 65 to 67, 104 to 109 and 122 to 125.

# Cruise highlights

- The combination of history, tradition
- and culture, a passionate encounter

   Visit the hidden treasures in France, Germany and Holland
- Historic sites, charming towns, the wonderful flavours of the products from the regions so much pleasure to share during a cruise

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- · Arles and its vestiges of the Roman **Empire**
- · Strasbourg, European capital
- Amsterdam and its unique atmosphere
- The open-air museum in Arnhem



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- (1) Depending on mooring availability, the stopover in Martigues could be replaced by a stopover in Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône.
- (2) The museum is closed on Tuesdays. It will be replaced by a visit to the Hansi Museum instead.
- (3) The Gutenberg Museum is closed on Mondays
- (4) The Port of Amsterdam may unexpectedly decide to change the mooring places for cruise ships. In case of modification, an alternative will be set up as close as possible to the city of Amsterdam.





11-DAY / 10-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. ANS\_PP

# Holland and the romantic Rhine valley From Antwerp to Strasbourg

#### DAY 1 | Antwerp (Belgium)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Antwerp • Rotterdam (Holland)

Explore the old city with your hostess Cruise towards Rotterdam Gala dinner

#### DAY 3 | Rotterdam Amsterdam or surroundings<sup>(1)</sup>

Excursion for both packages:
• The Keukenhof floral gardens<sup>(2)</sup>
Free time in Rotterdam
Cruise towards Amsterdam

#### DAY 4 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1)

In the morning, excursion for both packages:
• Guided tour of Amsterdam
In the afternoon, excursion for both packages:

Volendam and Zaanse Schans

#### DAY 5 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1)

Free day and lunch

#### DAY 6 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1)

Free morning

In the afternoon, excursion for both packages:

• **DISCOVERY:** Bike tour of Amsterdam Cruise towards Nijmegen

#### DAY 7 | Nijmegen • Krefeld (Germany)

Excursion for both packages:

• The open-air museum in Arnhem Cruise towards Krefeld

#### DAY 8 | Krefeld • Cologne

Cruise towards Cologne Excursion for both packages:

 Guided tour of Cologne Cruise towards Rüdesheim

#### DAY 9 | Rüdesheim

Cruise on the romantic Rhine Excursions proposed:

 CLASSIC: Tour of Rüdesheim by tourist train, wine tasting and visit to the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments

• **DISCOVERY:** Hike through the vineyards in Rüdesheim

Free evening in the Drosselgasse Cruise towards Mannheim

#### DAY 10 | Rüdesheim • Mannheim

Cruise towards Mannheim Excursion for both packages:

Guided tour of Heidelberg
 Gala dinner

#### DAY 11 | Strasbourg (France)

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

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- Delightful scents and springtime colors at the Keukenhof floral gardens<sup>(2)</sup>
- Amsterdam and its unique atmosphere
- Volendam, an authentic Dutch village
- Zaanse Schans, its windmills and traditional houses
- Charming Rüdesheim and its famous Drosselgasse
- Heidelberg, the most romantic city in Germany

REF. VMS\_PP / SMV\_PP

- Vienna and the Habsburg monarchy
- The authentic medieval city of Rothenburg
- Old-time Wurzburg and its fascinating architectural styles
- Delightful Miltenberg
- Frankfurt, the Main Tower, and its panoramic view



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- (1) The Port of Amsterdam may unexpectedly decide to change the mooring places for cruise ships. In case of modification, an alternative will be set up as close as possible to the city of Amsterdam.
- (2) Available only through reservation before departure. Open from March 21<sup>th</sup> to May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The opening dates are subject to change by Keukenhof floral gardens.

10-DAY / 9-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. VMS PP / SMV PP (opposite direction)

# Cruise through the Heart of Europe from the Danube to the Rhine From Vienna to Strasbourg

#### DAY 1 | Vienna (Austria)

Boarding at 4:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Vienna

Excursions proposed:

- Schoenbrunn Palace along with a panoramic tour of Vienna
- Hofburg Palace Cruise towards Passau

#### DAY 3 | Passau (Germany)

Cruise on the beautiful Danube Free time to discover Passau on your own or with your hostess Cruise towards Regensburg

#### DAY 4 | Regensburg • Kelheim

Excursion proposed

• Guided tour of Regensburg Cruise towards Nuremberg

#### DAY 5 | Nuremberg • Erlangen

Excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of Nuremberg Cruise towards Schweinfurt

#### DAY 6 | Schweinfurt • Rothenburg

Excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of Rothenburg ob der Tauber Cruise towards Wurzburg

#### DAY 7 | Wurzburg

Excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of Wurzburg Cruise towards Miltenberg

#### DAY 8 | Miltenberg

Free time to discover Miltenberg on your own or with your hostess Cruise towards Frankfurt

#### DAY 9 | Frankfurt • Mainz

Excursion proposed

 Panoramic tour of Frankfurt and ascent of the Main Tower Cruise towards Mainz Discover Mainz with your hostess

Discover Mainz with your hostess Gala dinner

#### DAY 10 | Strasbourg (France)

Cruise towards Strasbourg Disembark at 2:00 p.m.

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109 and 122 to 125.



10-DAY / 9-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. HAV PP

# Holland and the Rhine Valley From Strasbourg to Antwerp

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise towards Mannheim

#### DAY 2 | Mannheim (Germany) • Nierstein Rüdesheim • Koblenz

Excursion for both packages: Heidelberg Cruise towards Rüdesheim

- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: Rüdesheim by touristic train and guided visit of the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments.
- **DISCOVERY**: Hiking through the vineyards in Rüdesheim

#### DAY 3 | Rüdesheim • Cologne

Cruise towards Cologne Tour of Cologne with your hostess Cruise towards Düsseldorf

#### DAY 4 | Amsterdam or surroundings(2) (Holland)

Day spent cruising towards Amsterdam Free evening in Amsterdam

#### DAY 5 | Amsterdam or surroundings(2)

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Visit of Amsterdam

- DISCOVERY: Bike tour in Amsterdam Free time in the city

#### DAY 6 | Amsterdam or surroundings(2)

Free time in Amsterdam (lunch not included)

#### DAY 7 | Amsterdam or surroundings(2) Wijk bij Duurstede

Free morning in the city Excursion proposed: Volendam and Zaanse Schans Cruise towards Wijk bij Duurstede

#### DAY 8 | Wijk bij Duurstede • Rotterdam

Cruise towards Rotterdam Excursion proposed: The Keukenhof gardens<sup>(1)</sup> Gala dinner

#### DAY 9 | Rotterdam • Antwerp (Belgium)

Cruise towards Antwerp Tour of the old city with your hostess

#### DAY 10 | Antwerp

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- Rüdesheim and the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments
- The Keukenhof Floral Gardens(1) • Amsterdam and its unique atmosphere



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UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES



FREE Wi-Fi



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9-DAY / 8-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. STW\_PP

# The Romantic Rhine and the Blue Danube From Strasbourg to Vienna

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 11:00 a.m. Lunch on board Cruise towards Frankfurt Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Frankfurt (Germany)

Excursion proposed:

 Panoramic tour of Frankfurt and ascent of the Main Tower Cruise towards Karlstadt-sur-le-Main

#### DAY 3 | Karlstadt-sur-le-Main • Wurzburg

Sailing in the morning on the Main Excursion proposed:

Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Wurzburg
Cruise towards Schweinfurt

#### DAY 4 | Schweinfurt • Nuremberg

Free time to discover Schweinfurt on your own or with your hostess Cruise towards Nuremberg

#### DAY 5 | Nuremberg

Excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of Nuremberg Cruise towards Regensburg

#### DAY 6 | Regensburg

Free time to discover Regensburg in the morning Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Regensburg Cruise towards Passau

#### DAY 7 | Passau

Free time to discover Passau on your own or with your hostess Cruise towards Vienna Gala dinner

#### DAY 8 | Vienna (Austria)

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of the Hofburg and the "Sissi" museum
- Vienna, the Capuchin church and the National Library Excursion proposed in the evening:
- Concert of Viennese music<sup>(1)</sup>

#### DAY 9 | Vienna

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109 and 122 to 125.

# Cruise highlights

 Navigation on the Rhine-Main-Danube Canal, one of the longest river links in Europe

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- Frankfurt, the Main Tower and its panoramic platform
- Wurzburg, a fascinating journey through time and architectural styles
- Regensburg, a city of character, with its maze of narrow streets and medieval houses
- Vienna, the Capuchin Church, the Imperial Crypt and the National Library



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(1) Subject to availability.







# NORTHERN EUROPE Holland and Belgium

A cruise through Holland in the spring is everything you imagine: magnificent fields of tulips, eclectic Amsterdam, historic Rotterdam and windmills at every twist and turn

A cruise through Belgium is a Jacques Brel melody coming to life: Brussels, a potpourri of Gothic, Renaissance, classic, and contemporary architecture, and bustling Antwerp. Our cruises also bring you the best savory and sweet delights to be found in both countries.

# The Rhine and its tributaries

The Rhine was the first river CroisiEurope cruised on, and it remains our flagship destination even today. The Rhine is the ultimate European experience, bar none. The river begins in the Alps and ends over 1,350 km further along in the North Sea.

The romantic Rhine Valley offers fairytale-like landscapes dotted with castles, rolling vineyards, and picturesque villages. Discover Europe on one of the most enchanting, romantic, scenic, and natural rivers in the world.

# OUR SHIPS ON THE RHINE

#### CATEGORY: PREMIUM

- MS Douce France
- MS Gérard Schmitter
- MS Lafayette
- MS Symphonie









#### CATEGORY: STANDARD

- MS Beethoven
- MS Europe
- MS France
- MS La Bohème
- MS Leonardo da Vinci
- MS Modigliani
- MS Mona Lisa
- MS Monet
- MS Victor Hugo













6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. AIJ PP

# Cruise on the IJsselmeer, one of Holland's treasures Round-trip cruise from Amsterdam

#### DAY 1 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1) • Lemmer

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Amsterdam
- DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Amsterdam

Cruise towards Lemmer

#### DAY 3 | Lemmer • Enkhuizen

Excursion for both packages:

· Guided tour of Giethoorn and boat ride on the canals

Cruise towards Enkhuizen Free time to discover Enkhuizen on your own

#### DAY 4 | Enkhuizen • Hoorn Amsterdam or surroundings(1)

- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: Guided tour of Alkmaar and its Cheese Museum
- DISCOVERY: Bike tour through the polders Cruise on the Markermeer towards Amsterdam



#### DAY 5 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1)

Excursion for both packages:

• The Keukenhof floral gardens<sup>(2)</sup>

Free time to discover Amsterdam at your own pace Gala dinner

#### DAY 6 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1)

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109.

# Cruise highlights

Cruise along the most beautiful canals and lakes in Holland

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- · Amsterdam by coach or by bike for a tour of its most secret and unique spots
- Fishermen's huts typical of the Dutch countryside
- The ancestral know-how of cheese and clog makers in Zaanse Schans



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES



FREE Wi-Fi



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  (2) Available only through reservation before departure. Open from March 21th to May 12th, 2024. The opening dates are subject to change by Keukenhof floral gardens.





6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. ARO PP

# The Best of the Netherlands Round-trip cruise from Amsterdam

#### DAY 1 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1) • Hoorn

Cruise towards Hoorn

Excursion proposed: • Edam and Volendam

Cruise towards Gouda

#### DAY 3 | Gouda • Rotterdam

Excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of Gouda Cruise towards Rotterdam

#### DAY 4 | Rotterdam

Excursions proposed:

- The Windmills of Kinderdijk
- The Hague and the Mauritshuis Gala dinner

Cruise towards Amsterdam



#### DAY 5 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1)

Excursions proposed:

- Amsterdam and the Jordaan district
- The Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam

#### DAY 6 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1)

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109.

# Cruise highlights

Cruise on Lake Markermeer and the Dutch canals

#### **EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:**

- Edam and Volendam, quaint villages on the banks of the IJsselmeer
- · Gouda, where the famous cheese was born
- The Windmills of Kinderdijk, the iconic reflection of the country

Tasting of regional products:

- Delicious Edam and Gouda
- Smoked eel in Volendam
- · Stroopwafel, caramelized wafers
- Poffertjes, Dutch mini-pancakes



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



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FREE Wi-Fi



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5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. AWA PP

# Through authentic Holland

#### DAY 1 | Amsterdam or surroundings(2)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Free evening

#### DAY 2 | Amsterdam or surroundings<sup>(2)</sup> • Gouda

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of the heart of Amsterdam
- DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Amsterdam Cruise towards Gouda

#### DAY 3 | Gouda

Excursion for both packages:

• The Keukenhof floral gardens<sup>(1)</sup>

This afternoon, enjoy time on your own

Excursion proposed:

• Visit of the Cheese and Crafts Museum in Gouda and tasting

#### DAY 4 | Gouda • Rotterdam

Cruise on the Markermeer towards Hoorn

Excursion for both packages:

Guided visit of Delft

Cruise towards Rotterdam

Gala dinner

Cruise towards Amsterdam



DAY 5 | Amsterdam or surroundings<sup>(2)</sup> Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109.

5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. ANV\_PP / AAV\_PP (opposite direction)

# Blooming season in Holland From Antwerp to Amsterdam

#### DAY 1 | Antwerp (Belgium)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Antwerp • Rotterdam (Holland)

Explore the old city with your hostess Cruise towards Rotterdam Gala dinner

#### DAY 3 | Rotterdam Amsterdam or surroundings(2)

Excursion for both packages: • The Keukenhof floral gardens(1)

Free time in Rotterdam Cruise towards Amsterdam

#### DAY 4 | Amsterdam or surroundings(2)

- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: Guided tour of Amsterdam
- DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Amsterdam
- Excursions for both packages:
- · Volendam and Zaanse Schans Free evening

#### DAY 5 | Amsterdam or surroundings(2) Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109.

# Cruise highlights

REF. AWA\_PP

Cruise through the canals and the largest inland lakes in Holland

REF. ANV\_PP / AAV\_PP

5 days to discover Holland and its traditions

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:** REF. AWA\_PP

- Amsterdam by coach or by bike in search of its secret and unique spots
- The art of blue and white pottery known as Delftware

REF. ANV\_PP / AAV\_PP

- The Keukenhof floral gardens(1)
- Amsterdam and its unique atmosphere
- · Volendam, an authentic Dutch village
- · Zaanse Schans and its windmills



**ALL MEALS INCLUDED** 



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FREE Wi-Fi



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- (1) Open from March 21st to May 12th, 2024. The opening dates are subject to change by Keukenhof Flower Park. Only on pre-booking before departure.
- (2) The Port of Amsterdam may unexpectedly decide to change the mooring places for cruise ships. In case of modification, an alternative will be set up as close as possible to the city of Amsterdam.



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9-DAY / 8-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. SRF PP

# Charming sites along the Rhine, Main, Moselle, Neckar and Saar rivers From Strasbourg to Luxembourg

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 5:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Mannheim • Heidelberg (Germany the Rhine and Neckar)

Cruise towards Heidelberg Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Heidelberg

#### DAY 3 | Heidelberg • Mainz Frankfurt (the Neckar, Rhine, and Main)

Cruise towards Mainz Excursion proposed:

• Tour of Mainz and the Gutenberg Museum<sup>(1)</sup>

#### DAY 4 | Frankfurt • Rüdesheim (the Main and Rhine)

Excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of Frankfurt Cruise towards Rüdesheim

Excursion proposed:
• Tour of Rüdesheim by tourist train, wine tasting and visit to the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments

Free evening in the famous Drosselgasse

#### DAY 5 | Rüdesheim • Koblenz Cochem (the romantic Rhine and Moselle)

Cruise towards Koblenz Tour of the city with your hostess Cruise towards Cochem

#### DAY 6 | Cochem • Trier (the Moselle Valley)

Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Cochem Castle

Cruise towards Trier



#### DAY 7 | Trier (the Moselle and Saar) • Saarburg

Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Trier

Cruise towards Saarburg

Free time to discover the city on your own

# DAY 8 | Saarburg Luxembourg<sup>(2)</sup> (the Saar and Moselle)

Cruise towards Remich

**Fxcursion proposed:** 

• Guided tour of the city of Luxembourg visit to a winery and tasting in Remich

#### DAY 9 | Luxembourg<sup>(2)</sup> • Strasbourg

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

Possibility of coach transfer to Strasbourg

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109.

# Cruise highlights

- · The cultural diversity of five authentic rivers
- · Cruise the picturesque Moselle Valley
- The Romantic Rhine, CroisiEurope's flagship destination

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- · Trier and its Roman ruins
- Frankfurt, a dynamic and international city
- Luxembourg, the capital of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
- The underground wine cellars
  - of Remich



ALL MEALS INCLUDED

UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY **BEVERAGES** 





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- (1) The Gutenberg Museum is closed on Mondays.
- (2) Depending on mooring availabilities in Luxembourg, the stopover in Remich may be replaced by Grevenmacher.





8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. ABE PP / BEA PP (opposite direction)

# The treasures of the celebrated Rhine river From Amsterdam to Basel

#### DAY 1 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1) (Holland)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Free evening

#### DAY 2 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1)

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Amsterdam
- DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Amsterdam

Excursion for both packages:

 The Keukenhof floral gardens<sup>(2)</sup> Cruise towards Emmerich-am-Rhein

#### DAY 3 | Emmerich-am-Rhein (Germany)

Excursion for both packages:

• The open-air museum in Arnhem Cruise towards Cologne

#### DAY 4 | Cologne • Koblenz

Excursion for both packages:

· Guided tour of Cologne Cruise towards Koblenz Free time to stroll towards the famous Deutsches Eck

#### DAY 5 | Koblenz • Mainz

Cruise towards Mainz

Excursion for both packages:

 Guided visit of Mainz and the Gutenberg museum<sup>(3</sup>

Cruise towards Strasbourg

#### DAY 6 | Strasbourg (France) Breisach (Germany)

Excursion for both packages:

 Boat tour of Strasbourg Cruise towards Breisach



#### DAY 7 | Breisach • Basel (Switzerland)

Free time in Breisach(4)

Excursion for both packages:

 Colmar and the Unterlinden Museum<sup>(5)</sup> Cruise towards Basel

#### DAY 8 | Basel

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109.

# Cruise highlights

From Holland to the Three Countries Bridge, discover a unique blend of nature and culture

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- Amsterdam and its unique atmosphere
- Delightful scents and springtime colors at the Keukenhof floral gardens<sup>(2)</sup>
- · Haarlem, the golden age of the 17th century
- Colmar and the Unterlinden Museum(5)



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UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY **BEVERAGES** 



FREE Wi-Fi



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- (1) The Port of Amsterdam may unexpectedly decide to change the mooring places for cruise ships. In case of modification, an alternative will be set up as close as possible to the city of Amsterdam.
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  (2) Available only through reservation before departure. Open from March.

  21st to May 12st, 2024. The opening dates are subject to change by Keukenhof floral gardens. Outside the opening dates of the park, guided tour of Haarlem.

  (3) The Gutenberg Museum is closed on Mondays.
- (4) Coach transfer available: 25 €/person, booked and paid for on board. Transfers are only available when the boat is not moored near Breisach.
- (5) The museum is closed on Tuesdays. It will be replaced by a visit to the Hansi Museum instead.



7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. SFS PP

# The valley of the romantic Rhine, the Moselle and the Main Round-trip cruise from Strasbourg

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

# DAY 2 | Strasbourg Frankfurt (Germany - the Main)

Cruise towards Frankfurt

- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: Guided tour of Frankfurt
- DISCOVERY: Panoramic tour of Frankfurt and ascent of the Main Tower

#### DAY 3 | Frankfurt • Cochem (the Moselle)

Cruise towards Cochem Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Cochem Castle DISCOVERY: Panoramic hiking

in Cochem

#### DAY 4 | Cochem Koblenz (the Moselle and the Rhine)

Cruise towards Koblenz Explore the old city of Koblenz with your hostess

#### DAY 5 | Koblenz • Rüdesheim (the Rhine)

Cruise towards Rüdesheim Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Tour of Rüdesheim by tourist train, wine tasting and visit to the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments
- DISCOVERY: Hike through the vineyards in Rüdesheim

#### DAY 6 | Rüdesheim • Mannheim

Cruise towards Mannheim Excursion for both packages:

· Guided tour of Heidelberg Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 | Strasbourg

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109.

# Cruise highlights

· The combination of three rivers: the enchantment of the Rhine, the grace of the Moselle and the charm of the Main

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- · Frankfurt and the Main Tower
- · Koblenz, at the confluence of the Rhine and the Moselle
- Rüdesheim and the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments
- · Heidelberg and its castle overlooking the Neckar



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RHINE





7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. SBR PP / RSB PP (opposite direction)

# 4 Rivers: the Neckar, the romantic Rhine, the Moselle and the Saar From Strasbourg to Remich

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Mannheim • Heidelberg<sup>(1)</sup> (Germany) Rüdesheim<sup>(2)</sup> (the Neckar and the Rhine)

Excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of Heidelberg Cruise towards Rüdesheim

Free evening in the famous Drosselgasse

#### DAY 3 | Rüdesheim • Cochem (the romantic Rhine) Excursion proposed:

• Tour of Rüdesheim by tourist train, wine tasting and visit to the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments

Cruise towards Cochem

#### DAY 4 | Cochem • Trier (the Moselle)

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Cochem Castle Cruise towards Trier

#### DAY 5 | Trier • Remich<sup>(3)</sup> (the Saar and the Moselle)

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Trier

Cruise along the Saar and the Moselle towards Remich

#### DAY 6 | Luxembourg<sup>(3)</sup>

Excursions proposed:

- Visit to a winery complete with a tasting
   Guided tour of Luxembourg city Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 | Luxembourg<sup>(3)</sup>

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

Possibility of coach transfer to Strasbourg

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109.

# Cruise highlights

- The magic of 4 different rivers: the enchanting Neckar, the romantic Rhine, the picturesque Moselle, and the natural landscapes of the Sarre
- Charming villages appear on the banks of each river

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- Heidelberg, the most romantic city in Germany
- Trier and its Roman ruins
- Luxembourg, the capital of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
- The underground wine cellars(2)



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(1) The stopover in Heidelberg may be replaced by Mannheim or Ludwigshafen





7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. AST PP

# Holland and the romantic Rhine valley

#### DAY 1 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1) (Holland)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1)

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Amsterdam
- DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Amsterdam Excursion for both packages:
- The Keukenhof floral gardens<sup>(2)</sup>

#### DAY 3 | Nijmegen • Krefeld (Germany)

Excursion for both packages: Visit of the Dutch Open Air Museum of Arnhem

#### DAY 4 | Krefeld • Cologne

Excursion for both packages: Guided walking tour of Cologne

#### DAY 5 | Rüdesheim

- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: Depart by tourist train and stop at a wine tasting cellar, followed by a visit to the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments
- DISCOVERY: Hiking through the vineyards in Rüdesheim



#### DAY 6 | Rüdesheim • Mannheim

Excursion for both packages: Visit of Heidelberg

Disembark at 9:00 a m

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109.

Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 | Strasbourg (France)

6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. HSA\_PP

# The romantic Rhine Valley and Holland

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Mannheim • Nierstein Rüdesheim (Germany)

Excursion for both packages:

- Guided tour of Heidelberg Cruise towards Rüdesheim
- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: Tour of Rüdesheim by tourist train, wine tasting and visit to the Museum of Mechanical Musical
- Instruments • DISCOVERY: Hike through the vineyards in Rüdesheim

#### Free evening in the famous Drosselgasse

DAY 3 | Rüdesheim<sup>(3)</sup> • Cologne Cruise towards Cologne Tour of Cologne with your hostess Gala dinner

#### DAY 4 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1) (Holland)

Day spent cruising towards Amsterdam Free evening

#### DAY 5 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1)

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Amsterdam
- DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Amsterdam Excursion for both packages
- The Keukenhof floral gardens(2)

#### DAY 6 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1)

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

Possibility of coach transfer to Strasbourg

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109.

# Cruise highlights

- · Cruise along the majestic Rhine from Amsterdam to Strasbourg
- · Explore unique flavors and traditions

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

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- The distinctive architecture of Amsterdam by bus or by bike
- · Delightful scents and springtime colors at the Keukenhof floral gardens(2)
- Charming Rüdesheim and its Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments
- · Heidelberg, typical German town
- REF. HSA PP
- Rüdesheim and the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments
- · Amsterdam and its unique architecture by bus or by bike
- The Keukenhof Floral Gardens(2)



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  (2) Available only through reservation before departure. Open from March 21th to May 12th, 2024. The opening dates are subject to change by Keukenhof floral gardens.

  (3) Depending on mooring availabilities, the stopover in Rüdesheim may be preceded by a stopover in Bingen; the schedule of excursions may be modified.



6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. ABR / BAM

# Treasure trove of northern delights From Amsterdam to Brussels

#### DAY 1 | Brussels (Belgium) Amsterdam or surroundings(1) (Holland)

Coach transfer to Amsterdam Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Excursion proposed:

· Canal boat tour through Amsterdam by night

#### DAY 2 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1)

Excursions proposed:

- Sightseeing tour of AmsterdamVolendam and Zaanse Schans

Free evening to explore the city on your own

#### DAY 3 | Amsterdam or surroundings(1) Rotterdam

Excursion proposed:

• The Hague and its hidden courtyards Cruise towards Rotterdam

#### DAY 4 | Rotterdam • Antwerp (Belgium)

Day spent cruising

Explore the old city of Antwerp with your hostess

#### DAY 5 | Antwerp • Brussels

Cruise towards Brussels

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Brussels and chocolate tasting Gala dinner

#### DAY 6 | Brussels

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109.

# Cruise highlights

• Discover unique flavours and traditions

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- · Zaanse Schans and Volendam, picturesque Dutch villages
- The Hague and its hidden courtyards
- Brussels, capital of Belgian chocolate



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FREE Wi-Fi



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# Round-trip cruises from Strasbourg

6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. CSW PP

# The mythic Rhine Valley and the Neckar

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Rüdesheim<sup>(1)</sup> (Germany)

Cruise towards Rüdesheim

- CLASSIC: Tour of Rüdesheim by tourist train, wine tasting and visit to the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments
- DISCOVERY: Hike through the vineyards in Rüdesheim

Free evening in the famous Drosselgasse

#### DAY 3 | Rüdesheim<sup>(1)</sup> • Koblenz

Cruise towards Koblenz

Excursion for both packages: · Guided tour of Koblenz and

the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress

Free evening to explore the city on your own

#### DAY 4 | Koblenz • Mainz

Cruise towards Mainz

Excursion for both packages:

Guided visit of Mainz and the Gutenberg museum<sup>(2)</sup>

#### DAY 5 | Rastatt

Cruise towards Rastatt Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Tour of Baden-Baden
- DISCOVERY: The Treetop Walk in the Black Forest Gala dinner

Cruise towards Strasbourg

#### DAY 6 | Strasbourg

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 104 to 109.



5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. SEH PP

# The Romantic Rhine Valley and the Rock of Lorelei

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Koblenz (Germany)

Day spent cruising towards Koblenz Tour of the city with your hostess

#### DAY 3 | Koblenz • The romantic Rhine Valley Rüdesheim<sup>(1)</sup>

Cruise towards Rüdesheim

Excursions proposed: • CLASSIC: Tour of Rüdesheim by tourist train, wine tasting and visit to the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments

• DISCOVERY: Hike through the vineyards in

Free evening in the famous Drosselgasse

#### DAY 4 | Rüdesheim<sup>(1)</sup> • Mannheim

Cruise towards Mannheim

Excursion for both packages:

· Guided tour of Heidelberg

#### DAY 5 | Strasbourg

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109.

# Cruise highlights

- The classic German vacation to experience again and again
- The charm of the romantic Rhine Valley

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

RFF CSW PP

- Rüdesheim, and a blast from the past at Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet
- The famous Drosselgasse, with its numerous cafés, bars and music
- · Koblenz, and its fortress overlooking the Rhine
- Mainz, the birthplace of Johannes Gutenberg
- · A walk through the vineyards and a tasting of regional products
- · Baden-Baden, an elegant spa town
- The Treetop Walk, a beautiful view of the Black Forest

#### REF. SEH PP

- · Picturesque tour through the vineyards and tasting of local products
- · Heidelberg and its castle overlooking



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY **BEVERAGES** 



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(1) Depending on mooring availabilities, the stopover in Rüdesheim may be preceded by a stopover in Bingen; the schedule of excursions may be modified.

(2) The Gutenberg Museum is closed on Mondays.





5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. SCM PP / CMS PP (opposite direction)

# Charming sites along the Moselle and the Rhine From Strasbourg to Cochem

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 5:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Mainz • Rüdesheim<sup>(1)</sup> • Boppard (Germany)

Excursion for both packages:

Guided tour of Mainz and the Gutenberg Museum<sup>(2)</sup>

Excursion for both packages:

Tour of Rüdesheim by tourist train, wine tasting and visit to the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments

Cruise towards Boppard Tour of the city with your hostess

#### DAY 3 | Boppard • Koblenz • Alken

Cruise towards Koblenz Tour of the city with your hostess Cruise towards Alken Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Thurant Castle

#### DAY 4 | Alken • Cochem

Cruise towards Cochem Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour on foot of Cochem

• DISCOVERY: Panoramic hiking in Cochem

#### DAY 5 | Cochem

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 104 to 109.



# Cruise highlights

· Experience the magic of two rivers with a cruise among steep cliffs, vineyards and romantic castles

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- · Cochem, authentic village
- Mainz and the Gutenberg Museum<sup>(2)</sup>
- · Alken and Thurant Castle
- Rüdesheim and Boppard



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(2) The Gutenberg Museum is closed on Mondays.







5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. SNG PP / SGN PP (opposite direction)

# Romantic German sites and the charming Neckar From Strasbourg to Stuttgart

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise towards Mannheim

#### DAY 2 | Mannheim • Heidelberg • Eberbach (Germany)

- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: Tour of Heidelberg and its castle
   DISCOVERY: The Technik Museum Sinsheim Cruise towards Eberbach

Free time on your own to stroll through the medieval city

#### DAY 3 | Eberbach • Heilbronn • Lauffen

Cruise towards Heilbronn

Excursion for both packages:

• Tour of Maulbronn and its monastery complex Cruise towards Lauffen

#### DAY 4 | Lauffen • Stuttgart

- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: Ludwigsburg Residential Palace
   DISCOVERY: The Porsche Museum

Cruise towards Stuttgart Gala dinner

#### DAY 5 | Stuttgart

Disembark at 9:00 a.m

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109.



# Cruise highlights

- · Amazing scenery along the Neckar River
- Authentic villages and cities dot the shores
- Every hill seems to have a castle of its own

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- Heidelberg, the most romantic city in Germany
- · The medieval Maulbronn Monastery
- · The Technik Museum Sinsheim, one of the largest vehicle collections in the world
- Ludwigsburg Residential Palace, one of the largest Baroque buildings in Europe



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The Elbe is a Central European river that begins in the Giant Mountains in the Czech Republic, flows through a large part of Germany, and joins the North Sea. The Vltava is the main tributary that meets up with the Elbe just north of Prague. We propose an exciting itinerary between the epicentre of Prague and Berlin on board our unique paddle riverboat.

#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Exclusive cruises on the Elbe and Vltava Rivers, the Oder and the Havel on board our unique paddle riverboat
- A mixture of nature and cultural heritage
- Exclusive itineraries between Berlin and Copenhagen, Prague or Hamburg

# OUR SHIPS ON THE ELBE

#### CATEGORY: PREMIUM

- MS Elbe Princesse
- MS Elbe Princesse II













9-DAY / 8-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. BPG PP / PGB PP (opposite direction)

# The majestic Elbe and VItava rivers From Berlin to Prague

#### DAY 1 | Berlin Tegel (Germany)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Berlin Tegel • Potsdam • Wusterwitz

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of Berlin
- The gardens of the Sanssouci Palace

#### DAY 3 | Wusterwitz • Magdeburg

Cruise towards Magdeburg Excursion proposed:

· Guided tour of Magdeburg

#### DAY 4 | Wittenberg

Excursion proposed:

· Guided tour of Wittenberg Cruise towards Meissen

#### DAY 5 | Meissen • Dresden

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of Meissen
- · Guided tour of Dresden

#### DAY 6 | Dresden • Bad Schandau • Decin Litomerice (Czech Republic)

Excursion proposed:

• The Elbe Sandstone Mountains

#### DAY 7 | Litomerice • Melnik

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Litomerice Cruise towards Melnik

#### DAY 8 | Melnik • Prague

Cruise towards Prague Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of Prague's Old Town
- Discover Prague's Castle District Gala dinner



#### DAY 9 | Prague

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

The Elbe is an uncontrolled river and experiences significant variations in water-level. Under certain conditions we may use a second ship to complete the cruise and deliver the itinerary.

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109

# Cruise highlights

- · Only with CroisiEurope: cruise on board a paddle riverboat
- Setting us apart from the rest: our ship moors in Prague

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- · Berlin, symbolic capital
- Potsdam and the gardens of the Sanssouci Palace
- Dresden, the Florence of the Elbe
- The Elbe Sandstone Mountains, natural and architectural wonders
- · Golden Prague



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7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. PGP PP

# A spectacular cruise on the Elbe and Vltava Rivers Round-trip cruise from Prague

#### DAY 1 | Prague (Czech Republic)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Prague • Slapy • Stechovice

Cruise towards Slapy on the Vltava, a winding river lined with hillsides on each bank and castles in romantic, restful landscap es so typical of central Bohemia

Free time

Excursion proposed:

 Konopiste Castle Free evening

#### DAY 3 | Stechovice • Prague

Cruise towards Prague Free afternoon and evening

#### DAY 4 | Prague

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of Prague's Old Town
  Discover Prague's Castle District

#### DAY 5 | Melnik

Cruise towards Melnik Excursion proposed:

Tour of Nelahozeves Castle and the birth house of Antonin Dvorak



#### DAY 6 | Melnik • Dresden (Germany) Roudnice (Czech Republic)

Full-day excursion:
• Dresden, the "Florence of the Elbe" and guided tour of the Royal Palace

Cruise towards Prague Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 | Prague

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109.

# Cruise highlights

A luxury cruise on an authentic paddle riverboat

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- · Prague, the Golden City
- The castles of Bohemia: Konopiste Castle, a former hunting lodge of the Habsburgs, and the Renaissance-style Nelahozeves Castle with its private artwork collection
- Dresden, the "Florence of the Elbe" and its Royal Palace



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7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE (8-day itinerary) • REF. BSD PP / SBL PP (opposite direction)

# The Havel, the Oder and the Baltic Sea From Berlin to Copenhagen

#### DAY 1 | Berlin Spandau (Germany)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Berlin Spandau • Eberswalde

Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Berlin

Cruise towards Fherswalde

#### DAY 3 | Eberswalde • Oderberg • Stolpe Szczecin (Poland)

Cruise towards Oderberg passing through the Niederfinow boat lift

Excursion proposed:

The Chorin Abbey

Cruise towards Szczecin

#### DAY 4 | Szczecin • Wolgast (Germany)

Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Szczecin

Cruise towards Wolgast

#### DAY 5 | Wolgast • Peenemünde Island Of Usedom • Greifswald • Lauterbach

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of the island of UsedomGuided tour of Greifswald

Gala dinner

#### DAY 6 | Lauterbach • Island of Rügen • Stralsund

- Excursions proposed:
- Guided tour of the island of Rügen
- · Guided tour of Stralsund

#### DAY 7 | Stralsund • Rostock • Gedser (Denmark) Copenhagen

Disembark at 9:00 a.m. Coach transfer to Rostock and ferry crossing to Gedser

Enjoy lunch on your own Coach transfer to Copenhagen Night at a 4-star hotel

#### DAY 8 | Copenhagen

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Copenhagen Lunch on your own

End of your journey

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109

# Cruise highlights

• A luxury cruise on an authentic paddle riverboat

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- The Chorin Abbey, a jewel of Cistercian architecture
- The breathtaking landscapes of the islands of Usedom and Rügen



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Copenhagen ( DENMARK



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7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. BHL\_PP / HLB\_PP (opposite direction)

## Discover the medieval charms of Hanseatic cities From Berlin to Hamburg

#### DAY 1 | Berlin Tegel

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Berlin • Nedlitz

Excursion proposed:

- · Guided tour of Berlin Cruise towards Nedlitz Excursion proposed:
- The gardens of the Sanssouci Palace Cruise towards Brandenburg

#### DAY 3 | Brandenburg • Magdeburg

Cruise towards Magdeburg Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Magdeburg Cruise towards Wolfsburg

#### DAY 4 | Wolfsburg • Lüneburg

Excursion proposed:

• Visit the Volkswagen Autostadt in Wolfsburg Cruise towards Lüneburg

#### DAY 5 | Lüneburg • Hamburg

Excursion proposed:

· Guided tour of Lüneburg Cruise towards Hamburg Passage on the Scharnebeck twin ship lift,

one of the highest in Europe



#### DAY 6 | Hamburg • Lübeck

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of Hamburg
- Guided tour of Lübeck
- Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 | Hamburg

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109.

## Cruise highlights

A luxury cruise on an authentic paddle riverboat

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- Berlin, symbolic capital
- Medieval Hanseatic cities: Magdeburg, Lüneburg, Hamburg and Lübeck
   The Wolfsburg Autostadt



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## Our excursions - Northern Europe

EXCURSIONS PACKAGE: Book several excursions at the same time as your cruise and benefit from preferential rates. Contact us for more information.

Our excursions are valid for a minimum of 25 participants. Below this number, our rates can be adjusted on board

## **CLASSIC EXCURSIONS**

#### **ALKMAAR**

#### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

Departure by coach for Alkmaar. Alkmaar is a historical town with over 400 monuments. The Waag (weigh house building), dating from the 14th century, the Town Hall dating from the 16th century, the Grote or Sint-Laurenskerk (St Lawrence church) and a multitude of enclosed courtyards, noteworthy facades and canals all partake in the particular atmosphere of this city. However, Alkmaar is particularly known for its cheese. Inside the weigh house building, a guided visit to the Cheese Museum will teach you all about the various steps to making dairy products. You'll discover the beautifully ornate cheese presses and various other implements and tools used to make cheese and butter over the centuries. Enjoy some free time before returning to the ship.

#### **ALSATIAN WINE ROUTE**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach with our guides to discover the Alsatian Wine Route. Our ride will take us through charming picturesque towns with half-timbered houses, fountains and presses. We'll drive through Riquewihr, officially one of the most beautiful villages in France and a true open-air museum sur-rounded by medieval fortifications and overlooked by a castle. Our tour will also take us through Ribeauville, the city of Minstrels. Along the way, well stop at a wine cellar for a tasting\* of some famous Alsatian wines, including its renowned whites.

#### **AMSTERDAM**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach for a guided tour of the city. From its romantic canals to its world-renowned museums and historical significance, Amsterdam never ceases to surprise. Our first stop will be the Riecker Windmill, a windmill located on the riverbanks of the Amstel River, south of the city. This mill was built in 1636 in the village of Sloten and was used as a polder mill for the polder of the same name (Riekerpolder). Our coach will then take us to the Bloemenmarkt, the famous floating flower market, one of the most fragrant places in Amsterdam in any seasons!

#### **AMSTERDAM AND** THE JORDAAN DISTRICT

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Enjoy a tour of Amsterdam from Leidseplein to Dam on an old-fashioned tram. Sites on this tour include the Museumplein, lively Leidsestraat, the floating flower market, the Spui, and much, much more. Of course, the canals are never far from view. We'll continue on foot to the upscale Jordaan district brimming with quirky galleries, independent boutiques, hip restaurants, and street cafés. The moving Anne Frank House museum is located close by. The tour ends at Westerkerk, the largest Protestant church in Holland and Rembrandt's final resting place.

#### **AMSTERDAM BY NIGHT**

#### LENGTH: 1.5 hours

We'll leave on foot with our hostess for our canal boat tour. We'll pass by the Port of Amsterdam and glide further into the "Venice of the North" along the renowned Amsterdam canals, providing an ideal vantage point on the city's wonderful architecture. If the boat is moored far away from the city centre, a supplement will have to be booked and paid on board (5€).

#### **BADEN-BADEN**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

The elegant spa town of Baden-Baden sits on the edge of the Black Forest. The area has been one of rest and relaxation since its founding over 2,000 years ago. It was known as the "Summer Capital of Europe" in the 19th century, when its clientele included European and Russian royalty and notable artists. During this excursion, we'll tour the street where the Friedrichsbad Spa is located and also visit the Old Town

#### **BERLIN**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach to visit the German capital with a local guide, taking us on a tour to learn about the history, monuments and fascinating facets of this historic city. We'll walk to the famous Victory Column with a statue of Bismarck beside it, then to the Brandenburg Gate, alongside the Reichstag Building with its steel and glass cupola. We'll then head to Museum Island, a complex of Berlin's five most famous museums. The modern Alexanderplatz and its famous Fernsehturm (Berlin TV Tower) are located beyond Museum Island. We'll then head to Checkpoint Charlie, symbol of the Cold War and the former crossing point between the American and Soviet zones.

#### **BERLIN BY NIGHT**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

After dinner you will leave by coach to explore contemporary Berlin. A guided walk will enable you to discover the contemporary architectural prowess of Renzo Piano, Richard Rogers, etc. A true no mans' land after the fall of the wall, this square now houses the headquarters of the DB, the Sony Center, and a cinema complex. At night, it comes to life and is illuminated. A futurist vision of the German capital.

Panoramic tour by coach with stops to take pictures and a walk on the Potsdamer Platz.

#### **BREMEN**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll set out on foot to visit the historic centre of this Hanseatic city. We'll visit the district of Schnoor located on the banks of the Weser River. This is the oldest district in Bremen and its narrow streets are filled with small half-timbered houses. We'll continue towards Marktplatz where you'll get to see St. Peter's Cathedral, the magnificent City Hall and more. Our visit ends after a walk down the Böttcherstrasse, a street famous for its unusual architectural ensemble belonging to a variant of the expressionist style. We'll pass the entrance gate with its impressive golden fresco depicting the Lichtbringer, Bringer of Light. After the tour, take advantage of some free time before returning on board on foot.

#### **BREISACH**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

Guided tour on foot of the old town of Breisach, a city along the Rhine. The romanesque St Stephansmunster cathedral overlooks this lovely German town with a European feel, characterized by its Romanesque and Gothic elements from the late 12th and 15th centuries. Our tour will end with a tasting of local wine<sup>3</sup>

#### **BRUSSELS AND CHOCOLATE FACTORY** LENGTH: 4 hours

Our visit of the Belgian capital will begin with a panoramic tour to see the famous monuments such as the Royal Palace of Laeken and the Atomium representing an iron crystal molecule enlarged 165 billion times and built for the Universal Exhibition in Brussels in 1958. We'll then head for the city centre to admire the Royal Palace of Brussels - the King's workplace, as well as numerous Art Nouveau style buildings and the European Institutions. The visit continues on foot to the Grand Place and its impressive Gothic Town Hall dating back to the 14th century, as well as the iconic landmark Manneken Pis. We'll stop off at a chocolate factory to learn what makes Belgian chocolates so delectable. Of course, we'll enjoy a tasting of these indulgent treats.

#### **CHARLOTTENBURG PALACE**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave from Berlin by coach for a stroll in the gardens before an audio-guided tour of Charlotten-burg Palace, one of the favorite summer residences of the Grand Electors of Brandenburg and, later, of the kings of Prussia. We'll visit the white room (the throne room and the sovereign's dining room), the Golden Gallery (dancing and music room), the Winter Chambers and Queen Louise's bedroom.

#### **CHORIN ABBEY**

#### LENGTH: 2.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for a guided tour of the Chorin Abbey. This 13<sup>th</sup> century Cistercian abbey is viewed as one of the masterpieces of Brick Gothic, typical of Northern Germany. Settled amidst an unspoiled picturesque landscape on the Southern edge of the Uckermark region, it was once a significant centre for architecture in the Middle Ages.

#### CITÉ DE L'AUTOMOBILE IN MULHOUSE LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure from Breisach towards Mulhouse for our guided tour of the largest car museum in the world. The Cite de l'Automobile's collection includes over 500 vehicles, from masterpieces to sports cars dating from 1878 Europe up to the present day. The Schlumpf Collection, located in a former textile factory from 1880 and spread out on  $20,000 \, \mathrm{m}^2$ , comprises more than 400 specimens listed as historical monuments. The museum contains the largest and most comprehensive collection of Bugatti motor vehicles in the world, including the Bugatti Royale Coupe Napoleon and an impressive number of Rolls-Royces. Return on board.

#### **COCHEM**

#### LENGTH: 1.5 hours

We'll leave on foot with our guide. The visit will begin on the opposite bank from Cochem, in Cond. As you cross the bridge, you will be able to spot the 900-year-old Cochem Imperial Castle (the Reichsburg) sitting on the hilltop. We'll then stop to admire a fresco relating the history of the town from its occupation by Roman legions to the 20<sup>th</sup> century. We'll continue our tour in the old town through streets lined with picturesque half-timbered houses. We'll get to see St Martin's Catholic Parish Church, the Capuchin Monastery, the Market Square and more After our tour, take advantage of some free time.

#### **COCHEM CASTLE**

#### LENGTH: 1.5 hours

We'll leave for a guided tour of the Cochem Imperial castle, the Reichsburg. Originally built in the year 1000 and consequently destroyed by French troops in the 17th century, the castle was entirely rebuilt according to old plans in Neo-Gothic style. After our tour, enjoy some free time to discover the city's narrow winding streets, its carefully restored half-timbered houses, the Town Hall square as well as ancient walls, gates and churches. We'll return on board on foot.

#### **COLMAR AND** THE ALSATIAN WINE ROUTE

#### LENGTH: 9 hours

We'll leave by coach for a guided tour of downtown Colmar, including historical sites such as the Unterlinden Museum, the "Little Venice" district, St Martin's Church and the Koifhus (also known as the "Ancienne Douane" building.) We'll enjoy lunch in the city (or its surroundings) before driving up the Alsatian Wine Route towards Obernai.

#### **COLMAR AND** THE UNTERLINDEN MUSEUM

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Colmar will charm you with its authenticity and typically Alsatian architecture composed of brightly painted half-timbered facades dating from the Middle You'll discover the quintessential neighborhood of "Little Venice" and visit the Unterlinden Museum, featuring a large collection of local and international artworks and manufactured artifacts from prehistorical to contemporary times. Inarguably, the most important work in the collection is the Isenheim Altarpiece.

The museum is closed on Tuesdays. It will be replaced by a visit to the Hansi Museum instead.

#### **COLOGNE**

#### LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll leave on foot with our guide for downtown Cologne. Located at the crossroads of Europe since the Middle Ages, Cologne has kept its importance as a vibrant commercial and industrial city as well as a cultural and religious centre. You'll be able to admire the exterior facades of the huge gothic cathedral. Around the cathedral, 12 other Romanesque style churches are set in a circle, representing the 12 holy apostles. We'll then move on to the Old Town and stop to admire the outside of the Neo-Gothic Farina Fragrance Museum, home to the famous "Eau de Cologne". After the tour, take advantage of some free time. Return by coach.

#### **COPENHAGEN**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll visit most of the exteriors of the main tourist attractions in the Danish capital, starting with Christiansborg Palace, the seat of the Danish Parliament, and Amalienborg, home of the Danish royal family. We'll then discover the impressive Gefion Fountain and get to see the famous statue of the Little Mermaid on the seafront.

#### **DELFT AND ITS POTTERY FACTORIES**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach with our guides for the city of Delft. We'll discover this charming city made famous by its blue and white ceramics, Delftware, as well as its connections to the Dutch Royal Family and the renowned painter Johannes Vermeer. We'll stroll through the enchanting city center where you'll be able to experience a bit of authentic Dutch living: calm canals shaded by trees, petite bridges, and historical buildings. We'll also visit a delft pottery factory in the city (or nearby) where you'll discover the secrets of making this famous imitation porcelain. We'll then head to the Oude Kerk, Nieuwe Kerk, and the Prinsenhof - where William of Orange was assassinated in 1584. Afterwards, we'll travel by coach to Rotterdam.

#### **DRESDEN**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave for a guided tour of the city known as the "Florence of the Elbe". Dresden offers a wide variety of attractions, including magnificent promenades on the banks of the Elbe, fascinating museums, and monuments. Our visit will begin with a panoramic tour, crossing the bridges over the Elbe. We'll admire the Altmarkt Square, the German Hygiene Museum, the Baroque Quarter, the Transparent Factory (VW) and the soccer stadium. We'll continue on foot to visit the historical old town, discovering the Zwinger, the Semperoper (opera house), the Cathedral, the Royal Palace, Brühl's Terrace, and the Neumarkt. After the tour, take advantage of some free time.

## DRESDEN, "THE FLORENCE OF THE ELBE" AND THE ROYAL PALACE

#### LENGTH: 10 hours

A relatively recent city with Slavic origin, Dresden became the capital of the Margravate of Meissen in the 13<sup>th</sup> century and the seat of the Dukes of Saxony in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Dresden offers a wide variety of attractions, including magnificent promenades on the bank of the Elbe, fascinating museums, monuments, and charming details. We'll have lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon, join us for a guided tour of the Royal Palace, the former residence of the Saxon Dukes and Electors and the Kings of Saxony. Today, we can revel in the splendor of its architecture and its collections, including the historic Green Vault, which contains the largest collection of treasures in Europe.

#### **EDAM AND VOLENDAM**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave for an excursion along the banks of the IJsselmeer, one of the largest freshwater lakes in Holland. Our first stop will be Edam. Although its name conjures up the delicious cheese, Edam is a small, lively city that is great to explore. Fishermen and farmers were drawn to this fertile area back in the 12th century, and the city grew steadily up to the 17th century. We'll visit the cheese warehouses that date back to the 13th century and enjoy a tasting of its famous namesake. After, we'll continue on to Volendam, which you can explore on your own. The village is quaint, colorful, and bursting with history. Enjoy a stroll along its streets or have a seat at the port and take it all in.

## EGUISHEIM AND THE ALSATIAN WINE ROUTE

#### LENGTH: 9 hours

We'll leave by coach from Breisach with our tour guide to visit the charming village of Eguisheim. Enjoy a stroll around the ancient city walls and discover the village's quaint streets full of lovely, colorful halftimbered homes. Keep an eye out for the

stork nests propped high on homes and belfries. Afterwards, we'll travel by coach to a farmhouse inn for a traditional local lunch. Everything during the meal is made with fresh farm produce: pot pies, smoked meats, old-fashioned potatoes, Munster cheese, and huckleberry pie. We'll spend the afternoon traveling along the Alsatian Wine Route. You will see a myriad of wellknown places, including Albert Schweitzer's birthplace, Kaysersberg; Bergheim, known for its witch trials; Ribeauville, the City of Fiddlers; and Riquewihr, in the heart of the vineyards. We'll stop at a wine cellar on the Wine Route to taste\* the famous white wines of Alsace. After our tour, we'll return on board the ship in Breisach.

#### **ELBE SANDSTONE MOUNTAINS**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach for the Elbe Sandstone Mountains, a national park consisting of a mountain range straddling the border between the state of Saxony in Southeastern Germany and the North Bohemian region of the Czech Republic. The river Elbe runs through the mountain range in a steep and narrow valley, and the hills are dotted with châteaux such as the Königstein Fortress and Hohnstein Castle, We'll visit the Königstein Fortress, built in the 13th century. During the 20th century, it was used as a prison, and, after the wars, as a re-education camp for delinquent youths who did not fit the image of a socialist society. The location offers magnificent views of the Elbe River and the surrounding mountain ranges.

#### **FRANKFURT**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

Our excursion to Frankfurt will begin with a panoramic tour of the city by coach. Frankfurt am Main is a dynamic and international city with Germany's most imposing skyline. Under the skyscrapers, you'll find cozy pubs, and at the heart of the bustling city centre, you'll find sites full of history. Frankfurt also has an unrivalled museum scene featuring masterpieces spanning nine centuries of European art. We'll leave the coach behind to visit the city on foot. After passing in front of the dominant Frankfurt Cathedral, we'll discover the old town and the Römerberg, seat of the city's government since the 15th century. After the tour, take advantage of some free time

#### **GIETHOORN**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach to reach Giethoorn, a charming lakeside town. Our trip will take us on a one-hour boat ride along the canals for an original discovery of this typical village. You'll be enchanted by the beautiful scenery of this town by the water and the welcoming spirit that suffuses the air. Before heading back to Lemmer, you will have some free time to wander about the humpback bridges or small footbridges spanning the canals.

#### **GOUDA**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

We all know about the cheese, but let's discover the city it comes from. Gouda is full of fascinating things to see, including the 15th-century town hall and the brilliant stained glass windows in the Gothic Sint Janskerk. At the end of our tour, we'll have a tasting of the city's namesake.

#### GOUDA CHEESE AND CRAFTS MUSEUM

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll leave on foot for the Goudse Waag, a museum located in a 1668 building designed by architect Pieter Post. The ground floor was formerly used to weigh cheese. Today, it has been transformed into the Cheese and Crafts Museum - where you can learn about the building's history, the products once traded here, and how Gouda cheese is made. After our tour, we'll return to the ship on foot.

#### GREIFSWALD

#### LENGTH: 4.25 hours

We'll set out by coach for a tour on foot of Greifswald. We will discover this lovely Hanseatic town with its renovated Brick Gothic style buildings typical of Northern Germany. Our walk along the ramparts surrounding the centre will take us past the city's imposing churches as well as the Town Hall. The most romantic spot in the city is without a doubt the inner courtyard of St Spiritus hospice, which today houses a Socio-Cultural Centre. After the tour, take advantage of some free time.

#### **HAARLEM**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach with our guides for Haarlem. Known as the "City of Flowers", Haarlem has for centuries been the main production and export centre for tulip bulbs. This charming town has been an inspiration for generations of painters throughout the centuries. We'll discover the Amsterdamse Poort (Amsterdam Gate) built in 1400, the Grote Markt (Main Square), the Corrie Ten Boom House and the impressive Gothic Cathedral of St Bavo dating from the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries.

#### **HAMBURG**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll set off by coach to visit Hamburg, viewed as one of Germany's prettiest towns. This Hanseatic town has preserved a rich heritage through the centuries. We'll start with a panoramic tour of the city by coach. We'll be able to admire the town's main attractions, such as the city centre with the Mönckerberstrasse, the Rathaus (Town Hall) located at the market square, the Stock Exchange, and St. Michael's Church. We'll move on to the historic centre, one of the oldest districts in Hamburg, where we'll see the Alster, a large lake located right amidst the city and the imposing 1897 Neo-Renaissance style Town Hall. We'll then move on to the 10-story Chilehaus which stands as an emblem of expressionist architecture with its Eastern façade resembling a ship's bow, and to Deichstrasse, an old shopping street with trading posts and houses dating from the 17th and 19th centuries. We'll return to the boat by coach.

#### HAMBURG, THE SPEICHERSTADT WAREHOUSE DISTRICT AND THE HAMBURG INTERNATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll enjoy a tour of the Speicherstadt warehouse district and the Hamburg International Maritime Museum. The district, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a part of the HafenCity quarter and has conserved its traditional architectural style featuring rows of red-brick, gabled buildings. The area contains the largest warehouse complex in the world, is over a century old, and is the symbol of the maritime history of the Hanseatic city of Hamburg. Afterwards, we'll visit a maritime museum housed in one of the oldest warehouses of the Speicherstadt. The museum has ten different levels, each exhibiting a different aspect of the close relationship between humankind and the sea through the ages and across civilizations. Exhibitions with numerous documents and objects—historical globes, maps, compasses, model ships, and so on—retrace three-thousand years of maritime history. The museum also contains a model of one of the cabins of the Ocean liner SS France and a Lego model of the RMS Queen Mary 2.

#### **HEIDELBERG AND ITS CASTLE**

#### LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for Heidelberg. We'll begin with a visit to the outside of Heidelberg Castle, where you'll be able to see the Renaissance ruins and parts of its restoration. Don't miss seeing the Heidelberg Tun. Built in 1751 by Prince Elector Karl Theodor, it housed the wine paid as taxes by the wine growers in the region. Legend has it that the permanently intoxicated court jester who guarded the cask, Perkeo, died after mistakenly drinking a simple glass of water. From either the Great Terrace or the gardens, enjoy an amazing view over Heidelberg, the Neckar River, and the valley. Enjoy a stroll through the castle gardens, once considered a masterpiece of their time. We'll then head for the Neckarmünzplatz, on the banks of the Neckar River, and continue with a guided tour of the old town. We'll pass by the Church of the Holy Spirit, the most famous church in Heidelberg, whose steeple dominates the town. After the tour, take advantage of some free time.

#### **HEIDELBERG AND ITS CASTLE**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave on foot for a guided tour of Heidelberg and its legendary castle. We'll take the recently renovated funicular railway from the Old Town area, getting our first glimpses of the impressive palace up close. Once above, we'll be able to take in the breathtaking views across the hills and valleys that surround the Neckar River. Although the castle is in ruins, we can still perceive its prestigious past. The walls, towers, and bunkers served as its defense, and the interior courts show off extravagant palace decor and exceptional sculptures. While the Hortus Palatinus garden seems like something straight out of a fairytale, the Heidelberg Tun has

been referenced in great works by Jules Verne, Washington Irving, and Mark Twain. We'll return to the Old Town the same way we went up. Enjoy some time in the city itself and soak up the atmosphere by meandering through lanes. The university is the oldest, and still the most prestigious, in Germany. By the end of our excursion, you'll understand why this lovely city has inspired many the painter and poet by its beauty.

#### **ISLAND OF RÜGEN**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll set out by coach with our guides to discover the biggest island in Germany. This tour will give us a good idea of the diversity of its landscapes. Rügen was the most famous holiday resort in Germany up until World War II. In 1936, a bridge was built connec-ting Rügen and the mainland. This ideal vacation spot in former GDR saw an emphasis on investment for new infrastructures after the reunification of the country. We'll go through Putbus, first seaside resort opened in 1816, then the island's main city, Bergen. We'll reach the Jasmund National Park with its fa-mous chalk cliffs towering at 100 m above the sea. Finally, we'll have some free time in the seaside resort of Binz to wander along this beautiful beach before returning to the boat.

#### **ISLAND OF USEDOM**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach with our guides for the island of Usedom, known as a trendy location after bathing in the sea came into fashion. In Usedom - also known as the "Sun Island" - you'll be delighted by the beautiful beaches and charming seaside architecture. We'll discover the Ahlbeck and Heringsdorf seaside resorts, nicknamed "Kaiserbad" or the "Emperor's baths'

#### **KEUKENHOF FLORAL PARK**

#### LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll leave by coach with our hostess for the Keukenhof floral park extending on 32 hectares (79 acres). You'll be able to stroll freely inside this beautiful park among the enchanting colours and fragrances of the many tulips, narcissus, daffodils and other ornamental bulbs, all the way to the orchid pavilion and the Japanese country garden. Do not miss the breathta-king view of the tulip fields from the top of an 1892 windmill at the back of the gardens! In the 15th century, the garden as we know it today was nothing but hunting grounds where aromatic herbs were grown for the kitchens of the castle belonging to Jacqueline, Countess of Hainaut, hence its current name, "Keukenhof" - "kitchen garden" in English.

Available only through reservation before departure. The Keukenhof floral park are open from March 21st to May 12st, 2024. The opening dates are subject to change by Keukenhof Flower Park.

#### **KOBLENZ AND** THE EHRENBREITSTEIN FORTRESS

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

Departure for a guided tour of Kohlenz. In the very heart of the picturesque regions around the Rhine and Moselle, Koblenz is surrounded by four low Rhineland mountain ranges and offers visitors a rich panel of cultural monuments and historic buildings. We will be able to see the "Liebfrauenkirche" (the Church of Our Lady) and the Deutsches Eck (Ger-man corner) from where we can see the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers. We'll then take the funicular up to visit the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress from where the views over the town, the Rhine and the Moselle are breathtaking. Overlooking the mouth of the Moselle and the Rhine Valley, the fortress benefits from a real strategic location. The edifice as we see it today was constructed under Prussian rule in 1817. Return on board.

#### **KONOPISTE CASTLE**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Join us for an excursion to Konopiste Castle. Located in an idyllic setting, this 13<sup>th</sup> century fortressentirely renovated in the 18<sup>th</sup> century—was the Habsburg's hunting lodge. In addition to its sumptuously decorated apartments, the castle is home to an impressive collection of medieval weapons and armor that once belonged to Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria. The castle was his last abode prior to his assassination in Sarajevo in 1914 prior to his assassination in Sarajevo in 1914.

#### **LITOMERICE**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave for a guided tour of the royal city of Litomerice located at the confluence of the Elbe and Ohre and one of the most beautiful cities in the Czech Republic. We'll admire the colourful Gothic, Baroque and Renaissance buildings bordered to a great extent by well-preserved Gothic fortifications. You'll

be enchanted by the rare architecture of the Saxon Renaissance Town Hall, the Chalice House with a roof terrace and the Black Eagle House, which has pre-served its original appearance with wonderful graffiti work. We'll enjoy a beer tasting\* before returning to the boat by coach.

#### LÜBECK

#### LENGTH: 5 hours

Guided tour of Lübeck. Known as the "Queen of the Hanseatic League," Lübeck was founded in 1143 by Adolf II, Count of Schauenburg and Holstein. UNESCO lists the city as a World Heritage Site because of its aristocratic homes and numerous red-brick Gothic monuments. Founded on the banks of the Trave River the historic center is home to a unique collection of monuments from different eras —namely the Gothic Renaissance, Baroque, and Classical periods. We'll discover the Holsten Gate leading to the old city center Lübeck's most well-known landmark and a symbol ol the power once possessed by this former Hanseatic city; St. Mary's Church, an absolute Gothic gem; and the castle monastery. We'll wrap up our excursion by visiting a tea room where we'll enjoy some delicious marzipan, a local specialty.

#### **LUDWIGSBURG RESIDENTIAL PALACE**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

The Ludwigsburg Residential Palace has been nicknamed the "Versailles of Swabia," and as soon as you see it, you'll understand why. The complex contains 452 rooms spread across 18 buildings and is the largest palatial estate in Germany. Our tour will take you through the castle's extraordinary interiors with architecture and decor spanning four centuries

#### LÜNEBURG

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll set off by coach for a guided tour of Lüneburg, undoubtedly one of the best preserved Hanseatic towns. In the Middle-Ages, it was one of the richest towns in Germany thanks to its salt deposits. From this prosperous time, the old town has preserved all its traditional experience we'll be one to be constructed to the content of t ditional architecture. We'll have the opportunity to admire the "Old Crane" (Alter Kran, from the 14th century) in the harbour area. Then, we'll discover the Town Hall whose construction was spread out between the 13th whose constitution was spread out between the 18th and 18th centuries. We'll admire the gothic-style Princes Hall (Fürstensaal), the Court Hall (Gerichtslaube) with a barrel vault dating from the 14th century, and the great meeting room, a Renaissance masterpiece decorated with frescoes from the 16th century and entirely paralled insused. nelled in wood.

#### LUXEMBOURG AND THE UNDERGROUND **WINERIES IN REMICH**

#### LENGTH: 6 hours

We'll leave from Remich for Luxembourg by coach. Our panoramic tour will give you a good taste of what's to be found: the old city, the fortress ruins, the European Convention Centre, and the Banking District. We'll then set out on a guided tour on foot to get a closer look at some of the sites, including the Place des Armes, Place de la Constitution, capital buildings, Conciche, old city, Grand Ducal Palace (exterior), and Place Guillaume II. After our tour, we'll return to Remich. We'll visit a winery and enjoy a tasting\*. You'll discover the secrets to wine making while strolling through underground passages that seem to go on for miles. After our excursion, we'll return on board our ship.

In case the original winery isn't available, we'll visit an other one.

#### **MAGDEBURG**

#### LENGTH: 5 hours

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We'll leave by coach to visit Magdeburg, which was once the cradle of the German nation. Our tour will begin with the Magdeburg Cathedral, the oldest Gothic cathedral in the country and home to the tomb of Emperor Otto I the Great. The town is located on Saxony-Anhalt's "Roman Road" in the heart of Germany and is proud of its other sacred monuments such as the Magdalenekapelle, St. Peter's Church, Wallonerkirche, the Monastery of Our Lady, and St. John's Church We'll continue with a panoramic tour taking us to the green Citadel of Magdeburg and the marketplace with a magnificent replica of the Magdeburg Horseman as well as the Town Hall and its bronze door.

#### **MAINAU ISLAND** AND RHINE FALLS

#### LENGTH: 12 hours (including transfer time of around 6 hours)

Departure from Basel for our excursion to Mainau Island and Lake Constance. There's so much to admire and discover in Mainau, one of the most famous tourist spots in Germany: park and gardens, nature and botany using all your senses. We'll have lunch on the island. Afterwards, we'll visit the Rhine Falls. The Rhine Falls are among the most spectacular sites to visit in Switzerland. You'll also discover the Laufen Castle and its impressive view overlooking the rumbling falls.

#### **MAINZ AND** THE GUTENBERG MUSEUM

#### LENGTH: 2.5 hours

We'll set off on foot for a guided tour of Mainz. We'll get to enter the magnificent cathedral whose construc-tion began in 975 and which has left a deep mark on the history of the town. Then, we'll wander up and down the picturesque streets of the old town. Finally, we'll visit the Gutenberg Museum (closed on Mondays), the world's finest museum for printing equipment, materials and books. Born in Mainz around 1400, Johannes Gensfleisch Gutenberg himself pre-pared the copy of the Bible referred to as "the 42-line Bible" which was published in 1455 - the oldest printed book in the world.

#### **MAULBRONN MONASTERY**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

The Maulbronn Monastery complex, founded in the  $12^{\rm th}$  century by Cistercian monks, is one of the best-preserved in Europe. The Romanesque church and Gothic cloister are surrounded by medieval walls and towers, making it a popular historic landmark for visitors from across the world.

#### **MEISSEN**

#### I FNGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave for a guided tour of Meissen, famous for its porcelain based on extensive local deposits of both china and potter's clay. Meissen is sometimes known as the "cradle of Saxony". Its historical district is located mostly around the market square at the foot of the castle hill, and contains many Renaissance-style buildings. In one of the window openings of Frauenkirche's tower, you can see the world's first carillon made of Meissen porcelain, manufactured in Calling Thade of Melsser porcelair, Tharludactured in 1929 on the occasion of the town's 1000-year jubilee. Afterwards, we'll visit the porcelain factory. In the museum, we'll take an enticing journey through more than 300 years of porcelain history.

#### **MEYER WERFT SHIPYARD**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll leave by coach for the Meyer Werft Shipyard. Founded in 1975, the shipyard has been owned and managed by the Meyer family for six generations. The first ships that were built there were small wooden vessels. Less than a hundred years later, the first iron ship was launched notwithstanding the other manufacturers mocking the idea, thinking that iron could not float. Meyer Werft gained international recognition through the construction of roll on/roll off ferries, passenger ferries, gasoline tankers, container ships, livestock ferries and most recently luxury cruise ships. Due to its upstream location on the river Ems, the giant ships to be delivered have to make a 36 km voyage to the Dollart

#### **NELAHOZEVES CASTLE, BIRTH HOUSE OFANTONIN DVORAK** LENGTH: 4 hours

Join us for a tour of Nelahozeves Castle, the birth house of Antonin Dvorak. We'll visit one of the most beautiful Renaissance castles in Bohemia that was home to 23 different Bohemian queens and prin-cesses. The castle walls are elaborately adorned with Italian-style stucco and wall paintings depicting sce-nes from the Old Testament and Greek mythology. It is also home to a rich, private collection of furniture and paintings-including works by Rubens, Velazquez, and many others—all belonging to the Lobkowicz fa-mily, the oldest and most eminent Bohemian noble family. We'll discover the luxurious lifestyle of the Bohe mian nobility during the Baroque period. At the end of our tour, you'll enjoy tasting a selection of wines from the castle's vineyard. Nelahozeves is the birthplace of Antonin Dvorak, During our visit to the house in which he was born, we'll discover the life and works of one of the greatest composers of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the man who composed the famous "New World Symphony."

#### **NIENBURG**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

You'll be transferred by coach to downtown Nienburg for a visit of the city on your own. Nienburg is famous for the cultivation of asparagus and its bearclaw shaped cakes. You'll get to discover some of the town's monuments such as the Town Hall from Weser Renaissance, St Martin Church, the Kleine Nienburgerin (the bronze statue of a young child from a beloved folk song) and the former Post Office which ensured communication between the Kingdoms of Hanover and England.

#### **POTSDAM AND** THE SANSSOUCI GARDENS

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach with our guides to discover the history of Prussia and its illustrious monarchs. In Potsdam, we'll begin with a stroll through the gardens of the Sanssouci Palace, built between 1745 and 1747 for Frederick II. We'll get back on our coach and take a spin around the Sanssouci Park to admire its fabulous structures before heading to Cecilienhof Palace, built between 1914 and 1917 for Crown Prince William and his wife, Cecilie von Mecklenburg-Schwerin. The castle is best known for hosting the Potsdam Conference in 1945, at-tended by the Allies to seal the fate of the defeated nations. Áfter our visit, we'll head back to downtown Potsdam for some free time in the Dutch district before returning to the ship by coach.

#### **PRAGUE: CASTLE DISTRICT**

We'll leave on a guided tour of the Hradcany, or Castle District, in Prague. Prague Castle is the most significant tourist attraction, offering to visitors great views over the whole city. Founded around 880 AD, it is the official residence of the President of the Czech Republic, and was a seat of power for kings of Bohemia, Holy Roman emperors, and presidents of Czechoslovakia. The Prague Castle complex covers over 7 ha and has three great courtyards. Destructive wars and fires, along with differing political forces, have resulted in an intriguing mix of palaces, churches, great halls, state apartments, a monaste-Children, great ridins, state apartments, a monastery, viewing towers, fortifications, museums and art galleries. You'll get to discover, among other sights, St. Vitus Cathedral, the Old Royal Palace with its Vladislay Pala. St. George's Basilica and the famous Golden Lane.

#### **PRAGUE: OLD TOWN**

LENGTH: 3 hours

Located in the North-West of the country on the Vlatva River, Prague is the capital and largest city of the Czech Republic as well as the historical capital of Bohemia. We'll leave for a guided walking tour around the old town, starting with the Old Town Square with gothic and baroque architectural styles as seen on the façades of the Kinský Palace, the Gothic Church of Our Lady before Týn and the Baroque St. Nicholas Church. We'll also see the Municipal House, the city's foremost Art Nouveau building and one of the finest in Europe, as well as the Powder Gate, one of the original 13 entrances to Prague's Old Town.

#### RÜDESHEIM

LENGTH: 2.5 hours

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We'll start our visit with a tour and commentary of the Rüdesheim vineyards by tourist train. We'll learn about the history of winemaking in the region as we enjoy the breathtaking view of Rüdesheim and the Rhine. Our train will then stop right before the historical Bassenheimer Hof cellar, a seigneurial residence from the 16th century, where a winemaker from the Störzel family cellar will guide you through a tasting\* of three different wines, from the driest to the sweetest. Our visit will continue on to the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments. The "Siegfrieds Mechanisches Musikkabinett" is the first German museum dedicated to self-playing musical instruments. It features an impressive collection of no less than 350 mechanical musical instruments dating from the 18th to the 20th centuries spread out on more than 4,000 ft<sup>2</sup>. Afterwards, enjoy some free time to stroll through the streets of Rüdesheim free time to stroll through the streets of Rüdesheim ambling down the famous Drosselgasse, before making your own way back to the boat.

#### **STRALSUND**

LENGTH: 2 hours

Our walking tour will bring to life the history of this Hanseatic town surrounded by water. Amidst its picturesque historic centre where famous Brick Gothic prevails, you'll discover Nikolaikirche as well as Jakobikirche dating from the 14<sup>th</sup> century. You'll also see the Katharinenkloster founded in 1251 by the Dominicans, and the Johanniskloster built in 1254. From the Old Market Square, enjoy a view of the red brick Gothic Town Hall from the 13<sup>th</sup> century. The unique city of Stralsund has been listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO since 2002.

#### **STRASBOURG**

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set off for a guided tour of the European Capital starting with a panoramic tour of the town which will take us through many of the town's districts, including the "German Quarter" and the European district (passing the Palace of Europe, the Human Rights Building and the European Parliament Building). We'll continue with a guided walking tour around the Cathedral before ambling down the Petite France District, a famous neighbourhood in Strasbourg beloved by the locals and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

#### **STRASBOURG BOAT TOUR AND A VISIT TO ITS CATHEDRAL**

LENGTH: 3 hours

Discover Strasbourg from the water! We'll see all the greatsites on the riverbanks, from Petite France—listed as UNESCO World Heritage site since 1988-to the European quarter where institutions such as the Council of Europe and the European Parliament are located. After, we'll continue on foot to the magnificent Gothic cathedral, built over three centuries. We'll return by tour boat to the ship.

#### STRASBOURG BOAT TOUR

LENGTH: 2.5 hours

A glass-covered boat will come pick us up, mooring directly alongside our boat, for a relaxing trip along the canals. We'll glide through the Petite France District and its charming half-timbered houses and narrow alleyways, past the Tanners Quarter, the Covered Bridges (Ponts Couverts), the Panoramic Terrace on the Vauban Dam, the European Parliament Building and the Human Rights Building where the European Court of Human Rights is located.

Subject to availability.

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#### **SZCZECIN**

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave by coach for our tour of the capital of the Dukes of Pomerania. Once a flourishing port, the city, which suffered serious damage in the Second World War, has nonetheless preserved an architectural heritage which bears witness to its past splendours. We'll stop at the Ducal Castle and admire The Cathedral Basilica of St. James the Apostle.

#### THE GLACIER EXPRESS TRAIN

LENGTH: 10 hours (including transfer time of around 7 hours)

Departure from Basel in the company of your hostess for Andermatt and ours excursion aboard the "Glacier Express". We'll board the Glacier Express for a panoramic voyage of the Alps, lasting about 3 hours. You'll discover the breathtaking beauty of Swiss landscapes through this unique and unforgettable moment. We'll enjoy lunch on board the train or in a restaurant (depending on availability). Back to Basel where our ship is moored.

For your information, please note that the coach ride should last approximately 3.5 hrs from Basel to Andermatt, and 3.5 hrs from Coire to Basel.

#### THE HAGUE AND ITS HIDDEN COURTYARDS

LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for The Hague, the seat of the Dutch parliament and one of the most beautiful cities in the country. The Hague is also known as the "Royal City by the Sea", since the Royal Family enjoys the location for many of their vacations. Your guide will show you some of the most splendid, including the Hof Van Wouw, Hofje van Nieuwkoop and the Hofje Rusthof. We'll also stroll through the Binnenhof, where the House of Representatives meets, the prime minister works and the ministers hold their weekly consultations. It has been the seat of the Dutch government for over 400 years Our guide will also show us royal monuments, including the Lange Voorhout Palace which houses the Escher Museum. Lastly, we'll pass by the iconic Hotel des Indes, the International Court of Justice, and the Kloosterkerk

#### **THE HAGUE AND THE MAURITSHUIS**

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave Rotterdam for The Hague, the seat of the Dutch parliament and the only major city with a beach on the North Sea. We'll take a brief panoramic tour to see the important monuments and impressive sites, including the historic Binnenhof, where the government convenes. We'll then head over to the Mauritshuis for an audio tour of the most renowned Dutch painters. The collections include Vermeer's Girl with a Pearl Earring, Rem-brandt's The Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Nicolaes Tulp, and Fabritius' The Goldfinch, as well as works by Rubens, Steen, and Hals.

#### THE NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE **MUSEUM IN MULHOUSE**

LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure from Breisach towards Mulhouse for our guided tour of the largest car museum in the world The Cité de l'Automobile's collection includes over 500 vehicles, from masterpieces to sports cars dating from 1878 Europe up to the present day. The Schlumpf Collection, located in a former textile factory from 1880 and spread out on 20,000 m², comprises more than 400 specimens listed as historical monuments. The museum contains the largest and most comprehensive collection of Bugatti motor vehicles in the world, including the Bugatti Royale Coupé Napoléon and an impressive number of Rolls-Royces. Return on board.

#### THE NETHERLANDS OPEN-AIR **MUSEUM IN ARNHEM**

Departure from Xanten: LENGTH: 4.5 hours - guided tour

We'll leave by coach with our hostess for the Netherlands Open Air Museum in Arnhem which is located in a beautiful wooded park. Some 80 authentic farms, windmills, workshops, houses, barns, a church and a school provide an insight on the everyday life and architecture of yesteryear. Inside every building, you'll be intrigued by the typical furniture and the displays of various trades and crafts. The lower level of the collections centre gives access to the spectacular panoramic theatre HollandRama. In this mobile capsule, films, sounds, lights, scents and temperatures evoke different scenes, from cityscapes to the confines of houses.

#### THE RIJKSMUSEUM IN AMSTERDAM LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll visit the Rijksmuseum, Holland's ultimate national museum retracing the country's history from the Middle-Ages to the present day. The collection contains more than 2,000 paintings from the Dutch Golden Age, among which you'll get to admire Rembrandt's "The Night Watch" as well as Johannes Vermeer's "The Milkmaid".

#### THE VOLKSWAGEN **AUTOSTADT IN WOLFSBURG**

LENGTH: 4 hours

We will reach the Autostadt either on foot - a 5 min We will reach the Autostadt either on foot - a 5 min walk crossing a bridge over the Mittelandkanal - or by coach, depending on mooring and sailing conditions. We'll meet up with our guides in the entrance hall or Piazza, and start off with a visit of the Forum, an area dedicated to road safety and new energies. We'll then move on to the "ZeitHaus", the automobile museum with educational areas. Our tour will end with a visit to the Customer Center located right next to the Car Towers where customers who have ordered Volkswagens are welcome to collect them We'll still have some customers who have ordered volkswagens are welcome to collect them. We'll still have some free time to visit the Brand Pavilions carrying such names as Audi, Lamborghini, Skoda and more. Why not try your hand on some driving simulators or a Volkswagen SUV on rough terrain? Return on board by coach in Sülfeld/Fallersleben or on foot in Wolfsburg. in Wolfsburg

The tour does not include a visit of the production line. Passengers would have to plan their visit during their free time. Commentaries on the tourist train are provided in German.

#### THE WINDMILLS OF KINDERDIJK LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach to visit the windmills of Kinderdijk. It's the only place in the world where we can see so many windmills in one place, and that's one of the reasons why they were listed as a prestigious UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997. The mills were built in the 18th century to remove water from the polder as everything is below sea level. The Dutch are masters at water management, and this attraction is the best place to learn how. and this attraction is the best place to learn how they have dealt with their struggles against the sea over the centuries. The area was also the ins-piration for a familiar children's game. Legend has it that after a flood in 1491, as someone from the local village was inspecting the damage, they saw a cradle floating in the water. As the floating cradle came nearer, a cat was seen trying to keep it ba-lanced by jumping back and forth so that no water could get in. When the cradle came close enough for someone to pick it out of the water, they saw a baby quietly sleeping inside. This folktale is now well known as "The Cat and the Cradle".

#### **TRIER**

LENGTH: 3.25 hours

We'll set off for a panoramic coach tour of Trier followed by a tour on foot. We'll get to explore the Roman cultural heritage of the city with a splendid

<sup>\*</sup> Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.

view over the Moselle and its magnificent countryside. Trier is the oldest of German cities, founded so long ago that it is 13 years older than Rome. We'll discover the Amphitheatre (exteriors only), the Imperial Baths, the Basilica of Constantine and the famous Porta Nigra. Afterwards, we'll stroll around the city centre and admire the outside of St Peter's Cathedral. You'll also be able to enjoy the atmosphere on the Hauptmarkt - the Main Market square. Highly Baroque and located at the heart of the town, its mixture of styles will enchant you.

#### **THURANT CASTLE**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

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Departure by coach from Alken to Thurant castle, in the Moselle valley (Mosel und Eifel) around 20 km from Koblenz. This fortified castle proudly stands as a symbol of the region. The oldest castle in the Moselle got its name from the occupation of the fortress of Thuron in Syria at the time of the Crusades. Thurant Castle was built on the site of a Roman fort in 1197 by the brother of King Otto VI, Count Palatine Henry who had it built when he returned from the aforementioned Crusades. From 1246 to 1248, the castle was besieged by the he returned from the aforementioned Crusades. From 1246 to 1248, the castle was besieged by the archdiocese of Köln and Trier, following which it was divided into two parts separated by a wall. During the War of the Palatine Succession (1688-1697) most parts of the castle were destroyed by French troops. The castle was rebuilt in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. From the terrace, enjoy an unforgettable view of the Moselle. After some free time, we'll return on board in Alken.

#### **VOLENDAM AND ZAANSE SCHANS**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach for Volendam, a charming village that has preserved its character for over six centuries thanks to the tough vitality of its fishermen. We'll visit a cheese factory in the area to discover how the famous Gouda cheese is made. We'll then head to Zaanse Schans, an open air muwe'll trief field to Zadrise Scharis, all open all friights seum with wooden windmills, barns, and houses. Don't miss the small but impressive clog museum that features one of the largest and most attractive collections of wooden shoes in the Netherlands. Take advantage of some free time before returning

#### **WITTENBERG**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Lutherstadt Wittenberg is the home town of Dr. Martin Luther, the Great Reformer, and the city is affectionately known as the "Cradle of the Reformation. You'll discover the city centre and its noble Renaissance-style houses. Everywhere you turn, there's a spot associated with Martin Luther's life, and various sites throughout the city were added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1996. We'll visit Luther's house. Part of the Augustinian monastery in which Luther lived is preserved and considered to be the world's premier museum dedicated to Luther, including a permanent exhibition about the time of the Reformation.

In case the Luther House isn't open for visits, we'll take a tour of the Melanchthon House instead.



## **DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS**

#### **AMSTERDAM BY BIKE**

LENGTH: 3 hours

You'll leave on foot to head to the bike rental office. This guided bike tour will last about 2.5 hours, and you'll be able to explore and learn about all the must-see and out-of-the-way sites in Amsterdam. Enjoy some free time at the Flower Market or at the Albert Cuypmarkt.

Attention: children are under the responsibility of their parents and must be autonomous by bike.

#### **BIKING THROUGH THE POLDERS**

Take a bike tour of Hoorn and its surroundings. Located on the banks of the lisselmeer, Hoorn was one of the important Dutch East India Company towns in  $17^{\text{th}}$ -century Holland. Hundreds of merchant ships left Hoorn to sail across the world and return loaded with merchandise, especially spices such as peppercorn, nutmeg, clove and mace. Our guide will explain the city's celebrated material. The outskirts of Hoorn itself are dotted with biking and walking paths that cross the superb polders, following the river dykes and passing by old villages and the ancient Westfriese Omringdijkan almost 800-year-old dyke. The Beemster polder. the first in the Netherlands and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a masterpiece of creative planning and a superb example of the conflict the inhabitants have waged with water in this area. You'll get to see old windmills.

Attention: children are under the responsibility of their parents and must be autonomous by bike.

#### FRANKFURT, MAINHATTAN AND THE MAIN TOWER

LENGTH: 3 hours

Frankfurt is the largest financial centre in continental Europe, earning it the nickname "Mainhattan". During a panoramic tour of the city, you'll be able to admire the huge skyscrapers housing the head-quarters of many international banks which create the city's famous skyline. We'll ascend the Main Tower, the most well-known skyscraper in the city, built entirely with a blue glass exterior. From over 656 ft. up, you'll be able to take in the glorious views of the city spread out below.

#### **HIKING THROUGH THE VINEYARDS IN RÜDESHEIM**

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll go to the centre of Rüdesheim to catch a gondola lift to the Niederwalddenkmal, a monu-ment built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to commemorate the first unification of Germany. From there, you'll have a great view of the city, the vineyards and the Rhine. We'll hike through the vineyards to the Ab-bey of St. Hildegard, built in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. You'll have some free time to explore the abbey before we return to the ship through the vineyards

#### PANORAMIC HIKING IN COCHEM

LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll depart on foot for a walk along the Moselle before crossing the bridge leading to the old town of Cochem. You'll get to admire the picturesque streets lined with half-timbered houses, St Martin's Church, the Capuchin Monastery and Church and the marketplace. Our path will then lead us outside the town through a wild natural reserve all the way to Cochem Castle (Reichsburg) which overlooks the whole town. From there, we'll encounter gorgeous views over Cochem and the Moselle. We'll pass by the "Tummelchen" area, offering a view on the castle, before returning to our ship via the upper part of town

#### **PORSCHE MUSEUM**

LENGTH: 3 hours

The Porsche museum began as a modest structure in the 1970s that could hold about 20 exhibits. Today's modern building holds over 80 exhibits of rare cars and historic models from the Porsche Dynasty. Learn about the company's founder, Ferdinand Porsche, and its past-to-present vehicles. The museum itself is a classy contrast of black and white that accents the vibrant colors of the cars. In addition to its emblematic models such as the 356, 550, 911, and 917, you'll discover some of the unfinished technical designs from Ferdinand Porsche.

#### RHINELAND VINEYARDS

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

Leaving from Mainz, you'll travel to either Nierstein or Nackenheim to discover the largest German winegrowing territory in the area: the Rheinhessen. We'll settle in for an open-air wagon ride, where we'll be able to take in the magnificent views of the Rhine. We'll also enjoy a traditional bread, wine\* and coldcut snack from the region. We'll return on board the ship in Worms or Mainz depending on

#### **TECHNIK MUSEUM SINSHEIM**

LENGTH: 4 hours

The Technik Museum Sinsheim opened in 1981. The museum's featured exhibits are an extraordinary collection of vehicles and aircraft, including an Air France Concorde and the Sovietera Tupolev Tu-144. This unguided visit lets you take in the won-ders at your own pace. Don't miss the 300 vintage cars and the Formula 1 collection. Other fascinating pieces include military tanks and equipment and mechanical organs.

#### THE TREETOP WALK IN THE BLACK FOREST

LENGTH: 4 hours

The Treetop Walk is a canopy walkway located in the heart of the Black Forest. The hike begins at the heart of the Black Forest. The hike begins at ground level but progressively takes you into the air, culminating at a 131-foot observation tower. On our tour, our guide will take time to explain the plants and wildlife found in the region. Once atop, you'll be able to see the Swabian Alps, the Kraichgau region, and even the TV tower in Stutterst And if you are really derived you want also Stuttgart. And if you are really daring, you can take the 180-foot tunnel slide to the bottom! (Additional cost to be paid on site).

\* Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.



# central Europe The Danube



Our cruise on the Danube is a pageantry of flair! From the Black Forest through the legendary Iron Gates all the way to the Black Sea, you'll come in contact with some of the most diverse cultures and exceptional scenery to be found in between the Carpathian Mountains and the Balkan Peninsula.

Our ships cruise through eight European countries—Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania—and are a unique opportunity to dive into the extraordinary abundance of history found in Central Europe.

Visit breathtaking capitals in one single vacation: Vienna, where the Hapsburg monarchs ruled from for over six centuries; Bratislava, a lively city with sublime baroque palaces; surprising Budapest; Orthodox-influenced Bucharest; and the "White City" of Belgrade.

### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Vast choice of 5- to 12-day cruises
- Integral discovery of Central Europe
- Cruises on both the Rhine and Danube can be combined
- The Danube River crosses through some of the most breathtaking scenery and diverse cultures all the way to the Black Sea
- Experience the Iron Gates and the exceptional spectacle of the Danube between the Carpathian Mountains and the Balkan Peninsula as seen from our ship
- The Danube Delta, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve
- The Pannonian steppe grasslands, where nature remains wild and untouched on the banks of the Tisza River



## OUR SHIPS ON THE DANUBE

#### CATEGORY: PREMIUM

- MS Gérard Schmitter
- MS Symphonie
- MS Vivaldi









#### CATEGORY: STANDARD

- MS Beethoven
- MS Europe
- MS France
- MS Modigliani
- MS Victor Hugo













12-DAY / 11-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. VIO PP / OVI PP (opposite direction)

## From the blue Danube to the Black Sea From Vienna to Bucharest

#### DAY 1 | Vienna (Austria)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Excursion for both packages:

Viennese music concert (1-2)

#### DAY 2 | Vienna • Bratislava (Slovakia)

- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: Guided tour of Schönbrunn Palace and Vienna
- . DISCOVERY: The high art of Viennese living: music and Viennese cafes

Cruise towards Bratislava

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Bratislava

• DISCOVERY: Hiking in the Little Carpathians Cruise towards Budapest

#### DAY 3 | Budapest (Hungary)

Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Budanest

Free time or guided visit of the Gellert baths and  ${\rm spa^{(1)}}$  or Budapest Market Halls^{(13)}

Excursion for both packages:

Traditional folk evening

Cruise towards Kalocsa

#### DAY 4 | Budapest • Kalocsa • Mohacs (Hungary) Bezdan (Serbia)

Excursion for both packages:

• The wild Puszta plain and a horse show Cruise towards Mohacs and Novi Sad

#### DAY 5 | Novi Sad • Belgrade

- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: Guided tour of Novi Sad and Sremski Karlovci
- DISCOVERY: Novi Sad and a walk to the Petrovaradin fortress Cruise towards Belgrade

Excursion for both packages:

• Traditional evening in Belgrade

#### DAY 6 | Belgrade • Donji Milanovac

- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: Guided tour of Belgrade
- DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Belgrade Cruise towards Donji Milanovac

#### DAY 7 | Donji Milanovac • The Iron Gates

Day spent cruising, passing through the Iron Gates

#### DAY 8 | Ruse (Bulgaria)

Excursions for both packages:

- Sightseeing tour of the Rusenski I om vallev
- Guided tour of Ruse

#### DAY 9 | Ruse • Giurgiu Cernavoda/Fetesti (Romania)

Cruise towards Giurgiu Full-day excursion for both packages:

· Guided tour of Bucharest Cruise towards Tulcea

#### DAY 10 | Tulcea

- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: The Danube Delta
- DISCOVERY: The Danube Delta on a speed boat

#### DAY 11 | Tulcea • Cernavoda/Fetesti

Cruise towards Cernavoda/Fetesti Excursion for both packages:

Constanta

Cruise towards Oltenita

#### DAY 12 | Oltenita • Bucharest

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 122 to 125

## Cruise highlights

- · Discover 6 countries and diverse cultures
- · Idyllic landscapes of the Iron Gates

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- The Danube Delta, the largest and best preserved of all European deltas
- Fantastic Bucharest. the Romanian capital
- · Belgrade by coach or by bike
- · The Rusenski Lom river valley
- Ruse and its astonishing features
- Novi Sad, the pearl of Voivodina
- Trip to Constanta



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY **BEVERAGES** 



FREE Wi-Fi



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NB: For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary. Ask for the detailed itinerary of the opposite direction cruise, REF. OVI\_PP.

- (1) Not included in the packages.
- (2) Subject to availability.
- (3) The Great Market Hall is closed on Sundays and will be replaced by a visit to the Jewish Quarter followed by a tasting of Hungarian products.





11-DAY / 10-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. PUC PP

## The beautiful blue Danube Round-trip cruise from Passau

#### DAY 1 | Passau (Germany)

Boarding at 4:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Melk (Austria) • Vienna

Excursion for both packages:

Visit Melk Abbey

Cruise towards Dürnstein Free time on your own

Cruise towards Vienna Excursion for both packages:

Discover Vienna by night

#### DAY 3 | Vienna • Esztergom (Hungary)

Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Schönbrunn Palace and Vienna

Free time or horse-drawn carriage ride through

#### DAY 4 | Esztergom • Budapest

Free time to discover Esztergom on your own Cruise towards Budapest

Excursion for both packages:
• Discover Budapest by night

#### DAY 5 | Budapest

Excursion for both packages:

Guided tour of Budapest

Free time or guided visit of the Gellert baths and spa<sup>(1)</sup>

Excursion for both packages:

· Traditional folk evening

#### DAY 6 | Budapest

Full-day excursion for both packages:

The wild Puszta plain

#### DAY 7 | Budapest • Bratislava (Slovakia)

Excursion for both packages

 Guided tour of Gödöllö Palace Cruise towards Bratislava

#### DAY 8 | Bratislava • Vienna (Austria)

Excursions proposed:

CLASSIC: Guided tour of Bratislava

• DISCOVERY: Hiking in the Little Carpathians Cruise towards Vienna

Excursions for both packages:

Concert of Viennese music

#### DAY 9 | Vienna

Excursion for both packages

 Guided tour of Vienna, the Capuchin Church, and the Austrian National Library

Excursion for both packages:

• The Hofburg and the Sisi Museum

#### DAY 10 | Melk • Passau (Germany)

Cruise through the Wachau Valley towards Melk Free time in the city

Excursion for both packages:

 Artstetten Castle Gala dinner

#### DAY 11 | Passau

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 122 to 125.

## Cruise highlights

· Cruise through the Wachau Valley, one of the most beautiful regions along the Danube

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- Gödöllö Palace and Artstetten Castle
- The wild Puszta plain
- Tradition and culture in Vienna



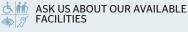
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UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY **BEVERAGES** 



FREE Wi-Fi



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11-DAY / 10-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. DSA PP / SDA PP (opposite direction)

## Central Europe and the Balkans Round-trip cruise from Budapest

#### DAY 1 | Budapest (Hungary)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Mohács • Osijek (Croatia) • Slavonia

Cruise towards Osiiek

Excursion proposed:

Kopacki Řit Nature Park and Osijek

#### DAY 3 | Osijek • Ilok • Novi Sad (Serbia)

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of llok
- Guided tour of Novi Sad

#### DAY 4 | Belgrade

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of Belgrade
- Tour around Vojvodina

#### DAY 5 | Brčko (Bosnia)

Cruise towards Brčko

#### DAY 6 | Brčko • Slavonski Brod (Croatia)

Cruise towards Slavonski Brod

#### DAY 7 | Slavonski Brod • Jasenovac

Discover Slavonski Brod with your guides Cruise towards Jasenovac

#### DAY 8 | Jasenovac • Sisak

Excursion proposed:

 Lonjsko Polje Nature Park Cruise towards Sisak

#### DAY 9 | Sisak • Zagreb • Sisak

Full-day excursion proposed:

• Discover Zagreb Gala dinner

#### DAY 10 | Sisak • Zagorje • Lake Balaton (Hungary)

Coach ride to Varazdin Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of the city

Coach ride to Lake Balaton Overnight stay at your hotel

#### DAY 11 | Lake Balaton • Budapest

Excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of Tihany Coach ride to Budapest

End of our journey in Budapest

See excursion details on pages 122 to 125.

9-DAY / 8-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. BUT PP / TBU PP (opposite direction)

## Authentic Hungary From the Danube to the Tisza

#### DAY 1 | Budapest (Hungary)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Excursion proposed:

• Discover Budapest by night

#### DAY 2 | Budapest • Mohacs

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of Budapest
- Guided tour of Gödöllö Palace

#### DAY 3 | Mohacs • Bezdan (Serbia) • Novi Sad

Excursion proposed:

- Guided tour of Pécs
- Cruise towards Novi Sad

#### DAY 4 | Novi Sad • Titel • Kanjiza

Excursion proposed:

- Guided tour of Novi Sad
- Cruise towards Kanjiza

#### DAY 5 | Kanjiza • Szeged (Hungary)

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Szeged Free time in the city

#### DAY 6 | Szeged • Csongrad • Szolnok

Excursion proposed:

• Ópusztaszer National Historical Heritage Park Cruise through the Great Hungarian Plain towards Szolnok

#### DAY 7 | Szolnok • Tiszafüred • Lake Tisza

Cruise towards Tiszafüred

Excursion proposed:

· Hortobágy National Park

#### DAY 8 | Tiszafüred • Tokaj

Cruise towards Tokaj

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Tokaj and wine-tasting session Gala dinner

## Cruise highlights

#### REF. DSA\_PP / SDA\_PP

#### 2-DAY/1-NIGHT EXTENSION INCLUDED

- · Lake Balaton and Varazdin
- Including a visit to the Tihany Peninsula
- One night's accommodation in a 3-star hotel in Balatonfüred & visit to Varazdin

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- · The contrasting capitals of Belgrade and Zagreb
- · Lonjsko Polje & Kopacki Rit Nature Parks
- Osiiek
- · The medieval city of llok
- · Novi Sad and Sremski Karlovci

#### REF. BUT\_PP / TBU\_PP

 Embark on an authentic journey to the heart of traditions and unspoilt wilderness

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- Southern Hungary with the charming town of Pécs
- · Szeged, "Sun City"
- Hortobagy Nature Park, the largest steppe in all Central Europe
- · Tokaj and its wines



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#### DAY 9 | Tokaj

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 122 to 125.



9-DAY / 8-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. BDO PP / OBD PP (opposite direction)

## The Balkan peninsula and the Danube delta From Budapest to Oltenita

#### DAY 1 | Budapest (Hungary)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise towards Mohacs

#### DAY 2 | Mohács • Osijek (Croatia)

Cruise towards Osijek

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Osijek • DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Osijek

Cruise towards Novi Sad

#### DAY 3 | Novi Sad • Belgrade (Serbia)

Excursion for both packages:

 Guided tour of Novi Sad and Sremski Karlovci Cruise towards Belgrade Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Belgrade
• DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Belgrade

#### DAY 4 | The Iron Gates

Day spent cruising, passing through the Iron Gates

#### DAY 5 | Ruse (Bulgaria)

Full-day excursion for both packages:

Discover Veliko Tarnovo and Arbanassi

#### DAY 6 | Ruse • Oltenita (Romania)

Excursion for both packages:

· Guided tour of Ruse Cruise towards Giurgiu

Excursion for both packages:

Guided tour of Bucharest

Cruise towards Cernavoda/Fetesti

#### DAY 7 | Cernavoda/Fetesti

Full-day excursion for both packages:

Constanta

#### DAY 8 | Tulcea

Cruise towards Tulcea

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: The Danube Delta

• DISCOVERY: The Danube Delta on a speed boat Cruise towards Oltenita Gala dinner

#### DAY 9 | Oltenita

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 122 to 125.

## Cruise highlights

· A comprehensive cruise along the Danube and its sublime landscapes

### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

REF. BDO\_PP / OBD\_PP

- Serbian towns: Belgrade and Novi Sad
- · Authentic Bulgaria with Veliko Tarnovo and the charming town of Ruse
- · Bucharest, the Romanian capital
- · The Danube Delta, the largest and best preserved of all European deltas REF. BUT PP
- · Osijek and the majestic church of St Peter and St Paul
- Belgrade and its unique architecture
- Novi Sad and charming Pécs



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8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. BTU PP

## Jewels of the Austro-Hungarian Empire Round-trip cruise from Budapest through the Iron Gates

#### DAY 1 | Budapest (Hungary)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Mohacs • Osijek (Croatia) Belgrade (Serbia)

Cruise towards Osijek

Excursion proposed:

· Guided tour of Osijek Cruise towards Belgrade

#### DAY 3 | Belgrade • Orsova (Romania)

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Belgrade

Free time to discover Belgrade on your own

#### DAY 4 | The Iron Gates • Novi Sad (Serbia)

Excursion proposed:

• The Medieval Golubac Fortress Cruise towards Novi Sad

#### DAY 5 | Novi Sad • Ilok (Croatia) • Vukovar Mohacs (Hungary)

Excursions proposed:

Novi Sad

· Guided tour of llok

Cruise towards Mohacs

#### DAY 6 | Mohacs • Kalocsa

Excursions proposed:

Guided tour of Pécs

• The wild Puszta plain and a horse show Cruise towards Budapest Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 | Budapest

- Excursions proposed:
   Guided tour of Budapest
- Guided tour of Gödöllö Palace · Discover Budapest by night

#### DAY 8 | Budapest

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 122 to 125.

NB: For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary. Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite direction cruise, REF. OBD\_PP.



8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. WBB PP

## The beautiful blue Danube Round-trip cruise from Vienna

#### DAY 1 | Vienna (Austria)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Melk • Dürnstein

Excursion for both packages:

Visit Melk Abbev

Explore Dürnstein with your hostess

#### DAY 3 | Bratislava (Slovakia) Kalocsa (Hungary)

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Bratislava
- DISCOVERY: Hiking in the Little Carpathians Cruise towards Kalocsa

#### DAY 4 | Kalocsa

Excursion for both packages:

 The wild Puszta plain and a horse show Cruise towards Budapest

#### DAY 5 | Budapest

Excursion proposed

• Guided tour of Budapest

Free time or guided visit of the Gellert baths and spa<sup>(1)</sup> or Budapest Market Halls(1-2)

Excursion for both packages:

Traditional folk evening

#### DAY 6 | Budapest • Esztergom

Free time to discover Esztergom on vour own Cruise towards Vienna Gala dinner



#### DAY 7 | Vienna

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Schönbrunn Palace and Vienna
- DISCOVERY: The high art of Viennese living: music and Viennese cafes

Excursions for both packages:

- The Hofburg and the Sisi Museum
- Viennese music concert<sup>(1-3)</sup>

#### DAY 8 | Vienna

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 122 to 125.

## Cruise highlights

· Cruise through wonderful capitals and legendary places

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- · Melk Abbey, Bratislava and the wild Puszta plain
- · Budapest, 2,000 years of history
- · Vienna and the heritage of the House of Hapsburg



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UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES



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- (1) Not included in the packages.
- (2) The Great Market Hall is closed on Sundays and will be replaced by a visit to the Jewish Quarter followed by a tasting of Hungarian products.
- Subject to availability.





6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. PAC PP / BUC PP (opposite direction)

## Jewels of the Austro-Hungarian Empire From Passau to Budapest

#### DAY 1 | Passau (Germany)

Boarding at 4:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Passau • Melk • Vienna (Austria)

Excursion proposed:

Visit Melk Abbev

Free time to discover Dürnstein on your own Cruise towards Vienna

Excursion proposed:

· Discover Vienna by night

#### DAY 3 | Vienna

Excursion proposed

• Guided tour of Schönbrunn Palace and Vienna Free time or horse-drawn carriage ride through

Gala dinner

#### DAY 4 | Esztergom • Budapest (Hungary)

Free time to discover Esztergom on your own Cruise towards Budapest

Excursion proposed:

Discover Budapest by night

#### DAY 5 | Budapest

Excursion proposed

· Guided tour of Budapest

Free time or guided visit of the Gellert baths and spa<sup>(1)</sup> or Budapest Market Halls(1-2)

Excursion proposed:

Traditional folk evening

#### DAY 6 | Budapest

Disembark at 9:00 a m

See excursion details on pages 122 to 125.



## Cruise highlights

REF. PAC PP / BUC PP

- Cruise along the Danube, taking in its history, fascinating culture and sublime landscapes
- The idyllic landscapes of the Wachau Valley

REF. WBU\_PP

· Explore three exciting capital cities in Central and Eastern Europe

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

REF. PAC\_PP / BUC\_PP

- Imperial Vienna and Schönbrunn Palace
- · Budapest, 2,000 years of history
- · Melk Abbey a true wonder of Baroque architecture

REF. WBU PP

- Backstage at the Konzerthaus concert hall in Vienna<sup>(3)</sup>
- The Great Market Hall in Budapest(2), a visual and papillary delight
- · Bratislava and its Baroque palaces



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UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY **BEVERAGES** 



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5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. WBU PP

## Capital cities of the Danube Round-trip cruise from Vienna

#### DAY 1 | Vienna

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Vienna

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Vienna

Free time or guided tour of authentic Vienna and backstage visit of the Konzerthaus<sup>G</sup> Cruise towards Budapest

#### DAY 3 | Budapest

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of Budapest
- Explore the covered market of Budapest(2) Cruise towards Bratislava

#### DAY 4 | Bratislava

Cruise towards Bratislava

· Guided tour of Bratislava

Excursion proposed: Gala dinner Cruise towards Vienna



DAY 5 | Vienna Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 122 to 125.

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- (1) Not included in the packages.
  (2) The Great Market Hall is closed on Sundays and will be replaced by a visit to the Jewish Quarter followed by a tasting of Hungarian products.
- products.

  3) If it is unavailable or if a concert is scheduled at the same time, the tour of the Konzerthaus could be replaced by a tour of the Musikverein or the Opera House.

## our excursions - Central Europe

EXCURSIONS PACKAGE: Book several excursions at the same time as your cruise and benefit from preferential rates Contact us for more information.

Our excursions are valid for a minimum of 25 participants. Below this number, our rates can be adjusted on board

## **CLASSIC EXCURSIONS**

#### **BELGRADE**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

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We'll set out by coach to visit Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, also known as one of the oldest European cities with a history stretching back some 7,000 years. The "White City" is located at the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers. The town has a fortress siting atop one of the highest hills in Belgrade as well as a commercial centre and port. We'll start off with a guided panoramic tour of the city, during which we'll have the opportunity to admire Belgrade's National Theatre and National Museum, the Royal Palace which currently houses the City Assembly of Bel-Theatre and National Museum, the Royal Palace which currently houses the City Assembly of Belgrade, the Ancient Royal Palace and more. We'll stop off at the Orthodox Church of St Sava. Its construction began in 1939, though it has remained a work in progress since the Second World War and Tito's dictatorship put a halt to it. As of today, the church is mostly complete and its construction is funded exclusively by donations. We'll head back to the city centre by coach for some free time before our quides. centre by coach for some free time before our guides take us to Kalemegdan park, the largest and most beautiful park in Belgrade located atop one of its highest hills alongside Belgrade Fortress, overlooking the confluence of the Danube and Sava.

#### **BELGRADE, TRADITIONAL EVENING**

#### LENGTH: 2.5 hours

We'll leave by coach with our guides for a traditional evening in Belgrade, taking place in a Hotel. We'll enjoy one hour of enchanting traditional dances and songs performed exclusively for the occasion. We'll then head to the bohemian district of the "Serbian Montmartre", Skadarlija, to discover some local specialities in a traditional café, surrounded by musicians.

#### **BRATISLAVA**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll start our guided visit of the Slovakian capital with a panoramic tour which will take us to the Bratislava Castle (outsides), first built in 1811 and rebuilt later after the previous castle burnt down. From there, we'll enjoy a breathtaking view over the Danube and the city. The main historical monuments are located in the Old Town and the coach will drop us off at its entrance to continue the visit on foot. We'll enter the city through Michael's Gate, the last standing city gate from the Middle-Ages. Then, we'll head for the central square surrounded by elegant buildings and dominated by the Old Town Hall. Our tour will continue with the Primate's Palace (outsides), completed in 1781 for Archbishop, Jozef Bathyány. As we rebuilt later after the previous castle burnt down. ted in 1781 for Archbishop Jozef Bathyány. As we stroll through the streets, we may come across some of the amusing statues dotted all around the city. Afterwards, enjoy some free time before returning to the ship

#### **BUCHAREST (HALF DAY)**

#### LENGTH: 5.25 hours

Departure by coach from Giurgiu with your guides to discover the Romanian capital of Bucharest. According to legend, the city was founded by a shepherd named Bucur (which means joy in Romanian). Bucharest has suffered greatly from its communist past but after the year 2000, due to the advent of significant economic growth, the city has modernized. You will start the visit with a pano ramic tour of the city giving you an overview of the various monuments of the capital. You will take the coach to the Bucharest Eco-museum, an authentic village in the city where you will discover the habitats of the different regions of Romania and their handcrafts. The visit will end with a photo stop at The Palace of Parliament, a gigantic neo-classical style marble construction designed by Ceausescu and then you will visit the Orthodox Church. You will leave the city by coach to reach the ship

The Eco-museum is closed on Mondays and replaced by a visit to the Cernica Monastery.

#### **BUCHAREST (FULL DAY)**

#### LENGTH: 9 hours

We'll leave on our full day excursion in the company of our guides to discover the Romanian capital of Bucharest. According to legend, the city was foun-

ded by a shepherd called Bucur, which means "joy" in Romanian. Bucharest has suffered greatly from its communist past but after the year 2000, due to the advent of significant economic growth, the city has modernized. We'll start off our visit with a panoramic tour of the city giving you an overview of the various monuments of the capital. We'll head to the restaurant for a typical Romanian lunch with traditional music and folklore dancing to entertain us. After lunch, we'll head again by coach to Bucharest's Eco-museum, a genuine village in the city where we'll learn about the habitats of the different regions of Romania and their handcrafts. We'll conclude our visit with a photo stop at the Palace of Parliament, a gigantic neo-classical style marble construction designed by Ceausescu before visiting the Orthodox Church. We'll leave Bucharest by coach and head back to the ship. back to the ship.

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#### **BUDAPEST**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

In the company of our guides, we will leave for a panoramic tour of Budapest, the Pearl of the Danube. First we will head for the hills of Buda by crossing the Elizabeth Bridge and we will go up to the Castle quarter, from where we'll enjoy a fantastic panoramic view of the city. We will walk round the castle quarter and on to the Fisherman's Bastion, built in neo-Roman style in 1902 for the simple pleasure of offering a panoramic view over the city and the Danube. Behind the Bastion, we will find Matthias Church which notably was the venue for the coronation of Emperor Franz Joseph and his wife "Sisi". nation of Emperor Franz Joseph and his wife Sist. Our coach will then take us down to the plains of Pest. There, we will visit Heroes' Square whose central monument depicting Prince Arpad and the chieftains of seven Magyar tribes was built for the millennium of Hungary. We will pass by the famous Szechenyi thermal baths, the zoo - a true piece of architecture - Vajdahunyad Castle and more. We will walk the prough the famous Andrasey. Woonue and will walk through the famous Andrassy Avenue and pass by St. Stephen's Basilica whose construction began in 1851 and was only completed in 1905. We will walk along the river and see the famous Parlament he identificance in the state of the liament building overlooking the Danube with its white silhouette in the Byzantine and neo-Gothic styles. Return on board.

#### **BUDAPEST BY NIGHT**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

Explore Budapest by night from the comfort of our coach. Your guide will show you the charms of this capital city with its turbulent but incredibly rich past. Despite the vicissitudes of history, Budapest has managed to preserve and bear witness to a succession of dynasties and civilisations. We'll start off towards the citadel for an impressive view. to a succession of dyriasties and civilisations. We'll start off towards the citadel for an impressive view over the city and on Pest. We'll then walk up to the citadel and the Liberty Statue from where we'll get to marvel at the most beautiful view of Budapest and the Danube, as well as catch a glimpse of the Parliament building and the famous Chain Bridge. We'll continue by coach towards the Castle Quarter from where you'll get to admire the Royal Palace, former residence of the Hungarian kings. As we drive alongside the banks of Buda, we'll stop off be-fore the Parliament for an occasion to admire and take pictures of the largest building in the country. We'll continue across Margaret Bridge and enjoy a beautiful view of downtown Budapest. Before we go back on board, our coach will drive along the Danube so you can enjoy once again the wonderful view over Buda, the Castle Quarter and the Fishermen's Bastion. Return on board.

#### **BUDAPEST, GREAT MARKET HALL**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set out on foot for the Great Market Hall, a magnificent structure from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century that still functions as an abundant food market. This is a great place to immerse yourself in the local culture. The building is over 100,000 square feet in size and is one of the most emblematic sites in the city. Although it looks like a traditional European train station, it was built to be a market from the begin-ning to provide services and food to the quickly ex-panding city at the time. Traditional edible delights found here include paprika, honey, black truffles

cold cuts, fruits, vegetables, and cheese. The upper floors carry souvenirs. Our tour includes a tasting of traditional Hungarian products, including wine\*!

#### **BUDAPEST, TRADITIONAL EVENING**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll set out by coach with our guides to a downtown theatre for a traditional Hungarian show. We'll travel the length and breadth of Hungary through its folklore and Gypsy music, an unforgettable experience!

#### **CONSTANTA (FULL DAY)**

#### LENGTH: 9.25 hours

We'll leave by coach for Constanta, founded by the Greeks in the  $7^{\text{th}}$  century BC. It now has over 425,000 inhabitants and is the second most important port on the Black Sea after Istanbul. We'll first visit the Museum of History and Archaeology which displays an impressive collection of objects from the Paleolithic to modern times. Right across stands The Roman Mosaic Edifice dating from the 3<sup>rd</sup> century. Then, we'll discover an architectural melting pot including the Roman mosque (exteriors only) and the Orthodox Church (interior) as well as the Genoese Lighthouse. Enjoy a beautiful view of the old Constanta from the pier. We'll walk along the waterfront all the way to the majestic Casino (exteriors only), built in the early 20th century in Austrian Art Nouveau style. We'll then have lunch at a local restaurant before moving on towards Murfatlar, producing the best wines in Romania. This winery, over 4,000 ha, is the largest in Europe. After a wine-tasting session\*, we'll return on board.

#### **DANUBE DELTA**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll board a tourist pleasure boat to start our visit of the Danube Delta. The site is one of the 300 international biosphere reserves under UNESCO's programme to try to measure the impact of Man on the environment. The Danube Delta is home to more than 1,200 varieties of plants, 300 species of birds and 45 different freshwater fish varieties in its many lakes and swamps. Keep your eyes peeled for some white pelicans, dwarf cormorants, glossy ibis or other species.

#### DÜRNSTEIN

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set out by coach with our guides through the Austrian Wachau, dotted with charming villages and ruins of medieval castles, all the way to Dürnstein. This town is well-known for its wine-growing area and its castle. Legend has it that Richard the Lionheart was held prisoner there by Duke Leopold V after being accused of arranging a murder during the third crusade, and was rescued by his faithful confident, Blondel de Nasla Afterwards take advantage of some free time to Nesle. Afterwards, take advantage of some free time to perhaps taste the Austrian wine\* and the local specialities as you stroll through the medieval streets of the city. We suggest a visit to the Baroque abbey.

#### **GOLUBAC FORTRESS**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

Recently opened to the public, the imposing fortress, built in the early 14<sup>th</sup> century at the entrance to the Iron Gates, is one of the country's most important defensive buildings. Alternately in the hands of the Serbs or the Turks, it is located on a mountainside and features nine towers built one above the other and linked by ramparts. A little anecdote: the Golubac fortress was one of the three best locations for filming the famous "Game of Thrones" series.

#### **HOFBURG AND THE SISI MUSEUM**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set out by coach with our guides to discover the Hofburg, known for being the Habsurgs' "Winter Residency" during 600 years. The buildings mostly house museums and gardens. We'll visit the Sisi Museum as well as the sumptuous Imperial Apartments of Franz Joseph and Elizabeth, which provide insight into their monarchic lives

## GÖDÖLLÖ CASTLE, SUMMER RESIDENCE OF SISSI EMPRESS

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure by coach for Gödöllö Castle. In the company of your guide, you will visit Gödöllö Castle, one of the most important and largest Hungarian Baroque palaces, commissioned by Count Antal Grassalkovich. The castle is mainly known for having been one of the favorite residences of Empress Sisi, who loved to get away from the etiquette of the Vienna Court in Gödöllö. Your visit will take you through the Empress's apartments with their original decorations, including a majority of purple objects and wallpapers, in accordance with the Empress's favorite color. You will also see the Castle Church (behind a glass screen), Joseph's Wardrobe, the Minor Coronation Hall, Franz Joseph's office and more. Return on board by coach.

#### **ILOK**

#### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

Our excursion starts with a visit to the medieval town of Ilok. Overlooking the Danube, this small fortified town has for centuries over been famous for its vineyards. Tangible proofs of life from prehistorical times and the Middle Ages up to the present day keep flourishing in the old town. The oldest pieces of evidence date back to the Neolithic Era. You'll get the chance to see many vestiges from the Roman period as well as a wealth of heritage from the Middle Ages, including the remains of the basilica of Saint Peter dating from the 13th century and the walls of the fortress built by Nikola Ilochki in the 15th century. You'll also be visiting the historical town center, the church and convent of St John of Capistrano which were built in the 14th century by the Duke of Ugrin and the castle of Odescalchi. In the castle, you will find a museum portraying the town's cultural and historical heritage. You'll also enjoy a tasting of some local products.

#### **MELK ABBEY**

#### LENGTH: 1.75 hours

We'll set out by coach for Melk Abbey, over-looking the Danube and symbolizing Baroque art in Austria. We'll visit, among other things, the museum, the marble hall, the world famous library and the bedchambers where a number of illustrious guests have slept. We'll have the opportunity to see the gold and jewel encrusted cross, donated by Rudolph IV.

## NOVI SAD AND THE KRUSEDOL MONASTERY

#### LENGTH: 5.5 hours

Departure by coach from Belgrade or Novi Sad. Our excursion begins with a visit to Krusedol Monastery located in the mountainous region of Fruska Gora, More than 16 Orthodox monasteries are spread around the hamlet of Irski Venac, a great opportunity to soak up Serbian art combining Byzantine and Baroque architecture. You will be delighted by the magnificent paintings from the 18th century that adorn this beautiful 16th century monastery. Our coach will then take us to Novi Sad. Capital of the autonomous region of Vojvodina, Novi Sad is also the second largest town in Serbia, going by the size of its population. The town has a long and troubled history since it was under the rule of Celts, Romans, Franks, Barbarians and Turks until it became part of the Habsburg Empire. It was known as "Petrovaradin" in the past, and the name Novi Sad (meaning "new plant") only came into use in 1748. The history of the town was further troubled during the 20th century when after the First World War, the Balkan territories were in turn united and separated under different names, until in 2006 when the town finally became part of an independent Serbia. We'll visit the city center by foot. The old Austro-Hungarian city with its Baroque buildings developed around ancient fortifications. You will be able to see the Episcopal Church as well as the Orthodox Church before continuing up the main street to Freedom square with the old Town Hall, dating from 1895. The coach will be waiting for you near Freedom square to finish the visit with a panoramic tour up the main boulevards leading to the boat.

#### NOVI SAD AND SREMSKI KARLOVCI LENGTH: 3 hours

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#### **NUREMBERG**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll set out by coach to Nuremberg where we'll enjoy a panoramic visit of the monuments found outside of the city's medieval walls, including the Nuremberg Palace of Justice, the Documentation Center Nazi Party Rallying Grounds, the castle area and more. We'll discover the charming side streets and beautiful half-timbered houses before arriving at Nuremberg's main market. On foot, we'll see the gorgeous Schöner Brunnen (beautiful fountain) and the Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady). During our tour, we'll make a stop and taste one of the local specialities, Lebkuchen, the city's famous gingerbread.

#### **OSIJEK**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll start off our guided tour with Osijek, located in the East of the historical Croatian region of Slavonia. The town was founded by the Slavs, who built a river port on the ruins of the Roman town in the 7th century. After the city was almost completely destroyed, the Turks rebuilt it in Ottoman oriental style in 1526 and stayed there for over 160 years, Osijek becoming the capital of Ottoman Slavonia. Following the Battle of Mohács in 1687, the town was liberated by the Habsburg Monarchy. The Austrians built a citadel over the demolished Turkish town. Our tour will take us to the upper town to see the Co-cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul. This imposing red brick church dominated by its 90m spire was built under the impetus of Bishop Strossmayer, a native of Osijek. We'll then move on to the Old Town, where we'll visit the Habsburg star fort, built between 1712 and 1721 by architect Maximillian Gosseau de Henef. Afterwards, we'll walk up to the main square with its Holy Trinity monument.

#### **PECS**

#### LENGTH: 4.5 hours

Departure by coach to visit beautiful Pécs in Southern Hungary. Pecs was first mentioned in old Latin documents as "Quinque Ecclesiae" in relation to the materials from five former Christian chapels that were used to build new churches in the city. In the company of our guide, we'll set out for a visit of the city on foot, starting with Sts. Peter and Paul's Cathedral or Basilica whose Roman foundations date from the 4<sup>th</sup> century. The Basilica's current neo-Romanesque facade is the result of the reconstruction carried out between 1882 and 1891, although it has kept its medieval floorplan and post-Romanesque interiors. You will also have the opportunity to see the Basilica's treasure and crypt. The visit continues with the Early Christian Necropolis dating from the 4th century foundation of the Roman town under the name "Sopianae". These tombs, richly decorated with wall paintings depicting Christian scenes, were built underground as funerary chambers with commemorative chapels above them. It has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2000. Afterwards, our tour continues downtown, stopping at the Djami. In the 13th century, the Turks destroyed St Bartholomew's church and used its stones to build a mosque following the orders of Pasha Gazi Kassim. Pécs was freed from Turkish occupation in 1868 and the mosque became a Catholic church again, although it kept the aspect of a Turkish mosque. En joy some free time downtown before returning on , board by coach.

#### **PUSZTA**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll be transferred by coach to Kiskunság National Park, where we'll get the chance to attend an equestrian show while tasting "palinka" (type of fruit brandy\*) and some "pogacsa" (small savoury buns). We'll enjoy a ride aboard a charabanc before returning to the ship by coach.

#### REGENSBURG

#### LENGTH: 4.25 hours

We'll set out by coach to visit the Walhalla, a huge Greek style marble temple overhanging the Danube. Afterwards, we'll leave on a tour on foot through the ancient town of Regensburg. We'll discover the imposing stone-built "Porta Praetoria", the Old Town Hall, the meeting room of the "Perpetual Diet of Regensburg", the Gothic cathedral and the Italian influenced homes of wealthy merchants from the Middle Ages.

#### **ROTHENBURG**

#### LENGTH: 5.25 hours

We'll set out by coach for the charming town of Rothenburg, located on the 'Romantic Road'. This town has kept its Renaissance layout intact, as it has not undergone any changes since the Thirty Years' War, making it one of the most authentic towns in Germany. We'll discover the 15th century town walls, the Spital Bastion, the Market Square with the Town Hall and the famous St. James' church (exteriors only) which contains three altars sculpted by the famous Tilman Riemenschneider. After our guided tour, enjoy some free time to stroll through the romantic streets, visit some of the museums (entrance fees to be paid on location), such as the German Christmas Museum or Doll and Toy Museum, or have a taste of some of the local specialities.

#### RUSE

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set off by coach to visit the town of Ruse, one of the largest ports in Bulgaria. It was founded by the Romans under the orders of Imperator Augustus. It was the most important town of the Ottoman Empire located on the Danube. In the company of our guide, we'll discover the fascinating architectural heritage of the town, a rich blend of Bulgarian and Romanian cultures. We'll get the chance to admire the Dohodno Zdanie (the Old Theatre), built in 1902 by architects Raul Brank, Georg Lang and Frank Scholz; the Monument of Liberty, a masterpiece by Florentine architect and sculptor Arnoldo Zocchi; the Catholic Church with its multi-colored stained-glass windows and more. We'll end our visit with a tasting of a local pastry and wine\*. We'll have some free time to go shopping before our coach takes us back to the ship.

## RUSE AND THE MONASTERY OF ST. DIMITAR BASARABOVSKI

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach to explore the city of Ruse and the Rock Monastery St. Dimitar Basarabovski. The monastery is the only functional men's rock monastery in Bulgaria. It is filled with history and is still a true place of worship. We'll then head to Ruse, one of Bulgaria's most elegant cities. With its imposing Belle Epoque architecture and neatly trimmed leafy squares, it's as if a little chunk of Vienna had broken off and floated down the Danube. We'll see the Dohodno Zdanie, the Roman Catholic St. Paul of the Cross Cathedral, and the Monument of Liberty. Enjoy some free time before returning on board.

#### **RUSENSKI LOM**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll set out by coach with our guides to the valley of Rusenski Lom to visit the Rock-hewn Churches of Ivanovo which belong to the UNESCO World Heritage List. In this valley, Iocated in North-Eastern Bulgaria, several churches, chapels, monasteries and cells were discovered close to Ivanovo. The first hermits hewed their cells and their churches out of solid rock. The 14<sup>th</sup> century murals bear witness to the exceptional skills of the artists belonging to the Tarnovo Artistic School. We'll discover the 13<sup>th</sup> century St. Michael the Archangel Chapel which houses 14<sup>th</sup> century paintings showing exceptional artistic technique. Our excursion will continue with a visit to the Medieval Fortified Town of Cherven, offering magnificent panoramic views.

#### VELIKO TARNOVO AND ARBANASSI (FULL DAY)

#### LENGTH: 10.5 hours

We'll set out to explore Veliko Tarnovo, the medieval capital of Bulgaria, established in the heart of the country. The "City of the Tsars" has always been known as the majestic and flourishing capital

<sup>\*</sup> Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.

of the Second Bulgarian Empire. With its medieval fortress, Tsarevets, Veliko Tsarnovo is one of the oldest cities in the country. We'll have lunch at a restaurant, offering a wonderful view over the ruins and the fortress. In the afternoon, we'll move on to and the fortress. In the afternoon, We II move on to Arbanassi, located 4 km away from Veliko Tarnovo. It is one of the most visited villages in Bulgaria, furthermore it is listed as an "Architectural and Historical Reserve". We'll visit the Nativity Church, the oldest in Arbanassi. The naos, which is today strictly reserved for men, was originally an independent church built in 1597. We'll continue with a visit of the Konstantzalievs' house, an eye-catching structure with a monumental architecture that was built in the 17th century.

#### **VIENNA**

#### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

You will begin the tour by taking the famous Ring, one of the personal projects of Emperor Franz Joseph. In 1857, he decided to take down the ramparts that enclosed the city center and had this boulevard built lined with fine buildings. Along the Ring you will admire this architectural showcase of the old Austro-Hungarian monarchy, including the State Opera, the Hofburg Palace, the Natural History Museum, the City Hall, the Burgtheater and more.

### **VIENNA, AUTHENTIC AND UNIQUE**

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll set out to discover the high art of Viennese living. We'll stroll through the city and visit back stage in the Konzerthaus concert hall, which has the Vienna Symphony, Vienna Chamber Orchestra, Wiener Singakademie and Klangforum Wien in residence. We'll tour the prominent institution that features about 750 events per year with our guide who will explain the hall's history. We'll head back stage where we might be able to catch a glimpse of a performer or two! After our tour, relax in one of the local cafés and enjoy a steaming cup of Vienna Coffee and a delicious pastry.

In case the Konzerthaus is booked for shows or closed, we'll visit the Musikverein or the Opera instead.

#### VIENNA AND SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll first take the famous Ring Road, one of the personal projects of Emperor Franz Joseph. In 1857, he ordered the demolition of the city walls and moats and laid out the exact size of the boulevard. Along the Ring Road, we'll admire the architectural show-case of the old Austro-Hungarian monarchy, including the State Opera, the Hofburg Palace, the Natural History Museum, the City Hall, the Burgtheater and more. When we arrive at Schönbrunn Palace, we'll be guided through the numerous rooms of the Habsburgs' summer residence which bear witness to the splendour of the Court at the time of Maria Theresa. Take advantage of some free time to wander through the Palace gardens. Our coach will then take us downtown for an occasion to discover Vienna on your own.

#### **VIENNA BY NIGHT**

LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll set out on a panoramic coach tour through Vienna by night. This 2,000-year-old city is a true open-air museum. Vienna embodies Romanticism through its powerful architecture and numerous monuments. We'll take the famous Ring Road which encircles historic Vienna on the right bank of the Danube. We'll make a stop at Schwarzenbergplatz where there is a monument in honour of Johann Strauss. Then, we'll take a walk around the Albertina district, allowing us to admire the Hofburg, the Hapsburgs' winter residence, as well as the Augustinian Church where Franz Joseph and Sisi's wedding took place.

#### VIENNESE MUSIC CONCERT

LENGTH: 2.5 hours

A coach will pick us up from the boat to take us to Kursalon Hübner where the concert will take place. The first half of the concert will be devoted to Mozart compositions, and the second half to Strauss During the intermission, a free drink will be served.

#### **WÜRZBURG**

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll leave by coach with our hostess for Würzburg. Our tour will start with a visit to the Würzburg Residence (or Residenz), former palace of the Prince-Bishops of Würzburg. You'll discover 40 rooms richly decorated with furniture, paintings and tapestries by 18th century master artists and climb up the monumental Main Staircase. Among others, you will visit the Baroque Imperial Hall whose frescoes are the works of Italian painter Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, and the Imperial Apartments richly decorated in Rococo style. Our tour will continue downtown where vou will have some free time before returning on board by coach.



## **DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS**

#### **BELGRADE BY BIKE**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

What better way to explore Belgrade than on a bike? You'll cycle along the history-filled streets with your guide who will explain the city's recent past from World War II to current times. A break with a drink will be provided during the tour

Attention: children are under the responsibility of their parents and must be autonomous by bike.

#### **BUDAPEST MARKET HALLS**

#### LENGTH: 2.5 hours

We'll leave on foot for the Budapest Market Halls. The Great Market Hall is the largest and most spectacular of the five market halls built in the  $19^{\rm th}$ century. You can indulge in all types of goods at the more than 180 stands spread out over three the more than 180 stands spread out over three stories. One of the market's distinctive features is the colorful Zsolnay tiling on the roof. Some residents will spend hours on public transportation to shop at the Központi Vásárcsarnok, You'll find a wide variety of food, including fruits, vegetables, local cold cuts, and garlands of paprika on the ground floor. The second floor houses restaurants where locals and tourists mingle. The recently renovated basement contains exhibits of high-quality. Hungarian products for purchase at the marlity Hungarian products for purchase at the mar-ket. There's no better time than this to have a taste of the local specialties: Sausage, cheese, peppers, and a refreshing glass of wine, beer, or soda.

#### **DELTA DANUBE ON A SPEED BOAT** LENGTH: 4 hours

On board a 7-passenger speed boat, we'll tour the Danube Delta and enjoy the flora and fauna, see the multiple natural and artificial canals, and walk away with impressions that will last a lifetime

Subject to favorable weather conditions. Please wear weather-adapted clothing. Limited availability.

#### **GELLERT BATHS AND SPA**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set out with our guide to visit the famous Gellert Baths and Spa. Now part of the famous Hotel Gellert in Buda, references to the spa's healing waters have been found from as early as the 13 century. The current spa was founded in 1918, and a visit to the Art Nouveau thermal baths is a beautiful and historical experience. The special attractions are its indoor and outdoor swimming pools, wave bath, sunbathing terrace and thermal spa. After our tour, take some time to relax and enjoy the saunas,

the terrace looking at Gellert Hill, or the geothermal pools with some beer, wine, or champagne\* in hand. This is an exceptional tour in one of the most historical places in the city, but don't take our word for it, come and see for yourself. Don't forget to bring your swimsuit!

#### **HIGH ART OF VIENNESE LIVING: MUSIC AND VIENNESE CAFES**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Our guide will meet us at the ship, where we'll set off on foot for the subway station to discover the high art of Viennese living. We'll stroll through the city and visit back stage in the Konzerthaus concert hall, which has the Vienna Symphony, Vienna Chamber Orchestra, Wiener Singakademie and Klangforum Wien in residence. We'll tour the prominent institution that features about 750 events per year with our guide who will explain the hall's history. We'll bead back stage where we might be able to catch a head back stage where we might be able to catch a glimpse of a performer or two! After our tour, relax in one of the local cafés and enjoy a steaming cup of Vienna Coffee and a delicious pastry. After our tour, we'll return to the ship on the subway.

In case the Konzerthaus is booked for shows or closed, we'll visit the Musikverein or the Opera instead.

#### **HIKING IN BRATISLAVA:** THE LITTLE CARPATHIANS

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave by coach from Devínska Nová Ves for a walk in the Little Carpathians Protected Landscape Area, including the geographically rich Sandberg ex-panse. From Devin Castle, we'll take in the splendid . view of Bratislava

#### **HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDE THOUGH VIENNA**

#### LENGTH: 1.5 hours

You'll be transferred to the center of the city to enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride through the old town and the famous Ring Road. A trip with a Fiaker is a great (and romantic) way of seeing the city in comfort because of the narrow streets and cobblestones

In case of high temperatures and for the well-being of the horses, the excursion can be cancelled without notice.

#### **NOVISAD AND A WALK** TO THE PETROVARADIN FORTRESS

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave the ship for an energetic walk to the Petrovaradin Fortress. We'll stroll along the riverfront before climbing the 200 steps up to the fortress. An exceptional work of 18th century fortification en-gineering, it is one of the largest, most-complex and best-preserved artillery bastions in this part of Europe. It also contains a vast system of underground military galleries, with mine and listening tunnels, distributed across four levels running almost 10 miles long. The view from the fort is splendid, and we'll enjoy a snack during our walk.

#### **OSIJEK BY BIKE**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

Discover the fourth largest city in Croatia from the seat of a bike! The old part of the town, Tvrdja, was built at the beginning of the 18th century and is a dream to cycle through. It is the best-preserved, largest ensemble of Baroque buildings in Croatia and consists of a Habsburg star fort built on the right bank of the Drava River. We'll return through several of the city's parks and a main avenue boarded by beautiful Art Nouveau buildings. Our tour will finish up to front in front of the cathedral before returning to the ship.

Attention: children are under the responsibility of their parents and must be autonomous by bike.

\* Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.





## Venice, its lagoon and the Canal Bianco

During our Venetian cruises, our ship docks a few hundred meters from iconic Saint Mark's Square—giving our passengers an almost panoramic view of this centuries-old city spread out over no less than 118 small islands.



Our itineraries take you to the heart of Italian regions filled with history, architecture and fine food. Veneto opens its doors and invites you to discover Venice, Vicenza and Verona. Renaissance-infused Lombardy will take your breath away with its varied panoramas in Mantua or Cremona.



## **OUR SHIP IN VENICE**

#### CATEGORY: STANDARD

• MS Michelangelo











7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. MAV / VMA (opposite direction)

## Renaissance-infused Mantua and the canals of Venice From Mantua to Venice

Cremona

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#### DAY 1 | Venice • Mantua

Transfer by coach from Venice to Mantua Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Mantua

Excursion for both packages: Mantua

Free time or tour of the Ferrari Museum in Modena<sup>(1)</sup>

#### DAY 3 | Mantua • Cremona • Valdaro

Full-day excursion for both packages to Cremona

#### DAY 4 | Valdaro • Verona • Ostiglia • Rovigo

Excursions proposed:

- · CLASSIC: Verona and its amphitheatre or the Giusti Gardens
- DISCOVERY: Verona through its aastronomy

#### DAY 5 | Rovigo • Padua • Chioggia • Venice

Excursion for both packages:

The ship sails to Chioggia during the excursion. If you decide not to take part in the excursion, transfer from Rovigo to Chioggia<sup>(2)</sup> with free time in Chioggia.

Cruise towards Venice

Free evening

#### DAY 6 | Venice

Excursions proposed:

MANTUA •

Modena •

CLASSIC: Doge's Palace
DISCOVERY: The Dorsoduro district

VALDARO

OSTIGLI/

CANAL BIANCÓ

Excursion for both packages:

• The Lagoon islands of Burano and Murano Gala dinner

VENICE

Murano

**ADRIATIC** 

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#### DAY 7 | Venice

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 133

## • Unique cruise, from the Canals of Venice

to Mantua along the Canal Bianco · Cruise through the heart of the Italian regions

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- · Tasting of Culatello ham and authentic Parmesan cheese
- · The region of Lombardy, its breathtaking and varied panoramas
- Cremona, Claudio Monteverdi's birthplace
- · Mantua, romantic city surrounded
- · The region of Veneto, its treasures, arts and traditions
- · Verona, the City of Love
- · Padua, the home of Saint Anthony
- · Venice, an abundance of history



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES



FRFF Wi-Fi



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NB: Navigational obligations and weather conditions can disrupt the titinerary, and in certain cases, intermediate stops may be canceled. If this happens, Croisfeurope will do its best to find the best solution according to passenger expectations. For safety reasons, the company and/or the captain of the ship are the only authorities who can modify the cruise titinerary.

Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite direction cruise, REF. VMA.

(1) Not included in the packages. (2) Passengers cannot remain on board the ship between Rovigo and Chioggia.

**EXTENDED STAY (PRE- OR POST-CRUISE) 9-DAY / 8-NIGHT ITINERARY** REF. VMM\_PP / MMV\_PP (opposite direction)

### From the Canals of Venice to Renaissance-infused Mantua & Milan and Lake Como

From Venice to Mantua, enjoy a unique cruise through the heart of Italian regions. The region of Veneto opens its doors and invites you to discover Venice, famous Saint Mark's Square and Doge's Palace, the official residence of Venetian dukes. Lombardy welcomes you next with its breathtaking and varied panoramas. You'll visit unique cities such as romantic Mantua and Cremona, Claudio Monteverdi's and Stradivarius's birthplace.

Wrap up vour Italian adventure with an enchanting stay in Milan and Lake Como.

Contact us for more details.



6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. VSX\_PP NEW FOR 2024

## Timeless Venice Round-trip cruise from Venice

#### DAY 1 | Venice

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Venice

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Doge's Palace
- DISCOVERY: Venetian arts and crafts Free evening

#### DAY 3 | Venice • Mazzorbo • Burano

Cruise through the Venetian Lagoon Free time in Burano

Excursion for both packages:

• Wine tasting at the Venissa Vineyard Free evening in Mazzorbo

#### DAY 4 | Mazzorbo • Chioggia • Venice

Cruise towards Chioggia Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Padua

- DISCOVERY: The Palladian Villas

Cruise towards Venice

## VENICE Murano Burano Mazzorbo **CANAL BIANCO ADRIATIC** SEA ITALY

#### DAY 5 | Venice

- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: Saint Mark's Basilica
- DISCOVERY: Food tour of little-known neighborhoods in Venice

Free time in Venice

Gala dinner

#### DAY 6 | Venice

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 133.

## Cruise highlights

#### **EXCLUSIVE TO CROISIEUROPE:**

- Cruise through the heart of the Venetian Lagoon
- Dive into the essence of the city through unique experiences

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- Essential Venice: Doge's Palace and Saint Mark's Basilica
- · Visit gondola and Commedia dell'Arte mask-making workshops to learn about Venetian techniques
- Indulge in a Venetian food tour
- Relive the city's glorious past at the Palladian Villas of the Veneto



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES



FREE Wi-Fi



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NB: For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise litnerary. The cruise schedule may vary according to tides and arrival times at ports of call may be subject to change.



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5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. VEN PP

## The Gems of Venice Round-trip cruise from Venice

#### DAY 1 | Venice

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Venice • Mazzorbo

- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: Saint Mark's Basilica
   DISCOVERY: The Dorsoduro district

Cruise towards Mazzorbo through the Venetian Lagoon

Free time in Burano

Excursion for both packages:

• The Lagoon island Murano Cruise towards Venice

#### DAY 3 | Venice

Excursion for both packages:

• Food tour of little-known neighborhoods in Venice Free time in Venice



#### DAY 4 | Venice • Chioggia (or surroundings) • Venice

Cruise in the early morning towards Chioggia Excursion for both packages:

Padua

Gala dinner

#### DAY 5 | Venice

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 133.

## Cruise highlights

- CroisiEurope pioneer in Venice
- · Ship is moored close to St-Mark's
- Revel in the special atmosphere of the Lagoon city

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- Saint Mark's Square and its famous basilica
- The Dorsoduro district in Venice
- · Murano and its glassworks
- A food tour of Venice's little-known neighborhoods
- Padua, the home of Saint Anthony



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## Our excursions - Italy

EXCURSIONS PACKAGE: Book several excursions at the same time as your cruise and benefit from preferential rates. Contact us for more information.

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## **CLASSIC EXCURSIONS**

#### CREMONA

MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE THROUGH YOUR TRAVEL AGENCY

LENGTH: 9 hours

A stroll through the historical center of Cremona reveals its hidden artistic and architectural treasures. Within the superb medieval square, we'll take in the immensity of the duomo, bell tower, and cathedral. This lovely city was home to Antonio Stradivari, the famous string-instrument crafter, and we'll be able to visit a violin-maker's workshop during our tour. We'll then head to Polesine Parmense and stop at a local farm in the region to have a taste of Italian cold cuts and cheeses.

#### **MANTUA**

MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE THROUGH YOUR TRAVEL AGENCY LENGTH: 3 hours

Despite Mantua's historic power and influence under the Gonzaga family, Mantua remains a littleknown enclave in Northern Italy, but it is one of the richest and romantic cities and still carries pervasive vestiges of its Renaissance past today. We'll visit the Palazzo Te, designed and decorated by Giulio Romano in the early 16<sup>th</sup> century (closed on Mondays). We'll then head downtown to see the facade of the imposing Ducal Palace and to visit the Rotonda di San Lorenzo and the Basilica of Sant'Andrea.

#### **MURANO**

LENGTH: 4 hours

A short boat ride will take us to the island of Murano. The largest island in the lagoon, Murano is famous all over the world for its unique glass. We'll visit a glassblowing studio to see how it's done. Take advantage of some free time afterwards to explore the island on your own. Murano is also known for its lovely churches and several remarkable palazzetto.

#### MURANO AND BURANO ISLANDS LENGTH: 4 hours

Aboard a small private boat, we will set out with a local guide for one of the largest islands in the lagoon, Murano, famous for its glasswork. There, we'll have the opportunity to watch a master glassmaker hard at work. Our next stop will be Burano, renowned for its lace. Enjoy free time to discover this charming island on your own.

#### **PADUA**

LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll start off with a guided tour by coach before visiting the basilica (closed on Sundays) which holds the vault of Saint Anthony. We'll be able to admire Donatello's bronze statue from the 15<sup>th</sup> century in the square before the basilica. Next, we'll set out on a guided tour on foot of the city followed by free time.

#### SAINT MARK'S BASILICA

LENGTH: 2 hours

Saint Mark's Basilica is considered a Byzantine masterpiece, and for that reason, it is one of the most important churches in the city. Construction began in 1063 as a Byzantine-style edifice, which over the centuries was accented with Gothic arches and mosaics. Having seen it throughout the decades as a backdrop to scenes in movies, visitors flock from all over the world just to stand in the spectacular square.

#### THE FERRARI MUSEUM

MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE THROUGH YOUR TRAVEL AGENCY

LENGTH: 4 hours

Car lovers will not want to miss this chance! The museum focuses on the life and work of Enzo Ferrari, founder of the Ferrari sports car brand. Their website says it best: "The Museo Enzo Ferrari is more than just a museum. It is a spectacular immersive experience that combines a dizzying mix of unique ingredients. Visitors not only get to admire the stunning cars displayed in the futuristic 2,500 square metre main pavilion but are also treated to a spectacular audio-visual show to tell the magical story of Enzo Ferrari's 90 years."

#### **VENICE AND THE DOGE'S PALACE**

LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll set out for a guided tour of Venice, passing by St Mark's Square and the exteriors of St Mark's Cathedral. The Byzantine façades of the Cathedral will immediately draw your attention. The tour continues with the Doge's Palace, the residence of the Dukes of Venice and seat of the Venetian government from the 9th century until the Republic fell in 1797. Although there are no longer any traces of the 9th century Byzantine structures, the Palace as we see it today, richly decorated both on the outside and inside, dates back to the 14th century and is considered by many to be the finest in the

world. You will then be able to admire the paintings of Tintoretto and Veronese from the top of the famous Golden Staircase before walking through the Grand Council Chamber and out onto the balcony with its fantastic view over the city. You will cross the famous decorated Bridge of Sighs which leads to the prison.

## VERONA AND THE AMPHITHEATRE ARENA

LENGTH: 6 hours

Verona: a splendid city of art, surrounded by traces of ancient history and the mythical dimension bestowed upon it by the tragedy of Romeo and Juliet. We'll leave for our tour from Polesella and begin with a panoramic visit of the city by coach, entering through the Porta Palio. We'll see the beautiful Castelvecchio and the Arco dei Gavi. The Porta Nuova offers a wonderful view of the towers, hills and mountains in the background. From here, we'll set off on foot with our guide to Juliet's House (Casa di Giulietta) to see the balcony where she stood when Romeo declared his love. We'll then walk to the arena-built from the characteristic local pink and white stone in the 1st century AD-which seated as many as 30,000 spectators at gladiatorial combats, mock naval battles and other such popular entertainment.

If the amphitheatre is closed, we'll visit the magnificent Giusti Gardens.

#### **WINE TASTING - VENISSA**

LENGTH: 2 hours

Just one bridge separates Burano from this small hidden vineyard. The story began almost 15 years ago when Gianluca Bisol noticed a vineyard in a garden adjacent to the church. Upon analysis of the vines, he discovered they belonged to the Dorona variety—the wine once served at the banquets within Doge's Palace. The tide peaks occurring naturally in the area (acqua alta) flood the vineyard with salt water, which influences certain characteristics in the Venissa wines. As you visit the grounds, your guide will explain the biodynamic techniques this small winemaker uses to make their pesticide- and insecticide-free products. Of course, we'll finish up our tour with a tasting.

## **DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS**

## FOOD TOUR OF LITTLE-KNOWN NEIGHBORHOODS IN VENICE

LENGTH: 3 hours

Venetian cuisine is brimming with variety of delicacies. The Rialto Market in the San Polo District is the natural starting point for this tour. We'll stroll among the vegetable and fruit stands and witness the fishmongers in action. After, we'll leave the hustle and bustle of the crowds behind us and head over to the laid-back Cannaregio District to poke around at what it has to offer. At the end of the tour, we'll take a seat in a typical osteria to snack on cicchetti, Italian tapas-like morsels.

#### **PALLADIAN VILLAS**

LENGTH: 4 hours

Our panoramic tour along the Brenta River allows you to admire the beautiful countryside and charming villages in the region. During this excursion, we'll visit either Villa Pisani or Villa Foscari (depending on opening hours and availability). Villa Pisani is a veritable palace spread out over more than 27 acres. Its garden with a box-tree labyrinth was named the Most Beautiful Park in Italy in 2008. Villa Foscari, also known as La Malcontenta, was painstakingly restored during the better partof the 20<sup>th</sup> century to its former grandeur. Designed by architect Andrea Palladio, it is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

#### **VENETIAN HANDCRAFT**

LENGTH: 4 hours

This excursion will lead you to discover the area that has been the heart of handmade gondola production for centuries. You'll visit a gondola workshop and learn all the secrets of this art directly from the master artisans. Back in the 16th century, the heyday of the gondola, there were upwards of 10,000 of these elegant boats plying the waters of the city canals. Today, there are only 350 remaining, and the job of gondolier is a coveted profession passed down from father to son. Afterwards, we'll visit a Venetian Carnival mask-making workshop. All the masks are individually handmade and feature touches of fantasy and creativity that make them unique items. Most of the masks are signed by the artists, which makes them the perfect souvenir.

## VENICE AND THE DORSODURO DISTRICT

LENGTH: 3 hours

You'll leave on foot from The Zattere or San Basilio Pier. The Dorsoduro District houses some of the most picturesque canals and palazzi and some of the city's great art showcases without the tourist traps that you might expect. The area includes the highest land areas of the city. Our walk will take

you along The Zattere to the Spirito Santo and the customs house. The view is absolutely spectacular from this point in Venice, because you can scan the entire Saint Mark's Basin, San Giorgio Maggiore, and the Grand Canal. We'll continue on to admire the exterior of the Santa Maria della Salute church, built during a plague epidemic in the 17th century. The church's dome was an important addition to the Venice skyline and soon became emblematic of the city, inspiring many artists.

#### VERONA THROUGH ITS GASTRONOMY LENGTH: 5 hours

We will leave by coach for Verona to meet up with our guide for a tasteful tour to learn about the origins of delicious Italian delights—an exceptional way to see Verona and its charming streets and squares. The visit will focus on the area within the river loop, where the city grew around the water. The last part of the tour will include a tasting of typical delights in a bakery in the city center. Enjoy two Italian specialties with a coffee or a capuccino in a renowned bakery. This tour encompasses Italian gastronomy from the Roman empire through modern times. We'll return to the ship by coach.



The Guadalquivir and Guadiana rivers reflect the contrasts found in the region—from the snow-capped Sierra Nevada to the arid deserts and white sandy beaches basking in the sun.

With over 300 days of sun during the year and a fantastic southern European climate, Andalusia provides a festive backdrop to some of the most beautiful cultural and natural sites, including the largest number of protected areas in Spain and an incomparable artistic heritage.





## **OUR SHIP IN ANDALUSIA**

#### CATEGORY: PREMIUM

MS La Belle de Cadix













8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. SXH PP

## Enchanting landscapes and cultures in Spain and Portugal Round-trip cruise from Seville

#### DAY 1 | Seville (Spain)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Seville • Córdoba

Full-day excursion for both packages:

· Guided tour of Córdoba

#### DAY 3 | Seville • Isla Minima El Puerto de Santa Maria<sup>(1)</sup>

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Seville and the Alcazar Palace

• DISCOVERY: Seville Tapas tour

Cruise towards Isla Minima

Excursion for both packages: • Tour of a genuine Andalusian hacienda followed by an equestrian show

Cruise towards El Puerto de Santa Maria<sup>(1)</sup>

#### DAY 4 | El Puerto de Santa Maria<sup>(1)</sup> • Jerez • Cadiz

Excursion for both packages:

• Jerez, an equestrian show and wine-tasting session in a Bodega Cruise towards Cadiz

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Cadiz and its cathedral

DISCOVERY: Walk the waterfront in Cadiz

Excursion for both packages:

Flamenco evening

Cruise towards Alcoutim

#### DAY 5 | Alcoutim (Portugal)

Cruise towards Alcoutim Free time to discover the city on your own Cruise towards Huelva

#### Córdoba ALCOUTIM GUADAI OUIVIR SEVILLE ISI A MINIMA Granada EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA CADIZ

GUADIANA

#### DAY 6 | Huelva (Spain) • Seville

Excursions for both packages:

· Visit of the Wharf of Christopher Columbus' Caravels

Cruise towards Seville

#### DAY 7 | Seville • Granada

Full-day excursion for both packages:

• Discover Granada

Gala dinner

#### DAY 8 | Seville

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 139 and 140.

## Cruise highlights

- · Discover Andalusia and Algarve in one cruise
- · Journey to the heart of Spanish and Portuguese traditions

#### **EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:**

- · Late afternoon in a genuine Andalusian hacienda
- Granada

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- · Córdoba, Seville and Cadiz
- Alcoutim, an authentic Portuguese village
- Tour of the Rábida Friary and the wharf of Christopher Columbus' caravels



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8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. SHF\_PP

## Andalusia: tradition, gastronomy and flamenco Round-trip cruise from Seville

#### DAY 1 | Seville

Boarding at 5:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Seville • Córdoba

Full-day excursion proposed:

· Guided tour of Córdoba

#### DAY 3 | Seville • Cadiz

Excursion proposed:

- · Guided tour on foot of Seville Cruise towards Cadiz
- Tour through Cadiz by night

#### DAY 4 | Cadiz • El Puerto de Santa Maria<sup>(1)</sup>

Excursion proposed:

- Jerez and an equestrian show
- Excursion proposed:
- Guided tour of Cadiz

Flamenco evening on board

### DAY 5 | El Puerto de Santa Maria<sup>(1)</sup> • Isla Minima

Excursion proposed:

- Wine-tasting session in a Bodega Cruise towards Isla Minima
- Tour of a genuine Andalusian hacienda followed by an equestrian show



#### DAY 6 | Seville • Granada

Full-day excursion proposed:

Discover Granada

#### DAY 7 | Seville

Excursion proposed

Visit of the Wharf of Christopher Columbus'

Free time to discover Seville on your own Gala dinner

#### DAY 8 | Seville

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 139 and 140.

## Cruise highlights

The best of Andalusia: Seville, Córdoba, Granada and Cadiz

#### **EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:**

- · Jerez and an equestrian show
- Tour of the Rábida Friary and the wharf of Christopher Columbus' caravels
- Tasting of local specialties in a bodega



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6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. SVS PP

## Authentic Andalusia: Architecture, traditions, enchanting villages and fabulous cuisine

#### DAY 1 | Seville

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Seville • Cadiz

Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Seville and the Alcazar Palace Cruise towards Cadiz

#### DAY 3 | Cadiz

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of Cadiz
- Vejer de la Frontera

Flamenco evening on board Cruise towards El Puerto de Santa Maria<sup>(1)</sup>

#### DAY 4 | El Puerto de Santa Maria<sup>(1)</sup> Isla Minima

Excursion proposed:

- · Wine-tasting session in a Bodega Cruise towards Isla Minima Excursion proposed:
- Tour of a genuine Andalusian hacienda followed by an equestrian show Cruise towards Seville



#### DAY 5 | Seville

Excursion proposed:

• Tour the Palacio de las Duenas Free afternoon in Seville

or Full-day excursion for both packages: • Discover Granada<sup>(2)</sup>

Gala dinner

#### DAY 6 | Seville

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 139 and 140.

## Cruise highlights

#### **EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:**

- · Lively Seville, its cathedral, and the Palacio de las Dueñas
- · Cadiz, the heart of flamenco
- The white village of Vejer de la Frontera with its narrow streets and captivating atmosphere
- Visit a typical Andalusian hacienda in Isla Minima

Delicious regional specialties: Wine tasting and tapas in a bodega Snack on authentic churros



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## Our excursions - Spain

EXCURSIONS PACKAGE: Book several excursions at the same time as your cruise and benefit from preferential rates. Contact us for more information.

Our excursions are valid for a minimum of 25 participants. Below this number, our rates can be adjusted on board.

## **CLASSIC EXCURSIONS**

#### **CADIZ AND ITS CATHEDRAL**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave by coach for our panoramic tour of Cadiz. We'll be able to bathe in the cultural and historic riches of the city, as well as its long stretches of unspoiled beaches. The old centre brings together the most characteristic areas of the city, including beautiful baroque churches and elegant mansions, many of which are adorned with painted façades of delicate pastel colours and ornate wrought iron balconies. We'll visit the cathedral, a magnificent Baroque and Neoclassic building whose construction lasted for over 115 years.

#### **CADIZ**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

Departure on foot to visit Cadiz, one of the oldest cities in Europe. The old centre brings together the most characteristic areas of the city, including beautiful baroque churches and elegant mansions, many of which are adorned with painted facades of delicate pastel colours and ornate wrought iron balconies. Our tour continues towards the Plaza de España, formerly known as Plaza del Carbón, which was extended to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the constitution. Your tour ends via the Plaza de las Flores. You will be enchanted by this blue and white city. Return on board in Cadiz

#### CÓRDOBA (FULL DAY)

#### LENGTH: 10 hours

We'll leave by coach from Seville for our tour of Córdoba. Córdoba's golden era started in the 8th century when it was conquered by the Moors who built about 300 mosques and countless palaces and public buildings. In the 13<sup>th</sup> century under the reign of Fernando III the Saint, the Great Mosque of Córdoba was transformed into a cathedral and new defensive structures were built, including the Alcazar de los Reyes Cristianos and the Calahorra Tower. After lunch in a restaurant, enjoy some free time in the city.

#### **FLAMENCO EVENING**

#### LENGTH: 2.5 hours

After dinner, departure on foot for a Flamenco evening. Flamenco (cante flamenco) is an art created by the Gypsy and Andalusian peoples based on popular folklore born from the various cultures which flourished throughout the centuries in Spain. Originally, Flamenco was simply a capella vocals (cante). Its first genre, la toná, was forged in the geographical triangle formed by Triana, Jerez and Cadiz. Only later did the hand-clapping (palmas), the dancing (el baile) and the guitar (toque) appear. Dancing and guitar can now often be found alone, although vocals are still considered at the heart of the tradition. More recently, instruments such as the cajon (a percussion instrument from Peru), the palillos (castanets), and the bass guitar were added. Immerse yourself in the most famous Spanish tradition, this mixture of vocals, guitar and dance in which Arab, Oriental and Gypsy influences mingle. Return to the boat.

#### **GRANADA (FULL DAY)**

#### LENGTH: 14.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for Granada. Located at the foot of the Sierra Nevada and at the confluence of three rivers, Granada was the capital of the last Isamic kingdom in the Iberian Peninsula. We'll start off at the Alhambra, literally "the red", reflecting the colour of the walls at sunset. It is one of the major monuments of Islamic architecture and the most monuments of Islamic architecture and the most majestic mediaeval fortress in the Mediterranean. Along with the Great Mosque of Córdoba, it is the most impressive evidence of the Islamic presence in Spain from the 8th to the 15th centuries. The tour continues with a visit to the Generalife, and its marvelous 14th century gardens, where water was harnessed to refresh every courtyard and garden. We'll enjoy lunch at a restaurant downtown. In the afternoon, you'll be able to enjoy the delights of Granada at your own pace.

#### **JEREZ AND AN EQUESTRIAN SHOW**

We will depart from Cadiz for our excursion in Jerez. A panoramic tour by coach will enable you to see the cathedral which was built in 1695 over the ruins of the old Jerez mosque and the former Salvador Church. We'll then visit a stud farm that raises magnificent Andalusian horses, and we'll enjoy a presentation of the equestrian arts the country is famous for.

#### JEREZ, EQUESTRIAN SHOW **AND BODEGA**

#### LENGTH: 6 hours

We will depart from Cadiz for our excursion in Jerez. A panoramic tour by coach will enable you to see the cathedral which was built in 1695 over the ruins of the old Jerez mosque and the former Salvador Church. We'll then visit a stud farm that raises magnificent Andalusian horses, and we'll enjoy a presentation of the equestrian arts the country is famous for. At the end of the tour, we'll enjoy a wine tasting of some regional products in a bodega.



## LA RABIDA FRIARY AND WHARF OF THE CARAVELS

LENGTH: 5 hours

Set off by coach for a guided visit of the Rábida Friary. Christopher Columbus was welcomed here by Brother Juan Perez who gave him hospitality. This Franciscan Friary was one of only two or three in the world where navigation based on the stars (Celestial Navigation) was studied. Christopher Columbus stopped here before he set off for America. Then you will visit the Wharf of the Caravels where you will be able to see the replicas of Christopher Columbus's ships, the Pinta, the Niña and the Santa Maria, with which he discovered America in 1492. Return on board.

#### **OSBORNE BODEGA**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll leave on foot with our hostess for the Osborne Bodega. One of the oldest wineries in the region, Osborne began producing its Sherry Solera in 1772. The iconic Osborne bull silhouette has become part of the landscape in the area. We'll enjoy a tasting of three different wines\* along with some regional products.

In case of impossibility, visit of a similar bodega

#### **SEVILLE**

#### LENGTH: 2.5 hours

Departure on foot for our guided tour of Seville. We'll start off our visit with the azulejos that adorn the Plaza de España. A fountain designed by Vicente Traver, a Valencian architect, stands in the centre. We'll move on with a stroll through the typically Sevillian patios garnished with flowers in the charming Santa Cruz district. The visit will end with Seville's cathedral, providing one of the last testimonies to Gothic style. This structure was built over the ruins of an Almohad mosque as a symbol of the capital's prosperous status of great commercial town after the Reconquista.

#### **SEVILLE AND THE ALCAZAR PALACE**

#### LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for our guided tour of Seville, beginning with the Plaza de España - a majestic crescent-shaped complex arranged around a central square. Built for the 1929 lbero-American Exposition to showcase Spain's industrial and technological exhibits, the building's tiled alcoves each represent a different province of Spain. The complex faces the Guadalquivir, signifying the prosperous trading route towards the Atlantic Ocean and the Americas. We'll continue on to Santa Cruz, the most picturesque and delightful part of the city with narrow, winding cobbled streets and whitewashed houses. This former Jewish quarter remains part of the historical centre of the city and contains many renowned monuments. Afterwards, we'll discover the Alcazar Palace, one of the oldest Royal Palaces in Europe and the current royal residence. Our tour ends with Seville's cathedral, providing one of the last testimonies to Gothic style. This structure was built over the ruins of an Almohad mosque as a symbol of the capital's prosperous status of great commercial town after the Reconquista.

## SEVILLE, THE PALACIO DE LAS DUENAS

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

The most famous palace in Seville was built in the late 15th century and is a good example of the eclectic mix found between Spanish Gothic and Moorish styles. Many historic figures have passed through the palace doors over the years, including Spanish poet Antonio Machado, who was born here. The palace is a work of art unto itself. During our tour, you'll see its rich collection of furniture, ceramics, antiques, and paintings. You'll also discover its interior courtyards and magnificent gardens with thousands of plants, including orange, lemon, and palm trees

## THE PUEBLOS BLANCOS: VEJER DE LA FRONTERA

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

Vejer de la Frontera is one of the most captivating "white villages" in Andalusia. It was declared a Spanish historic site (Conjunto histórico) in 1976 and has received several prizes for its tourism distinctions. Every corner seems to be filled with colorful sights and fascinating spots to explore. Your guide will take you to the historic centre where you'll be able to see the remains of the 15th century ramparts that protected the city from invasions. You'll also visit the Plaza de España-dominated by a beautiful tile fountain-and the Divino Salvado church, which was built over a mosque. Our next stop will be the fishing village of Conil de la Frontera. This coastal town is an apex of beauty among the Pueblos Blancos, and the white houses with beautifully decorated patios and walls make the city a must-see for any traveler. At the end of our tour, we'll enjoy a snack of delicious churros dipped in chocolate.

#### VISIT OF AN ANDALUSIAN HACIENDA LENGTH: 1.5 hours

At the end of the afternoon, we'll visit a typical Andalusian hacienda. We'll discover its beautiful architecture with its impressive Andalusian patio and watch a horse show in its private arena.

## **DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS**

#### SEVILLE TAPAS TOUR

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

You'll leave directly from the ship with a local guide for a tapas food tour in several eateries in the center of Seville. Discover the wide range of Spanish delights and flavors served as appetizers or snacks. The most well known include patatas bravas, salads, and cold cuts (chorizo, lomo, Jamón ibérico)—all sublime when served with a glass of Spanish wine.

#### WALK THE WATERFRONT IN CADIZ

#### LENGTH: 2.5 - 3 hours

Walk along the oceanfront to the Castle of San Sebastián. According to legend, the Temple of Kronos (a Titan of the Greek gods) was first built here. A chapel was built in the 1400s by Venetian boat crews and the irregular, fortified castle found on the site now was built in 1706. It defended the northern section of the city from attack. Because of its unique shape and décor, it has served as backdrop for many films. We'll return via the city's historic centre and authentic neighbourhoods, admiring the elegant homes painted in glorious pastel colours and decked out with ironwork balconies. Enjoy tastings of local products along your walk.



<sup>\*</sup> Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.



**PORTUGAL** 

The Douro

The Douro River begins in Spain and winds its way down over 2,250 m in altitude and across 850 km.

This "Golden River" is testimony to love for the Portuguese and their music. The vineyards are one of the biggest draws in the Douro Valley and have required 20 centuries of hard labor dating back to the Romans to cultivate and sculpt the terraced vineyards suspended along the hills.

The Douro is a calm, inviting river, crossing through five dams along its course—Crestuma-Lever, Carrapatello (water-level difference of 35 m, the highest in Europe) Regua, Valeira, and Pocinho.



#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Cruise up the Douro from the ocean to the Spanish border
- One of the most beautiful canyons in Europe with views of scenery only available from the river
- The Douro Valley, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- · Beauty and wonders within a natural setting
- Dazzling fall colours from the vineyard leaves

## OUR SHIPS ON THE DOURO

#### CATEGORY: PREMIUM

- MS Amàlia Rodrigues
- MS Gil Eanes
- MS Miguel Torga









#### CATEGORY: STANDARD

- MS Fernao de Magalhaes
- MS Infante don Henrique
- MS Vasco da Gama













8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. POP PP

From Portugal to Spain: Porto, the Douro Valley and Salamanca Round-trip cruise from Porto

#### DAY 1 | Porto (Portugal)

Boarding at 5:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Excursion for both packages:

Coach tour through Porto by night

#### DAY 2 | Porto • Regua

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Porto

• DISCOVERY: Porto by tram and visit to the tram museum Cruise towards Regua

#### DAY 3 | Regua • Vega de Terron (Spain)

Excursion for both packages:

• Vila Real and the formal gardens at the Mateus Palace

Cruise towards Vega de Terron Flamenco evening on board

#### DAY 4 | Vega de Terron • Salamanca

Full-day excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Discover Salamanca and its cathedral
- DISCOVERY: Salamanca Tapas tour

#### DAY 5 | Barca d'Alva • Ferradosa Pinhão (Portugal)

Cruise towards Ferradosa Excursion for both packages:

· Pinhão and wine-tasting session of Porto Gala dinner



#### DAY 6 | Pinhão • Porto

Excursion for both packages:

Lamego

Cruise towards Porto Fado-themed evening

#### DAY 7 | Porto

Free time to discover Porto on your own

- Excursions proposed: CLASSIC: Guimarães
- DISCOVERY: Walk along the Douro Traditional folk-themed evening

#### DAY 8 | Porto

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 149.

## Cruise highlights

Intoxicating getaway between vineyards and the river

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- · Porto, a city between vineyards and ocean
- · Guimarães and its medieval centre
- Vila Real and the formal gardens at the Mateus Palace
- · Salamanca, a dazzling beauty
- · Lamego, an episcopal city



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES



FREE Wi-Fi



ASK US ABOUT OUR AVAILABLE **FACILITIES** 

NB: For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary. The number of piers is limited on the Douro, our ships can be moored side by side and the schedule of arrival at the stopovers as well as the order of the excursions can be modified.

#### CRUISE'N WALK

8-DAY / 7-NIGHT ROUND-TRIP CRUISE • REF. ROP\_PP

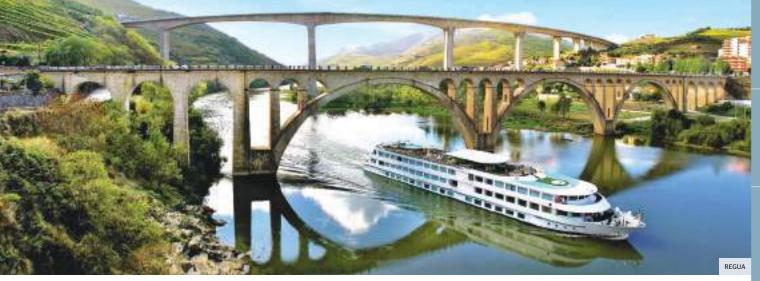
## Hike in Porto, the Douro Valley (Portugal), and Salamanca (Spain)

Embark on a cruise through the heart of authentic Portugal and explore beautiful and unspoilt areas such as the Alvao or Douro Nature Parks and the Portuguese vineyards.

Far from the hustle and bustle of city life, this cruise is ideal for the nature and scenic enthusiasts.

See detailed programme on page 203





8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. POC PP

## The Douro River, the spirit of Portugal

Boarding at 5:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Porto • Regua

Excursion proposed:

Porto

Cruise towards Requa

#### DAY 3 | Regua • Pinhão • Vega de Terron

Excursion proposed:

• Vila Real and the Mateus Palace et la Casa de Mateus

Cruise towards Vega de Terron Flamenco evening on board

#### DAY 4 | Vega de Terron • Salamanca • Barca d'Alva

Full-day excursion proposed:

Salamanca

#### DAY 5 | Barca d'Alva • Ferradosa • Pinhão

Cruise towards Ferradosa Excursion proposed:

• Pinhão and wine-tasting session of Porto

#### DAY 6 | Pinhão • Porto

Excursion proposed:

Lamego

Cruise towards Porto Fado-themed evening

#### DAY 7 | Porto

Free time to discover Porto on your own Excursion proposed:

Aveiro

Traditional folk-themed evening

#### DAY 8 | Porto

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 149.

6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. POB PP

## Porto and the Douro Valley

#### DAY 1 | Porto

Boarding at 5:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Excursion for both packages:

• Coach tour through Porto by night

#### DAY 2 | Porto • Regua

Cruise towards Regua Excursion for both packages:

• Lamego

#### DAY 3 | Regua • Porto Antigo

Excursion for both packages:

· Douro Museum and the Quinta do Tedo Cruise towards Porto Antigo

#### DAY 4 | Porto Antigo • Porto

Cruise towards Porto Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Porto

• DISCOVERY: Porto by tram and visit to the tram museum Gala dinner

#### DAY 5 | Porto • Guimarães • Porto

Free time to discover Porto on your own Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guimarães

• DISCOVERY: Walk to Vila Nova de Gaïa and tasting of local wines Traditional folk-themed evening

#### DAY 6 | Porto

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 149.

## Cruise highlights

- · Cruising in the spectacular Douro Valley
- Traditional folk evening on board

#### ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

REF. POC\_PP

- · Lamego and the most beautiful Baroque sanctuary in Portugal
- The formal gardens at the Mateus Palace
- · Salamanca, awe-inspiring Spanish city
- · Porto, a coastal town full of culture and tradition
- · Aveiro, known as the "Venice of Portugal"

### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

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- · Porto, the pearl of Portugal
- The Douro Museum and the Ouinta do tedo
- · Guimarães and its medieval center



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



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FREE Wi-Fi



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6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. POF PP

## The Douro Valley through Portugal and Spain Round-trip cruise from Porto

#### DAY 1 | Porto (Portugal)

Boarding at 5:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Excursion for both packages:

· Coach tour through Porto by night

#### DAY 2 | Porto • Regua

Excursions proposed: • CLASSIC: Porto

• DISCOVERY: Porto via tram and visit to the tram museum Cruise towards Regua

#### DAY 3 | Regua • Vega de Terron (Spain)

Excursion for both packages:

Vila Real and the formal gardens at the Mateus Palace

Cruise towards Vega de Terron Spanish evening on board

#### DAY 4 | Vega de Terron • Salamanca Senhora da Ribeira

Full-day excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Salamanca and its cathedral
- DISCOVERY: Salamanca Tapas tour

## PORTO **DOURO** REGUA LEVERINHO Senhora da Ribeira VEGA DE TERRON

#### DAY 5 | Senhora da Ribeira • Leverinho

Excursion for both packages:

• Pinhão and wine-tasting session of Porto Cruise towards Leverinho

#### DAY 6 | Leverinho • Porto

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 149.

## Cruise highlights

- · From the Douro Valley to the Spanish border
- · A glimpse of Portugal and Spain in one cruise

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- Porto, a city between vineyards and the sea full of culture and tradition
- Vila Real and the formal gardens at the Mateus Palace
- The golden glow of Salamanca (Spain)



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8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. POI\_PP

## Lisbon. Porto and the Douro valley (Portugal) and Salamanca (Spain)

Cruise from Lisbon to Leverinho via Coimbra, Porto, Vila Real and Salamanca, you will discover the magnificent cities along our cruise.

You will visit Porto as well as Lisbon.

The Portuguese capital has managed to find the subtle balance between its past heritage and modernity and will seduce you with its beautiful panoramas.

Ask us for the detailed programme



## ur excursions - Por

EXCURSIONS PACKAGE: Book several excursions at the same time as your cruise and benefit from preferential rates. Contact us for more information.

Our excursions are valid for a minimum of 25 participants. Below this number, our rates can be adjusted on board.

## **CLASSIC EXCURSIONS**

#### **AVEIRO**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

Afternoon excursion to Aveiro by coach. Often Atternoon excursion to Aveiro by coach. Often called the "Venice of Portugal", and known as the salt capital of Portugal, Aveiro is surrounded by salt marshes, beaches and lagoons and is dominated by the Central Canal that runs through the town. This little medieval town, built on a lagoon, expanded rapidly during the 15<sup>th</sup> centuries as a sea port thanks to cod centuries as a sea port thanks to cod fishing. It is also a center for baroque art with its many buildings and monuments. Aveiro has kept several of its typical boats with half-moon shaped prows, the "moliceiros". Nowadays, Aveiro and its surroundings form a very significant industrial region with naval shipyards, engineering, iron and steel works, cellulose-producing factories, porcelain and pottery, and where salt production and fishing are still important activities. Its university is one of the largest in Portugal and there are also several further higher studies buildings. Aveiro is a bright and friendly little buildings. Aveilor is a bright and interruly little town with art-nouveau style architecture, brightly colored houses and charming little alleyways for you to take a lovely stroll. Afterwards, we'll set off for Costa Nova, a typical little fishermen town and former family-friendly resort which has now been restored. The resort is located between the beaches on the Atlantic coast and the lagoon and is open onto the ria. Here there are lots of traditional multi-colored, striped wooden houses lining the promenade which is also planted with palm trees. Return on board by coach in Porto.

#### **DOURO MUSEUM AND QUINTA DO TEDO** LENGTH: 4 hours

This tour will begin on foot, accompanied by our onboard host or hostess. The first stop is the Douon Museum to learn about the passionate history and winemaking heritage in the region. Afterwards, we'll leave by coach for the Quinta do Tedo, a magnificent 18th-century estate that offers dramatic views of rivers on each side of the terraced hill it sits on. We'll visit the estate and enjoy a tasting of

#### FIGUEIRA DE CASTELO RODRIGO

#### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

its wine and olive oil.

Situated in the northern foothill of Marofa Mountain, in the middle of cultivated plains, this once-medieval town is a historic treasure thanks to the outstanding renovations that preserved the houses and important buildings. Here, we'll visit the Museu de Escalhão. Don't forget to take in the magnificent view of the valley. We'll return to the ship in Senhora da Ribeira.

#### **GUIMARÃES**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach from Porto for Guimarães. With our guide, we'll begin the tour of this university town on foot to discover its historical treasures. We'll get the chance to discover the Nossa Senhora de Oliveira Church, the most important religious building in the city with a wide diversity of architectural influences (exteriors only.) The medieval heart of Guimarães is a labyrinth of larhed and picturesque plazas framed by 14th century buildings. We'll continue on to the Palace of the Dukes of Braganza. This 16th century medieval estate was the former residence of the first Dukes of Braganza and features striking architecture. At the end of our visit, we'll return on board in Porto.

#### LAMEGO

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach from Regua towards Lamego for a guided tour of the city centre by coach and on foot. Lamego is a charming episcopal and commercial town where we'll get to discover the Nossa Senhora dos Remedios Sanctuary. This 18<sup>th</sup> century church stands out with its white façade dominating a barroque staircase. Its impressive 686 steps end in a shrine built in the rocaille style and adorned with azulejos. The first stone was laid on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 1750 and gave way to the construction of a massive temple overlooking the city and providing a breathtaking view over the misty mountains of the surrounding landscape. We'll return on board in Regua.

#### PORTO AND WINE TASTING

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach from the Villa Nova de Gaia Quay, facing Porto from across the Douro river and the famous Dom Luis I Bridge, built between 1881 and 1886 by French engineer Theophile Seyrig, one of Gustave Eiffel's pupils. We'll discover The Palácio da Bolsa (Stock Exchange Building) and the Igreja de São Francisco (Church of Saint Francis), also known as the "Golden Church". We'll then cross the Dom Luis I Bridge again back to Villa Nova de Gaia for the visit of a wine cellar. Porto's pride notably stems from its famous wine known the world over which you will get to taste\*.

#### **PORTO BY NIGHT**

#### LENGTH: 1 - 1.5 hours

A unique opportunity to admire the city of Porto by night during a panoramic tour by coach. You will love the old, preserved districts of this city of immense character, listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO

During the tour of the historic centre, your guide will schedule a stop at the Sao Bento railway station to look at its magnificent azulejos.

#### PINHÃO AND WINE TASTING OF PORTO LENGTH: 4 hours

The small town of Pinhão lives at the rhythm of the great river. It has a little treasure not to be missed: one of the most beautiful railway stations in the country. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, its facades decorated with azulejos depict the work of the vine and the landscapes of the region. Stop off in a quinta (wine cellar) to taste the famous Porto wine. This trip is also an opportunity to discover the region and its beautiful landscapes. Return on board.

#### **SALAMANCA**

#### LENGTH: 10-11 hours

We'll leave by coach for Salamanca. Since 1988, the Old Town of Salamanca has been listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. We'll visit the cathedral whose successive extensions created a mixture of styles going from late Gothic to Baroque and including Renaissance. Afterwards, we'll visit one of the world's oldest universities which first opened in 1218. After lunch, enjoy the whole afternoon strolling through the town on your own.

#### **VILA REAL AND MATEUS PALACE**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach for Vila Real, where aristocrats built grand palaces during the  $16^{th}$  and  $17^{th}$  centuries. We'll take a panoramic tour of the city by coach, followed by a tasting of the local pastry, Cristas de Galo. We'll then set out to explore Mateus Palace, the most beautiful and astonishing manor in all of northern Portugal. This 18th century beauty is set in a hilly landscape reminiscent of Mexico. Behind the manor is a delightful garden with box hedges, statues, and a spectacular 115-foot cedar tunnel.

## **DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS**

#### WALKING ALONG THE DOURO

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave by coach for the mouth of the Douro River. Here, you'll set out with your guide for a walk along the Atlantic coastline and along the Douro, passing through the traditional fishing village of São Pedro da Afurada. We'll have a great view of Porto and its famous Ribeira Square before arriving in Vila Nova de Gaia, where the prestigious wine is aged in renowned cellars. We'll visit a wine cellar and enjoy a tasting\*. After our walk, we'll return to the ship on foot.

#### **PORTO VIA TRAM AND VISIT OF** THE TRAM MUSEUM

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave from Vila Nova de Gaia by coach for downtown Porto. Once we arrive, we'll board one of the city's trams and partake in this urbantourism experience all the way to the mouth of the Douro. Our visit will include a stop at the tram museum (Museu do Carro Eléctrico), housed in a former thermo-electric power plant. The museum collection comprises the oldest cars pulled by horses, called "Americanos," to the last trams from the 1950s and 1960s. We'll finish up our excursion with a tasting of some of the local specialties. At the end of our tour, we'll return to the ship by coach.

#### **SALAMANCA TAPAS TOUR**

#### LENGTH: 10 - 11 hours

You'll leave by coach with our team from Barca d'Alva for Salamanca, where you'll meet up with the local guide for a tapas food tour in several eateries in the city center. Discover the wide range of Spanish delights and flavors served as appetizers or snacks. The most well known include patatas bravas, salads, and cold cuts (chorizo, lomo, Jamón ibérico)—all sublime when served with a glass of Spanish wine. You'll have lunch in a local restaurant to prolong your immersion in Spanish cuisine. Afterwards, enjoy some free time to stroll about the town on your own. At the end of our tour, we'll return on board the ship in Vega de Terron.

<sup>\*</sup> Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.



# Corsica

The ancient Greeks used this name to talk about the allure of Corsica, a veritable heaven on earth that seems to have every wonder of the world on its shores or in its hills. Join us on a cruise to discover the kaleidoscope of blue in the sea waters and the fresh mountain air in the peaks. Our stopovers and tours bring you to the major, exciting sites one after the other. Bonifacio, Porto-Vecchio, Bastia, I'Île Rousse. Corsica's deep soul can be felt within the expanse of its wild, on its ancient grounds, in its myrtle underbrush, along its winding paths, and above in the clear, starfilled skies. The island is a timeless work of art, a mosaic of emotions, and a tableau of splendor and mysteries.

# Canary Islands

An exceptional cruise to discover the different islands of the Archipelago and the hidden treasures of the Canary Islands. Discover the Teide National Park and its volcano on Tenerife. From tropical valleys to desert dunes, from picturesque villages to contemporary cities, between volcanoes and beaches, the 6 islands of this archipelago abound with treasures to discover.

This cruise is the ideal opportunity to enjoy its black sand beaches, its unpredictable nature, desert and lush, its national parks classified as UNESCO World Heritage, but also its authentic villages and its history.

# The Italian Coastline

In the heart of Tuscany, Italian ingenuity came to life from the 12th to 14th centuries as the precursor to the Renaissance. The streets, squares, palaces, and churches in Florence and Lucca reflect the beauty, charm, and authenticity born from the movement. Outside the city, experience dazzling Tuscan vineyards and countrysides carpeted with olive and cypress trees. Discover the pink limestone streets of Portoferraio on Elba. We'll continue on to the Maddalena Archipelago in Sardinia, cruising past granite rocks and hidden beaches with turquoise waters. The Costa Smeralda shores offer views of jagged banks alternating with peaceful bays. Our last stop is the unforgettable Cinque Terre and its colorful homes suspended over the open sea.

# Croatia and Montenegro

Our cruise through Croatia and Montenegro will bring you to unspoiled sites such as Mljet and Krka Falls. You'll visit extraordinary cities like Dubrovnik, Korcula, and Kotor, which contain almost 70% of Montenegro's historical and cultural monuments combined. This vacation is more than just a river cruise, it's a confluence of nature and history.

# Croatia, Greece, Albania and Montenegro

An astonishing cruise through four countries along the Adriatic Coast. With one foot in the East and another in the West, discover the deep beauty found in this part of the world. Dubrovnik and Tirana are capital cities just waiting to be explored. Set out for Berat, a rare example of a well-preserved Ottoman town, the former Greek and Roman colony of Burint, and Gjirokastër, one of the most beautiful sites in Albania. Top this all off with the incomparable beauty and diversity of Corfu.

# Cyclades and Dodecanese Islands

An exceptional itinerary through the cradle of western civilization, going through Athens and the Acropolis, the peaceful Kaisariani Monastery and the Cape Sounion and the Apollo Temple. The Cyclades, with the mythical birthplace of Apollo, Delos, the vibrant Mykonos, the beautiful Santorini and the natural wonders on Paros; a Greek Eden in the Aegean Sea.

Then the enchanting Dodecanese archipelago with the visit of Kos and the Asklepion as well as the medieval and cosmopolitan Rhodes. This cruise also offers the opportunity to enjoy free time to hit the beaches in Paros and Rhodes to spend some relaxing moments in a little corner of paradise

# Treasures on the Red Sea

Embark on a journey brimming with unparalleled historical abundance. Voyage to the cradle of civilization and the epicenter of the three monotheistic religions. Jordan's deep history makes it one of the top cultural destinations, so come discover the vast and "God-like" earth T.E. Lawrence fell in love with. Herodotus described Egypt as the "Gift of the Nile." Today, we have been endowed with its ancient legacies of gods and pharaohs. Relaxation and inspiration await you.

# Cyprus and the Holy Land

Set out on an exceptional cruise between Cyprus and Israel, including tours to significant Christian sites such as Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Nazareth. Cyprus itself will amaze you with its breathtaking beauty and promises a one-of-a-kind vacation experience.

Nicosia and Paphos possess gorgeous medieval castles, impressive artwork, ancient ruins, and bustling modernism.

# OUR OCEAN SHIPS

#### CATEGORY: PREMIUM

• MV La Belle des Océans









#### CATEGORY: PREMIUM

• MV La Belle de l'Adriatique













8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. NAO PP

Grand tour of Corsica Corsica reveals its hidden treasures Round-trip cruise from Nice

#### DAY 1 | Nice

Boarding at 5:00 p.m. Introduction of crew and welcome cocktail Cruise towards Corsica

#### DAY 2 | Aiaccio

Cruise towards Corsica Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Ajaccio and the Îles Sanguinaires
- DISCOVERY: The Corsican maguis

#### DAY 3 | Ajaccio

Excursions proposed:

- DISCOVERY: Visit to the Maison Bonaparte national museum
- DISCOVERY: Free time at Mare E Sol or Capo di Feno beach

Full-day excursion proposed:

• The Calanques de Piana and Porto Cruise towards Bonifacio or Porto Vecchio

#### DAY 4 | Bonifacio<sup>(1)</sup> or Porto Vecchio

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Bonifacio CLASSIC: The Lavezzi Islands
- DISCOVERY: Tasting of traditional liqueurs Corsican dinner with music and songs

#### DAY 5 | Porto Vecchio

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Porto Vecchio

• DISCOVERY: Free time at Palombaggia Beach

Cruise towards Bastia



#### DAY 6 | Bastia

Full-day excursion proposed:

The Cap Corse

Cruise towards L'Île-Rousse

#### DAY 7 | L'île Rousse

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Tour of Calvi and its citadel

The old villages in the Balagne Region
• DISCOVERY: Free time at Bodri or

Ghiunchitu Beach

Cruise towards Nice Gala dinner

#### DAY 8 | Nice

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 164.

# Cruise highlights

- · A privileged itinerary
- Two different tour packages, guided tours and excursions or free time to explore on your own and relax on stunning beaches

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- · The island's major areas: Calvi, Bonifacio, and Porto Vecchio
- Follow the footsteps of Napoleon in Ajaccio and visit the Îles Sanguinaires
- The red-hued scenery in the Calanques de Piana
- The picturesque perched villages lost in the hills of the Balagne Region
- Cap Corse
- The wild setting of the maquis shrubland and the Archipelago of Lavezzi nature reserve



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(1) Depending on weather conditions, the stopover in Bonifacio may be replaced by Porto Vecchio. In Bonifacio, disembarkation can be made in rowboats.

#### CRUISE'N WALK

8-DAY / 7-NIGHT ROUND-TRIP CRUISE • REF. NAO\_RANPP

## Walking the most beautiful paths in Corsica

Kalliste. The most beautiful. The ancient Greeks used this name to talk about the allure of Corsica, a veritable heaven on earth that seems to have every wonder of the world on its shores or in its hills.

Join us on a cruise to discover the kaleidoscope of blue in the seawaters and the fresh mountain air in the peaks. See programme on page 202





8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. TLZ\_PP / LZT\_PP (opposite direction)

# Cruise through the Canary Islands Archipelago Eternal Springtime

#### DAY 1 | Santa Cruz de Tenerife (Tenerife)

Boarding at 5:00 pm.
Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Santa Cruz de Tenerife

Excursions proposed:

- Teide National Park
- Visit to Puerto de la Cruz Cruise towards La Palma

#### DAY 3 | Santa Cruz de Tenerife (La Palma)

Cruise towards La Palma Excursion proposed:

• Visit to the island of La Palma Cruise towards La Gomera

#### DAY 4 | San Sebastian (La Gomera)

Cruise towards La Gomera Excursion proposed:

• La Gomera

Cruise towards Gran Canaria

#### DAY 5 | Las Palmas (Gran Canaria)

Excursions proposed:

- Las Palmas and Bandama crater
- Teror and Arucas gardens
   Gala dinner

Cruise towards Fuerteventura



#### DAY 6 | Rosario (Fuerteventura)

Excursion proposed:

• Secrets of Fuerteventura Cruise towards Lanzarote

#### DAY 7 | Arrecife (Lanzarote)

Excursions proposed:

- Timanfaya National Park with wine and cheese tasting
- In the footsteps of César Manrique
   Traditional songs evening on board

#### DAY 8 | Arrecife

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 165.

# Cruise highlights

 Black sand beaches, lush forests, steep cliffs, dark, ragged crags, waves of dunes, charming, colonial towns and bustling cities: the Canaries are a study in contrasts

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- Three national parks: Teide, Garajonay and Timanfaya
- Tours of Gran Canaria, La Gomera and Fuerteventura
- The artwork of César Manrique in Lanzarote



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#### CRUISE'N WALK

8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. LZT\_RANPP

# The best walking routes in the Canary islands

This superb itinerary takes you to six islands with wonderfully mild weather. Discover each island and the contrasts that set them apart.

On Tenerife and Gran Canaria, flourishing gardens transport visitors to fresh, fragrant heights. Peaceful La Gomera and La Palma offer jungle-like, lush vegetation. Lastly, the gray, imposing cliffs on unrivaled Lanzarote emphasize the immense, infinite beauty of each. Don't miss Timanfaya National Park and the lava flows on the lunar-landscaped Fire Mountains.

See programme on page 202





8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. NIS PP

# La Dolce Vita along the Italian coast Tuscany, Sardinia, the island of Elba and the Cinque Terre

#### DAY 1 | Nice

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Livorno

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Lucca and the Tuscan countryside
- DISCOVERY: Irresistible Florence Cruise towards the island of Elba

#### DAY 3 | Portoferraio

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Portoferraio

Free time to discover Ghiaie beach on your own Cruise towards Sardinia

#### DAY 4 | Alghero(1)

Excursion proposed:

· Guided tour of Alghero

Cruise towards Porto Cervo

#### DAY 5 | Porto Cervo(1)

- Excursions proposed:
   CLASSIC: Porto Cervo and the Costa Smeralda
- DISCOVERY: La Maddalena

Excursion proposed:

• DISCOVERY: Beaches at Spiaggia del Principe or Spiaggia Caprioccioli<sup>©</sup>

Or free time to discover Porto Cervo on your own Cruise towards Porto Santo Stefano

## A SPEZIA LIVORNO PORTOFERRAIO PORTO SANTO STEFANO PORTO CERVO ALGHERO SARDINIA MEDITERRANEAN SEA

#### DAY 6 | Porto Santo Stefano(1)

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Siena
- DISCOVERY: Porto Santo Stefano

In the afternoon, transfer to Feniglia beach<sup>(2)</sup>

#### DAY 7 | La Spezia

Full-day excursions proposed: • CLASSIC: The Italian Riviera

- DISCOVERY: The Cinque Terre by train(3) Cruise towards Nice

#### DAY 8 | Nice

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 165 and 166.

# Cruise highlights

- Exclusive itinerary along the Italian coastline
- · Journey through the Maddalena Archipelago, an unworldly paradise

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- The Cinque Terre and its colorful homes dotting the steep landscape
- The most beautiful cities in Tuscany: Florence, Lucca, and Siena
- · Sardinia's Costa Smeralda, with its crystal-clear waters and breathtaking scenery
- · Portoferraio and its historical center on Elba
- The Italian Riviera and charming Portofino Harbor



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(1) Depending on mooring availabilities and weather conditions, Porto

- Torres could replace the port of call programmed for Alghero, Olibia for Porto Cervo, and/or Piombino for Porto Santo Stefano.
- (2) The beach excursions listed are examples and can be changed at any time during the cruise because of crowds.

  (3) The excursions in the Cinque Terre are not recommended for people with difficulties walking. For example, the return to the ship from the train station at the end of the day includes a 1.25-mile walk (2 km). Also, Italian infrastructures are rarely adapted for people with reduced mobility



8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. DHD PP

# Enchanting islands of the Adriatic Round-trip cruise from Dubrovnik

#### DAY 1 | Dubrovnik (Croatia)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Dubrovnik • Mljet

Excursion for both packages:

 Guided tour of Dubrovnik Free time to discover Dubrovnik

on your own

#### DAY 3 | Mljet • Korcula

Excursion for both packages: • Guided tour of Mljet Island

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Korcula

• DISCOVERY: Buggy safari from Korcula through gorgeous landscapes and tasting of local products

#### DAY 4 | Korcula • Sibenik

Cruise towards Sibenik Excursions proposed:

CLASSIC: Guided tour of Sibenik and the Krka falls

• DISCOVERY: Hike through the Krka National Park

#### DAY 5 | Sibenik • Trogir • Split

Excursions for both packages:

Guided tour of Trogir
Guided tour of Split

#### DAY 6 | Split • Hvar • Vis

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Hvar

 DISCOVERY: Urban walk on Hvar island to the fortress

Excursion proposed:

• DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Vis Island

Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 | Kotor (Montenegro) • Dubrovnik

Cruise towards Kotor

Excursion for both packages:

Guided tour of Kotor

#### DAY 8 | Dubrovnik

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 165.

# Cruise highlights

· Dazzling landscapes and architectural diversity in the purest Veneto-Byzantine tradition

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- · Heavenly setting on the islands of Mljet, Korcula, Vis and Hvar
- · The most beautiful fortified towns in all of Dalmatia



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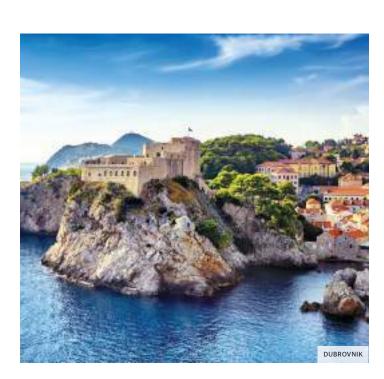
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8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. DCA PP

# The Treasures of the Adriatic Round-trip cruise from Dubrovnik

#### DAY 1 | Dubrovnik (Croatia)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Dubrovnik

Excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of Dubrovnik Cruise alongside the Albanian and Montenegrin coastline

#### DAY 3 | Corfu (Greece)

Cruise towards Corfu

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of the old city of Corfu

#### DAY 4 | Corfu • Saranda (Albania)

Cruise towards Saranda

Excursion proposed: • Guided visit to the Butrint ruins

Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Giirokastër

#### DAY 5 | Vlore

Full-day excursion to Apollonia and Berat

#### DAY 6 | Durrës

Excursion proposed:

 Guided visit of Tirana and its Natural History Museum

Cruise towards Bar



#### DAY 7 | Bar (Montenegro)

Excursion proposed:

• Guided visit to Stari Bar Cruise towards Dubrovnik Gala dinner

#### DAY 8 | Dubrovnik

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 167.

# Cruise highlights

· Original and exclusive itinerary

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- · Corfu, paradise in the Ionian Sea
- The captivating ancient ruins of Butrint
- The old town in Gjirokastër
- The archaeological site of Apollonia and Berat
- Tirana, the capital of Albania



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#### CRUISE'N WALK

8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. DCA\_RANPP

## Walking along the Treasures of the Adriatic

An exciting, four-country cruise through the Adriatic Seal Whether hiking in the mountains or strolling through the streets, the wonderful scenery in Croatia, Greece, Albania, and Montenegro is awe-inspiring.

See programme on page 203.





8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. ANA PP

The Mysterious Cyclades and Dodecanese Islands in the Aegean Sea

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Athens

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Athens and the Acropolis
- DISCOVERY: The Kaisariani Monastery Cruise towards the Cyclades

#### DAY 3 | Syros

Excursion proposed:

• Trendy Syros

Free time to discover Syros on your own Cruise towards the Aegean Sea

#### DAY 4 | Amorgos<sup>(1)</sup>

Excursion proposed:

• Tour of the island of Amorgos Cruise towards Rhodes

#### DAY 5 | Rhodes

Excursion proposed:

- Medieval Rhodes
- Excursions proposed:
- CLASSIC: Lindos
- DISCOVERY: Kick back at Tsambika Beach

Cruise towards Santorini



MEDITERRANEAN SEA

#### DAY 6 | Santorini(1)

Excursion proposed:
• The legendary island of Santorini Cruise towards Milos

#### DAY 7 | Milos(1)

Gala dinner

Free time to discover Milos on your own Excursion proposed:

• Historic Tour of Milos Cruise towards Piraeus Harbor

DAY 8 | Athens

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

# Cruise highlights

- An exceptional itinerary through the cradle of Greek civilization
- · The Cyclades, a Greek Eden in the Aegean Sea
- The enchanting Dodecanese archipelago

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- · Athens and the Acropolis, symbol of ancient Greece
- · Syros, capital of the Cyclades
- · Cosmopolitan Rhodes
- Beautiful Santorini
- · Milos and its spectacular scenery



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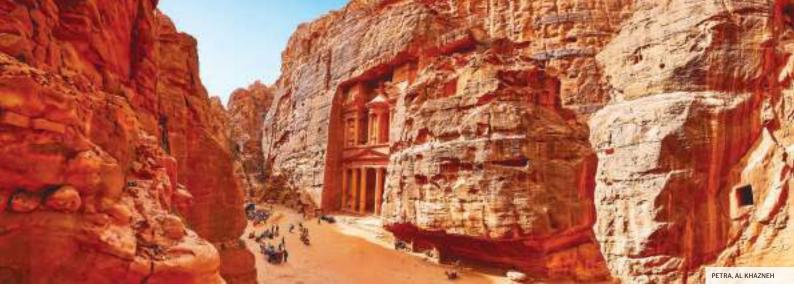




Depending on weather conditions (winds), the order of stopovers and excursions may be reversed.

(1) Travel to the island in rowboats.





8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. SAQ PP

# Treasures on the Red Sea, between Egypt and Jordan Sculpted by Mother Nature, enhanced by humankind

#### DAY 1 | Sharm El Sheikh

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Sharm El Sheikh

Free time in the morning Excursion proposed:

• The seabeds of Naama Bay Cruise towards Aqaba along the Sinaï Peninsula

#### DAY 3 | Hurghada • The Valley of the Kings and the Karnak Temple Complex

Full-day excursion proposed:

- The Valley of the Kings and the Karnak Temple
- Day of relaxation in a hotel on the Red Sea coast

#### DAY 4 | At sea

Full-day navigation on the Red Sea Gala dinner

#### DAY 5 | Nuweiba(1) • Monastery of Saint Catherine(2)

Full-day excursion proposed:

• Monastery of Saint Catherine (2)

#### DAY 6 | Aqaba • Petra

Full-day excursion proposed:

Petra

#### DAY 7 | Aqaba • Wadi Rum

Excursion proposed:

 Wadi Rum desert Cruise towards Sharm El Sheikh

#### DAY 8 | Sharm El Sheikh

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 168 and 169.



# Cruise highlights

· Sailing along the Sinai Peninsula, a panorama of red and ocher rocks

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- The spectacular marine life of Naama Bay
- The Valley of the Kings, one of the most astounding spots in Upper Egypt and the Karnak Temple
- Saint Catherine Monastery, Christianity symbol
- Petra, unquestionably one of the greatest marvels ever sculpted by Mother Nature and enhanced by humankind
- The Wadi Rum desert and the Bedouins that call it home



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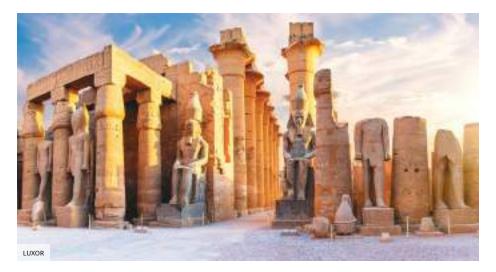
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- (1) Depending on the availability of the port of Nuweiba, this stopover may be replaced by Sharm El Sheikh. For information, the estimated journey time by coach from Sharm El Sheikh to the monastery is 3 hours' drive each way, and 2 hours' drive each way from Nuweiba. (2) Egyptian authorities may decide unexpectedly to limit access to Sinai. The monks who live at the monastery reserve the right to refuse access from time to time. If this occurs, CroisiEurope will organize a stopover in Eilat for an excursion to Timna Park.



8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. LIR\_PP

# Cyprus and the Holy Land Round-trip cruise from Larnaca

#### DAY 1 | Larnaca (Cyprus)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Larnaca

Excursion to Nicosia Cruise towards Haifa

#### DAY 3 | Haifa (Israel)

Full-day excursion through Galilee including the Sea of Galilee

#### DAY 4 | Haifa

Full-day excursion to Jerusalem and Bethlehem

#### DAY 5 | Haifa

Excursions proposed:

• Guided tour of Nazare

- Guided tour of NazarethVisit to Acre
- Or
- Full-day excursion Masada and the Dead Sea

#### DAY 6 | Limassol (Cyprus)

Cruise towards Limassol

Excursion proposed:

• The medieval Byzantine castle of Limassol

#### DAY 7 | Limassol • Larnaca

Excursion proposed:

 Paphos Archaeological Park Cruise towards Larnaca Gala dinner

# CYPRUS LIMASSOL LARNACA Paphos LARNACA Paphos Lake Tiberias Nazareth Dead Sea Masada ISRAEL

DAY 8 | Larnaca

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 169.

# Cruise highlights

Exclusive itinerary

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- Nicosia, a contrasting capital
- Acre, on the trail of the Templars
- Masada fortress and the Dead SeaPaphos, well known for its Mosaics
- Jerusalem, considered holy ground by
- Jerusalem, considered holy ground by three religions and Bethlehem



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# Our excursions

EXCURSIONS PACKAGE: Book several excursions at the same time as your cruise and benefit from preferential rates. Contact us for more information.

Our excursions are valid for a minimum of 25 participants. Below this number, our rates can be adjusted on board

# Corsica

# **CLASSIC EXCURSIONS**

#### AJACCIO AND THE ÎLES SANGUINAIRES

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach for a panoramic tour of Ajaccio, Corsica's main commercial and cultural hub. You'll take in the city's main sites including the bronze monument to Napoleon and his brothers, and the Place d'Austerlitz, where legend has Napoleon visiting often as a child to see the statues of the glorious soldiers in battle. We'll continue on to the lles Sanguinaires along the winding, coastal roads bordering the wild crags before arriving at the Pointe de la Parata. A path takes you to the splendid view from the site. From here, you can see the archipelago of four Natura 2000-classified islands. They are an integral part of the natural and cultural heritage found not only in Ajaccio but across the whole island. After our tour, we'll return on board.

#### **BOAT TRIP TO THE LAVEZZI ISLANDS**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

The best times in Bonifacio are spent on the sea. A scenic boat tour will take you along the cliffs and grottoes to the Lavezzi Islands. We'll head to the boat on foot, and then enjoy a guided tour of the Lavezzi Islands Nature Reserve, a small archipelago of granite islands and reefs in the Strait of Bonifacio that separates Corsica from Sardinia. We'll return to the port in Bonifacio and to our ship on foot.

#### **BONIFACIO**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

Our first visit will begin with a tourist-train tour of the city, a veritable open-air museum. Bonifacio is rich with a history told along its small streets and paths, its thousand-year old fortress, and the sturdy stone homes perched high above the sea waves. We'll take a tour on foot of the citadel, whose walls fully encircle the old town. There are some stunning views from the Montee St-Roch steps, including the impressive Grain de Sable limestone sea stack. Enjoy some free time before we return on board.

#### CALANQUES DE PIANA AND PORTO

#### LENGTH: 9 hours

Join us for an amazing full-day excursion to the red rocks and gorgeous waters at the Calanques de Piana. The sheer heights of the cliffs and beautiful, time-sculpted stone are just many of the wonderful sights within this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our tour includes the small, remote port town of Porto. We'll jump on a local boat that will take us to Cap Rosso, where we'll get a closer look at the seaside escarpments and caves lining the gulf coast. We'll return to Ajaccio by coach.

#### CALVI

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave for Notre Dame de la Serra to enjoy some of the best views on the island. We'll then head to the citadel. Crowning a lofty promontory, Calvi's massive fortified citadel offers superb wraparound views from its five watch towers. On foot, we'll discover historical sites such as the Oratory of Saint Antoine and the Caserne Sampiero, military barracks that once served as the Genovese seat of power but now serve as a base for the French Foreign Legion. We'll then tour the St. John the Baptist Cathedral, home to a number of beautiful works of art such as The Christ of Miracles. Before returning to the ship, don't miss a visit to the Salt Tower. Serving as storage for the salt that the ships brought in, this round tower was originally a watch tower.

#### **PORTO VECCHIO**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Porto Vecchio is cut in half. Its quaint streets and castle ruins occupy the upper city, while the lower city sports more modern architecture. We'll take a coach to the historical heart of the city, and enjoy a tour on foot of its main attractions. Now a hub for vacationing celebrities, it has retained its charm of yesteryear. Porto Vecchio offers visitors a unique mix of both idyllic beaches along Corsica's southern coast and breathtaking mountain scenery. We'll return on board our ship.

#### THE CAP CORSE

#### LENGTH: 9.5 hours

The Cap Corse is the northern-most peninsula on the island. Its long, windy road traverses the wild coastline offering view after view of amazing scenery: high cliffs, enchanted castle ruins, and picturesque villages. Leaving from Bastia, we'll begin our journey in Erbalunga, an adorable fishing village. We'll continue on to Santa Severa, a lovely port, the typical village of Luri (where we'll stop for 15 minutes), the Santa Lucia Pass, and the beautiful grove-lined village of Pino. We'll have lunch in Nonza (or the surrounding area), located on a high cliff overlooking the sea. After lunch, we'll continue on towards Saint-Florent. Located on a small promontory with a backdrop of mountains, the climate, nearby beaches, and scenery make Saint-Florent a popular resort and tourist destination. We'll then head to Patrimonio, the well-known wine making region near the cape. Here, we'll enjoy a tasting of wine, cheese and local cold cuts. After our tour, we'll return to the ship in Bastia.

## TASTING OF TRADITIONAL LIQUEURS

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

You'll reach the Orée du Maquis shop which hides a treasure trove in its cellar. Stills and strange machines used to make liqueurs, aperitif wines and creams. Chestnut or melon cream, hazelnut liqueur from Cervione, Myrtle wine or lemon liqueur, local flavours take pride of place.

# **DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS**

#### **AJACCIO, BEACH TIME**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

An excursion to Mare E Sol Beach. Chill at one of the white beaches close to Ajaccio and take a dip in the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean Sea! Small huts offer a variety of food and snacks during your pause.

#### **CALVI, BEACH TIME**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Kick back at Bodri or Ghjunchitu Beach. These sublime beaches are both heaven on earth nestled between the azure sea and the wild maquis. Enjoy a moment of real fun and relaxation, either by catching some rays or exploring the tide pools in the coves.

# MAISON BONAPARTE NATIONAL MUSEUM

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

The Maison Bonaparte is the house where Napoleon and most of his siblings were born. The museum recounts the rise of both Napoleon and his brother, Joseph, to power in Ajaccio. The home changed hands several times over the centuries before being gifted to the French government, which turned it into a national museum. The exhibits trace not only the Bonaparte family history but also the events in Corsica at the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

#### **MARE E SOL (TRANSFER)**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

An excursion to Mare E Sol Beach or Capo Di Feno (depending on traffic). Chill at one of the white beaches and take a dip in the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean Seal Small huts offer a variety of food and snacks during your pause.

## PORTO VECCHIO, BEACH TIME LENGTH: 6 hours

An excursion to Palombaggia Beach. Palombaggia Beach is one of the most beautiful beaches on the island. Crystal-clear waters, islands dotting the horizon, white sand, and umbrella pines are waiting just for you. Water sports enthusiasts can rent jet skis or pedal boats. Restaurants and snack bars provide a good assortment of food and beverages. Picnic lunches will be available from the ship.

#### THE MAQUIS

#### I FNGTH: 4 hours

We'll cross the maquis—the Corsican underbrush exploding with a potpourri of flowers and plants. Our first stop will be Corsica PAM, in the center of the Prunelli Valley, where Paul and Jean-Pierre Caux built their essential oil business from scratch in the village they grew up in. Afterwards, we'll visit the honey farm Jardin des Abeilles. The Casalta Family will welcome us on their farm and share their passion for this sweet, golden nectar. Along the educational trail to the river, we'll see a glass beehive and safely observe the bees at work. At the end of our tour, we'll enjoy a tasting of Corsican honey on the patio in the magnificent garden.

# Canary Islands

# **CLASSIC EXCURSIONS**

#### **FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS** OF CESAR MANRIOUE

LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll begin at the northern tip of Lanzarote to learn more about the island's most revered artist, César Manrique. He was a painter, architect, builder, and sculptor. Afterwards, we'll head to the Mirador del Rio to take in the outstanding views of the moon-like landscape. You'll be able to catch a glimpse of another volcanic island, La Graciosa, from the overlook as well. Lastly, we'll visit the César Manrique House Museum, an incarnation of his talent.

#### **LA GOMERA**

LENGTH: 5 hours

This excursion is a trip through Garanojay National Park. The park is named after the Alto de Garajonay, the island's highest summit, and is listed as a UNES-CO World Heritage Site. We'll then pass through the quaint villages of Hermigua and Agulo, two typical island towns. We'll stop at a restaurant to enjoy a refreshment and listen to a demonstration of Silbo Gomero, the whistled language used by the islanders.

#### **LA PALMA**

Visit the National Park of La Caldera de Taburiente, in the heart of La Palma, and enjoy spectacular vistas. Sit back and relax, as you embark on a scenic drive to Santuario Virgen de Las Nieves. Inside the small whitewashed church, you'll find the island's most sacred icon, the Virgin Mary of the Snows, the patron saint of the island. Travelling through the mountain roads, which offer spectacular views, you'll arrive at La Caldera de Taburiente. Next, it's time to sample some local refreshments in a tra-ditional 17<sup>th</sup> century farm, set in beautiful gardens with breathtaking views. On the way back, a brief photo stop will be made at the viewpoint Mirador de la Concepcion where you can admire the stunning views along the coast and to the north of the island.

#### LAS PALMAS AND THE BANDAMA CALDERA

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll begin in Vegueta, founded in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Its narrow streets and attractive town square are home to some fantastic sites, such as the Casa de Colon, a colonial-style mansion with exhibits about the history of the Canary Islands and their link with the New World. We'll continue on to the Bandama Caldera, a volcanic crater that reaches 1,867 feet above sea level (569 m). Enjoy the breathtaking views of the scenery and the crater below from the observation point.

#### **PUERTO DE LA CRUZ**

LENGTH: 4 hours

Puerto de la Cruz is a hopping seaside resort overflowing with lush vegetation and must-see sites that include the Plaza del Charco and the Plaza Concejil. We'll also pass in front of the Castillo San Felipe, the hermitage of San Amaro, the Church of San Francisco, and Parque Taoro. We'll pause at the Mirador de Humbolt, a lookout point with sweeping views of the Orotava Valley. Our last stop will be the Orchid Garden Sitio Litre, home to the most extensive collection of orchids on the island.

#### **TEIDE NATIONAL PARK**

LENGTH: 4.5 hours

Teide National Park is located in the heart of Tenerife. Created in 1954, it is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The last time the volcano erupted was in 1909. We'll make several stops during this excursion to take in the beauty of the landscape and the views

#### **TEROR AND ARUCAS GARDENS**

LENGTH: 3.25 hours

We'll head to Teror, one of the oldest towns in the archipelago. This is a place of pilgrimage for all the island's inhabitants as it houses the statue of the patron saint of the island in its basilica, the Virgen del Pino. Lastly, we'll head to Arucas, one of the

most beautiful cities in Gran Canaria. We'll see the outside of the imposing, black cathedral and visit the lovely Garden of La Marquesa de Arucas, home to 400 species of tropical and subtropical plants.

#### THE SECRETS OF FUERTEVENTURA

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll begin towards the northern part of the island at the Finca Torres, where we'll discover how lo-cal goat cheese is made. The internationally re-nowned goat cheeses produced in Fuerteventura have been awarded the highest "Golden Cheese Award" for five consecutive years. At the end of our tour, we'll enjoy a tasting of this famous delicacy. We'll then continue on to the small village of Tiscamanita to visit a cosmetics producer who uses aloe vera, one of the most prominent crops on the island. You'll learn everything you'll need to know about this surprising plant. Lastly, we'll expe-rience Betancuria, the island's first colony and former capital. French explorer Jean de Béthencourt founded Betancuria at the beginning of the 15<sup>th</sup> century. He chose the area within the valley to be protected from pirate attacks. Despite his strategy, pirates razed the village in 1593.

#### **TIMANFAYA NATIONAL PARK**

Timanfaya National Park, which occupies 25% of the island, is an amazingly surreal place to visit The Fire Mountains in the park possess a singular beauty. Before the eruptions, this area contained vast, fertile grounds. Today, the zone is covered with lava, ash, and dust. We'll enjoy a panoramic tour of the park to see as much of the changing landscape as possible before reaching the Islote de Hilario. Here, we'll take part in geothermic de-monstrations and learn about the immeasurable energy stored within the earth. After, we'll hit the Volcano Route on our return and cross through Geria, which contains thousands of semicircle stone-and-rock vineyards patiently built by winegrowers over the years.

# The Italian coast

# **CLASSIC EXCURSIONS**

#### **ALGHERO**

LENGTH: 4 hours

The city belonged to Catalonia for several centuries before joining the Duchy of Savoy in 1720. The streets still carry Catalonian names, and round, Aragonese towers still stand at the city's strategic points along the coastline. Stroll on the cobblestone streets, through medieval gates, and beside ageold Spanish bastions in the historical city center with your tour guide.

#### **EMERALD COAST**

LENGTH: 3 hours

In the summer, Porto Cervo is the trendiest hangout in the Costa Smeralda—especially the harbor, often filled to the brim with luxury yachts. Ramble through the streets and see all the important sites with your tour guide. Then, set out for a panoramic excursion along Sardinia's Costa Smeralda—the Emerald Coast—to take in the beaches lapped by crystal-clear waters, and the scenery dotted with cliffs, bays, and coves. We'll stop for a photo op in Baja Sardinia to spend some free time taking in the splendid views of Arzacherna and the Maddalena Archipelago.

#### **ITALIAN RIVIERA**

Visit the seaside resort of Santa Margherita Ligure, located among verdant luxury on a beautiful bay. Enjoy some time along the most famous stretch of the Riviera. Our excursion includes a boat tour from Santa Margherita Ligure to Portofino<sup>(1)</sup>. Arriving from the sea, you'll have a great view of the

particularly photogenic harbor in the village that has become "the place to be". We'll return to Santa Margherita Ligure by boat and enjoy lunch in a restaurant. In the afternoon, we'll stop off at beautiful Sestri Levante, a once quiet fishing spot becoming increasingly popular. The Bay of Silence and the Bay of Fairy Tales cradle this city dotted with colorful, pastel facades.

#### **LUCCA**

Lucca is one of Italy's most fascinating and best-pre-served medieval cities. The city has meticulously cared for its historic and cultural heritage so well, visitors find themselves in a virtual time capsule within its streets, squares, and churches. You'll set out to discover the remarkable center and its main monuments, including the exterior of the Basilica of San Frediano and San Michele in Foro's notable facade. You'll then visit the Saint Martin of Tours Cathedral, whose construction and, therefore, styles span almost 1,000 years. The cathedral's most precious possessions are the Holy Face of Lucca and Ilaria del Carretto's splendid tomb sculpted by Jacopo

#### **PORTOFERRAIO**

The third-largest Italian island is known for two things: The variety of its landscapes and as the first island of exile for Napoleon Bonaparte. After his forced abdication in 1814, Napoleon lived on the island for 300 days before escaping. Our tour will begin on foot at the historic center of Portoferraio,

whose pink streets come from the limestone slabs used to pave them. Your guide will bring you to the Palazzina dei Mulini, Napoleon's official residencenow a museum housing furniture, paintings, and memorabilia once belonging to the former emperor.

**SIENA** LENGTH: 4 hours

While the city center is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the surrounding environment contains the best Italy has to offer. Siena looks much like it did back between the 12th and 15th centuries. Your guide will take you down the small, shaded streets to the heart of the city—the Piazza del Campo, one of the largest medieval squares in Europe and the starting point for the annual Palio horse race. You'll visit the cathedral, an impressive Gothic work that is also one of the most important in Italy. In the afternoon, explore the streets lined with 14th-century tower houses, Gothic castles, and

## **TUSCAN COUNTRYSIDE**

Overflowing with medieval cities, vineyards, and quaint villages, it is hard not to fall under Tuscany's spell. Amazing scenery unfurls across the hills—starting at the highest peaks and cascading down to the sea. Each season brings dramatic views, from the verdant summer and stretches of sun-flower fields to the romantic, almost melancholic, fall colors as trees prepare for winter. During this tour, we'll visit a winery to enjoy a tasting of Chianti, Italy's most distinguished wine.

(1) If the weather does not permit the 15-minute crossing to Portofino, we will visit Camoqli or Chiavari instead

## **DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS**

#### **CINQUE TERRE BY TRAIN**

#### LENGTH: 8.5 hours

Full-day excursion to absorb the emblematic scenery in the Cinque Terre and the spectacular, colorful fishing villages along the Italian Riviera. Discover Manarola, considered the most charming village in the Cinque Terre. Built on a cliff high above the sea, its homes cascade downhill to the small port. We'll then leave for Monterosso by train for a visit to the largest of the five Cinque Terre towns and have lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, we'll continue by train towards Vernazza to stroll in the village and discover the large square surrounded by brightly colored homes and a port filled to the brim with all sorts of boats. The train will bring us back to La Spezia, where we'll return to the ship on foot.

#### FENIGLIA BEACH (TRANSFER)

#### I FNGTH: 4 hours

Hit the beaches at Feniglia. It is located in the protected nature reserve of Dune Feniglia, between the lagoon of Orbetello and the hill of Ansedonia. There is a little natural wealth between sea lily, juniper, helichrysum, tamarisk and rosemary.

LENGTH: 10 hours

Spend the day in utterly irresistible Florence (approximately 10 hours, including 4 hours of roundtrip travel). Treat yourself to a guided tour of the magnificent city center to learn about Florence's exceptional artistic history. The visit includes the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, whose dome dominates the rooftops in the city center, Giotto's Campanile's white, green, and pink marble exterior; and the bronze doors on the Baptistery of San Giovanni. And of course, you'll get to cross through the famous arch bridge Ponte Vecchio—brimming with crafts, souvenirs, and boutiques. The tour will finish up at the Piazza della Signoria, the hub of Florence's political and social life since the 14<sup>th</sup> century, where the Palazzo Vecchio and Loggia dei Lanzi take center stage. Use your free time in the afternoon to discover the city at your own pace. We highly recommend strolling through the trendy Oltrarno neighborhood or exploring San Niccolò, whose old city walls transport you to another time. whose old city walls transport you to another time.

#### **MADDALENA ISLAND**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Starting at the charming port-town of Palau, our first stop will be Maddalena Island in the Maddalena Ar-

chipelago, a seven-island national park sculpted by the waves. The archipelago was declared the first national park in Sardinia in 1994 and has been on a tentative list for consideration as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2006.

#### **PORTO SANTO STEFANO**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Stroll through the charming city center and visit the Fortezza Spagnola (Spanish Fortress). Built by Spain in the second half of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the fortress is part of the city's foundation. Once construction was finished, Spanish and Italian families began to set up house in Porto Santo Stefano. During Napoleon's reign, the French reinforced the structure to better resist British ship attacks. From the top of the fortress, you can see the other watchtowers dotting

#### SPIAGGIA DEL PRINCIPE OR SPIAGGIA **CAPRICCIOLI BEACHES (TRANSFER)**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Hit the beaches at Spiaggia del Principe—a beautiful, white sand cove—or Spiaggia Capriccioli, surrounded by lush Mediterranean brush and olive and pine trees.

# Croatia and Montenegro

# **CLASSIC EXCURSIONS**

#### **DUBROVNIK**

#### LENGTH: 3.75 hours

We'll visit the Dominican Friary, its lovely Gothic cloister, and its extraordinary museum of religious art. We'll then see the Rector's Palace, once the seat of the government and now a museum housing furniture, portraits, coats of arms, paintings, coins, and the original keys to the city gates. We'll also visit the cathedral - rebuilt after it crumbled to dust in the great earthquake of 1667 - as well as the Onofrio Fountains and Sponza Palace, a superb Gothic-Renaissance structure.

#### **HVAR**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll tour the Franciscan monastery and its exceptional collection of old Venetian paintings, lacework, coins and rare books, and the Renaissance-style exterior of Saint Stephen Cathedral combined with its baroque-style interior.

Disembarking and boarding via small motor boats.

#### **KORCULA**

#### LENGTH: 2.5 hours

We'll visit the island on foot starting with the Cathedral Sveti Marko, the most important building in the old town. We'll also enjoy the exhibits in the town museum, a treasure of cultural and commercial milestones from prehistoric times to the present.

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

It is estimated that Kotor owns 70% of the historic and cultural monuments of Montenegro. That is why Kotor is listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. We'll visit the Cathedral of Saint Tryphon, which was seriously damaged and rebuilt after the earthquake of 1667. We'll then visit the maritime museum in the Grgurina Palace and its collection showing the development of past maritime and cultural activities.

#### **MLJET**

#### LENGTH: 3.25 hours

Mljet is definitely the most charming island in all of the Mediterranean. After a stroll down a walking trail with our guide, local boats will take us to the 12th century Benedictine monastery located in the middle of Veliko Jezero, a salt lake in the national park of Mljet.

Disembarking and boarding via small motor boats.

#### SIBENIK AND THE KRKA FALLS

#### I FNGTH: 4 hours

Discover Sibenik while strolling down its 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> century streets. We'll visit St. James' Cathedral, listed as a UNESCO World Heritages site. Afterwards, we'll leave for the Krka Falls by coach. Skradinski buk is one of the most attractive parts of Krka National

Park. It is a large and clear natural pool with high waterfalls at one end and smaller cascades at the other.

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

The city of Split with its population of 140,000 is the largest in Dalmatia as well as being an active university and artistic centre. We'll visit Diocletian's Palace, built by a simple soldier who became the Emperor. We'll also see the Temple of Jupiter and the Cathedral built on the site of the mausoleum.

#### **TROGIR**

#### LENGTH: 3.25 hours

Trogir, as large as the island on which it was erected, is a real beauty with its intricate alleyways, stairways and vaulted passages. Its treasures of Roman and Renaissance architecture have led the town to be discover the magnificent Cathedral of St. Lawrence with its surprising interior. We'll also visit the Town Hall and the old town, still brimming with fully preserved monuments from the 13th to the 15th centuries.

# **DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS**

#### **BIKE TOUR ON VIS ISLAND**

#### LENGTH: 2.5 hours

At the port of Vis, we'll pick up our bikes and set out with our guide for a bike tour of the island. We'll discover the hidden treasures of Vis, where everyone rides any-old bike: old and young, natives and tourists. After leaving the town, we'll pass through other typical villages on the island, including Plisko Polje, Dracevo Polje and Podspilje.

Approx. 9.5 km, 200 m altitude difference.

Attention: children are under the responsibility of their parents and must be autonomous by bike

#### **HIKE TO KRKA FALLS**

#### LENGTH: 4.5 hours

You'll be transferred to the starting point for your hike. Come discover Krka National Park and its famous waterfalls. On the first part of the walk, you'll

see just the smaller falls that are well-known for their extraordinary beauty. When coming back, you'll be treated to the show of a lifetime: the Krka Falls. The waterfalls are a karstic phenomenon, and the river water has created a canyon up to 656 ft./200 m. deep through limestone hills

#### **KORCULA - BUGGY SAFARI**

#### LENGTH: 5 hours

Experience Korcula Island in a unique way with this exciting journey in your own 2-seater buggy. You'll be transferred to Lumbarda by boat. After a safety be transferred to Eurinbarda by bode. After a safety briefing, you will enjoy buggy driving on gravel roads through gorgeous landscapes full of olive groves and vineyards. Have the time of your life exploring the coastal routes and taking in the magnificent sea views between Zrnovo and Lumbarda. While returning to our ship, enjoy a tasting of some local products

#### **URBAN WALK ON HVAR ISLAND** TO THE FORTRESS

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

The island of Hvar is the empress of the Croatian Dalmatian Islands. Your trek will begin in the port of Hvar, where you'll meet up with your guide. You'll set out on an urban hike across the picturesque town. We'll hike all the way to the Spanish fortress overlooking the island. After we return to the port, enjoy some free time on your own before returning to the ship.

Disembarking and boarding via small motor boats.

# Croatia, Greece, Albania and Montenegro

# **CLASSIC EXCURSIONS**

#### **BERAT AND APOLLONIA**

#### LENGTH: 10 hours (4.5-hour transfer)

Berat is one of the highlights when visiting Albania, whose most striking feature is the white houses climbing up the hill to its castle. The centre of Berat is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and contains rare examples of Ottoman-style architecture. The old quarter contains lovely ensembles of whitewashed walls, tiled roofs and cobblestone roads. We'll enjoy lunch during our excursion and then continue on to the largest archaeological site in Albania: Apollonia. Apollonia was founded in 588 BC by Greek colonists from Corfu and Corinth. The city flourished during Roman rule and was home to a renowned school of philosophy. Julius Caesar rewarded Apollonia with the status of "free city" for supporting him during the Great Roman Civil War. The future Emperor Augustus completed his studies here.

#### **BUTRINT**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours (1.70-hour transfer)

For this excursion, we'll leave Saranda and head inland, crossing the Bistricë River and the vast Vrina Plain before arriving at the salt lagoon known as Lake Butrint. We'll visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Butrint, once part of the Greek and Roman colonies. Inhabited since prehistoric times, the city experienced a great period of prosperity under By zantine rule. The first modern archaeological excavations began in 1928 when Benito Mussolini sent an expedition to extend Italian dominance into the area. The excavations, which continued through 1943, uncovered the Hellenistic and Roman part of the ancient city including the "Lion Gate" and the "Scaean Gate". The major ruin from the paleo-Christian era is the baptistery, an ancient Roman monument adapted to the cultural needs of Christianity.

#### **CORFU AND ACHILLEION**

#### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll depart by coach with our guides to visit the sights of the island of Corfu. First of all you will visit the Achilleion Palace, built between 1889 and 1891 following the orders of Empress Elisabeth (better known as "Sissi") in honor of her favorite Greek hero, Achilles. The visit will continue by coach through the Kanoni peninsula, an extraordinarily beautiful site. You will be able to admire an unforget table view where all the shades of blue and green mingle, in the sky, the sea and the nature of Corfu. Off the coast of Kanoni is an island on which stands the Vlacherna monastery and the famous Pontiko-nissi Island (Mouse Island), with the Church of Pantokrator. The visit will end with a walking tour down the winding streets in the island's capital, Corfu City, whose Old Town developed in a confined space, between two fortresses and encircled by ramparts. You will visit St Spyridon church, the city's most famous monument built at the end of the 16th century and whose interior will stun you with the splendor of its Byzantine icons.

#### **DUBROVNIK**

#### LENGTH: 3.75 hours

We'll visit the Dominican Friary, its lovely Gothic cloister, and its extraordinary museum of religious art - with several valuable paintings, including a triptych by Nikola Bozidarevic depicting Dubrovnik before the great earthquake of 1667. We'll then see the Rector's Palace, once the seat of the government and now a museum housing furniture, portraits, coats of arms, paintings, coins, and the original keys to the city gates. We'll also visit the cathedral which keeps in its core gold and silver reliquaries as well as paintings from Titian's workshop, before moving on to the Onofrio Fountains and Sponza Palace, a superb Gothic-Renaissance structure

#### **GJIROKASTËR**

#### LENGTH: 5 hours (3-hour transfer)

Join us for an excursion to Gjirokastër, one of the most beautiful sites in Albania. Its castle, which is undoubtedly one of the most magnificent structures in Gjirokastër, sits on a rocky bluff with the city stretching out around it. This "City of Stone" is also comprised of hundreds of Ottoman-style tower homes with distinctive stone roofs, wooden balconies, and whitewashed stone walls. We'll visit the castle and the National Museum of Armaments located inside, which houses various arms from the neolithic period to World War II. We'll also enjoy a tasting of some local products

#### **STARIBAR**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

Stari Bar, meaning "Old Bar," is located a few miles from the newer city of Bar at the foot of Mount Rumija. Although Stari Bar was abandoned after the 1979 earthquake because the aqueduct that supplied water to the town was damaged, it was restored some years later and the population began to return. The walls along Stari Bar contain some fascinating ruins, including the foundations of St. George Cathedral, the Church of St. John, and the Church of St. Verenada. Enjoy some free time to stroll about the town on your own.

#### **TIRANA**

#### LENGTH: 5 hours (3-hour transfer)

We'll hit the road for Tirana. We'll first visit the National History Museum, which takes you chronologically from ancient Illyria to the post-communist era. After our visit, we'll set out on foot for Skanderbeg Square, the city centre surrounded by important government buildings, as well as the historic Et'hem Bey Mosque (the mosque is currently closed for renovations, the initial visit to this site will be replaced by a tour of the Blloku area). Once the area where the communist elite resided, it is now an upscale location for dining, shopping, and entertainment. Blloku is also well-known for its colorful, sometimes garish facades that contrast with the gray Soviet-era buildings. The simple, three-story former residence of Enver Halil Hoxha, head of Albania for over 40 years, can still be seen on Ismail Qemali Street.



# The Cyclades and Dodecanese Islands

# **CLASSIC EXCURSIONS**

#### ATHENS AND THE ACROPOLIS

LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll set off by coach with our guides for the Athens Acropolis, situated on a 150 m-high rocky plateau and which in Ancient times was a vast sanctuary for the worship of the Goddess Athena and numerous other gods in Greek mythology. You will have the chance to discover the different temples on the site including the Parthenon, built in the 5th century BC. You will also visit a number of other remarkable monuments still standing such as the Erechtheion, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Propylaea, the ancient Theatre of Dionysos and the Odeon of Herodes Atticus. You will then return to the coach to finish off with a panoramic tour of the modern city of Athens, also taking in the Agora, the center of public life for the ancient Athenians.

#### **SYROS**

#### LENGTH: 5 hours

Syros is home to contrasts in color and architecture. We'll head to the magnificent city of Ano Syros to take in the Venetian charm and Cycladic architecture overlooking the gorgeous Aegean Sea. Afterwards, take in the "retro" feel as you stroll down the marble streets in Ermoupolis. The City Hall, designed by Ernst Ziller, sits majestically in the main square

#### **AMORGOS**

#### LENGTH: 4.5 hours

The first stop will be the monastery of Panagia Hozoviotissa to take in the beauty of the cliffside structure and its panoramic view of the sea. We'll climb the 269 steps to the monastery, where we'll enjoy the monks' hospitality of a few Turkish delights and a glass of Raki or water. Our next stop will

be Agios Georgios Valsamitis, a monastery built in the 8th century on the site where locals found an icon of Saint George. To wrap it all up, enjoy some time on your own in picturesque Chora, the island's capital.

#### **MEDIEVAL RHODES**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

Rhodes is famous for gorgeous beaches and awesome weather, but it is also jam-packed with history, especially noteworthy medieval tales. The island is home to one of the largest medieval centers still thriving today. Don't miss this opportunity to enter the city walls and wander the labyrinth of streets. The fort, bastion, walls, gates, minarets, old homes, fountains, and peaceful squares are as if King's Landing has come alive. You'll visit the Kos Town Castle at the entrance of the harbor.

#### **LINDOS**

#### LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll cross the island to visit the charming fishing village of Lindos. For many tourists, the natural landscape, astonishing views, and impressive archaeological site are second to none in the islands. As we walk the streets towards the Acropolis, you'll see ruins from the variety of civilizations who have called this island home. You'll have a superb view of the whitewashed village against the yellow rock and blue sea below from the top of the hill.

#### **SANTORINI**

#### LENGTH: 4.5 hours

Santorini is the most famous of the Cyclades and also the most beautiful. Its earthquake crater is invaded by the sea, and the scenery is breathtakingly beautiful. At the very top of the island you can make out dazzlingly white villages. You will have the chance to visit the islands' most picturesque sites, to admire the most fascinating views, to briefly get a taste of local life and enjoy the natural and authentic flavors of this corner of the Mediterranean. We'll reach the island on board rowboats. Departure by coach for Profitis llias, the highest point on this splendid island, whose colors and contrasts will accompany you throughout the morning. You will then take the direction of the village of Oia, the postcard village of Santorini with its beautiful white houses clinging to the side of the cliff and overlooking the Aegean Sea. The last stage on our tour will be the delightful village of Fira, with its blue cupolas that blend in with the sky. We'll travel back down to the port by cable car and board our rowboats again back to the ship.

#### **MILOS**

#### LENGTH: 6 hours

This panoramic tour will take you to all of the must-sees on the island, where you'll learn about its history and culture. Don't miss the moonscape atmosphere at Sarakiniko Beach or the ancient Roman Theater set on the hillside, offering splendid views of the bay. Klima is a beautiful fishing village with dazzling colored homes. And lastly, enjoy a bit of free time strolling the streets in Plaka, the island's historic capital.

## **DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS**

#### **KESSARIANI MONASTERY**

LENGTH: 4 hours

This beautiful Eastern Orthodox monastery sits in the forest at the foot the Mount Hymettus, right outside of the city. The verdant slopes of Mount Hymettus are a haven from the hustle and bustle of Athens, especially in the hot summer. Monks first built the monastery in the 11th century over a shrine to the goddess Aphrodite.

#### **TSAMBIKA BEACH (TRANSFER)**

LENGTH: 4 hours

Spend the afternoon in a little corner of paradise. Swim in the turquoise water and catch some rays on the pristine beach. Sunlounger and umbrella rental included.

# Egypt and Jordan

# **CLASSIC EXCURSIONS**

# SAINT CATHERINE'S EASTERN ORTHODOX MONASTERY

LENGTH: 9,5 hours

We'll leave early in the morning for a visit to one of the most important Christian sites in the area, Saint Catherine's Monastery. The age-old monastery sits where the Church believes God revealed himself to Moses as a burning bush and where Moses later received the Ten Commandments. Catherine of Alexandria was an educated woman who converted to Christianity at 14. Roman Emperor Maxentius put her to death just four years later. Our visit begins at the magnificent art-filled Basilica of the Transfiguration and includes the site of the original Chapel of the Holy Bush, the stunning gallery of icons, and the Well of Moses. We'll enjoy lunch at a restaurant and return to Sharm El Sheikh by coach.

Egyptian authorities may decide unexpectedly to limit access to Sinai.

#### **PETRA**

LENGTH: 10 hours

Petra is unquestionably one of the greatest marvels ever sculpted by both Mother Nature and humankind. The area was settled as early as 7000 BC. Petra is also known as the "Red Rose City" because of the stone from which it is carved. We'll visit this incredible UNESCO World Heritage Site to take in its ancient wonders hidden within the mountains that have protected them for so long. From the dramatic, narrow passage known as the Siq to Al Khazneh, its most elaborate ruin, this excursion to one of the Seven Modern Wonders of the World will take your breath away. We'll have lunch in a local restaurant. This excursion requires physical efforts, including walking long distances on uneven and steep terrain.

Lunch included. Approx. 4 hours round trip travel time.

# RELAXATION ON THE RED SEA (TRANSFER)

LENGTH: 6 hours

Day of relaxation on a beach or in a hotel on the Red Sea

#### THE SEAFLOOR IN NAAMA BAY

LENGTH: 2.5 hours

We'll set out from the harbor in Sharm El-Sheikh for the magnificent seaside area of Naama Bay, an enormous natural inlet known for its beautiful diving sites. The golden sand beaches lined with palm trees are the ideal place to relax, sunbathe, swim, or just veg out. You'll begin this excursion at the Hilton Resort, where you'll board a glass-bottom boat and cast off to observe the beautiful marine life found in the Red Sea. You'll have a great view of the coral reefs and tropical fish of all sizes while the ship's captain talks about each species and the environment you see under your feet. From the top deck, you can take in the magnificent views of Naama Bay and moun-tains that surround the station as you enjoy a

#### THE VALLEY OF THE KINGS AND THE KARNAK TEMPLE COMPLEX

LENGTH: 15 hours

We'll leave for a full-day excursion to Thebes, the ancient capital of the Pharaohs: You'll discover Luxor and the Valley of the Kings. The Valley of

the Kings is one of ancient Egypt's top tourist destinations. Located in a deep valley just 2 km from the edge of the plain, the site contains over sixty tombs. Only the openings dotting the face of the cliff remain as tell-tale signs of the tombs below. This valley is one of the main complexes of the Ancient Theban Necropolis, located on the left bank of the Nile, directly across from the city of Luxor. It was here, in this setting, that the Pharaohs awaited immortality in their sarcophagi. Further along, dominating the eastern bank, the 18-meter-high Colossi of Memnon-faceless effigies sitting on a throne—are the ruins of the mortuary temple of Amenhotep III. Our afternoon will be spent visiting the Karnak Temple Complex. Connected to Luxor by a corridor of ram-headed sphinxes, this grandiose site dedicated to the god Amun, was continuously expanded for 1500 years. At the heart of this site stands the colossal Precinct of Amun-Re, enclosing a sacred lake that was used by priests in a purification ceremony before performing rituals in the temple. An important place of worship, it contains the Great Hypostyle Hall, a spectacular forest of gigantic columns. This historically significant complex is breathtakingly beautiful.

Lunch included. Approx. 9 hours round trip travel time.

#### THE WADI RUM DESERT

LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll set out in Jeeps to cross the magnificent desert, also known as the Valley of the Moon. Its vibrant red earth and stunning rock formations make it one of Jordan's most extraordinary sites. Follow the footsteps of T.E. Lawrence and fall in love with the area as he did. Geologists think that Wadi Rum was formed from a strong push from underground, which caused a large fissure in the surface. As a result, the rock formations provide some of the best photo ops found on the planet Some wind-brushed mountain peaks reach over 6,000 feet. Deep canyons and sand dunes add to the mystique. Large caravans of merchants and wares traveling between the various territories once crossed this desert. Today, a few hundred Bedouins still call the area home. Their hospitality is second to none, and they have adopted a humanistic and green approach to tourism in their

# Cyprus and the Holy Land

# **CLASSIC EXCURSIONS**

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll set off on a visit to Acre (Saint John of Acre), headquarters of the Knights Hospitaller during Crusades in the Holy Land. The old city of Acre, a UNESCO world heritage site, is home to many remarkable sites, such as ruins from the Greco-Roman period as well as from the time of the Crusades and the Ottoman Empire. Its fascinating historical heritage where East meets West and the unique ruins of the different cultures make it one of the most important cities of the ancient world.

#### **GALILEE AND LAKE TIBERIAS\***

LENGTH: 9 hours (4-hour transfer)

We'll set off by coach for our excursion to Galilee and Lake Tiberias, a freshwater lake known also as the Sea of Galilee or Kinneret in Hebrew. The excursion will first take you to Cana (or Kafr Cana), where Jesus performed the miracle of transforming water into wine. We'll continue on to the Mount of Beatitudes, from where there are wonderful views of Lake Tiberias. You will also visit the Church of the Beatitudes, Tabgha, the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes as well as the Church of the Primacy of St Peter. We'll continue to Capernaum, which was the base camp for Jesus during his Galilean ministry. It was here that he was said to have preached to the synagogue and healed the sick, and where he chose his first four disciples Peter, Andrew, James and John from among the local fishermen. We'll visit the Synagogue and the house of St Peter, of which only ruins remain and where Jesus was said to have lived. Next we'll travel to Jordan where Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist

#### **JERUSALEM AND BETHLEHEM\***

LENGTH: 12.5 hours

We'll set off from the port of Haifa and travel through the Judea Mountains and the entrance to the valley which was besieged during the 1948 War of Independence. In Jerusalem, you will visit the Mount of Olives and the Church of Gethse-mane, where Jesus Christ was betrayed by Judas Iscariot and captured by the Romans. In the after-noon you will have a discovery tour of Bethlehem, City of David and Jacob, and the famous Church of the Nativity. We'll return to Jerusalem for a discovery tour of the Old Town. First you will visit the colorful markets before we reach the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The tour then continues along the Via Dolorosa to the Wailing Wall, the most sa-

cred place of worship for Jews. Finally, you will visit Mount Zion, where Jesus Christ ate the Last Supper with his disciples, which inspired the Cenacle. In the middle of the day, there will be a stop in a local restaurant for lunch.

Depending on how busy the Church of the Nativity and Church of the Holy Sepulchre are, we may not be able to visit one or both locations.

#### MASADA AND THE DEAD SEA

LENGTH: 12 hours

Masada is one of Israel's most popular tourist dev stinations. The breathtaking, strategic location is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a symbol of heroism and importance within Jewish culture When Israel began its great revolt against Rome in 68 AD, the site became a stronghold for Jewish rebels. The Romans besieged Masada in the year 72. Rather than be taken alive by their adversaries, the population of Masada chose to die by suicide After our stirring visit to this important historical site, we will continue to the Dead Sea for lunch and an afternoon at the side of the pool or in the sea's beneficial waters and muds.

#### **MEDIEVAL BYZANTINE CASTLE OF LIMASSOL**

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set off for a guided visit of the medieval Byzantine castle of Limassol. You will see the castle and its shady gardens. The current building, dating from the 13<sup>th</sup> century, was built on top of the ruins of a Byzantine castle and has been restored and destroyed many times during the history of Cyprus. The Venetians demolished it, the Ottomans turned it into a military building and the British used it as a colonial prison. Today it houses the medieval museum of Cyprus, with exhibits such as Ottoman pottery, medieval armor and everyday objects from the Byzantine era. The reception hall of the castle was where Richard the Lionheart, king of England, married Berangaria of Navarre in 1191. In addition, he proclaimed himself to be the king of Cyprus in this very hall and made his wife the queen of England. There will then be some free time in the old town. You can wander through the historic centre, along the pedestria-nised shopping streets, the Turkish zone which has had some major renovation work and the castle which is now surrounded by a pedestrian area. Return on board.

#### **NAZARETH\***

LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll set off for our guided visit to Nazareth. There will be a discovery tour of Nazareth, travelling through the lovely hills of Upper Galilee and the historic Jezreel Valley until you reach the spot where the Angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she would give birth to the Messiah. We'll visit the Church of the Annunciation, the largest Catholic church in the Middle East and one of the holiest shrines in the Christian world. We'll continue to the Greek Orthodox Church of St Gabriel, where the water from an underground spring flows into the adjacent Mary's Well which you will also see. Then we'll visit St Joseph's Church, built in 1914 on the very spot believed to be the workshop of Joseph

#### **NICOSIA**

LENGTH: 4 hours

Nicosia is the capital city of Cyprus and its largest metropolis. We'll visit the former Cathedral of Saint Sophia, the coronation church for the Lusignan sopria, the coronation church for the Eusgnah kings of Cyprus, which was converted into the Selimiye Mosque in the 16th century. We'll then visit Büyük Han, the largest caravanserai of Cyprus considered to be one of the finest buildings on the island. Afterwards, we'll take a stroll in the traditional pedestrian neighborhood of Laïki Geitonia. Its charm lies in its lovely alleys and typical houses from the 18th century. We'll get to taste local products during our visit.

Passport is mandatory.

#### **PAPHOS**

LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll leave from Limassol by coach and head towards Paphos. On our way, we'll stop off at Rotsa tou kalamara, also known as Aphrodite's Rock, a popular attraction because its status in mythology as her birthplace. We'll then continue on to Paphos, visiting two major sites in the Kato Pafos Archaeological Park. The first are the impressive, underground tombs dating back to the 4th century BC. Because of their beauty and importance, they are listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll also visit several restored Roman villas, including the Houses of Dionysus, Theseus, and Aion. Afterwards, we'll continue on to the coastal town of Yeroskipou and visit a Loukoum (Turkish Delight) factory for a tasting



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9-DAY / 8-NIGHT ITINERARY • REF. 11A\_PP / 11Z\_PP

# Southern Africa: travel to the earth

#### DAY 1 | Johannesburg (South Africa)

Programme depends on time of arrival Excursion proposed:

 Discover Johannesburg and the Apartheid Museum Night spent at the hotel

#### DAY 2 | Johannesburg • Kasane Arrival at the lodge (South Africa-Botswana-Namibia)

Flight from Johannesburg to Kasane (Botswana) Transfer to CroisiEurope lodge Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

Night spent at the lodge

#### DAY 3 | Chobe National Park (Namibia-Botswana)

Full-day safari in Jeeps to explore the Chobe National Park and sailing the Chobe River on small private boat Night spent at the lodge

#### DAY 4 | Impalila Island (Namibia)

Excursion proposed:

 Visit authentic villages to discover the traditional namibian houses, culture and customs
 Free time at the lodge or join a tour on the Zambezi river on small private boat
 Night spent at the lodge

#### DAY 5 | Lodge • Kasane • Lake Kariba Boarding the ship (Namibia-Botswana-Zimbabwe)

Excursion proposed:

 One last water safari in the Chobe National Park area Flight from Kasane to Kariba Boarding the ship Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Sailing across Lake Kariba Night spent on board

#### DAY 6 | Lake Kariba Sailing to Spurwing Island (Zimbabwe)

Sailing through the rare and mysterious landscapes of Lake Kariba

Excursion proposed:

 Discover the small waterways going into the Matusadona National Park on small private boat Sailing in the direction of Palm Bay Excursion proposed:

• Set out on small private boat to admire the sunset Night spent on board

#### DAY 7 | Lake Kariba Matusadona National Park (Zimbabwe)

Excursion proposed:

 Safari in Jeeps to discover the wildlife of Matusadona National Park

Sailing on Lake Kariba

 A round table will be the opportunity to learn more about the creation and inhabitants of the Lake Night spent on board

# CHOBE CASCAGES KARIBA RIVER AND AUTOMATICAL COMPANIAN AUTOMATICAL CASCAGES RIVER AND AUTOMATICAL CASCAGES RIVER AND AUTOMATICAL CASCAGES RATE Chobe NATIONAL PARTICA Pretoria JOHANNESBURG SOUTH AFRICA CAPE TOWN

#### DAY 8 | Kariba • Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

Sail towards Kariba to disembark Flight from Kariba to Victoria Falls Lunch cruise on the Zambezi River Excursion proposed:

• Tour on foot of the falls Night spent at the hotel

#### DAY 9 | Victoria Falls

 Optional early morning excursion: Soar over Victoria Falls in a helicopter (must be reserved upon booking)

End of services at the hotel

See excursion details on page 174.





5-DAY / 4-NIGHT EXTENDED STAY • REF. 14F PP / 14Z PP

# Stay at the Cape Peninsula

#### DAY 1 | Cape Town

Checking into the hotel from 3:00 p.m. Dinner on your own Overnight at the hotel

#### DAY 2 | Cape Town

Excursions proposed:

- Panoramic tour of Cape Town
- Ascent of Table Mountain

#### DAY 3 | Robben Island Groot Constantia Wine Estate

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of Robben Island
- Guided tour of the Groot Constantia Wine Estate and wine tasting\*

#### DAY 4 | The Cape of Good Hope

Excursions proposed:

- Ride along Chapman's Peak Drive to the Cape of Good Hope peninsula
- Discover the penguin colony near Simon's Town

#### DAY 5 | Cape Town • Johannesburg

Transfer to the airport and flight to Johannesburg Join up the rest of the safari-cruise group

See excursion details on page 174.

## Extended stay highlights

#### **EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:**

- Ascent of Table Mountain to take in the views from Table Bay
- · Discovery of the legendary Cape of Good Hope
- · Guided tour of Robben Island
- · Meet-up with the penguin colony near Simon's Town
- · Tasting of South-African wines



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



ALL MEALS INCLUDED (except day 1)



FREE Wi-Fi

# Cruise highlights

- · An intimate experience on board a luxury 5 anchor ship
- · Enjoy the stillness of a magical, luxurious lodge with spacious bungalows and private swimming pool
- Transfers by private plane, a unique view across on the savannah and Lake Kariba
- Unique cruise on Lake Kariba through emblematic and mysterious landscapes

#### **EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:**

- · Land and water safaris in the most beautiful national parks: Chobe and Matusadona
- Discover Johannesburg, South Africa's iconic city, and the grandness of Victoria Falls



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED except for the helicopter ride over Victoria Falls



**ALL MEALS INCLUDED** 



UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY **BEVERAGES** 

4-DAY / 3-NIGHT EXTENDED STAY • REF. 20A\_PP / 21A\_PP

# From Zimbabwe to South Africa on a luxury train

Continue your African adventure by traveling aboard the legendary Rovos Rail between the grandiose Zimbabwean landscape and the South African plateaus.

A fabulous experience to rival the Orient Express!

Ask us for detailed programmes and dates.



<sup>\*</sup> Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.

# Our excursions

#### Core programme

## Included

#### **JOHANNESBURG**

We'll have lunch before visiting the Apartheid Museum which opened in 2001. It is famous the world over for being the first museum centering on South African history in the 20th century, and more particularly on Apartheid.

Afterwards, we'll set off for a panoramic tour of the city. In addition to being South Africa's financial capital, Johannesburg is also the city of superlatives. It is indeed the richest town in Africa, with the tallest buildings and widest social discrepancies, but is also infused with one of the best atmospheres you'll ever come across.

#### **SAFARIS**

We'll explore the local fauna and flora in small groups on board small motor boats or Jeeps. Elephants, giraffes, Cape buffalos and impalas are only but a few of the wild animals you may get to see in your surroundings. Each season brings its own particularities and allows for unique and up-close experiences with wildlife.

#### **IMPALILA ISLAND**

One morning will be dedicated to discovering the culture and traditions of the area. We'll visit rebuilt traditional villages, an opportunity to learn more about the Namibian houses, the everyday life and living together of the indigenous population and more

#### **VICTORIA FALLS**

We'll leave for a tour on foot of the falls in Zimbabwe, where the views are among the most exceptional in the world. We'll also see where the Zambezi River plunges over the cliff to become the widest waterfall in the world, creating the "smoke that thunders"

## Optional

#### **HELICOPTER RIDE OVER VICTORIA FALLS (12 mn)**

Soar over Victoria Falls in a helicopter for spectacular views over this true wonder of nature known as the "Smoke That Thunders" (in "high water" season). You'll also get to see from above where the Zambezi River plunges over the cliff to become the widest waterfall in the world, as well as the city of Victoria Falls and the surrounding nature.

#### Extended stay

#### **CAPE TOWN**

We'll leave on a panoramic tour of the city. Cape Town is a meticulously preserved city with modern towers in the centre, cobblestone roads and a bounty of historical monuments. We'll then take the Table Mountain Cableway to soak up the 360-degree views of Table Bay and the nearby peaks of the surrounding mountains (if the weather allows it).

#### **ROBBEN ISLAND AND GROOT CONSTANTIA WINE ESTATE**

Robben Island is a place that needs no introduction with regards to its significance in South Africa's and indeed the world's history. We'll have a guided tour of the island and its cells. We'll return to Cape Town for lunch on the waterfront. Afterwards, we'll visit the Groot Constantia estate, considered the oldest vineyard in South Africa. For the past 300 years, agricultural activities at Groot Constantia have focused on wine making, and the Constantia wines have become renowned throughout Europe. We'll visit the cellar followed by a tasting\*.

#### THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

We'll set out for the legendary Cape of Good Hope. We'll ride along Chapman's Peak Drive, located on the Atlantic coast of the southwestern tip of South Africa. The narrow stretch of land, dotted with beautiful valleys, bays and beaches, contains a mix of extraordinarily diverse and unique fauna and flora. We'll take the famous Flying Dutchman funicular to the summit to see the old lighthouse and relish the panoramic views. We'll have lunch before discovering the penguin colony near Simon's Town. Once called Jackass Penguins, they are famous for their hilarious braying call.

\*Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please

# Practical information

#### **FORMALITIES**

Passengers should contact their Embassy or Consulate to ensure any essential paperwork is obtained before

#### **HEALTH FORMALITIES**

This safari-cruise is not recommended for persons with reduced mobility. The stony paths, entering and exiting land and water safari vehicles and the ab-sence of an elevator on board the ship require good physical health.

There are no compulsory vaccinations for your destinations except for guests arriving from countries with risk of yellow fever; these guests may be required to produce proof of vaccination at the airport or at the border post. However, it is strongly recommended you ensure your vaccines for the following diseases are up-to-date: tetanus, polio, hepatitis A and B, diphtheria and typhoid. We also recommend consulting with your general practitioner regarding an antimalarial treatment and a yellow fever vaccine. Vaccines for rubella, mumps, measles are recommended for minors. As a general rule, we strongly recommend consulting with your general practitioner about any health concerns before your departure.

It is not recommended that you drink tap water, and prefer to drink bottled mineral water only (watch the seal being broken before accepting the bottle) and tea

It is important that you bring with you any of your usual medication (aspirin, anti-diarrhea tablets, etc.).

#### **CURRENCY**

Onboard the ships and at the lodges, payments can be made with a major bank card. It is not possible to exchange

money on board or at the lodges US dollars will be accepted in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe.

For the current exchange rates for the local currencies, please consult websites such as www.xe.com or www.oanda.com/currency/converter/.

#### **CLIMATE**

In Johannesburg, temperatures are never excessive due to its altitude (1,752m/5,751ft.). Winters (May to September) are dry and sunny with cold nights, but the days are usually very pleasant. Summers (October to April) are hot during the day with thunderstorms in the afternoon or evening, and nights are cool in the Kasane Lake Kariba and are cool. In the Kasane, Lake Kariba and Victoria Falls areas, the climate is semi-arid. Winters (May to October) are the dry season; days are hot and sunny, and nights are cool or even cold. Summers (November to April) can be rainy and temperatures are hot.

Cape Town enjoys a Mediterranean climate. Winters (May to August) are mild (16°C/62°F) and summers (September to April) are warm and dry, with temperatures averaging 28°C/82°F

#### TIME DIFFERENCE

You can consult www.worldtimezone.com to see the time difference between your home and your destination.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The itinerary can change depending on the weather.
- The order of the visits can be modified or reversed.
- · Your cruise on board the ships as well as your stay at the lodges are fully dedicated to the protected areas of Lake Kariba and Chobe National Park Life on board and at the lodges revolves around the discovery and observation

of the local fauna and flora, providing constant enchantment. Strict safety rules and guidelines will be given on site, such as staying close to the lodges and ships at all times outside of the context of excursions because of the everpresent wilderness and fauna around

- The observation of wildlife can't be
- guaranteed.

   Please be aware that most of your stay will take place at the border with three different countries, meaning mandatory frequent border crossings. teams on site are doing everything in their power to make the process quicker.
- The helicopter ride, the ascent of Table Mountain and the Robben Island visit depend on suitable weather conditions.
- Cabin for triple use on board the ships: if two adults and one child are sharing one cabin, the spare bed will measure 150 cm x 80 cm (59 in. x 31 in.)

#### **BAGGAGE REGULATIONS** TO FOLLOW

On this trip we plan to use private planes to get you between Kasane . (lodge) and Kariba (ship).

The airline company operating these flights are imposing many restrictions regarding the bags being transported due to the capacity of the planes and for safety reasons.

You'll find the list of regulations below:

- The checked baggage (1 per person maximum) must not exceed 20 kg/44 lbs. It must comply with the following dimensions 60 cm/23,60 in. in length x 40 cm/15,70 in. in height x 30 cm/ 11,80 in. in width.
- It must be made from soft fabric. Hardshell suitcases are not accepted. Luggage with wheels is accepted (a
- maximum of 2 wheels per bag).
- The carry-on baggage and personal items must not exceed 3 kg/6.6 lbs. If the baggage does not comply with

the above rules, the airline will refuse to transport it. Your stay aboard the ship would take place without your personal would take place without your personal belongings. At the end of your cruise and before taking your international flight, you will be forced to return to the lodge at your own expense to collect your suitcase.

For your comfort, a laundry service is available during your stay at the lodge.



# Ships on Lake Kariba

# RV AFRICAN DREAM / RV ZIMBABWEAN DREAM

Category: Premium

Live an up-close and personal experience with nature at the ends of the world on board our Premiumrated ships as you cruise on Lake Kariba in Zimbabwe. Fantastic moments to keep for a lifetime!

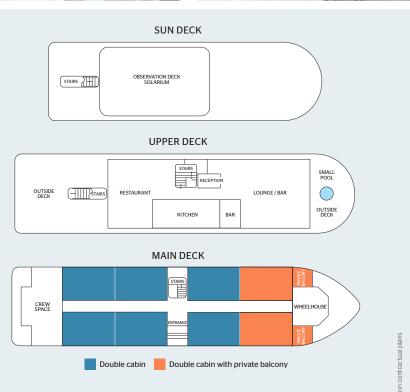












# CASCADES SAFARI LODGE

Located on an island at the very heart of the wilderness, our first-class lodge provides a refined and comfortable safari atmosphere in a quiet environment.







Bungalows Our eight fully-equipped bungalows include a bedroom, a living area, and a large bathroom.

They're equipped with air conditioning, a TV, safe, Wi-Fi, storage area and tea and coffee amenities. They each have an interior shower and bath, an exterior shower near the pool, and a hairdryer. Each bungalow comes with a private swimming pool and an adjoining terrace with deckchairs and an exterior shower.

**Facilities** 

The common areas include a restaurant, a lounge and bar area, and a spacious, panoramic terrace with a view on one of the Zambezi River tributaries, ideal for observing the surrounding wilderness. Wi-Fi is available in the restaurant and lobby areas. A laundry service is available to our guests for a fee.

Activities

Discover the culture, history and traditions of Southern Africa. Fishing enthusiasts will also enjoy this particular spot (fishing equipment can be rented upon request).



ZAMBIA

CASCADES LODGE

NAMIBIA



ZAMBIA

KAZA LODGE

NAMIBIA

KAZA SAFARI LODGE

A hidden lodge in the heart of nature, intimate and authentic for a true African experience!







8 wooden ensuite bungalows with thatched roof and private balcony providing views of the Zambezi rapids. All decorated in a refined chic-ethnic style.

They're equipped with air conditioning, a TV, safe, Wi-Fi, storage area, tea and coffee amenities; shower and hairdryer in the bathroom. A private swimming pool with an outdoor shower and a terrace with deckchairs complete the list of facilities in our bungalows.



The main living area is built around a massive baobab tree with several spacious outside areas and terraces.

An infinity pool with breathtaking view over the nature. A fire camp to enjoy the evenings.

Wi-Fi is available in the restaurant and lobby areas. A laundry service is available to our guests for a fee.

Activities

Discover the culture, history and traditions of Southern Africa. Fishing enthusiasts will also enjoy this particular spot (fishing equipment can be rented upon request).







11-DAY / 10-NIGHT ITINERARY • REF. 1R3 PP / 1H3 PP (opposite direction)

# From the Angkor temples to the Mekong Delta

#### DAY 1 | Siem Reap (Cambodia)

Programme depends on time of arrival Lunch

Free time to enjoy the hotel's facilities Night spent at the hotel

#### DAY 2 | Siem Reap • Angkor Temples

Excursions proposed:

- Visit of Ta Prohm temple
- Tour of Angkor Thom including the Royal Palace, the Terrace of the Elephants and that of the Leper King
- Visit the Senteurs d'Angkor and silk workshops
- Dinner at a local restaurant and Phare Circus Show Night spent at the hotel

#### DAY 3 | Siem Reap • Tonle Lake

Excursion proposed:

The Angkor Wat temple

Boarding, introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Night spent on board

#### DAY 4 | Kampong Chhnang

Disembark, road<sup>(1)</sup> to Kampong Chnang and discovery of traditional villages

Morning cruise<sup>(2)</sup> through Tonle Lake and disembark Excursion proposed:

 Visit of Kampong Chhnang and tasting of local products Cruise towards Kampong Tralach

#### DAY 5 | Kampong Tralach • Koh Chen • Phnom Penh

Excursions proposed:

- The Wat Kampong Tralach Leu pagoda
  Tour of Koh Chen with villagers specialized in silver and copper smithing Cruise towards Phnom Penh
- Tuk-tuk ride through the city

Apsara dance performance on board

#### DAY 6 | Phnom Penh

Excursions proposed:

- The Royal Palace and its Silver Pagoda
- The National Museum
- Tuol Svay Prey S21, former detention centre

Free time at the local market

#### DAY 7 | Chau Doc (Vietnam)

Cruise towards Chau Doc

Excursion proposed:

• Tay An pagoda and Ba Chua Xu temple Cruise towards Sa Dec

#### DAY 8 | Sa Dec • Vinh Long • Cai Be

Excursions proposed:

- The local market and Huynh Thuy Le's former home in Sa Dec Cruise on Vinh Long
- Visit to a brickyard
- $\bullet$  Discover a handcraft manufactory producing puffed rice, rice-paper wrappers and rice alcohol





#### DAY 9 | My Tho • Hô-Chi-Minh City (formerly Saïgon)

Excursion proposed:

• Visit to a honey bee farm with tastings of honey tea and exotic fruit Cruise through the beautiful Chao Gao Canal towards Hô-Chi-Minh City

#### DAY 10 | Hô-Chi-Minh City

- Excursions proposed:
   Tour of Hô-Chi-Minh City: the Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office
- Visit to the Museum of Vietnamese History
- Tour of the Cu Chi Tunnels Farewell cocktail and dinner

#### DAY 11 | Hô-Chi-Minh City

Disembark

Excursion proposed:

• Tour of Cholon, the local Chinatown Lunch in town before the end of our journey

#### See excursion details on pages 180 and 181.

Ask for the detailed itinerary of the opposite direction itinerary, REF.1H3\_PP. (1) Approximately 5-hour bus journey between Siem Reap and Kampong Chnang.
(2) Depending on the height of the Tonle Lake, the crossing can be made aboard your cruise ship or a speedboat.



# Cruise highlights

- Join us on a spectacular cruise through Asia and build memories that will last a lifetime
- CroisiEurope exclusivity: ship docks in the centre of Hô-Chi-Minh City
- Splendid cruise on the Chao Gao Canal
- Personalized service from a CroisiEurope cruise director
- Drinks included with meals

#### **EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:**

- · Discover 3 major historical cities: Siem Reap, Phnom Penh and Hô-Chi-Minh City
- Marvel at the amazing Angkor Temples
- Visit typical villages and meet the locals in Koh Chen, My Tho and more



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES



FREE Wi-Fi





4-DAY / 3-NIGHT EXTENDED STAY • REF. 1R6\_PP / 1H6\_PP (opposite direction)

# Hanoi and Halong Bay

#### DAY 11 | Hô-Chi-Minh City • Hanoi

Transfer to the airport Flight to Hanoi

Dinner and accommodation at the hotel

#### DAY 12 | Hanoi

Full-day excursion:

Guided tour of Hanoi

Lunch and dinner at a local restaurant Traditional water puppetry show Night spent at the hotel

#### DAY 13 | Hanoi • Halong Bay

Transfer to Halong Bay Boarding a boat, welcome cocktail and lunch Cruise through the mythical Halong Bay Night spent on board

#### DAY 14 | Halong Bay • Hanoi

Tai Chi class on the deck

• Visit one of the most beautiful caves of Halong Bay

Brunch and disembark at 11:00 a.m. Transfer to Hanoi

Stop off in Dinh Bang village Light dinner before the end of our journey

See excursion details below.



# Extended stay highlights

- Extend your vacation to Hanoi and beautiful Halong Bay
- Drinks included with meals

#### **EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:**

- Discover Hanoi, the historic heart of the nation
- Tuk-tuk ride through the Old Quarter in Hanoi
- Cruise across Halong Bay with its breathtaking scenery
- Vietnamese cooking class



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



FREE Wi-Fi

# Our excursions - Extended stay

#### **HANOI**

We'll spend the day on a guided tour of the capital, visiting the outside of the historic Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum on Ba Dinh Square, Ho Chi Minh's humble stilt house behind the mausoleum, and the unique One Pillar Pagoda Buddhist temple. We'll visit the Temple of Literature, built in 1070 and dedicated to Confucius. The temple also hosts the Imperial Academy, Vietnam's first national university. It has five courtyards, and interestingly enough is featured on the back of the 100,000 Vietnamese dong banknote. After lunch in town, we'll discover the old quarter of the city, also known as the "36 Streets," by pedicab or electric mini-bus (depending on availability). We'll have a tour of the local "Embassy Row" with its French colonial-style architecture. In the evening, we'll watch a traditional water puppetry show and have dinner in the city.

#### HALONG BAY CRUISE

We'll leave Hanoi early in the morning for Halong Bay (approx. 3.5 hours travel time). We'll be welcomed aboard a 4-anchor boat and begin our cruise to discover the thousands of various limestone islands dotting the emerald-colored bay. We'll enjoy dinner on board. The next day, after a Tai Chi class on deck, we'll continue our cruise through the bay, discovering more of its extraordinary scenery and visiting one of the largest caves.



# Our excursions

### Core programme

#### **SIEM REAP**

#### The Jewels of Angkor

We'll leave for an early visit of Ta Prohm, an 1186 Cambodian temple dedicated to the family of Jayavarman VII. We'll then explore Angkor Thom, a vast architectural complex which can be accessed through five gates. At its centre is the monumental temple of Bayon—famous for its towers and 172 faces of Avalokitesvara. Stroll through the grounds of the former Royal Palace. where the Phimeanakas Sanctuary is found. Discover the Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King. After lunch in town, we'll visit the Senteurs d'Angkor: a diverse collection of silk and carvings, as well as a superb range of traditional beauty products and spices, all made locally. We'll also visit the silk weaving workshops and discover the traditional weaving techniques that are still being used today.

#### Angkor Wat temple complex

The epitome of Khmer architectural art, Angkor Wat is the largest religious monument in the world and an architectural masterpiece.

#### **KAMPONG CHHNANG**

Kampong Chhnang is one of the largest fishing ports. The region is best known for its particularly archaic pottery that can be found throughout the country. We'll taste some of the local products.

#### KAMPONG TRALACH, KOH CHEN AND TUK-TUK **TOUR IN PHNOM PENH**

We will set out to visit the beautiful Vihara at the Wat Kampong Tralach Leu pagoda. The Vihara was built at the beginning of the last century and still has its splendid murals. Totally hidden among the rice fields, it's a little-visited, modest pagoda whose complete isolation makes the site even more fascinating. After our excursion, we'll return on board and cast off as you sit

down to lunch. Once we arrive in Koh Chen, you can explore this small village where craftspeople specialize in silver and copper work and where ornaments used in traditional ceremonies at the pagoda or for marriages are fashioned. After returning on board, we'll spend the afternoon cruising towards Phnom Penh, arriving in the early evening. Enjoy a brief tour of the area by "tuk-tuk" the easiest way to get around the city.

#### **PHNOM PFNH**

Founded in 1434, Phnom Penh, after much rehabilitation of part of its architectural heritage, still retains a good deal of its charm from the French colonial period. We'll enjoy a tour of the fabulous Royal Palace, the residence of the king of Cambodia and one of the most impressive examples of Cambodian architecture. We will then visit the Silver Pagoda, which is inlaid with more than 5,000 silver tiles and contains hidden treasures. Most notable is a small 17th century crystal Buddha and a life-sized gold Buddha decorated with 9,584 diamonds, the largest of which weighs 25 carats. Onward to visit the National Museum, which houses the Museum of Fine Arts, built in 1917 by the French but using the traditional Khmer style. The museum also serves a religious function: its collection of important Buddhist and Hindu sculpture addresses community religious needs as a place of worship. After lunch in town, you can pay a visit to the Tuol Svay Prey School, a former detention, torture, and execution centre run by the Khmer Rouge during the civil war. Afterwards, enjoy some free time at the market.

#### **CHAU DOC**

Located on the border between Cambodia and Vietnam, Chau Doc became part of Vietnam 300 years ago. The town sits among a giant patchwork of rice fields along the Mekong River. The now-prosperous area has developed around fish and fish farming. The town is a busy, lively place with few tourists and several charming colonial buildings. The market is the nerve centre of Chau Doc. We'll pay a visit to the Ba Chua Xu Temple and the Tay An Pagoda.

#### **SA DEC**

We'll discover the local market and visit the former house of Huynh Thuy Le, the man who Marquerite Duras based her book The Lover on. In colonial times. Sa Dec was known as the "Garden of Cochinchina" because of its famous floral gardens. We'll have lunch on board and cruise to Vinh Long, located in the middle of the delta, between two distributaries of the Mekong River. Hundreds of small boats abound between houses built on stilts. We'll set out in smaller boats and travel through canals and orchards before arriving in Cai Be. We'll discover a brick and pottery factory as well as a traditional factory producing puffed rice, rice-paper wrappers and rice alcohol.

#### MY THO

We visit the islands close to My Tho. They are famous for their vast orchards and fruit gardens. The climate is hot and comfortable all year. The surrounding countryside makes up one the most luxurious cultivated areas in Vietnam (coconut, banana, mango, and longan trees). On one of the largest islands, Thoi Son we'll visit a bee farm and enjoy some honey tea and exotic fruit. We'll then take a ride in small sampans along the canal lined with mangrove palms and have a glimpse of villagers going about their daily life.

#### **HÔ-CHI-MINH CITY (SAIGON)**

Hô-Chi-Minh City was heavily influenced by French colonialism in the 19th century. It is now the largest port in Vietnam. We'll enjoy a tour of the city to see the Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Saigon Central Post Office, and visit the Museum of Vietnamese History. Lunch will be served on board. In the afternoon, we'll leave by coach for the Cu Chi tunnels, an immense network of underground tunnels that were the location of several military campaigns during the Vietnam War. The tunnels were used by Viet Cong soldiers as hiding spots during combat, as well as serving as communication and supply routes, hospitals, food and weapon caches, and living quarters for numerous North Vietnamese fighters.

#### Morning

We'll spend the morning visiting Cholon, the Chinese-influenced section of the city, including its hectic market and the Thien Hau temple.

# Practical information

#### **FORMALITIES**

Passengers should contact their Embassy or Consulate to ensure any essential paperwork is obtained before travelling

#### **HEALTH FORMALITIES**

These cruises and tours are not recommended for persons with reduced mobility. They require good physical health. Please note there are no lifts on the ship.

There are no compulsory vaccinations for this destination. However, it is strongly recommended that you ensure that your inoculations for the following diseases are up-todate: Tetanus, Polio, Hepatitis A and B, Diphtheria and Typhoid fever. We recommend seeing your doctor for antimalarial treatment. We also highly recommend "tropical strength" mosquito repellent.

#### **CURRENCY**

In Cambodia, US dollars in good condition are accepted almost everywhere. Be careful though, because dirty or ripped bills are often refused. Carry small denominations with you (\$1, \$5, \$10 and/or \$20 bills). In Vietnam, if you wish to buy souvenirs, we recommend that you change about £20 or \$20 into dongs on arrival (NB: they will not be accepted in Cambodia). Credit and debit cards are not widely accepted. Visa cards are usually accepted in the larger hotels and stores. Traveler's Checks are hard to cash.

The currency accepted on board is the US dollar. All of your purchases will be totaled and paid for at the end of your cruise. You can pay in cash or with an international credit/debit card (Visa and MasterCard).

You can't exchange money on board

For the current exchange rates for the Vietnamese dong and the Cambodian riel, please consult websites such as www.xe.com or www.oanda.com/currency/converter/.

#### **CLIMATE**

The dry season lasts from November to April, but the air remains humid (temperature: 77° to 95°F). The "green season", from May to October, can present very strong but brief storms that generally take place at the end of the afternoon.

During your extended stay in Northern Vietnam, from December

to late March, the weather can go from chilly to cold, especially in Hanoi and Halong Bay. We recommend bringing a sweater, a fleece jacket and a windbreaker

#### TIME DIFFERENCE

You can consult www.worldtimezone. com to see the time difference between your home and your destination.

#### **NATIONAL HOLIDAYS**

- "Pchum Ben" from October 13th to 16th
- "Water and Moon Festival": 3 days before the November full moon

During these days, some sites can be closed without warning.

- The banks of the river we will cruise on can be steep and slippery depending on the water level.
- The itinerary, stopovers, and excursions can be modified by the
- The captain of the ship is the sole authority who can modify the ship itinerary for safety or navigational

• Depending on the height of the water and the tides, the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers on board RV Indochine II may take place from the mini terraces of cabins 221 and 224 (located aft of the upper deck).

#### **IN HALONG BAY**

- · You'll be welcomed aboard a very modern and comfortable ship. is not, however, a ship exclusive to CroisiEurope passengers.
- Over 200 boats cruise the Halong Bay on any given day. Certain sites, such as Sung Sot Cave, have heavy, daily tourist traffic.
- The cruise in Halong Bay can be canceled in case of rough sea.
- The weather is different according to the season. Whether you see the bay in the sun, fog, or mist, it is one of the most spectacular places to visit on this planet.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- cruise company and our on-site representatives if needed.
- reasons

# River ships on the Mekong

# **RV INDOCHINE** Category: Standard

The RV Indochine, a colonial-style ship combining charm and comfort, is entirely decorated with exotic wood.

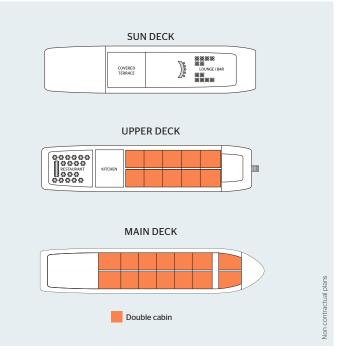








Built in	2008	
Dimensions	Length: 51 m (167 ft) - Width: 11 m (36 ft)	
Draft	1,6 m (5,2 ft)	
Cruising speed	12 knots	
Capacity	24 cabins - 48 passengers Upper deck : 10 cabins Main deck : 14 cabins	
Flag	Cambodia	
Ship facilities	A 90 m² (968 ft²) panoramic restaurant, large lounge / bar and 250 m² (2691 ft²) sun deck. Laundry service (for an extra fee)	
Cultural activities	Films describing the culture and history of Asia and Indochina. Conferences and panel discussions.	
Cabins	The RV Indochine cabins are spacious (16 m² / 172 ft²), comfortable, and bright thanks to their large windows overlooking the exterior passageway.	
Cabin facilities		
Leisure	Books and board games available for loan. Onboard show. Massages (for an extra fee).	



# **RV INDOCHINE II** Category: Premium

The RV Indochine II is the latest ship to join the CroisiEurope fleet on the Mekong. It combines colonial-style touches with a resolutely modern décor. You'll love relaxing in one of our thirty-one cabins, each with a private balcony. After an exciting day seeing the sites, take a dip in the pool on the sun deck to cool off.

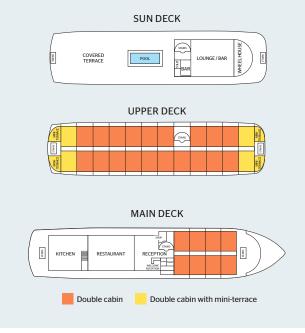








Built in	2017	
Dimensions	Length: 65 m (213 ft) - 13 m (43 ft)	
Draft	1,6 m (5,2 ft)	
Cruising speed	12 knots	
Capacity	31 cabins - 62 passengers Upper deck : 23 cabins Main deck : 8 cabins	
Flag	Cambodia	
Ship facilities	A 120 m² (1292 ft²) restaurant, a large lounge / bar, a sun deck with swimming pool and bar. Laundry service (for an extra fee)	
Cultural activities	Films describing the culture and history of Asia and Indochina. Conferences and panel discussions.	
Cabins	The RV Indochine II cabins are spacious (18 m² / 194 ft²), comfortable and bright. Each has a private balcony and four cabins come with lovely patios.	
Cabin facilities	All the cabins are exterior-facing; two low beds can be moved together, designed with large storage space; private bathroom with sink, toilet and shower; air conditioning; safe; hair dryer; dresser; Wi-Fi. Bathrobes and towels are available.	
Leisure	Books and board games available for loan. Onboard show. Massage room (for an extra fee).	





8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. 8NL PP

# Cruise on the Nile: the land of the Pharaohs

Boarding starting from 4:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Dinner and overnight on board

#### DAY 2 | Luxor • Esna • Edfu

Excursion proposed:

 Visit the Karnak Temple Complex Cruise towards Edfu

#### DAY 3 | Edfu • Kom Ombo

Excursion proposed:

• Visit of the Temple of Horus Cruise towards Kom Ombo Presentation on ancient Egypt Excursion proposed:

• Visit of the Temple of Kom Ombo

#### DAY 4 | Aswan

Excursions proposed:

- · Visit the Philae Temple Complex and stop at the Aswan Dam
- Ride on the Nile aboard small local boats, passage closed to the Elephantine Island

#### DAY 5 | Aswan • Esna

Enjoy time on your own to visit Aswan

Optional excursion:

• Visit of the Abu Simbel temples(1) Cruise towards Esna

#### DAY 6 | Esna • Luxor

Cruise towards Luxor

Presentation on modern Egypt

Excursion proposed:
• The Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and Tomb KV11 built for Pharaoh Rameses III

#### DAY 7 | Luxor

Excursions proposed:

- Visit of the Valley of the Kings and four of its tombs, including the tomb of Seti I
- The Luxor Temple

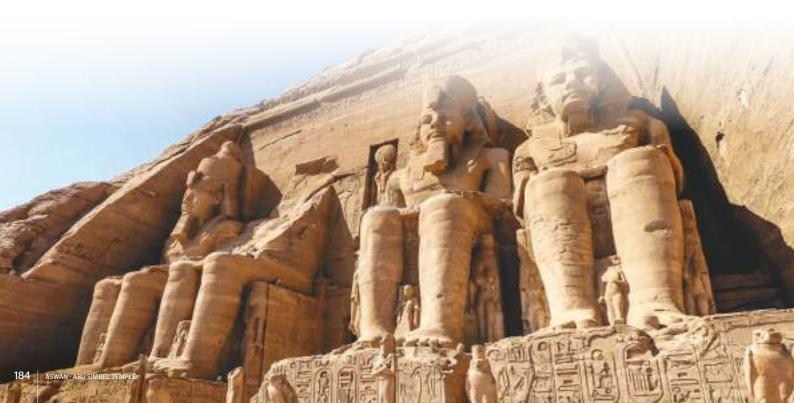
Show of traditional Egyptian entertainment

#### DAY 8 | Luxor

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on page 186.

(1) This excursion must be booked in advance through your travel agency.





#### 3-DAY / 3-NIGHT PRE-CRUISE PROGRAMME • REF. 10N\_PP

### Cairo

#### DAY 1 | Cairo

Checking into the hotel from 3:00 p.m. Transfer to a restaurant in the city for dinner Night spent at the hotel

#### DAY 2 | Cairo

Excursions proposed:

- Visit of Saggara, the former Cairo necropolis
- Visit the Pyramid of Teti
- The Great Pyramid of Giza
  Visit to the Egyptian Museum in Cairo<sup>(1)</sup> Night spent at the hotel

#### DAY 3 | Cairo

- Excursions proposed:
   Visit of the Cairo Citadel
- Visit of the Great Mosque of Muhammad Ali Pasha
- Visit of the Hanging Church
- Visit Saints Sergius and Bacchus Church and Ben Ezra Synagogue Night spent at the hotel

## Extended stay highlights

- Discover 2 sites listed as a UNESCO World Heritage: Historic Cairo and the Giza Plateau with its pyramids and mysterious Sphinx
- The Great Pyramid of Giza, the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World
- Discover Saggara Necropolis and visit the Pyramid of Teti
- Take a stroll in Coptic Cairo

#### DAY 4 | Cairo • Luxor

Flight to Luxor to join the cruise

#### See excursion details on page 186.

(1) If the Grand Egyptian Museum is open, it will be scheduled to replace the Egyptian Museum in Cairo.

# Cruise highlights

- · Visit the most beautiful sites of Upper Egypt: Karnak, Luxor, Edfu, Philae, Kom Ombo
- Discover Abu Simbel (optional)
- Local boat tour around the island of Elephantine
- The Valley of the Kings and four of its tombs, including Seti I
- The magnificent Philae Temple Complex
- On board services from an Egyptologist and our CroisiEurope cruise director



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED (except for the optional excursion)



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



FREE Wi-Fi





# Our excursions

#### Core programme

## Included

#### **LUXOR: KARNAK TEMPLE**

We'll visit the Karnak Temple Complex, once one of the largest and most important religious complexes in ancient Egypt. The immense size of Karnak, as well as its various details, makes it an invaluable historical site and resource for understanding the evolution of ancient Egypt.

#### **EDFU: TEMPLE OF HORUS**

Built between 237 and 57 BC, this temple is one of the best-preserved ancient monuments in Egypt. It was excavated in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century after being buried under sand and rubble for hundreds of years.

#### KOM OMBO TEMPLE

We'll visit the Temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to the gods Sobek (the crocodile god) and Haroeris ("Horus the Elder"). By the late 1800s, much of the temple had been either destroyed by earthquakes, the waters of the Nile, or builders who took the stone for other projects. It was cleaned and restored by Jacques de Morgan in 1893. The temple is unique because its dual design shows that there were courts, halls, sanctuaries, and rooms duplicated for two sets of gods.

# ASWAN: DAM & PHILAE TEMPLE COMPLEX

Discover the Aswan Dam, one of the largest dams in the world which tames the Nile River and provides electricity to the country. We'll then visit the Philae Temple Complex: after the dam was finished in 1902, the temple complex was partially submerged, so in 1960, UNESCO started a project to save the buildings. In the long run, every building was dismanted into units and then transported to this nearby island for reconstruction. The most ancient temple is dedicated to Isis and dates back to 380 BC. In the afternoon, we'll board small local boats and enjoy a ride on the Nile, between the granite islands and the natural reserve, passing close to Elephantine Island.

# LUXOR: MORTUARY TEMPLE OF HATSHEPSUT & TOMB KV11

First, we'll visit the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut, the only woman who reigned over Egypt. We'll then visit the Tomb KV11-one of the most intact tombs in the Valley of the Kings—built for Pharaoh Ramses III. The quality of the colors and the scenes represented on the temple walls make it one of the top tourist destinations in the valley.

# LUXOR: VALLEY OF THE KINGS & LUXOR TEMPLE

Join us for a visit to the Valley of the Kings and four of its tombs, including the longest and deepest of royal tombs built for Seti I. It was also the first tomb to feature decorations on every passageway and chambers with highly refined bas-reliefs and colorful paintings. We'll also stop for a photo op at the Colossi of Memnon. In the afternoon, we'll tour the Luxor Temple, a strikingly graceful monument in the heart of the modern town. Its main function was during the annual Opet celebrations, when the statues of Amun, Mut, and Khonsu were reunited during the inundation of the river.

## Optional

#### **ABU SIMBEL TEMPLES**

We'll leave for the Abu Simbel archaeological site in the morning. Discovering these amazing rock temples is one of the highlights of a trip to Egypt. Located about 140 miles (230 km and three hours driving time) southwest of Aswan, the complex is in the heart of the desert, at the border with Sudan, and is the most impressive imprint left by Ramesses II. Through an extraordinary effort, the complex was relocated in its entirety in 1968 in order to escape the waters during the creation of the dam and Lake Nasser. The twin temples were carved out of the original mountainside and serve as a lasting monument to the pharaoh and his queen, Nefertari.

The Egyptian authorities may decide unexpectedly to change the opening hours of the road to Abu Simbel. Departure takes place very early in the morning.

This optional excursion must be booked in advance through your travel agency.

#### Extended stay

## Included

#### SAQQARA, PYRAMID OF TETI, GREAT PYRAMID OF GIZA & MUSEUM

We'll visit Saqqara, the former necropolis for the Ancient Egyptian capital which forms the largest group of Egyptian tombs of that era. The oldest tombstone of the necropolis dates back to the reign of Hor-Aha, the second pharaoh of the First Dynasty of Egypt. We'll visit the Pyramid of Teti, the first pharaoh of the Sixth dynasty of Egypt whose sarcophagus still lies in the pyramid. In the afternoon, we'll discover the Great Pyramid of Giza, the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and the only one to have remained largely intact. Next to this magnificent monument are the pyramids of Khafre and Menkaure as well as the mysterious Great Sphinx of Giza, a mythical creature with the body of a lion and the head of a human Afterwards, we'll visit the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, home to an extensive collection of ancient Egyptian antiquities. With over 120,000 artefacts, the museum houses

an unbelievable exhibit of the ancient Egypt's glorious reign such as mummies, sarcophagi, pottery, jewelry and of course King Tutankhamen's treasures discovered in 1922.

#### CAIRO: CITADEL, MOSQUE OF MUHAMMAD ALI PASHA, HANGING CHURCH & BEN EZRA SYNAGOGUE

Join us for a visit of the Cairo Citadel. It was built between 1176 and 1207 by Saladin to protect the city from the Crusaders and ensure the supremacy of its army. This fortification offers a panoramic view on the city, including the pyramids in Gaza, if the sky is clear. Then, we'll visit the Great Mosque of Muhammad Ali Pasha, the viceroy of Egypt regarded as the founder of modern Egypt in 1830. It was built with minarets and gathers all traditional characteristics of Cairo architecture from the Mamluk to the late Ottoman period. We'll then visit the Hanging Church, the oldest church in Egypt, built on top of the ruins of the Babylon Fortress. We'll also visit Saints Sergius and Bacchus Church and Ben Ezra Synagogue, the oldest synagogue in Egypt which mixes Christian, Islamic and lewish architectures.



# Practical information

#### **FORMALITIES**

Please consult the competent authorities (consulate/embassy) before your trip. Mandatory Egyptian visa delivered on entry (current price \$25, to be paid upon arrival).

#### **HEALTH FORMALITIES**

This cruise and tour are not recommended for PERSONS WITH REDUCED MOBILITY or those who have difficulty walking. There is no elevator on the ship. You must be in good physical condition to participate.

Vaccines are not mandatory for this trip. It is nevertheless advisable to be up to date with the following vaccinations: tetanus, polio, hepatitis A and B, diphtheria and typhoid fever. The use of mosquito repellent is highly recommended.

#### CURRENCY

The official currency in Egypt is the Egyptian pound (symbolized as E£).

For the current exchange rates, please consult websites such as www.xe.com or www.oanda.com/currency/converter.

There are ample bank machines available, and they accept credit or debit cards to withdraw cash. We recommend not using credit or debit cards in the bazaars.

#### **CLIMATE**

The climates vary from region to region. Cairo and its surroundings are considered semi-arid, while the south is a desert climate.

Spring is brief in Egypt, and summer arrives quickly between March and May. Temperatures can change swiftly between 68° and 95°F (20° and 35° C) over a full day.

From the end of September to the end of November, temperatures vary between 77° and 95° F (25° to 35° C) from the north to the south of the country, with the sun still shining brightly.

#### THE NILE

For the safety of our passengers, the captain and crew of the boat may decide to modify the navigational itinerary.

#### **EXCURSIONS**

- The excursions may be modified or reversed for technical requirements or in case of cultural events... Please note that Egyptian authorities can unexpectedly close certain sites or museums. If this occurs, we will propose an alternative.
- The excursions will take place by either air-conditioned coaches or small local boats.

- The excursions will be narrated by an English-speaking Egyptologist, and you will have earphones for easier listening.
- Certain places we will visit have very high levels of security. We cannot be held liable for any unforeseen closings, but we will commit to doing our best to ensure comparable substitute excursions.
- Frequent traffic jams in Luxor and Cairo caused by intense traffic or religious events can disturb the sequence of certain excursions.
- There is no heating on board.
- In Egypt, it is customary to cover your shoulders, head and knees while visiting religious sites.

# River ship on the Nile

# RV DA VINCI (OR SIMILAR) - Category: Premium

The RV Da Vinci proudly sails on the Nile, a symbolic and sacred river, witness to forty centuries of history and the cradle of one of its most brilliant civilizations. A superb Premium ship, the RV Da Vinci is the ideal setting for a dream trip.









# RESTAURANT DECK UPPER DECK MAIN DECK FIRST DECK

Double cabin, 16 m² (172 ft²) Suite, 32 m² to 35 m² (344 ft²) Superior double cabin, 29 m² (312 ft²)

SUN DECK

#### **CABINS**

Standard cabins:  $16 \text{ m}^2$  ( $172 \text{ ft}^2$ ). All cabins have an outside view with large picture windows that open (except those on the Nile deck). Spacious and very comfortable, they are equipped with 2 twin beds that can be pushed together, individual air conditioning, safe, bathroom with shower, WC, hair dryer.

Suites: 32 m² (344 ft²). Additional services for the suites are: a king size bed, a walk-in shower, a sitting area, slippers and bathrobes.

#### **FACILITIES**

A restaurant, 3 bars, 3 lounges, a gift shop, a laundry service, a sun deck with sun loungers, an outdoor swimming pool with jacuzzi, a massage area, a sports area (a training bike, a rowing machine and a treadmill) and a games room. Wi-Fi is available on the ship. There is no elevator on board.

#### **ONBOARD ACTIVITIES**

Conferences, discovery of Egyptian culture, 2 shows on board, lending books and board games, evening entertainment.

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cabins
n deck, solarium with I loungers, pool and door bar.

hip description and plan are given as rough guides as your cruise may take place on board simila ategory ships with a different layout. This ship isn't a part of the CroisiEurope fleet.

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10-DAY / 9-NIGHT ITINERARY • REF. 1G1 PP

# Cruise on the Ganges: the Sacred Waters between Kolkata and Varanasi

#### DAY 1 | Kolkata

Programme depends on time of arrival

Excursion proposed:

· Panoramic tour of Kolkata

Boarding and lunch

Excursion proposed:

• Visit the Mother House of the Missionaries of Charity

Return on board

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Kolkata • Bandel • Kalna

Excursion proposed:

· Visit St. John's Church and the Victoria Memorial

Cruise towards Bandel aboard small boats

Excursion proposed:

Visit the Hooghly Imambara, a Muslim congregation hall and mosque

#### DAY 3 | Kalna • Matiari

Excursion proposed:

• Rickshaw ride through Kalna, an out-of-the-way village,

home to 108 Hindu temples

Cruise towards Matiari

Enjoy onboard activities or a lecture

#### DAY 4 | Matiari • Khushbagh

Excursion proposed:

Stroll through the charming market town of Matiari

Cruise towards Khushbagh

Passage along the site of the battlefield in Plassey

#### DAY 5 | Khushbagh • Baranagar • Murshidabad

Excursions proposed:

• Walk to Khushbagh, the Garden of Happiness, and discover authentic

India through a tour of Baranagar Village

• Visit Murshidabad and tour Hazar Duari Palace which contains a museum housing weapons, oil paintings and marble statues

#### DAY 6 | Murshidabad • Mayapur

Cruise towards Mayapur through mustard plantations and mango orchards Onboard lecture

Arrival in Mayapur, headquarters of the Hare Krishna movement

#### DAY 7 | Mayapur • Chandernagore • Kolkata

- Excursions proposed:
   Visit the 18<sup>th</sup>-century house of the governor for the French East India Company
- Visit Sacred Heart Church

Farewell cocktail and dinner

#### DAY 8 | Kolkata • Varanasi

Disembark

Excursion proposed:

- Stroll through the flower market and along the banks of the Ganges
- Visit the Pareshnath Jain Temple and the picturesque quarter of Kumortuli Transfer to the airport and flight towards Varanasi Dinner and overnight at the hotel

#### DAY 9 | Varanasi

Excursions proposed:

- Early cruise on the Ganges
- Visit the Ramnagar Fort, home of the Maharaja of Varanasi
- Visit the Sarnath museum containing a collection of Buddhist writings Rickshaw tour of the bazaar

Aarti ceremony

#### DAY 10 | Varanasi

Excursion proposed:

Visit the Bharat Mata Mandir temple

Lunch in town before the end of our journey

See excursion details on page 190.



6-DAY / 5-NIGHT POST-CRUISE PROGRAMME • REF. 1G7 PP

# The Splendors of Rajasthan

#### DAY 10 | Varanasi • Jaipur

After the excursion, transfer to the airport and flight to Jaipur Lunch

Check into the hotel and dinner

#### DAY 11 | Jaipur • Amer

Excursions proposed:

- Jaipur and its famous Palace of the Winds
- Visit Amer Fort

Night spent at the hotel

#### DAY 12 | Jaipur

Excursions proposed:

- Visit the Birla Temple and a local school
- Visit the Nahagarh Fort
- · Rickshaw ride through a city market Dinner and show in a traditional haveli Night spent at the hotel

#### DAY 13 | Jaipur • Fatehpur Sikri • Agra

Coach ride to Agra through traditional villages Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Fatehpur Sikri

Check into the hotel for dinner and the night

#### DAY 14 | Agra • Delhi

Excursions proposed:

· Pedi-cab ride to the Taj Mahal and visit

## Extended stay highlights

- · Visit the 3 major attractions in Rajasthan: the Palace of the Winds in Jaipur, Amer Fort and the lost city of Fatehpur Sikri
- The dazzling Taj Mahal
- Visit the tomb of Itimād-ud-Daulah Train to New Delhi Check into the hotel

#### DAY 15 | Delhi

Excursions proposed:

- Panoramic tour of Delhi
- Visit the Gurudwara Bangla Sahib house of worship and the Gandhi Smriti

End of our services

See excursion details on page 190.

# Cruise highlights

- An 8-day / 7-night cruise on board a magnificent, colonial-style ship
- · Cruise the Ganges through one of the most fertile and densely populated regions in the world

#### **EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:**

- · Fascinating Kolkata
- · Varanasi, the sacred city where pilgrims come to find enlightenment
- · Small traditional villages
- · The fabulous terra-cotta temples in Kalna

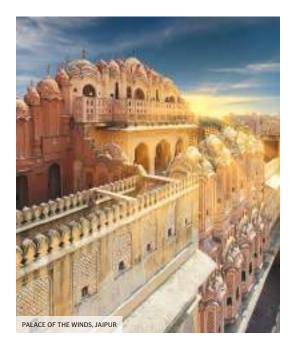


ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



ALL MEALS INCLUDED

FREE Wi-Fi





# Our excursions

## Core programme

#### KOLKATA

Enjoy a panoramic tour to discover the architectural richness of the city. Kolkata contains numerous colonial-era sites: Raj Bhavan—the official residence of the regional governor—and Council House Street. In the afternoon, we will visit the Mother House of the Missionaries of Charity, where Mother Theresa lived, prayed, and worked, and where her body was laid to rest in 1997.

#### **KOLKATA & BANDEL**

Kolkata is a modern, cosmopolitan city with great cultural influence in the country. We'll visit St. John's Church, the third oldest church in the city. After, we'll head to the Victoria Memorial, an impressive white marble building that houses a museum maintained by the Ministry of Culture. In the afternoon, we'll set out on small local boats for Bandel to visit the imposing Hooghly Imambara, a Muslim congregation hall and mosque.

#### **KALNA**

You'll discover this out-of-the-way village from the seat of a rickshaw. Kalna is home to two circles of 108, small Hindu temples, each of which is dedicated to I ord Shiva.

#### **MATIARI & PLASSEY BATTLEFIELD**

Enjoy a stroll through the charming market town of Matiari, where coppersmiths still work the metal using the techniques passed down from generation to generation. We'll pass along the battlefield in Plassey, thought to be one of the most important battles that took place in the 18th century for the control of the Indian subcontinent by the colonial powers.

#### KHUSHBAGH & MURSHIDABAD

We'll walk to Khushbagh, the Garden of Happiness, packed with history and beauty. We'll then visit Baranagar Vilage to get a good feeling of rural life in the area and explore a bit of authentic India off the beaten path. In the afternoon, we'll visit Murshidabad and tour Hazar Duari Palace, known as the Palace of 1000 doors, which is now a museum containing fascinating artifacts. The vast, brick Katra Masjid, built in just one year in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, is regarded as the top tourist attraction in the city for its beauty and history.

#### **CHANDERNAGORE**

Chandernagore is a former French colony that has been able to preserve its unique identity over the years. We'll visit the house that once belonged to the governor for the French East India Company in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. We'll then visit Sacred Heart Church, one of the most beautiful examples of architecture during the French period.

# KOLKATA: FLOWER MARKET & PARESHNATH JAIN

Enjoy a stroll through the splendid flower market under the Howrah Bridge, where Indians buy flowers for worship. Our trek will continue to the ghats along the banks of the Ganges. These are the steps leading to the water where people come to participate in a number of rituals. We'll spend some time visiting the Pareshnath Jain Temple, one of the most important in the city.

## VARANASI: RAMNAGAR FORT & SARNATH MUSEUM

After an early morning cruise and a walk all the way to Alamgir Mosque and Kashi

can be steep and slippery depending

The itinerary, stopovers, and visits can

be modified by the cruise company and our local representatives if needed.

The captain of the ship is the sole au-

thority who can modify the ship itine-

rary for safety or navigational reasons

on the water level

Vishvanath Temple, enjoy a tour of the grand Ramnagar Fort and its museum. We'll also visit Sarnath, where Siddhartha Gautama first taught the Dharma, and the museum which contains a magnificent collection of Buddhist writings. Hop on a cycle rickshaw for a spin through the bazaar and witness an Aarti ceremony with songs and offerings of light.

# VARANASI: BHARAT MATA MANDIR

Visit the Bharat Mata Mandir (Mother India Temple) which was built in the 1930s and inaugurated by Mahatma Gandhi. Instead of traditional statues of gods and goddesses, this temple has an impressively huge map of undivided India carved in marble.

### Extended stay

#### **JAIPUR & AMER**

Jaipur is the capital of Rajasthan, and there is no better place to discover its charms than at its famous Palace of the Winds. We'll also visit Amer Fort, known for its artistic style of elements and architecture. In the afternoon, we'll set out for a stroll through the bustling city. The Jantar Mantar monument is a fascinating collection of astronomical instruments built in the 18th century, and features to world's largest sundial.

#### **JAIPUR**

We'll visit the white marble Birla Temple, built in 1988 and dedicated to Lord Vishnu, the preserver, and his consort Lakshmi, the Goddess of wealth. After, we'll enjoy a moment of cultural sharing during a visit to one of the city's schools. In the afternoon, we'll visit the Nahargarh Fort, which stands on the edge of the Aravalli

Hills and once helped form a strong line of defense for the city. We'll then enjoy a rickshaw ride through one of the busy markets in the area

#### AGRA & FATEHPUR SIKRI

We'll leave for Agra by bus, traveling through village after village where you'll be able to glimpse the everyday life of the inhabitants. In the afternoon, we'll visit the gated city of Fatehpur Sikri. Founded in 1571, it was completely abandoned by its inhabitants within 40 years. It is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

#### THE TAJ MAHAL

At daybreak, we'll leave by pedi-cab for the Taj Mahal, the gorgeous white marble mausoleum built by Shah Jahan to hold the tomb of his favorite wife, Mumtaz Mahal. We'll then visit the fort, the main residence of the emperors of the Mughal Dynasty until 1638. In the afternoon, we'll discover the Tomb of I'timad-ud-Daulah, as known as the "Baby Taj."

#### **DELHI**

Enjoy a panoramic tour of New Delhi, the bustling capital of the country. We'll see the India Gate, Humayun's Tomb, and the Red Fort, among other sites, and we'll stop to visit the Gurudwara Bangla Sahib house of worship. The grounds include the Gurudwara, a kitchen, a large pond, a school, and an art gallery. We'll then visit the Gandhi Smriti and the museum dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi.

# Practical information

#### **FORMALITIES**

Please consult the competent authorities (consulate/embassy) before your trip.

#### **HEALTH FORMALITIES**

This cruise and tour are not recommended for PERSONS WITH REDUCED MOBILITY or those who have difficulty walking. There is no elevator on the ship. You must be in good physical condition to participate.

Vaccines are not mandatory for this trip. It is nevertheless advisable to be up to date with the following vaccinations: teanus, polio, hepatitis A and B, diphtheria and typhoid fever. The use of mosquito repellent is highly recommended.

#### **CURRENCY**

The Indian rupee: please consult websites such as www.xe.com or www.oanda.com/currency/converter/. Payment using credit or debit cards is not current practice, but you will be able to withdraw money easily. The currency accepted on board is the rupee. There is no currency exchange service on board.

#### **CLIMATE**

- In West Bengal: the best months are January to March and October to November. The temperature is about 77° to 95° F (25° to 35° C) and the dry season begins in October.
- In Rajasthan: the best months are January to March and September to December when the average temperature is about 86° F (30° C).

## THE GANGES RIVER The banks of the river we will set foot on • Excursions will

- Excursions will alternate between airconditioned buses, small local boats, or rickshaws. Certain visits in villages will be tours on foot.
- The excursions will be narrated by an English-speaking tour guide, and you will have earphones for easier listening.
- Frequent traffic jams in Kolkata, Varanasi, and New Delhi, caused by intense traffic or religious events, can disturb the sequence of certain excursions



# River ship on the Ganges

# RV GANGES VOYAGER (OR SIMILAR) - Category: Premium

The RV Ganges Voyager offers more than just a trip. This superb ship offers a unique cruise in old-fashioned luxury and a British colonial atmosphere. The perfect match for discovering the Indian continent, its history, its ancient culture and its welcoming people.









#### COMFORT

All cabins are large and bright with their panoramic windows and French balconies.

The decoration has been particularly designed to meet the needs of customers looking for a

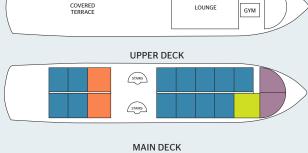
change of scenery. The cabins are decorated with hand-poached murals and colonial-inspired wooden furniture.

All the suites are very comfortable with their small sitting area and desk. They are equipped with Wi-Fi, flat-screen TV, 2 single beds that can be joined

together in the Signature and Colonial suites and a large double bed in the Heritage, Viceroy and Maharaja suites, a mini-bar, bathrobes, sandals, a safe, hairdryer, air-conditioning and ample storage.

The bathrooms are equipped with a shower, toilet and sink, as well as bathroom amenities. The Heritage, Viceroy and Maharaja suites also come with four-poster beds, Persian rugs, tea / coffee making facilities and a choice of pillows. The Maharaja suite has the advantage of having a shower and a bathtub.

#### SUN DECK





#### LEISURE ON BOARD

Animation, cultural show, conferences, round-table, films dealing with Indian culture and history, yoga classes every morning.

Construction	2014
Length	56,5 m (185 ft)
Weight	1444 tons
Cruising speed	10 knots
Facilities	Air-conditioned restaurant, laundry service, lounge/bar, sun deck, small gym and spa.
Flag	Indian

Cat. 1, Signature suite, 24 m<sup>2</sup> (258 ft<sup>2</sup>)

Cat. 5, Maharaja suite, 37 m<sup>2</sup> (398 ft<sup>2</sup>)

Cat. 2. Coloniale suite. 24 m² (258 ft²)

Cat. 3, Viceroy suite, 33 m<sup>2</sup> (355 ft<sup>2</sup>)

Cat. 4, Heritage suite, 25 m<sup>2</sup> (269 ft<sup>2</sup>)

Ship description and plan are given as rough guides as your cruise may take place on board similar category ships with a different layout. This ship isn't a part of the CroisiEurope fleet



#### **IMPRESSIONIST CRUISE**

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. PFH IMPP

## French Impressionism along the banks of the Seine

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Thematic presentation: "A definition of Impressionism, its origins, techniques and contexts

#### DAY 2 | Melun • Barbizon, legendary site of an entire art movement

Cruise towards Melun Excursion proposed:
• Barbizon

#### DAY 3 | Melun • Paris, plunge into the works of Claude Monet

Cruise towards Paris Excursion proposed:

 $\bullet$  Visit the Marmottan Museum  $^{\!\scriptscriptstyle{(1)}}$  in Paris Thematic presentation: "Claude Monet, the Quintessence of Impressionism" Cruise towards Mantes-la-Jolie

#### DAY 4 | Mantes-la-Jolie • Giverny, Claude Monet's home and studio • Rouen

Excursion proposed:

• Claude Monet's house in Giverny Cruise towards Rouen

## DAY 5 | Rouen, following the footsteps of the Impressionists • The Norman Abbey Circuit

Excursions proposed:

 Rouen, in the footsteps of the Impressionists<sup>(2)</sup>
 The Norman Abbey Circuit
Thematic presentation: "The Geography of Impressionism Paris and the suburbs, Honfleur and the Norman Coast'



#### DAY 6 | Honfleur • Étretat, the Côte d'Albâtre

Excursions proposed:

- · Walking tour of Honfleur
- The Côte d'Albâtre

Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 | Honfleur

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 50 and 51.

## Cruise highlights

· Discover the landscapes that inspired Claude Monet, Auguste Renoir, and Eugène Boudin

#### **EXCURSIONS:**

- The charming village of Barbizon
- The Musée Marmottan Monet in Paris, the largest collection of his works
- Monet's home in Giverny, nature's tableau vivant
- The Fine Arts Museum and the cathedral in Rouen
- Honfleur, cradle of Impressionism
- The Norman Abbey Circuit
- Étretat, and the beautiful white cliffs of the Côte d'Albâtre



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



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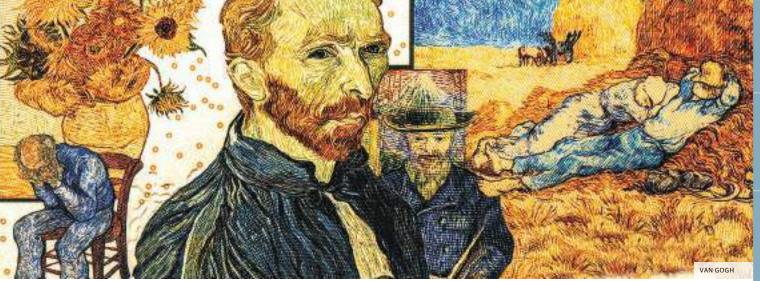


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**NB**: For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary.

- (1) The museum is closed on Mondays, it will be replaced by the Musée de l'Orangerie
- (2) The Fine Arts Museum is closed on Tuesdays and on public holidays, and will be replaced by the Eugène Boudin Museum in Honfleur, stopover on D5.





#### **₩ ART & HISTORY CRUISE**

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. PEI PP

## French Art and History along the Rhône river From Lyon to Martigues

#### DAY 1 | Lyon

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise towards Mâcon

#### DAY 2 | Mâcon • Lvon

Excursions proposed:

- · Following the footsteps of Alphonse de la Martine in Mâcon
- Medieval city of Pérouges Cruise towards Lyon

#### DAY 3 | Lyon • Tain l'Hermitage

Excursion proposed:

· Lyon and tasting of specialties at Les Halles Paul Bocuse covered market<sup>(1)</sup> Cruise towards Tain l'Hermitage

#### DAY 4 | Tain l'Hermitage • Avignon

Excursion proposed:

• The Palais Idéal du Facteur Cheval Cruise towards Avignon

#### DAY 5 | Avignon • Arles

Excursions proposed:

- · Les Baux-de-Provence and the quarries of light Cruise towards Arles
- Following the footsteps of Van Gogh in Arles Cruise towards Martigues

#### DAY 6 | Arles • Aix-en-Provence • Martigues(2)

Excursion proposed:

· Aix-en-Provence and the wonders of Paul Cézanne Cruise towards Martigues Gala dinner



#### DAY 7 | Martigues<sup>(2)</sup>

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 65 and 67.

# Cruise highlights

#### **EXCURSIONS:**

- · Mâcon, birthplace of Alphonse de Lamartine
- Medieval Pérouges
- Lyon and Les Halles de Lyon-Paul Bocuse
- The Palais Idéal du Facteur Cheval in Hauterives
- Multimedia experience at the Quarry of Lights in Les Baux-de-Provence
- · Following the footsteps of Van Gogh
- · Aix-en-Provence and the wonders of Paul Cézanne



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



**ALL MEALS INCLUDED** 



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- (1) Les Halles de Lyon-Paul Bocuse are closed on Sunday and Monday. We will provide a tasting of local products as a substitute. (2) Depending on pier availability, the Martigues stopover may be replaced by Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône.





#### **₩ WINE LOVERS CLUB**

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT OENOLOGICAL CRUISE • REF. OLM\_PP(1)

# Discover the fabulous world of vines and wine From Lyon to Martigues

#### DAY 1 | Lyon

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise through Lyon by night towards Mâcon

### DAY 2 | Mâcon • The Beaujolais vineyards • Lyon

Excursions proposed:

- The Beaujolais Wine Route and the famous "Hameau Duboeuf" (wine village)
- The golden-hued villages in the Beaujolais region Cruise towards Lyon

#### DAY 3 | Lyon • Tain l'Hermitage

Excursion proposed:

 Lyon and tasting of specialties at Les Halles Paul Bocuse covered market<sup>(2)</sup>
 Cruise towards Tain l'Hermitage

#### DAY 4 | Tain l'Hermitage • Avignon

Excursion proposed:

• Visit Tain l'Hermitage and one of the best winegrowers in the area to taste some of the vintages Cruise towards Avignon

#### DAY 5 | Avignon • Arles

Excursion proposed:

 The charming village of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence Cruise towards Arles

Excursion proposed:

• Following the footsteps of Van Gogh in Arles Onboard lecture by an expert in oenology followed by a game to win a gastronomic cruise on the Rhine (valid for 1 person)

#### DAY 6 | Arles • Martigues

Excursion proposed:

 The Côtes de Provence region Cruise towards Martigues Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 | Martigues

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 65 to 67.

## Cruise highlights

#### REF. OLM PP

 Taste some of the best wines at local vineyards: Côtes de Provence, Côtes du Rhône, Tain l'Hermitage and Beaujolais

REF. BJL\_PP

 Exceptional evening in Beaujeu to greet the annual release of Beaujolais Nouveau

#### **EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:**

REF. OLM\_PP

- Following the footsteps of Van Gogh in Arles
- Lyon and Les Halles de Lyon Paul Bocuse

REF. BJL\_PP

- · Beaune, prestigious Burgundy city
- The Cluny Abbey, impressive ruins
- Beaujeu, the former capital of Beaujolais



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



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(1) Drinks are not included on board and can only be paid for on board.
(2) Les Halles de Lyon-Paul Bocuse are closed on Sunday and Monday.
We will provide a tasting of local products as a substitute.

#### **₩ WINE LOVERS CLUB**

5-DAY / 4-NIGHT OENOLOGICAL CRUISE • REF. BJL PP

## Celebrate the Beaujolais Nouveau event, on a wine tasting cruise in Burgundy Round-trip cruise from Lyon

#### DAY 1 | Lyon

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise towards Chalon-sur-Saône

#### DAY 2 | Chalon-sur-Saône

Cruise towards Chalon-sur-Saône Excursion proposed:

• Beaune & its Hospices and wine tasting

#### DAY 3 | Mâcon

Excursions proposed:

- Cluny Abbey
- The Beaujolais Wine Route

and the famous "Hameau Duboeuf" (wine village) Gala dinner

#### DAY 4 | Mâcon • Belleville

Cruise towards Belleville Excursion proposed:

Beaujeu

Special evening in town with cabaret entertainment, torch-lit stroll to welcome Beaujolais Nouveau Day and a fireworks show

#### DAY 5 | Belleville • Lyon

Cruise towards Lyon Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 65 to 67.





#### **₱** GOURMET CLUB

5-DAY / 4-NIGHT GASTRONOMIC CRUISE • REF. LLY\_PP

## French gastronomy on a cruise Round-trip cruise from Lyon

#### DAY 1 | Lyon

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Lyon • Tain l'Hermitage

Cruise through the Rhône Valley and its renowned vineyards Excursion proposed:

• Wine tasting in one of the finest cellars in Tain l'Hermitage

## DAY 3 | Tain l'Hermitage • Vienne • Lyon Collonges-au-Mont-d'Or

Cruise towards Vienne

Excursion proposed:

• Guided walking tour of Vienne

Cruise towards Lyon Excursion proposed:

Stop off in front of Paul Bocuse's restaurant Gastronomic dinner at the Abbaye of Collonges(1)

## DAY 4 | Collonges-au-Mont-d'Or • Mâcon Belleville • Lyon

Free time to discover Mâcon on your own Excursion proposed:

 The Beaujolais vineyards and wine tasting in the "Hameau Ďuboeuf" (wine village) Gala dinner

#### DAY 5 | Lyon

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 65 to 67.



4-DAY / 3-NIGHT GASTRONOMIC CRUISE • REF. GAS PP

## Grand gastronomic cruise on the Rhine Round-trip cruise from Strasbourg



#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg • Schoenau

Boarding at 3:00 p.m. Cruise towards Schoenau Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### SAMPLE DINNER MENU

Creamy shrimp and poultry soup with tarragon Goose liver terrine, quince jelly, brioche roll Bresse chicken in a potato crust, truffle sauce Brie de Meaux stuffed with Mediterranean treasures Tanzanian Amber: White chocolate mousse with caramel and roasted peanuts

#### DAY 2 | Schoenau • Breisach

Cruise towards Breisach

Excursion proposed: • The Alsatian Wine Route

Dinner by Marc Haeberlin<sup>(2)</sup>, 2 Michelin-starred Chef of the Auberge de l'III in Illhaeusern

#### DAY 3 | Breisach • Strasbourg

Onboard wine tasting with Serge Dubs(2) a fine wine connoisseur named the World's Best Sommelier in 1989

Cruise towards Strasbourg Gala dinner

#### **SAMPLE DINNER MENU**

Lobster salad with roasted pine nuts, Parmigiano-Reggiano vinaigrette Fried sole fillet Lamb fillet with fresh herbs Saint-Marcellin with a hint of truffle Deep dark chocolate dome, Bourbon vanilla cream

#### DAY 4 | Strasbourg

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 104.

# Cruise highlights

#### REF. LLY PP

- Explore the purest French culinary tradition on our gastronomic journey
- Discover the cuisine of Marc Haeberlin and wines with Serge Dubs, the best sommelier in the world

#### **EXCURSION INCLUDED:** REF. LLY\_PP

 Dinner at the Abbaye of Collonges<sup>(1)</sup> Paul Bocuse's temple of gastronomic excellence

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:** REF. LLY\_PP

- Discover the fine Côte Rôtie and Saint Joseph vineyards
- Wine tasting in a cellar of Tain L'Hermitage
- · Vienne, ancient Roman city
- · Lyon and its peculiar "traboules"
- · Wine tasting in the Beaujolais vineyards REF. GAS\_PP
- The Alsatian Wine Route



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



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- (i) Dinner served at the Abbaye or at Paul Bocuse's restaurant according to the final number of passengers on board.

  (2) If the chef and/or sommelier scheduled for this cruise are not able to respect this commitment, they each guarantee to choose a distinguished replacement.



5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. RFL PP/CFL PP (opposite direction)

## The Rhine in Flames: fireworks along the river Round-trip cruises from Strasbourg

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise towards Rüdesheim

#### DAY 2 | Rüdesheim (Germany)

Cruise towards Rüdesheim Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Rüdesheim by tourist train, wine tasting and visit to the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments
- DISCOVERY: Hike through the vineyards in Rüdesheim

Free evening in the Drosselgasse

#### DAY 3 | Rüdesheim • Koblenz The Rhine in Flames

Cruise towards Koblenz Stroll through the old town of Koblenz with vour hostess

Evening show: the "Rhine in Flames" from Trechtingshausen to Rüdesheim

#### DAY 4 | Rüdesheim • Mannheim

Cruise towards Mannheim Excursion for both packages:

 Heidelberg Gala dinner

#### DAY 5 | Strasbourg

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109.

5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • RFF. GSB PP

## Glacier Express & exceptional cruise through 3 countries Round-trip cruise from Strasbourg

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise towards Breisach

#### DAY 2 | Breisach • Mulhouse • Basel (Switzerland)

Excursion proposed:

 Automobile Museum in Mulhouse Cruise towards Basel

## DAY 3 | Basel • The Glacier Express train

Day spent on board the Glacier Express train for a panoramic journey through the Alps, from Andermatt to Coire(2)

#### DAY 4 | Basel • Lake Constance Mainau Island (Germany) • Schaffhausen

Full-day excursion to discover Lake Constance and the Rhine Falls(2 Lunch on Mainau Island Cruise towards Strasbourg

#### DAY 5 | Strasbourg

Cruise towards Strasbourg Excursion proposed: Canal boat tour through Strasbourg (subject to availability) Lunch on board Disembark at 2:00 p.m.

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109

## Cruise highlights

#### REF. RFL\_PP/CFL\_PP

• The legendary "Rhine in Flames"

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:** REF. RFL PP/CFL PP

- The chance to sample history, art and culture in Strasbourg
- · Rüdesheim and Heidelberg

#### **EXCURSIONS:**

REF. GSB PP

- First class accommodation offered on board the Glacier Express train to first registered passengers<sup>(1)</sup>
- · The Automobile Museum in Mulhouse, the largest of its kind
- · Lake Constance and the Rhine Falls



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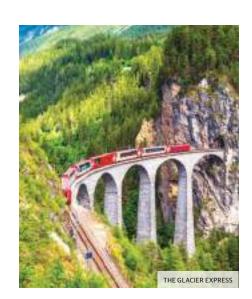
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- (1) First class accommodation offered to the first 40 registered passengers if the minimum number of 130 passengers is reached.
  (2) Coach ride: approx 3,5 hrs from Basel to Andermatt, 3,5 hrs from Coire to Basel and about 6 hrs in total for Lake Constance and the Rhine Falls.





5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. SBS\_PP

## Grape harvest cruise in picturesque Alsace Round-trip cruise from Strasbourg

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Evening of traditional Alsatian-style dancing

#### DAY 2 | Strasbourg • Breisach

Discover Strasbourg with your hostess Excursion proposed:

 River boat tour<sup>(1)</sup> or coach transfer and free time in the city center of Strasbourg

Cruise towards Breisach

## DAY 3 | Breisach • Eguisheim • Riquewihr Ribeauvillé

Excursion proposed:

• Eguisheim

Lunch at a local rural inn Traditional folk evening

#### DAY 4 $\mid$ Breisach • Strasbourg

Excursion proposed:

 Day-trip through Colmar and along the Wine Route

Cruise towards Strasbourg Gala dinner

#### DAY 5 | Strasbourg

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 104 to 109.



# Cruise highlights

#### REF. SBS PP

 Discover the Alsace, an authentic and gourmet region

## EXCURSIONS:

REF. SBS\_PP

- Eguisheim, listed as one of the most beautiful villages in France
- Colmar and the Alsatian Wine Route REF. DDE PP
- The one-of-a-kind Festival of Lights
- Enjoy the Christmas market, its activities, and its crafts at your own pace
- Guided tour of Lyon, the third-largest city in France



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



FREE Wi-Fi



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**NB:** For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary.

(1) River boat tour: optional excursion, only on pre-booking before departure.

3-DAY / 2-NIGHT ITINERARY • REF. DDE\_PP

# The Festival of Lights in Lyon

#### DAY 1 | Lyon

Boarding at 3:00 p.m.

Visit the Christmas market at your own pace.
Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Lyon

Excursions proposed:

• Lyon

Vieux Lyon

Free time to enjoy the Festival of Lights

#### DAY 3 | Lyon

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

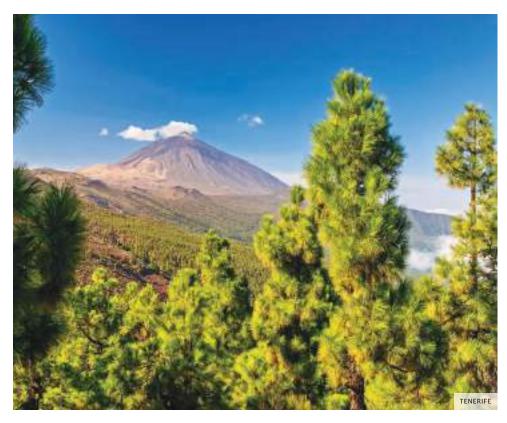
See excursion details on pages 65 to 67.





## The best walking routes in the Canary islands

Lanzarote • Fuerteventura • Gran Canaria • La Gomera • La Palma • Tenerife



## Cruise highlights

#### ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### WALKERS' PROGRAMME:

- The valley of the thousand palms' in Lanzarote
- Gran Canaria and the Bandama caldera
- · La Gomera: walk in Garajonay **National Park**
- · La Palma: at the heart of the volcanoes
- · The path of senses in Tenerife

Level:

#### NON-WALKERS' PROGRAMME:

- Garajonay National Park, inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list
- Fuerteventura, Gran Canaria and La Gomera, islands of contrats and infinite landscapes
- Lanzarote, a land of unusual flavour in a strong and volcanic nature
- · César Manrique works in Lanzarote, the most important artist in the Canary Islands, ecologist and activist for nature

#### FOR BOTH PACKAGES:

 Timanfava and Teide National Parks. two natural wonders

CRUISE 'N WALK 8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. NAO\_RANPP

# Walking the most beautiful paths in Corsica

Nice • Ajaccio • Bonifacio • Porto Vecchio • Bastia • L'Île Rousse • Nice



## Cruise highlights

#### ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### WALKERS' PROGRAMME:

- · The pointe de la Parata, between the sea and the maquis
- · The calanques de Piana, colourful sight
- · The cap de Pertusato and its chalky cliffs
- The spectacular site of the needles of Bavella
- · Walk to Murato, a bucolic path through chestnut trees, scrubland, chapels and churches
- The Bonifatu forest and the transhumance path

Level:

#### NON-WALKERS' PROGRAMME:

- · Emblematic cities of the island: Ajaccio, Bonifacio, Porto Vecchio and Calvi
- Idyllic landscapes of the Calanques de Piana and the Balagne Region
- The Cap Corse

## Walking along the Treasures of the Adriatic

Dubrovnik • Corfu • Saranda • Vlore • Durrës • Bar • Dubrovnik



## Cruise highlights

#### ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### WALKERS' PROGRAMME:

- · Following an antique aqueduct in Dubrovnik
- · Achilleion Palace, Gastouri, and the Holy Church of Agia Kyriaki
   Llogara National Park and Caesar's Pass
- The Black Cave of Pellumbas

Level: •••

#### NON-WALKERS' PROGRAMME:

- · Guided tour of Dubrovnik
- Corfu, paradise in the Ionian Sea
- Apollonia, the largest archaeological site in Albania, and Berat, the city with a thousand views
- Tirana, the capital of Albania

#### FOR BOTH PACKAGES:

- The captivating ancient ruins of Butrint
- The old town in Gjirokastër
- The ancient city of Bar and its ruins

CRUISE 'N WALK 8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. ROP\_PP

## Walking in the Douro valley

Porto • Regua • Pinhão • Vega de Terron • Barca d'Alva • Senhora da Ribeira • Ferradosa • Pinhão • Regua • Bitetos • Porto



## Cruise highlights

#### ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### WALKERS' PROGRAMME:

- Through Alvão Nature Park
- "Vultures' Cliff"
- Through the vines in São João da Pesqueira
- Along the banks of the Douro to its estuary

#### Level: •••

#### NON-WALKERS' PROGRAMME:

- · Vila Real and the formal gardens at the Mateus Palace
- · Figueira de Castelo Rodriguo, one of the 12 historic villages in Portugal
- Pinhão and wine-tasting session of Porto
- · Guimarães and its medieval centre

#### FOR BOTH PACKAGES:

· Porto and Salamanca

## Walking along the Danube

Vienna • Melk • Dürnstein • Bratislava • Kalocsa • Budapest • Esztergom • Vienna



## Cruise highlights

#### ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### WALKERS' PROGRAMME:

- The Wachau Valley
- The Little Carpathians Mountain Range
- · Through Budapest
- Visegrad Fortress
- Discovery tour of Vienna

#### Level: ••0000

#### NON-WALKERS' PROGRAMME:

- Dürnstein, Bratislava and Budapest
- The Hofburg in Vienna

#### FOR BOTH PACKAGES:

· Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna, Melk Abbey and the wild Puszta plain



CRUISE 'N WALK 7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. LMM\_RANPP

## Discover everything the Rhône and Saône regions have to offer

Lyon • Mâcon • Lyon • Tain l'Hermitage • Avignon • Arles • Martigues



## Cruise highlights

#### WALKERS' PROGRAMME:

- The Roche de Solutré
- Urban hike through Lyon
- The typical village of Soyons in Ardèche
- The Pont du Gard
- The Alpilles Mountains and Les Baux-de-Provence

#### Level: 0000

#### NON-WALKERS' PROGRAMME:

- · Mâcon and its historic downtown
- Lyon and its street doorways
- The hanging houses in the Vercors Massif
- Avignon and the Papal Palace
- · Coach tour of the wild Camargue

#### FOR BOTH PACKAGES:

- · Arles and its vestiges of the Roman Empire
- The Beaujolais vineyards

CRUISE 'N WALK 7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. VMA\_RANPP

## Walking within the most beautiful regions in Italy

Venice • Chioggia • Porto Viro • Canda • Ostiglia • Mantua



## Cruise highlights

#### WALKERS' PROGRAMME:

- · Torcello and Lazzaretto Nuovo
- · From the Euganean Hills
- to the village of Arqua Petrarca
- Valle delle Cartiere and Lake Garda
- · Lessinia Regional Nature Park

#### Level: OOOO

#### NON-WALKERS' PROGRAMME:

- · Venice, the Venetian Lagoon and its islands
- Padua
- · Mantua, a city surrounded by lakes
- Cremona

#### FOR BOTH PACKAGES:

- · Guided tour of Doge's Palace and Saint Mark's Square
- · Verona, medieval town and visit of the arena



6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. SKC\_PP / CKS\_PP (opposite direction)

## French and German Christmas markets along the Rhine

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

## DAY 2 | Strasbourg • Colmar and the Alsatian Wine Route • Strasbourg

Full-day excursion proposed:

· Colmar and Riquewihr

## DAY 3 | Mannheim • Heidelberg Mannheim (Germany)

Cruise towards Mannheim Excursion proposed:

 Heidelberg and free time at the Christmas market

#### DAY 4 | Mannheim • Rüdesheim

Cruise towards Rüdesheim

Excursion proposed:

 Tour of the city by tourist train and visit the mechanical music cabinet museum<sup>(1)</sup>

Free time to explore the famous Drosselgasse

#### DAY 5 | Rüdesheim • Koblenz • Cologne

Cruise towards Koblenz on the romantic Rhine Vallev

Excursion proposed:

• Koblenz and the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress Gala dinner

Cruise towards Cologne

#### DAY 6 | Cologne

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

This itinerary can also be done in 5 days/4 nights without day 2 Colmar and Riquewihr - Ref. SKL\_PP/KLS\_PP detailed programme on request.

See excursion details on pages 226 and 227.

## Cruise highlights

• An exciting cruise on the Rhine river bringing on the holiday cheer

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- Alsatian yuletide traditions in Colmar and Riquewihr
- Heidelberg and one of the most beautiful Christmas markets in Germany
- The mechanical music cabinet museum and holiday market in Rüdesheim
- Koblenz, its Christmas market and the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress



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FREE Wi-Fi



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4-DAY / 3-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. CKC XMASPP

## Enchanting Christmas Markets along Alsatian Canals

Colmar • Kunheim • Kaysersberg • Riquewihr • Kunheim • Colmar

Christmas markets are in full boom during the holiday season. The smell of freshly baked goods fills the air surrounding the festive wooden booths selling artisan gifts. Immerse yourself in the shimmering colors of Little Venice in Colmar, the creative universe of traditional decorations in Kaysersberg, and the age-old charm of Riquewihr.

Contact us for the detailed programme.





5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. MNL PP

## The magic of Christmas: Savoury delights and holiday traditions on a Rhine river cruise

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 5:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Romantic Rhine River Rüdesheim (Germany)

Cruise towards Rüdesheim

Excursion proposed:

• Rüdesheim by tourist train(1) and visit to the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments Free time to discover the international Christmas

Free evening in the Drosselgasse to taste the Rüdesheimer Kaffee

#### DAY 3 | Rüdesheim • Mainz • Gambsheim (France)

Cruise towards Mainz

Excursion proposed:

Mainz and the Gutenberg Museum

Free time to discover the local Christmas market Cruise towards Gambsheim

#### DAY 4 | Gambsheim • Strasbourg

Excursion proposed:

Musée Lalique

Cruise towards Strasbourg

Discover the old Strasbourg and its Christmas markets with your hostess

#### DAY 5 | Strasbourg

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 226 and 227.

5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. MNT PP2

## Delightful Christmas markets in the Neckar valley

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 1:00 p.m. Excursion proposed:

· Panoramic tour in Strasbourg and free time at the Christmas markets Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise towards Mannheim

#### DAY 2 | Mannheim • Heidelberg Eberbach (Germany)

Excursion proposed:

• Heidelberg and its castle Cruise towards Eberbach

Free time to discover the city on your own

#### DAY 3 | Eberbach • Heilbronn • Heidelberg

Full-day excursion proposed:

Heilbronn

Cruise towards Heidelberg

## DAY 4 | Heidelberg • Speyer (Germany)

Cruise towards Speyer

Excursion proposed:

Speyer

Gala dinner

Cruise towards Strasbourg

#### DAY 5 | Strasbourg

Disembark at 9.00 a m

See excursion details on pages 226 and 227.

## Cruise highlights

#### REF. MNL\_PP

· Experience the magic of Christmas on a Rhine cruise with a special onboard holiday programme

#### REF. MNT PP2

• A romantic holiday cruise along the enchanting Neckar River lined with medieval cities, majestic fortresses, and lovely countryside

## **EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:**

REF. MNL PP

- · Rüdesheim, its international Christmas market and the famous Rüdesheimer Kaffee
- The Musée Lalique, dedicated to the master craftsmen of fine glass
- Strasbourg during the holiday season REF. MNT\_PP2
- The former medieval city of Eberbach
- Heidelberg and its enchanting Christmas market

FREE Wi-Fi

• Historic Speyer and its Imperial Cathedral



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY



**BEVERAGES** 



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5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. NAF\_XMASPP / FAN\_XMASPP

## Christmas traditions and santons along the canals of Provence

Avignon • Aigues-Mortes • Arles • Tarascon • Avignon

Experience Christmas in Provence on a cruise. From Avignon to Aigues-Mortes, be enchanted by the magic of the provincial Christmas markets. Contact us for the detailed programme



4-DAY / 3-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. MNA PP(2)

# Christmas in Alsace and show at the Royal Palace

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Dinner on board Free evening

#### DAY 2 | The Potter Villages Kirrwiller, Show at the Royal Palace<sup>(1)</sup>

Full-day excursions proposed:

- The Potter villages in Northern Alsace
- Lunch and dancing at the Royal Palace in Kirrwiller
- Show at the Music Hall Theatre

#### DAY 3 | Strasbourg

Full-day excursion proposed:

- Panoramic tour of Strasbourg and guided tour of the old town with its Christmas markets
- Free time to discover Strasbourg on your own
- Marvel at the Christmas lights throughout the city with your hostess

#### DAY 4 | Strasbourg

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 226 and 227.

4-DAY / 3-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. MNO\_PP(2)

## Christmas markets in Alsace

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Dinner on board Free evening

## DAY 2 | Strasbourg • The Alsatian Wine Route and Colmar

Full-day excursions proposed:

- The Alsatian Wine Route with wine tasting at a cellar
- Colmar and its beautiful Christmas decorations

#### DAY 3 | Strasbourg

Full-day excursions proposed

- Panoramic tour of Strasbourg and guided tour of the old town with its Christmas markets
- Free time to discover Strasbourg on your own
- Marvel at the Christmas lights throughout the city with your hostess

#### DAY 4 | Strasbourg

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 226 and 227.

#### **EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:**

• The colourful Christmas markets in Strasbourg

#### REF. MNA PP

- The pottery villages and show at the Royal Palace of Kirrwiller
- REF. MNO PP
- Taste the local wines on the Alsatian Wine Route

#### REF. MNC\_PP

- Freiburg Christmas market, one of the most beautiful in Germany
- Immersive journey through Christmas Spirit and traditions at the Ecomuseum of Alsace
- Colmar and its Christmas market in the old town



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



BEVERAGES INCLUDED DURING MEALS<sup>(2)</sup>



FREE Wi-Fi



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- (1) Valid only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For other days of the week, please ask your travel agent (extra fees).
- (2) Some drinks are included on board with meals (1/4 wine or 1 mineral water and 1 coffee per person and per meal).

4-DAY / 3-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. MNC\_PP(2)

## A Bountiful Christmas in Alsace and the Black Forest

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 | Strasbourg • Breisach (Germany) Freiburg and the Black forest • Breisach

Cruise towards Breisach Excursion proposed:

• The Black Forest and the Christmas market in Freiburg

## DAY 3 | Breisach • Ecomuseum of Alsace Colmar • Breisach

Full-day excursions proposed:

- Ecomuseum of Alsace
- Colmar and its magical Christmas market

DAY 4 | Strasbourg
Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 226 and 227.

4-DAY / 3-NIGHT CRUISE IN ALSACE • REF. PMN\_P1PP

## Christmas markets in Alsace

Discover Strasbourg and the villages following the wine route on a magical cruise, on board an intimate-sized canal barge, in the heart of Alsatian Christmas markets. Be carried away by the festive and magical atmosphere that animates the Alsatian capital and surrounding villages at this time of the year.

Contact us for the detailed programme.



5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. NMP PP

# Holiday Cheer along the Elbe river

#### DAY 1 | Prague (Czech Republic)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Excursion proposed:

• Evening stroll through Prague

#### DAY 2 | Prague

Excursions proposed:

- · Prague and its Christmas market
- Prague castle district. Holiday concert onboard

#### DAY 3 | Prague • Melnik

Cruise towards Melnik

Excursion proposed:

• Nelahozeves castle and the birthplace of Antonin Dvorak

Gala dinner

#### DAY 4 | Melnik • Dresden (Germany) Roztoky (Czech Republic)

Full-day excursion proposed:

 Dresden and its Christmas market Cruise towards Roztoky

#### DAY 5 | Roztoky • Prague

Cruise towards Prague Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 228.

5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. NMB PP

# Christmas Escapade in Berlin and Potsdam

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Berlin

Excursions proposed:

• Charlottenburg Palace

Free time in the local Christmas market

• Panoramic tour of Berlin

#### DAY 3 | Berlin • Nedlitz • Potsdam

Cruise towards Nedlitz Excursion proposed:

Postdam and the new Palace

Cruise towards Berlin

Gala dinner

Full-day excursion proposed:
• Berlin and its Christmas market Holiday concert onboard

DAY 5 | Berlin

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 228.



## Cruise highlights

#### REF. NMP\_PP

- Explore the Christmas markets in Prague and Dresden
- Spend your holidays on a magical, festive cruise

#### REF. NMB PP

- Visit the Christmas markets in Berlin and Potsdam
- Experience Europe during the festive holidavs
- There's nothing like a wintertime cruise on the lakes formed by the Havel River

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

#### REF. NMP PP

- The buzzing, beautiful Christmas markets in Prague
- Nelahozeves Castle, one of the most beautiful castles in Bohemia
- · The private art collection of the Lobkowicz family
- The birthplace and works of composer Antonin Dvorak
- Modern, vibrant Dresden and the oldest Christmas market in Germany

#### REF. NMB\_PP

- Luxurious Charlottenburg Palace
- · Vibrant, modern Berlin
- The New Palace in Sanssouci Park, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- The charming Scheunenviertel neighborhood in Berlin and the Hackesche Höfe courtyard complex
- Breathtaking views from the Berliner Fernsehturm



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES



FREE Wi-Fi



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5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. MVI\_PP

# Taking in 3 countries: The Danube and its traditions

#### DAY 1 | Vienna (Austria)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Austrian-themed dinner on board

#### DAY 2 | Vienna • Budapest (Hungary)

Excursion proposed:

 Vienna and its Christmas market Cruise towards Budapest

#### DAY 3 | Budapest

Excursion proposed:

Budapest and its Christmas market
Free time to discover Budapest on your own

#### DAY 4 | Bratislava (Slovakia)

Cruise towards Bratislava

Excursion proposed:

Bratislava and its Christmas market
 Gala dinner

Cruise towards Vienna

#### DAY 5 | Vienna

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 227.



## Cruise highlights

- Embark on a cultural journey through Central Europe
- Revel in Christmas magic along the Danube

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- Imperial Vienna
- Budapest, the two thousand year old city
- Bratislava and its unique charm



BEVERAGES INCLUDED DURING



FREE Wi-Fi



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## Christmas on the romantic Rhine

5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. NOL\_PP

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 3:00 p.m.

Discover the old Strasbourg and its Christmas markets with your hostess

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail "Christmas Tales"-themed evening

#### DAY 2 | Braubach • The Rhine Valley and the Rock of the Lorelei (Germany)

Cruise towards Braubach Excursion proposed:

- Marksburg Château
- "Christmas Carols"-themed evening

#### DAY 3 | Rüdesheim • Speyer or Worms (Germany)

Free time or excursion proposed:

• Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments in Rüdesheim

Cruise towards Speyer Christmas Eve dinner

Midnight Mass celebrated in Speyer or Worms<sup>(1)</sup>

#### DAY 4 | Speyer • Strasbourg

Day spent cruising on the Upper Rhine towards Strasboura Gala dinner

#### DAY 5 | Strasbourg

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 226 and 227.

#### 4-DAY / 3-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. NOW PP

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 3:00 p.m. Discover the old Strasbourg and its Christmas markets with your hostess Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail "Christmas Tales"-themed evening

#### DAY 2 | Rüdesheim<sup>(2)</sup>(Germany) • Boppard

Cruise towards Rüdesheim Excursion proposed:

• Museum of Mechanical Musical "Christmas Carols"-themed evening Midnight Mass celebrated in Boppard(1)

#### DAY 3 | Boppard • Mainz

Cruise towards Mainz Discover Mainz with your hostess Christmas Eve dinner Gala dinner

#### DAY 4 | Strasbourg

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 226 and 227

#### 3-DAY / 2-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. NOY\_PP

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 3:00 p.m.

Discover the old Strasbourg and its Christmas markets with your hostess

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail "Christmas Tales"-themed evening

#### DAY 2 | Breisach (Germany)

Cruise towards Breisach

Excursion proposed:

• Discover Colmar and its magical Christmas market or enjoy some free time to discover Breisach

Christmas Eve dinner

Midnight Mass celebrated in Breisach<sup>(1)</sup>

## DAY 3 | Strasbourg

Cruise towards Strasbourg Disembark between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.

See excursion details on pages 226 and 227.

## Cruise highlights

- Discover the romantic Rhine Valley
- Christmas Eve dinner (including wine)

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- The Christmas markets in Strasbourg REF. NOL PP
- Braubach and its famous Marksburg Château
- Rüdesheim and its Museum of **Mechanical Musical Instruments**
- Midnight Mass in Speyer(1)

#### REF. NOW PP

- Rüdesheim, its Drosselgasse and the Museum of Mechanical Musical
- Mainz and its picturesque historic centre
- Midnight Mass in Boppard<sup>(1)</sup>

#### REF. NOY PP

- Tour of Colmar
- Midnight mass in Breisach(1)



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



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**BEVERAGES** 



FREE Wi-Fi



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- (1) Midnight Mass will be held in German and may take place at another location depending on availability. Transfer to the church only proposed in case the boat is not moored near the place of worship and is available for an extra fee (18€ per person to be booked and paid for on board).
- (2) Depending on mooring availabilities, the stopover in Rüdesheim may be preceded by a stopover in Bingen; the schedule of excursions may be modified.





5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. NOB PP

## Rhineland and Dutch Christmas

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 3:00 p.m. Discover the old Strasbourg and its Christmas

markets with your hostess Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail "Christmas Tales"-themed evening

#### DAY 2 | The Romantic Rhine • Cologne (Germany)

Cruise towards Cologne

Free time or excursion proposed:

• Cologne

Christmas Eve dinner

Midnight Mass celebrated in Cologne<sup>(1)</sup>

#### DAY 3 | Cologne Amsterdam or surroundings (Holland)<sup>(4)</sup>

Day spent cruising towards Amsterdam Gala dinner

#### DAY 4 | Amsterdam or surroundings(4)

Excursions proposed:

- Volendam and Zaanse Schans
- Amsterdam

#### DAY 5 | Amsterdam or surroundings<sup>(4)</sup>

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 226 and 227.



## Cruise highlights

- Discover the romantic Rhine Valley (REF. NOB\_PP)
- Christmas in the Grands Crus land of Bordeaux (REF. BON\_PP)
- Christmas Eve dinner (including wine)

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

#### REF. NOB\_PP

- Cologne, one of the oldest cities in Germany
- Volendam and Zaanse Schanse
- Amsterdam, the "Venice of the North"
- Midnight Mass in Cologne(1)

#### REF. BON\_PP

- The Médoc and the Grands Crus wine route
- Saint-Émilion, Blaye and the Route de la Corniche Fleurie
- Bordeaux by night
- Midnight Mass in Bordeaux(1)



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FREE Wi-Fi



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- (I) Midnight Mass will be held in German (REF. NOB. PP) or in French (REF. BON. PP) and may take place at another location depending on availability. Transfer to the church only proposed in case the boat is not moored near the place of worship and is available for an extra fee (18 € per person to be booked and paid for on board).
- (2) Depending on docking availability, the stopover in Libourne may be replaced by Bourg. In this event, the order of the visits could be altered.
- (3) This excursion must be reserved in advance through your travel agency
- (4) The Port of Amsterdam may unexpectedly decide to change the mooring places for cruise ships. In case of modification, an alternative will be set up as close as possible to the city of Amsterdam.

5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. BON PP

# Christmas in the Bordeaux region

#### DAY 1 | Bordeaux • Cussac-Fort-Médoc

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise towards Cussac-Fort-Médoc

## DAY 2 | Cussac-Fort-Médoc • The Médoc • Blaye Bordeaux

Excursion proposed:

• The Grands Crus Wine Route of the Médoc<sup>(3)</sup> Cruise towards Blaye

Excursion proposed:

• The Route de la Corniche Fleurie and the Blaye Citadel

Christmas Eve dinner

Midnight Mass celebrated in Bordeaux<sup>(1)</sup>

#### DAY 3 | Bordeaux • Libourne<sup>(2)</sup>

Cruise towards Libourne Onboard activities Gala dinner

### DAY 4 | Libourne<sup>(2)</sup> • Saint-Émilion • Bordeaux

Excursion proposed:

• Saint-Émilion and wine-tasting session Cruise towards Bordeaux

Excursion proposed:
• Bordeaux by night

#### DAY 5 | Bordeaux

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 229.





6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. NLO PP

# Christmas on the Loire

#### DAY 1 | Nante:

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Nantes • Saint-Nazaire

Excursions proposed:

- Nantes and the Castle of the Dukes of Brittany
- The Saint-Nazaire shipyard and the Escal'Atlantic<sup>(1)</sup> "Christmas Tales"-themed evening

#### DAY 3 | Saint-Nazaire • Ancenis

Cruise towards Ancenis Excursion proposed:

 The Muscadet Wine Route Christmas Eve dinner Midnight Mass celebrated in Ancenis<sup>(2)</sup>

#### DAY 4 | Ancenis • Chalonnes-sur-Loire • Angers

Cruise towards Chalonnes-sur-Loire Excursion proposed:

Angers

#### DAY 5 | Chalonnes-sur-Loire The Châteaux of the Loire Valley • Nantes

Full-day excursion proposed:

• Châteaux of the Loire Valley

Châteaux of the Loire Valley
 Gala dinner

#### DAY 6 | Nantes

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 230.



4-DAY / 3-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. LVA PP

# Christmas in Provence and the Rhône Valley

#### DAY 1 | Lyon

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise through Lyon by night

#### DAY 2 | Lyon • Viviers

Cruise towards Viviers

Excursion proposed:

 Visit to a nougat confectioner and tasting in Montélimar
 Gala dinner

## DAY 3 | Viviers • Avignon

Cruise towards Avignon

Excursion proposed:

Avignon and the Papal Palace

Christmas Eve dinner

Midnight Mass celebrated in Avignon<sup>(2)</sup>

#### DAY 4 | Lyon

Disembark at 10:00 a.m.

Optional additional night on board. Half-board including: dinner, accommodation, and breakfast.

See excursion details on page 231.



# Cruise highlights

- Exclusive to CroisiEurope: celebrate Christmas on the Loire (REF. NLO\_PP)
- Christmas magic on the Rhône (REF. LVA PP)
- · Christmas Eve dinner (including wine)

#### **EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:**

REF. NLO\_PP

- The Châteaux of the Loire Valley REF. LVA\_PP
- Lyon, city of lights

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

REF. NLO\_PP

- · Nantes, historic capital of Brittany
- Saint-Nazaire and the Escal'Atlantic(1)
- The Muscadet region
- Midnight Mass<sup>(2)</sup> in Ancenis

REF. LVA\_PP

- Renowned nougat from Montélimar
- Midnight Mass in Avignon<sup>(2)</sup>



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FREE Wi-Fi



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- (1) This excursion must be booked in advance through your travel agency. Each passenger will be asked to produce a valid passport in order to book the excursion and gain access to the shipyard.
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  (2) Midnight Mass will be held in French and may take place at another location depending on availability. Transfer to the church only proposed in case the boat is not moored near the place of worship and is available for an extra fee (18 € per person to be booked and paid for on board).





7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. BMD PP

# hristmas on the Elbe

#### DAY 1 | Berlin Tegel

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Berlin Tegel

Excursion proposed:

· Berlin and its Christmas market

Excursion proposed:
• Cecilienhof Palace

#### DAY 3 | Magdeburg

Cruise towards Magdeburg

Excursion proposed: Magdeburg

Free time around the Christmas market

#### DAY 4 | Lutherstadt Wittenberg

Excursion proposed:
• Lutherstadt Wittenberg

Cruise towards Meissen Gala dinner

#### DAY 5 | Meissen • Dresden

Excursion proposed:

· Meissen and its Christmas market

Cruise towards Dresden Christmas Eve dinner

Midnight Mass celebrated in Dresden<sup>(1)</sup>

#### DAY 6 | Dresden

Opportunity to attend Christmas Day services at the Frauenkirche

Excursion proposed:

Dresden

Closing symphony with the music of Johann Sebastian Bach at the Frauenkirche

#### DAY 7 | Dresden

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 228.

#### 5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. NPA PP

## hristmas in the Seine Valley

#### DAY 1 | Paris

Boarding at 5:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Les Andelys • Rouen

Cruise towards Les Andelys

Excursion proposed:

• The Martainville Château

Christmas Eve dinner

Midnight Mass celebrated in Rouen<sup>(1)</sup>

#### DAY 3 | Rouen • Honfleur<sup>(2)</sup> • Rouen

Cruise towards Honfleur

Excursion proposed:

Honfleur

Free time to discover Honfleur on your own Cruise towards Rouen

#### DAY 4 | Rouen

Excursion proposed:

Rouen

Cruise towards Paris Gala dinner

#### DAY 5 | Paris

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 231.



## Cruise highlights

- · Celebrate Christmas along the Seine (REF. NPA\_PP) or the Elbe (REF. BMD\_PP)
- Christmas Eve dinner (including wine)

#### **EXCURSION INCLUDED:**

• Honfleur, a charming maritime town

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

REF. BMD\_PP

- Eastern Germany as you've never experienced before: Christmas markets in Berlin, Magdeburg and Meissen
- Closing symphony with the music of Johann Sebastian Bach at the Dresden Frauenkirche
- Midnight Mass<sup>(1)</sup> in Dresden

REF. NPA\_PP

- Martainville Château and the Museum of Norman Tradition and Art
- Rouen, Normandy's cultural, historical, and gastronomical capital
- Midnight Mass<sup>(1)</sup> in Rouen



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  (1) Midnight Mass will be held in French (REF. NPA\_PP) or in German (REF. BMD\_PP) and may take place at another location depending on availability. Transfer to the church only proposed in case the boat is not moored near the place of worship and is available for an extra fee (18 € per person to be booked and paid for on board).
- (2) Depending on the tide, the stopover in Honfleur may be replaced by Caudebec-en-Caux or Rouen.



6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. NVI PP

## nristmas on the Danube

#### DAY 1 | Vienna (Austria)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Austrian-themed dinner on board

#### DAY 2 | Vienna

Excursions proposed:

- Schönbrunn PalaceVienna and its Christmas market

#### DAY 3 | Vienna • Budapest (Hungary)

Day spent cruising towards Budapest Christmas Eve dinner Midnight Mass in Budapest<sup>(1)</sup>

#### DAY 4 | Budapest

Excursion proposed:

Budapest

Free time to discover the city on your own Cruise towards Bratislava Hungarian-themed dinner

#### DAY 5 | Bratislava (Slovakia)

Cruise towards Bratislava

Excursion proposed: • Bratislava

Gala dinner

#### DAY 6 | Vienna

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 227.



## Cruise highlights

- Embark on a cultural journey through Central Europe
- Revel in Christmas magic along the Danube
- Christmas Eve dinner (including wine)

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- Vienna and its famous "Magic of Advent" Christmas market
- Budapest, "the Pearl of the Danube", and Bratislava
- Schönbrunn Palace
- Midnight Mass in Budapest(1)



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(i) Midnight Mass will be held in Hungarian and may take place at another location depending on availability. Transfer to the church only proposed in case the boat is not moored near the place of worship and is available for an extra fee (18€ per person to be booked and paid for on board).





6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. NAD\_PP

## Andalusian Christmas

Boarding at 5:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Seville • Cadiz

Excursion proposed:

Seville

Cruise towards Cadiz

#### DAY 3 | Cadiz • El Puerto De Santa Maria

Excursion proposed:

Cadiz

Cruise towards El Puerto de Santa Maria Excursion proposed:

• The Osborne Bodega and wine-tasting session Christmas Eve dinner

Midnight Mass celebrated in El Puerto de Santa Maria<sup>(1)</sup>

#### DAY 4 | El Puerto De Santa Maria • Jerez • Seville

Excursion proposed:

Jerez

Cruise towards Seville Gala dinner

#### DAY 5 | Seville • Córdoba • Seville

Full-day excursion proposed:

Córdoba

Free time to discover the city on your own

#### DAY 6 | Seville

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 232.



## Cruise highlights

- Romantic Christmas Eve in Venice (REF. NOV PP)
- The golden glow of Seville (REF. NAD\_PP)
- Christmas Eve dinner (including wine)

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

REF. NAD\_PP

- · Cadiz and the Osborne Bodega
- Jerez, renowned for its wine and horses
- The ancient Caliphate city of Córdoba
- Midnight Mass in El Puerto de Santa Maria<sup>(1)</sup>

REF. NOV\_PP

- · Padua, town of St Anthony
- The Venetian Lagoon islands
- The Doge's Palace
- Midnight Mass in Venice(1)



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5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. NOV PP

## nristmas in Venice

#### DAY 1 | Venice

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Venice • Chioggia (or surroundings) Venice

Cruise towards Chioggia Excursion proposed:

Padua

#### DAY 3 | Venice • Burano • Murano • Venice

Excursions proposed:

- The Lagoon islands of Burano and Murano
- The Doge's Palace and St. Mark's square Christmas Eve dinner

Midnight Mass celebrated in Venice(1)

#### DAY 4 | Venice

Full day on your own in Venice Gala dinner

#### DAY 5 | Venice

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.



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(i) Midnight Mass will be held in Italian (REF. NOV.PP) or Spanish (REF. NAD\_PP) and may take place at another location depending on availability. Transfer to the church only proposed in case the boat is not moored near the place of worship and is available for an extra fee (18 € per person to be booked and paid for on board).



# New year on the Rhine: round-trip cruises from Strasbourg

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. REA PP

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 5:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Strasbourg • Cochem (Germany)

Day spent cruising towards Cochem

#### DAY 3 | Cochem • Bernkastel

Cruise towards Bernkastel Free time to stroll through Bernkastel Gala dinner

## DAY 4 | Bernkastel • Koblenz

Cruise towards Koblenz Discover Koblenz with your hostess

#### DAY 5 | Koblenz • Rüdesheim<sup>(1)</sup>

Cruise towards Rüdesheim Excursion proposed:

• The Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments New Year's Eve dinner

#### DAY 6 | Rüdesheim<sup>(1)</sup> • Mannheim or Speyer

Cruise towards Mannheim or Speyer Discover Speyer with your hostess Cruise towards Strasbourg

## DAY 7 | Strasbourg

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 226 and 227.



## Cruise highlights

- A festive cruise along the romantic Rhine Valley
- New Year's Eve dinner (including wine and a glass of Champagne)

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- Rüdesheim and its Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments REF. REA\_PP
- Picturesque villages in the Moselle region REF. RES\_PP
- A traditional evening in a riverside restaurant in Rüdesheim with a "Rüdesheimer Kaffee" included
- Heidelberg, a true symbol of German Romanticism



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NB: For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary.

Depending on mooring availabilities, the stopover in Rüdesheim may be preceded by a stopover in Bingen; the schedule of excursions may be modified.

#### $\textbf{5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE} \bullet \mathsf{REF.} \ \mathsf{RES\_PP}$

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise towards Koblenz

#### DAY 2 | Koblenz (Germany)

Day spent cruising towards Koblenz Discover Koblenz with your hostess Gala dinner

#### DAY 3 | Koblenz • Rüdesheim<sup>(1)</sup>

Cruise towards Rüdesheim Excursions proposed:

- The Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments
- Traditional evening in a riverside restaurant

#### DAY 4 | Rüdesheim<sup>(1)</sup> • Mannheim

Cruise towards Mannheim

Excursion proposed:

Heidelberg

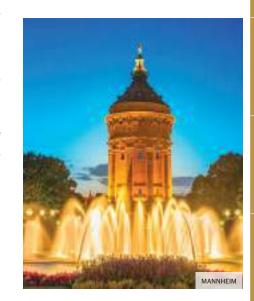
New Year's Eve dinner

#### DAY 5 | Mannheim • Strasbourg

Cruise towards Strasbourg Disembark at 3:00 p.m.

Optional additional night on board. Half-board including: dinner, accommodation, and breakfast.

See excursion details on pages 226 and 227.





# New year on the Rhine: round-trip cruises from Strasbourg

4-DAY / 3-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. ZAA PP

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise towards Sankt Goar

#### DAY 2 | Sankt Goar • Rüdesheim (Germany)

Cruise along the romantic Rhine Valley towards Rüdesheim

Excursions proposed:

- The Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments
- Traditional evening in a riverside restaurant Cruise towards Mannheim

## DAY 3 | Mannheim • Heidelberg Speyer (Germany)

Excursion proposed:

Heidelberg

Cruise towards Speyer

Discover the town with your hostess

Cruise towards Strasbourg New Year's Eve dinner

#### DAY 4 | Strasbourg

Disembark at 10:00 a.m.

Optional additional night on board. Half-board including: dinner, accommodation, and breakfast.

See excursion details on pages 226 and 227.

## Cruise highlights

• New Year's Eve dinner (including wine and a glass of Champagne)

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- Rüdesheim and its Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments
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- A traditional evening in a riverside restaurant in Rüdesheim with a "Rüdesheimer Kaffee" included
- Heidelberg and Speyer



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#### 3-DAY / 2-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. REG\_PP

#### DAY 1 | Strasbourg (France)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise towards Germany

#### DAY 2 | The Lorelei Rock • Rüdesheim (Germany)

Cruise along the romantic Rhine Valley towards Rüdesheim

Excursion proposed:

• The Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments New Year's Eve dinner

#### DAY 3 | Rüdesheim • Strasbourg

Cruise towards Strasbourg Disembark at 3:00 p.m.

Optional additional night on board. Half-board including: dinner, accommodation, and breakfast.

See excursion details on pages 226 and 227.





6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. ACS PP

# New Year cruise from Amsterdam to Strasbourg

## DAY 1 | Amsterdam or surroundings<sup>(2)</sup> (Holland)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

## DAY 2 | Amsterdam or surroundings<sup>(2)</sup> • Nijmegen Krefeld<sup>(1)</sup> (Germany)

Cruise towards Nijmegen Free time to discover the city on your own Cruise towards Krefeld

#### DAY 3 | Krefeld<sup>(1)</sup> • Cologne • Königswinter

Cruise towards Cologne Discover Cologne with your hostess Cruise towards Königswinter

#### DAY 4 | Königswinter • Rüdesheim

Cruise towards Rüdesheim

Free time or excursion proposed:

 Rüdesheim by tourist trainand visit to the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments New Year's Eve dinner

#### DAY 5 | Rüdesheim • Mannheim

Cruise towards Mannheim

Excursion proposed:
• Heidelberg

Gala dinner

Cruise towards Strasbourg

#### DAY 6 | Strasbourg (France) Disembark at 9:00 p.m.

See excursion details on pages 226 and 227.



## Cruise highlights

 New Year's Eve dinner (including wine and a glass of Champagne)

## OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

REF. ACS\_PP

- Amsterdam by night
- Cologne and the High Cathedral of St. Peter
- Rüdesheim and its Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments
- Heidelberg and its famous castle REF. NDA\_PP
- Imperial Vienna and Schönbrunn Palace
- · Budapest, "the Pearl of the Danube"
- Bratislava and its Baroque and Art Nouveau style buildings

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**NB:** For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary.

- (1) Depending on mooring availability, the stopover in Krefeld could be replaced by a stopover in Duisburg.
- (2) The Port of Amsterdam may unexpectedly decide to change the mooring places for cruise ships. In case of modification, an alternative will be set up as close as possible to the city of Amsterdam.

6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. NDA\_PP

## New Year round-trip cruise from Vienna

#### DAY 1 | Vienna (Austria)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Austrian-themed dinner on board

#### DAY 2 | Vienna

Excursions proposed

- Schönbrunn Palace
- Vienna

#### DAY 3 | Vienna • Budapest (Hungary)

Day spent cruising towards Budapest Hungarian-themed dinner on board

#### DAY 4 | Budapest

Excursion proposed:

Budapest

Free time to discover Budapest on your own Cruise towards Bratislava New Year's Eve dinner

#### DAY 5 | Bratislava (Slovakia)

Cruise towards Bratislava Excursion proposed:

Bratislava

Gala dinner

### DAY 6 | Vienna

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on page 227.





5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. RPA PP

## New Year on the Seine

#### DAY 1 | Paris

Boarding at 5:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise towards Rouen

#### DAY 2 | Rouen • Honfleur<sup>(1)</sup>

Excursion proposed:

• Rouen

Cruise towards Honfleur

#### DAY 3 | Honfleur<sup>(1)</sup> • Caudebec-en-Caux

Full-day excursion proposed:

• Honfleur and the Côte Fleurie

Gala dinner

Cruise towards Paris

#### DAY 4 | Paris

Cruise towards Paris Excursion proposed:

Paris

New Year's Eve dinner

#### DAY 5 | Paris

Disembark at 10:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 231.

5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. BOR\_PP

## New Year in the Bordeaux region

#### DAY 1 | Bordeaux

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

Excursion proposed:
Bordeaux by night

#### DAY 2 | Bordeaux • Cussac-Fort-Médoc Le Médoc

Cruise towards Cussac-Fort-Médoc Excursion proposed:

Excursion proposed:
• The Grands Crus Wine Route of the Médoc<sup>(3)</sup>

#### DAY 3 | Cussac-Fort-Médoc • Blaye • Libourne<sup>(2)</sup>

Cruise towards Blaye Excursion proposed:

• The Route de la Corniche Fleurie and the Blaye Citadel

Cruise towards Libourne Gala dinner

#### DAY 4 | Libourne<sup>(2)</sup> • Saint-Émilion • Bordeaux

Excursion proposed:

Saint-Émilion

Cruise towards Bordeaux

New Year's Eve dinner

#### DAY 5 | Bordeaux

Disembark at 10:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 229.

## Cruise highlights

- Celebrate New Year's Eve in a memorable setting on the most prestigious French rivers
- New Year's Eve dinner (including wine and a glass of Champagne)

#### **EXCURSION INCLUDED:**

REF. RPA PP

· Honfleur and the Côte Fleurie

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

REF. RPA\_PP

- Rouen, Normandy's cultural, historical, and gastronomical capital
- Paris and its famous sights

REF. BOR\_PP

- Bordeaux by night
- The Médoc and the Grands Crus Wine Route
- Saint-Émilion, Blaye and the Route de la Corniche Fleurie



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- (1) Depending on the tide, the stopover in Honfleur may be replaced by Caudebec-en-Caux or Rouen.
- (2) Depending on docking availability, the stopover in Libourne may be replaced by Bourg. In this event, the order of the visits could be altered.
- (3) This excursion must be booked in advance through your travel agency.





5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. LNA PP

## New Year in Provence

#### DAY 1 | Lyon

Boarding at 3:00 p.m. Cruise towards Arles

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Avignon

Cruise towards Avignon Excursion proposed:

• Avignon and the Papal Palace Cruise towards Tain l'Hermitage

#### DAY 3 | Tain l'Hermitage

Excursion proposed:

• The Cité du Chocolat Gala dinner

Cruise towards Vienne

#### DAY 4 | Vienne • Lyon

Excursions proposed:

- Vienne
- Lyon

New Year's Eve dinner

#### DAY 5 | Lyon

Disembark at 10:00 a.m.

Optional additional night on board. Half-board including: dinner, accommodation, and breakfast.

See excursion details on page 231.

#### 4-DAY / 3-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. APA PP

#### DAY 1 | Avignon

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Avignon • Port-Saint-Louis

Excursion proposed:

• Avignon and the Papal Palace Cruise towards Port-Saint-Louis Gala dinner

#### DAY 3 | Port-Saint-Louis • Arles • Avignon

Excursions proposed:

• The Camargue

New Year's Eve dinner

#### DAY 4 | Avignon

Disembark at 10:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 231.

- Arles

Cruise towards Avignon

## **NB:** For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary.

(i) This excursion must be booked in advance through your travel agency. Each passenger will be asked to produce a valid passport in order to book the excursion and gain access to the shipyard.

Cruise highlights

• Celebrate New Year's Eve on the most

• New Year's Eve dinner (including wine

prestigious French rivers

**EXCURSION INCLUDED:** 

• Day-trip to the Châteaux

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:** 

Avignon and the Papal Palace

· Vienne and its Roman vestiges

• The wild and unspoilt Camargue awaits

· Nantes, the historic capital of Brittany • Saint-Nazaire and the Escal'Atlantic(1)

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• Lyon, the Capital of Lights

**BEVERAGES** 

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of the Loire Valley

REF. LNA\_PP / APA\_PP

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REF. APA PP

and a glass of Champagne)

## 6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. RLO PP

# oyal New Year cruise on the Loire

### DAY 1 | Nantes

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Nantes • Saint-Nazaire • Nantes

Excursions proposed:

- Nantes and the Castle of the Dukes of Brittany
- The Saint-Nazaire shipyard and the Escal'Atlantic<sup>(1)</sup>

#### DAY 3 | Nantes • Ancenis

Cruise towards Ancenis

Excursion proposed:

• The Muscadet Wine Route

#### DAY 4 | Ancenis • The Châteaux of the Loire Valley Chalonnes-sur-Loire

Full-day excursion proposed:

• The Châteaux of the Loire Valley

New Year's Eve dinner

#### DAY 5 | Chalonnes-sur-Loire • Angers • Nantes

Excursion proposed:

Anaers

Cruise towards Nantes Gala dinner

#### DAY 6 | Nantes

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 230.





7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. DMB\_PP

## New Year's Eve on the Elbe

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Dresden

Excursion proposed:

Dresden

Excursion proposed:

• The Semper Opera House(1)

#### DAY 3 | Meissen • Lutherstadt Wittenberg

Excursion proposed:

Meissen

Free time to stroll around the winter market(2) Cruise towards Lutherstadt Wittenberg

#### DAY 4 | Lutherstadt Wittenberg • Magdeburg

Excursion proposed:

Wittenberg

Cruise towards Magdeburg Gala dinner

#### DAY 5 | Magdeburg • Berlin Tegel

Excursion proposed:

Magdeburg

Cruise towards Berlin Tegel

#### DAY 6 | Berlin Tegel

Excursions proposed:

- The Charlottenburg Palace
   Panoramic tour of Berlin

New Year's Eve dinner

#### DAY 7 | Berlin Tegel

Disembark at 10:00 a.m.

Optional additional night on board. Half-board including: dinner, accommodation, and breakfast.

See excursion details on page 228.

## Cruise highlights

- Cruise between Dresden and Berlin as you discover the treasures of old Germany
- New Year's Eve dinner (including wine and a glass of Champagne)

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- Dresden and the Semper Opera House<sup>(1)</sup>
- Wittenberg, birthplace of Luther
- Berlin, city of a thousand faces



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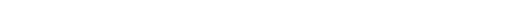
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(1) In case the Semper Opera House is closed, another visit will take place (nature of the visit unknown to date). (2) Depending on the opening dates.







6-DAY / 5-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. NAA PP

## Andalusian New Year

#### DAY 1 | Seville

Boarding at 5:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Seville • Cadiz

Excursion proposed:

Seville

Cruise towards Cadiz

#### DAY 3 | Cadiz • El Puerto de Santa Maria

Excursions proposed:

- Cadiz
- Wine tasting in a bodega Gala dinner

#### DAY 4 | El Puerto de Santa Maria • Jerez • Seville

Excursion proposed:

• Jerez

Cruise towards Seville New Year's Eve dinner

#### DAY 5 | Seville • Córdoba • Seville

Excursion proposed:

Córdoba

Free time to discover Córdoba on your own

#### DAY 6 | Seville

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 232.

#### 5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. REW\_PP

## New Year in Venice

#### DAY 1 | Venice

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 | Venice • Chioggia (or surroundings) Venice

Cruise towards Chioggia

Excursion proposed:

Padua

#### DAY 3 | Venice • Burano • Murano • Venice

Excursions proposed:

- The Lagoon islands of Burano and Murano
- The Doge's Palace and St. Mark's square Gala dinner

#### DAY 4 | Venice

Full day on your own in Venice New Year's Eve dinner

#### DAY 5 | Venice

Disembark at 10:00 a.m.

Optional additional night on board. Half-board including: dinner, accommodation, and breakfast.

See excursion details on page 232.



# Cruise highlights

- A magical New Year's Eve in Seville (REF. NAA\_PP) or Venice (REF. REW\_PP)
- New Year's Eve dinner (including wine and a glass of Champagne)

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

REF. NAA\_PP

- The luminous city of Seville and its prestigious past
- Cadiz, a fortified town rising from a rock
- Jerez, renowned for its wines and horses
- Córdoba and its Mosque-Cathedral REF. REW\_PP
- Padua and its rich Italian art
- Venice and the islands of Burano and Murano
- The Doge's Palace



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# Our excursions

EXCURSIONS PACKAGE: Book several excursions at the same time as your cruise and benefit from preferential rates. Contact us for more information.

Our excursions are valid for a minimum of 25 participants. Below this number, our rates can be adjusted on board.

## THE RHINE

#### **AMSTERDAM**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach for a guided tour of the city. From its romantic canals to its world-renowned museums and historical significance, Amsterdam never ceases to surprise. Our first stop will be the De Gooyer Windmill, the tallest wooden mill in the Netherlands. Our coach will then take us to the Bloemenmarkt, the famous floating flower market, one of the most fragrant places in Amsterdam in any seasons!

#### **AMSTERDAM BY NIGHT**

#### LENGTH: 1.75 hours

We'll leave on foot with our hostess for our canal boat tour. We'll pass by the Port of Amsterdam and glide further into the "Venice of the North" along Amsterdam's renowned canal ring listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2010. The canals provide an ideal vantage point on the city's wonderful architecture. Our tour will take us through the four large canals surrounding the historical city centre, defining Amsterdam's landscape for centuries. After our tour, feel free to return on board with our hostess or enjoy some time on your own in the city.

If the boat is moored far away from the city centre, a supplement will have to be booked and paid on board ( $5 \in$ ).

## CHRISTMAS MARKET IN COLMAR AND THE ECOMUSEUM OF ALSACE

#### LENGTH: 10 hours

We'll leave for Ungersheim with our hostess. You'll get a sense of how Alsatians used to celebrate Christmas in the past at the Ecomuseum of Alsace, all adorned for this very special time of year. We'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards, we'll continue our trip towards Colmar. The appealing scents of cinnamon and other spices will guide you through the alleyways of the five Christmas markets spread out in the shopping streets of the town.

#### **COLMAR**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach for Colmar, whose historic centre has been listed as a preserved sector and very carefully restored and enhanced for more than twenty years. Discover with our hostess the marvelous setting of Old Colmar, the historic centre, the "Little Venice" district, the former customs and the cathedral square.

#### **COLMAR AND RIQUEWIHR**

#### LENGTH: 9 hours

Join us for an excursion to Colmar and Riquewihr. We'll leave by coach for the picturesque vineyards dotting the hills along the Vosges mountain range and the Alsatian plains. We'll stop in Riquewihr, officially listed as one of France's most beautiful villages. Riquewihr's Christmas market is steeped in local traditions. The streets are decorated with glimmering holiday lights, the facades glow, and the market bustles with activity. Everything feels as if it's straight from an enchanting European Christmas tale. We'll stop for lunch in a local restaurant. The afternoon will be spent discovering Colmar, where the designer of the Statue of Liberty, Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi, was born. Experiencing the city's historical center lined with half-timbered homes is a veritable step back in time. Colmar's Christmas market adds to its enduring charm. Decorated homes and windows lively streets lined with shops selling fragrant and delicious goodies await you. At nightfall, the city's beautiful buildings begin to radiate holiday glow. At the end of our afternoon, we'll return to Strasbourg.

#### **COLOGNE**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll leave on foot with our guide for downtown Cologne. You'll be able to admire the exterior façades of the huge gothic cathedral which took five centuries of hard work for its completion. We'll then move on to the Old Town and stop to admire the outside of the neo-Gothic Farina Fragrance Museum, home of the famous "Eau de Cologne". Before returning on board, enjoy some free time to stroll through the streets of the city.

#### **HEILBRONN CHRISTMAS MARKET**

#### LENGTH- 8 hours

You'll travel from Eberbach to Heilbronn, the wine capital of historic Wurtemberg—an ancient Imperial Free City sitting within beautiful forests and vineyards. During your stroll through downtown, you'll see the astronomical clock on the old City Hall in the market square; St. Kilian's Church and its Renaissance-style belfry; and the Deutschhof, an old monastery that now houses the city museums. At Christmastime, the city overflows with music and traditional spices such as aniseed and cinnamon. Enjoy browsing the decorated stands brimming with crafts and souvenirs around St. Kilian's Church, the City Hall, and the market square. We'll have lunch in a local restaurant.

#### **HEIDELBERG**

#### LENGTH: 4.25 hour

We'll leave by coach for Heidelberg. We'll start off with a guided tour of the outsides of the Heidelberg Castle where you'll be able to see the Renaissance ruins and parts of its restoration, as well as the geometric terraces of the Palatinate gardens. Afterwards, we'll head by coach for Neckarmünzplatz for some free time to wander through the streets and shops.

## KOBLENZ AND THE EHRENBREITSTEIN FORTRESS

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

Situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers, Koblenz offers visitors a rich collection of cultural monuments and historic buildings. Ludwig van Beethoven's mother was born in the city, and Mozart's family once sojourned here on a trip from Paris to London. We'll take the funicular railway up the hill to visit the historic castle, where we'll have a magnificent view across the city and valleys. You'll immediately understand the strategical importance of this fortress throughout history as the land stretches as far as the eye can see. Afterwards, enjoy some free time at the Christmas market, where the yuletide tradition has taken place for centuries. The romantic holiday market runs from the old city to the famous Deutsches Eck. Explore the city on your own before returning to the ship.

## MAINZ AND THE GUTENBERG MUSEUM

You will set off on foot from accompanied by your guides and visit the town of Mainz. You will be able to enter the magnificent Cathedral, whose construction began in 975 and which has left a deep mark on the history of the town. You will also have the opportunity to wander up and down the colorful streets in the old town. Finally you will visit the Gutenberg Museum, the world's finest museum for printing equipment, materials and books. Born in Mainz around 1400, Johannes Gensfleisch Gutenberg himself prepared the copy of the Bible referred to as "the 42- line Bible" which was published in 1455 - the oldest printed book in the world.

The Gutenberg Museum is closed on Sunday mornings and on Mondays.

#### **MARKSBURG CHÂTEAU**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll set off by coach for a guided tour of the Marksburg. The castle was built in the 12th century and is the only castle in the Rhine Valley that has never been destroyed. We'll be able to visit some remarkable rooms such as the kitchen with its imposing open fireplace, the armoury, the wine cellar, and many other sights which will transport you back to the Middle Ages. Enjoy some free time before returning to the boat.

#### **MUSÉE LALIQUE**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours (including transfer - approx. 2 hrs)

Once we arrive in Gambsheim, we'll leave by coach for Wingen-sur-Moder and a visit to the Musée Lalique to learn about crystalware-genius René Lalique and his successors. Lalique became one of

the greatest names of his time, both as a jeweler and a master glassmaker. His instantly recognizable style was a major influence in the Art Nouveau and Art Deco movements. Discover the company's wide range of impressive crystal and glass designs, pieces of jewelry, tableware, lights, and vases. Admire the fabulous collections on your own, and don't miss the temporary exhibit just for the holidays! Christmas is the perfect time to showcase the exceptional past and present work of Lalique.

## POTTERY VILLAGES & REVUE AT THE ROYAL PALACE IN KIRRWILLER

#### LENGTH: 10 hours

We'll travel through the potter villages in Northern Alsace with our guide. We'll discover either Soufflenheim, famous for its culinary and decorative pottery, or Betschdorf where traditional blue and grey stoneware pottery is made. We'll then move on to Kirrwiller where we'll enjoy lunch and some dancing at the Royal Palace, followed by a show in the Music Hall where we'll be drawn into a timeless journey by singers, performers and dancers.

#### RÜDESHEIM

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

A tourist train will take us through the small alleyways of Rüdesheim before we stop at the "Siegfrieds Mechanisches Musikkabinett" museum, also known as the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments, located in an old building from the 15th century. Enjoy some free time before returning on board.

#### **SPEYER**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll leave on foot for a tour of Speyer. Located on the left bank of the Rhine River, Speyer's Romanesque cathedral can be spotted from miles away. Enjoy a visit of the cathedral's interior with your tour guide. In 1981, UNESCO accepted the cathedral on its list of World Heritage Sites. Begun in the 1020s, its expansion continued well into the 11th century. The Cathedral was the burial place of the German emperors for almost 300 years. Speyer itself was the seat of the Holy Roman Empire's high court from 1527 to 1689. The cathedral was built using lovely red sandstone taken from quarries near the Palatinate Forest. Your next stop will be the Dreifaltigkeitskirche (Trinity Church), a late Baroque-style, Protestant church. We'll then head to the old Jewish courtyard to visit the Mikveh, a bath used for ritual washing. It is decorated with rich Romanesque ornamentation that was painted in the Middle Ages. It is the oldest bath of this type in Germany. After our tour, enjoy some free time before returning at your own pace to the ship.

#### **STRASBOURG**

#### LENGTH: 9 hours

We'll set out on a guided tour of the capital of Europe, through several different neighborhoods in the city: the German quarter, the Petite France quarter and the Cathedral square. Enjoy lunch at a restaurant. The afternoon, enjoy free time to shop in the boutiques before we set out with our hostess to admire the lights around the city near the cathedral, the Place Kléber, Carré d'Or and Place Gutenberg.

## STRASBOURG & THE CHRISTMAS MARKETS

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll visit the Old Strasbourg and the Christmas markets on the Place Broglie and the Cathedral Square. At this time of year, the entire city is covered in garlands and decorations, especially the streets and shops. Take advantage of the afternoon to do some shopping. Once the sun sets, we'll set out to admire the lights around the city near the cathedral, the Place Kléber, Carré d'Or and Place Gutenberg.

#### THE CHRISTMAS MARKET **IN FREIBURG**

LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll leave from Breisach for Breitnau where we'll stop off to visit a cuckoo clock factory. We'll then continue with a discovery tour of the Christmas market in Freiburg, one of the most beautiful in all of Germany. Located at the heart of the wonderfully preserved old town, this Christmas market is a real treat for young and old alike! You'll be amazed by the incredible diversity of traditional arts and crafts to be found in the Black Forest such as blown glass and colourful wooden toys. Enjoy some free time to stroll through the many alleys on your own. We'll return on board at the end of

#### THE WINE ROUTE AND COLMAR LENGTH: 9 hours

We'll leave by coach for a trip along the Alsatian Wine Route passing through the charming towns of Riquewihr, Ribeauvillé and Eguisheim. We'll stop off at a wine cellar for a tasting session\*. We'll enjoy lunch on our way to Colmar. The whole afternoon will be dedicated to a tour of the city and its Christmas markets. The decorated streets and windows will certainly get you in the holiday spirit!

#### **VOLENDAM & ZAANSE SCHANS**

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave for Volendam, a charming village that has preserved its character for over six centuries thanks to the tough vitality of its fishermen. Volendam is well known for its Dutch seafood specialities, especially for smoked eel. We'll then visit a cheese factory in the area to discover how the famous Gouda cheese is made and enjoy testings of the different flavors and agree available. tastings of the different flavours and ages available. Afterwards, we'll head for Zaanse Schans, an open air museum with wooden windmills, barns, and typical houses. Enjoy some free time on your own. Don't miss the small but impressive clog museum that features one of the largest and most attractive collections of weeders there in the Netherlands. collections of wooden shoes in the Netherlands.

## THE DANUBE

#### **BRATISLAVA**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll start our visit with a panoramic guided tour of the city taking us to the Bratislava Castle (exteriors only). The main historical monuments are located in the Old Town and the coach will drop us off at its entrance to continue the visit on foot. We'll enter the city through Michael's Gate, the last standing city gate from the Middle-Ages. Then, we'll head for the central square surrounded by elegant buil-dings and dominated by the Old Town Hall.

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#### **BUDAPEST**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave for a panoramic guided tour of Budapest. We'll start off by crossing the famous Elizabeth Bridge to the Buda Hills. We'll go up to the Castle district followed by the Fisherman's Bastion (exteriors only.) We'll then cross the plains of Pest and drive past Heroes' Square before we continue up the representations. up the renowned Andrassy Avenue and past St. Stephen's Basilica. We'll get to admire the famous Hungarian Parliament Building overlooking the Danube with its white silhouette in Byzantine and Neo-Gothic styles.

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#### **SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE**

#### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll set out by taking the famous Ring Road to reach Schönbrunn Palace for a guided tour of what used to be the Habsburgs's summer residence. We'll return to the boat by coach.

#### **VIENNA** LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll set out for a panoramic tour of Vienna by taking the famous Ring Road, one of the personal projects of Emperor Franz Joseph. Along the Ring Road, we'll admire the architectural showcase of the old Austro-Hungarian monarchy, including the State Opera, the Hofburg Palace, the Natural History Museum, the City Hall, the Burgtheater and more.

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\* Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.



## THE ELBE

#### **BERLIN**

#### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll leave for a guided panoramic tour of Berlin by coach. You'll see the city's main sites including the Pariser Platz, the renowned Unter den Linden, the Pariser Platz, the renowned Unter den Linden, the Brandenburg Gate and the Berlin Cathedral. We'll also see Museum Island, Alexanderplatz, St. Nicholas Quarter, the Gendarmenmarkt and more. No tour of Berlin would be complete without a visit to Checkpoint Charlie, the vestiges of the wall, and Potsdamer Platz — rebuilt to contemporary perfection after being destroyed during WWII and left declared during the Cell Wor To Firsth us we'll left desolate during the Cold War. To finish up, we'll stop off at one of the city's Christmas markets be-fore returning to the ship.

#### **BERLIN AND ITS CHRISTMAS MARKET**

We'll set out on a panoramic tour of Berlin all dressed up for the holidays. Our tour includes the Reichstag, Alexanderplatz, Brandenburg Gate, and Reichstag, Alexanderplatz, Brandenburg Gate, and Checkpoint Charlie—the scene of many spy thrillers and novels during the Cold War. At tea time, we'll enjoy the customary Kaffee und Kuchen, a cup of coffee and delicious German cake. Our last stop will be the enchanting Christmas market in Gendarmenmarkt, one of the most beautiful squares in Berlin. This is where you'll find the best of Berlin at Christmas. Artists show off their refined works, and every German Christmas culinary deworks, and every German Christmas culinary delight imaginable is for sale.

#### **BERLIN AND ITS CHRISTMAS MARKET** (FULL DAY)

#### LENGTH: 9 hours

We'll start our tour in the cheerful Scheunenviertel neighborhood. One of the most interesting sites in this quarter is the Hackesche Höfe complex, a series of eight interior, interconnecting courtyards bordered with former working-class homes. In the Jewish Quarter, we'll see the old and new synagogues and the Jewish cemetery where Moses Mendelssohn is buried. We'll enjoy lunch in a local restaurant. Spend some free time this afternoon at the Christmas market in the Alexanderplatz, a must-see site in Berlin. The market includes some incredible scenes, such as the beautifully lit, giant Christmas pyramid and the rows of tiny chalet stands with handmade gifts. Our last stop will be the city's television tower, where you'll be trans-ported to the top in only 40 seconds to step out onto the observation platform for a fantastic 360° view of the city at night.

#### **CECILIENHOF PALACE**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

Cecilienhof Palace was built from 1914 to 1917 Ceclierino Palace was built from 1914 to 1917 for Crown Prince William and his wife, Cecilie of Mecklenburg-Schwerin. It was based on English Tudor-style buildings featuring half-timbered walls, bricks and numerous decorative chimney stacks. Cecilie lived in the castle until 1945. After the end of WWII, the Potsdam Conference—attended by Stalin, Churchill and Truman—was held in the palace. Currently, it is home to a museum and a hotel. You'll be able to visit the princess's private writing room, the Red Salon (used by the Soviet delegation as a study during the Potsdam conference), the Great Hall, the Smoking Room (used by the American delegation) and the library (used by the British delegation). At the end of the afternoon, we'll return to the ship by coach.

#### **CHARLOTTENBURG PALACE**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set out for a self audio-guided tour of the new wing of Charlottenburg Palace. A walk through the wonders enclosed in its various rooms will take you back to the era of the Prussian Kings. We'll first discover the white room, which used to be the throne room and the sovereign's dining room, as well as the Golden Gallery in flamboyant Rococo style. We'll continue on to the Winter Chambers and sumptuous bedroom of Queen Luise, where you'll catch a glimpse of the furniture partly designed by Schinkel. The library, a collection of snuffboxes belonging to Frederick the Great along with even more surprising features will await you further in the palace.

#### **DRESDEN**

#### LENGTH: 2.25 hours

We'll enjoy a guided tour on foot of Dresden's historic old city. Strolling across the area, we'll see

the Theaterplatz, Semper Opera House, the Zwinger inside courtyard, cathedral, George Gate and **Brühl Terrace**.

#### **DRESDEN AND**

#### ITS CHRISTMAS MARKETS (FULL DAY)

Spend a day discovering the city known as the "Florence of the Elbe." During a tour of the heart of Dresden, you'll see famous locations such as the Taschenbergpalais, Semper Opera House, the Zwinger, and the cathedral. Our tour guide will also explain the holiday traditions in the region. We'll have lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon, spend some free time visiting the Christmas markets scattered throughout the city at your own pace. The markets are a great place to taste local delights and find unique holiday gifts.

#### **MAGDEBURG**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll begin our tour with the Magdeburg Cathedral, home to the tomb of Emperor Otto I the Great. We'll continue our panoramic tour by seeing the city's main monuments, including the seeing the city's main monuments, including the citadel. Once located in East Germany, the city has retained its grey, square, Soviet-style buildings which are embellished today with molding and decorations. We'll visit the marketplace to see the magnificent replica of the Magdeburger Reiter, as well as the town hall and its bronze door. You'll finish up the tour with some free time on your own. During the holiday cruise, you'll be able visit the Christmas market in the city before returning to the ship the ship.

#### **MEISSEN CHRISTMAS CRUISE**

#### LENGTH: 3.70 hours

We'll leave for a guided tour of Meissen. We'll discover its historic district located mostly around the market at the foot of the castle hill and containing many Renaissance-style buildings, as well as two Late-Gothic buildings: the town hall and the Frauenkirche. We'll then visit the city's Christmas market, magnificently located in the heart of the historic district. You'll not only find the famous Meissen porcelain, but also candles, holiday de-corations, wooden sculptures and traditional local delicacies. During December, the facade of the town hall is turned into a giant advent calendar. Following our tour, we'll return to the ship.

#### **MEISSEN NEW YEAR CRUISE**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave from our ship for a guided tour of Meissen. After touring the city, we'll visit the porcelain factory. The intricacy of the figures and sculptures and the perfection of the hand-painted patterns are what underscore this magnificent form of art. We'll learn about the steps needed to make each piece. After some free time on your own, we'll return to the ship in Dresden.

#### **NELAHOZEVES CASTLE AND BIRTHPLACE OF ANTONIN DVORAK**

#### I FNGTH: 4 hours

Join us for a tour of Nelahozeves Castle and the birth house of Antonin Dvorak. We'll visit one of the most beautiful Renaissance castles in Bohethe most beautiful Renaissance castles in Bohemian that was home to 23 different Bohemian queens and princesses. The castle walls are elaborately adorned with Italian-style stucco and wall paintings depicting scenes from the Old Testament and Greek mythology. It is also home to a rich, private collection of furniture and paintings—including works by Rubens, Velazquez, and many others— all belonging to the Lobkowicz family, the oldest and most eminent Bohemian noble family. We'll discover the luxurious lifestyle of the Bohemian nobility during the Baroque period. At the mian nobility during the Baroque period. At the end of our tour, you'll enjoy tasting a selection of wines from the castle's vineyard. Nelahozeves is the birthplace of Antonin Dvorak. During our visit to the house in which he was born, we'll discover the life and works of one of the greatest composers of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the man who composed the famous "New World Symphony."

#### POTSDAM AND THE NEW PALACE

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll tour the New Palace in Sanssouci Park. The colossal New Palace stands in contrast to the more intimate Sanssouci Palace. Even Frederick

the Great called it an act of bravado. He preferred the smaller palace and used the more ostentatious one for elaborate celebrations and housing dignitaries. The immense, Baroque-style palace has three wings to it. Within these wings are 200 rooms, royal apartments, and four splendid galleries. Our tour will include the most eccentric of the rooms-the Grotto Hall-which has just reopened after extensive restoration. The walls of this amazing hall hold over 24,000 shells, semi-precious stones, and fossils. After, enjoy some free time at the Blauer Lichterglanz Christmas market in the historic center of Potsdam.

## PRAGUE AND ITS CHRISTMAS MARKET

This tour will begin at Prague Castle, where you'll have a great view of the city below. We'll then set out to discover Prague and its Christmas markets on foot. The charming Malá Strana quarter sits right below the castle, its streets winding down to the river. A walk through this cobblestone-paved district is only one of the romantic highlights the city has to offer. We'll cross the Charles Bridge, a flurry of activity and monuments to see and touch for good luck. The structure took fifty years to build and was the only bridge to cross the Vltava for many centuries. The towers at each end keep watch over the thirty statues along its walk, the most popular being that of Saint John of Nepomuk. Once we arrive in the Staré Město, spend some free time browsing the Christmas market or admiring the astronomical clock

## **PRAGUE, EVENING STROLL**

Join us for a tour of Prague by strolling the festive streets in the evening. As the sun sets, the city begins to light up bit by bit, building by building. We'll see the Charles Bridge with the Castle perched majestically on the hill before heading to Old Town Square to enjoy its fascinating astronomical clock and festive holiday ambiance.

#### PRAGUE, NATIVITY SCENES

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll enjoy an exhibit of nativity scenes crafted in all shapes and sizes and all sorts of materials including wood, ceramic, and hay. This tour includes a tasting of the traditional Czech Trdelník cakes. Trdelník dough is grilled on iron spits and then rolled in a walnut sugar mix. This delight should be on the top of any visitor's to-do list in Prague. Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring the Christmas markets in the old part of the city. Soak up the unique European ambiance accented by the lights and delicious scents the holiday brings. Or grab a seat in a café in front of the astronomical clock to hear it strike and see the 15<sup>th</sup> century figures come to life.

## **SEMPER OPERA HOUSE IN DRESDEN**

Join us for a guided visit of the Semper Opera House of Dresden. It is one of the most famous opera houses in the world. Built and rebuilt three opera houses in the world. Built and rebuilt three times over the span of 130 years, this magnificent Baroque building is one of the most beloved in the city. The renowned conductor Franz Konwitschny once declared that for Dresden, opera was a necessity, an essential part of life. With over 95% of the seats filled for performances, the Semper Opera House is without a doubt one of the most dynamic in Germany.

#### WITTENBERG

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set out for a guided tour of Lutherstadt Wittenberg's old town. We'll get to see the Luther House (exterior only). We'll visit St. Mary's town church where Martin Luther used to preach, before visiting the All Saints' Church. Don't miss its doors on which a reproduction of Luther's 95 theses are nailed. In this very church are the tombs of both Martin Luther and Philip Melanchthon. Enjoy some free time before returning on board. joy some free time before returning on board

## THE BORDEAUX REGION

#### **BORDEAUX BY NIGHT**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll set out by coach for a guided tour of Bordeaux, listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The city has been awarded the label in the "cultural site" category. Half of the city, from the boulevards to the banks of the Garonne, has thus been recognized for the quality of its architectural heritage.

#### **PAUILLAC AND THE GRANDS CRUS** WINE ROUTE OF THE MÉDOC

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach for our trip along the Grands Crus Wine Route of the Médoc, a prestigious wine-growing region tightly wedged between an ocean and an estuary that produces the most prestigious red wines on the planet. We'll travel along the Châteaux Route through most of the Médoc appellations such as Saint-Julien and Haut-Médoc as well as some of the major domains. We'll stop off at one of the estates for a wine-tasting session\*.

#### **SAINT-ÉMILION**

We'll set out for a guided tour of the underground monuments in Saint-Émilion, learning about the history of this medieval town. We'll visit the Monolithic church, an original monument hewn entirely in limestone and the largest in Europe. We'll then continue with a visit to a family-owned wine-growing estate where the owner will explain the various stages of wine-making in Saint-Émilion. A commented wine-tasting session\* will complete

#### THE ROUTE DE LA CORNICHE FLEURIE, **BOURG AND BLAYE**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach for a guided tour along the Route de la Corniche Fleurie. We'll see the old, traditional fishing huts on stilts and the remarkable limestone cliffs before we stop off in Bourg, a delightful village built on a rocky outcrop surrounded by medieval ramparts. We'll then return to Blaye for a guided tour of the citadel, built by Vauban and listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, offering a splendid panorama of the river.

 $^{\star}$  Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.



## THE LOIRE

#### **ANGERS**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Angers was the capital of the historical Anjou province and is distinguished not only by its legacy, but also by its modern nature. Angers, particularly rich during the Renaissance, was home to the House of Plantagenet.

#### **NANTES**

#### LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll discover the small streets of the medieval Bouffay district and the beautiful Flamboyant-style Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul (exteriors only). We'll visit the Île Feydeau and its exceptional 18<sup>th</sup> century buildings, and continue on to the quays. Afterwards, we'll discover the shopping districts created in the 18th century around the Théâtre Graslin and the Passage Pommeraye. We'll then move on to the Castle of the Dukes of Brittany. The last castle before the river reaches the ocean, this Breton monument with its outstanding 15th to 17th century, buildings will traperproper you begin in the century buildings will transport you back in time.

#### **SAINT-NAZAIRE**

#### LENGTH: 4.5 hours MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE THROUGH YOUR TRAVEL AGENCY

We'll begin our visit with the Escal'Atlantic, which ingeniously retraces the history of Norman and French ocean liners through a unique experience. We'll then continue on to the Saint-Nazaire shipyard, one of the largest and well-renowned in Europe. Once the birthplace of the most outstanding French transatlantic liners, to-day it is the construction site for elegant cruise ships. While following a tour especially designed to understand the complexity of constructing these truly modern floating palaces, we'll discover the immensity of this site (267 acres), the stunning logistics, and the advanced technology required to build the ships.

Each passenger will be asked to produce a valid passport in order to book the excursion and gain access to the shipyard.

#### THE CHÂTEAUX OF THE LOIRE VALLEY

#### LENGTH: 9 hours

We'll leave by coach for the Azay-le-Rideau Château, built on a small island in the middle of the Indre River. The château as it is seen today was built under Francis I by Gilles Berthelot, a wealthy financier who wanted to incorporate its medieval past alongside the latest architectural styles of the Italian renaissance. It is a French national monument and possesses all the refinement found in the French Renaissance. We'll move on to Chinon where we'll discover an ancient underground quarry that has been transformed into a ground quarry that has been transformed into a wine cellar. As we stroll through the impressive tunnels, we'll learn about the secrets of the most renowned Chinon wines, finishing up with a tasting\*. After lunch, we'll visit the Château de Chinon, overlooking the town. It was the site of key events involving the Hundred Years' War between Enaland and France.

#### THE MUSCADET REGION

We'll pass through several villages that are testimony to the strong winegrowing identity in the region. We'll continue towards La Chapelle Heulin and stop off at the Cassemichère Château (or similar site). This exceptional site invites you to discover its history-filled vineyards, visit its cellars and taste\* the dry, light, fruity and aromatic wine. We'll then be transferred to Clisson, a charming medieval town with 15th century vestiges and a slight Italian feel.



## THE RHÔNE

#### **ARLES**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

Our guided walking tour of Arles will take us past such sites as the Roman Amphitheatre (the "Arènes"), the Ancient Roman Theatre and the Place St Trophime with its cloister and church. These are part of the Arles route, one of the three pilgrimage routes leading to Santiago de Compostela. We will continue our visit with the Place du Forum and finally, the Thermae of Constantine. We'll return to the boat on foot.

## AVIGNON & THE PAPAL PALACE

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set out on foot with our guide for the centre of Avignon, first stopping at the Place de l'Horloge. This square has always been the beating heart of the city as revealed by the remains of the Roman forum, still visible amidst the numerous cafés and restaurants that have since taken up its former social function. We'll continue on to the Place du Palais for our visit to the Papal Palace, the most important monument in the city. We'll return to the boat on foot.

#### **LYON**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave by coach for our guided panoramic tour of Lyon which will take us all the way to the Fourvière Basilica. We'll visit its interior before we set off on a walking tour with our guide and discover the "traboules", types of passageways that were designed to reach the river quickly. Enjoy some free time in the Old Town.

#### **THE CAMARGUE**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Guided excursion by coach to explore the Camargue. You'll be able to admire its fauna and flora, typical of the Basse Camargue with its swamps and ponds, pink flamingos, bulls and horses as well as the salt marshes and rice fields. You will then come to the delightful village of Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, famed for its gypsy gatherings where you will enjoy some free time before transferring back to the boat.

#### **VIENNE**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll set out for a guided tour of Vienne. We'll get to admire the Antique Theatre, built roughly in 40 and 50 AD and viewed as one of the largest in the Roman Empire. We'll move on to the Temple of Augustus and Livia (exteriors only) and the Cathedral of St. Maurice (exteriors only) listed as a historic monument since 1840.

#### **VIVIERS AND MONTÉLIMAR**

#### LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll leave on foot for a guided tour of Viviers. We'll get to admire the House of Knights with its superb Renaissance façade, the Tower of St Michael, the great seminary and the Belvedere. Our coach will then take us to Montélimar for a visit to the oldest traditional nougat factory. We'll return to the boat by coach.

## THE SEINE

#### **HONFLEUR**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll set off for a guided tour of Honfleur from its fishing port to its picturesque alleyways and old houses. We'll walk past the 17th century Salt Halls now used for exhibitions, conferences and concerts, as well as St. Catherine's Church, the largest wooden church in France.

## HONFLEUR & THE CÔTE FLEURIE

We'll leave for a guided tour of Honfleur. After lunch at a restaurant, we'll stop off in Deauville, one of the most prestigious seaside resorts in all of France, where we'll discover the casino (exteriors only). Finally, we'll move on to the Château du Breuil where we'll visit a distillery and get the chance to taste\* Calvados.

#### **MARTAINVILLE CHÂTEAU**

#### LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll leave by coach with our hostess. Crossing Le Petit Andelys, we'll pass the St Sauveur Church, a 16<sup>th</sup> century church which still possesses a vintage organ. We'll reach the Martainville Château which was built at the end of the 15<sup>th</sup> century by Jacques Le Pelletier, bought by the State in 1906, and turned into a museum in 1961. We'll get to learn about 500 years of rural Norman history and travel to the heart of Norman traditions, discovering the largest collection of Upper Normandy furniture such as the famous "Norman armoires".

#### **PARIS**

#### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll set out for a guided panoramic tour of the mythical sites of the capital. Its distinguished couturiers, perfumers and jewellers have strongly built up Paris's reputation for taste and elegance. We'll see, amongst others, the Louvre, the Bastille, the Champs Elysées and the famous Eiffel Tower.

#### **ROUEN**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll leave on foot for a guided tour of Rouen and its famous cathedral. Stretched along the Seine, the city is Normandy's cultural, historical, and gastronomical capital. Destroyed during the Viking invasions in 841 and, partially, in 1944, by allied bombings, the exceptionally complex Notre-Dame Cathedral is renowned for the juxtaposition of all the Gothic periods. We'll then head to the Old Market place, where Joan of Arc was burned alive for heresy in 1431, and visit the Saint Joan of Arc Church (closed on Friday mornings). We'll return on board on foot.

\* Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in



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#### **CADIZ**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set out for a panoramic tour followed by a walking tour of Cadiz, including the 17<sup>th</sup> century Castillo de San Sebastián and the La Vina district, a traditional Spanish neighborhood.

#### CÓRDOBA (FULL DAY)

#### LENGTH: 10 hours

We'll set out by coach for our excursion to Córdoba. We'll visit the magnificent Great Mosque of Córdoba, a vast mosque in the middle of which rises a cathedral. We'll have lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards, enjoy some free time to discover the city of the caliphs on your own. We'll return to the boat in Seville.

#### **JEREZ**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave for a panoramic tour of Jerez, renowned for its wines, flamenco, horses and bull ranching. We'll discover the cathedral, built over the ruins of the old Jerez mosque and the former Salvador Church, as well as the Alcazar still displaying features from its construction in the 12<sup>th</sup> century.

#### **OSBORNE BODEGA**

#### LENGTH: 1 hour

We'll set out for a guided tour of the Osborne Bodega, one of the oldest wineries in the region with over 200 years of history, producing wines since 1772. The black Osborne bull was created in 1956 and is the emblem of the winery. Today, it is internationally recognized and certainly the most famous Spanish symbol in the world. We'll finish up our tour with a tasting\* of three different wines.

#### **SEVILLE & THE ALCAZAR PALACE**

#### LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for a panoramic tour of Seville, starting with the Plaza de España built for the 1929 lbero-American Exposition. We'll move on to the charming Santa Cruz district and the Alcazar Palace, one of the oldest Royal Palaces in Europe and the current royal residence. Our tour will end with Seville's Cathedral which houses works by Goya and Murillo as well as the tomb of Christopher Columbus.

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#### **MURANO & BURANO ISLANDS**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Aboard a small private boat, we'll set out to visit the island of Murano, one of the largest islands in the lagoon and famous for its glasswork. We'll move on to Burano, famous for its lace. Enjoy some free time to discover the island on your own.

#### **PADUA**

#### LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll set out by coach for a guided tour of Padua followed by a visit of the Pontifical Basilica which holds the vault of St. Anthony. We'll then tour the city centre on foot and admire the exteriors of the Palazzo della Ragione, the Piazza dei Signori and the Palazzo del Capitanio. Enjoy some free time to discover this city on your own.

#### **VENICE & THE DOGE'S PALACE**

#### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll set out for a guided tour of Venice, starting with a historical and artistic introduction to Venice with St Mark's Square and the exteriors of St Mark's Cathedral, originally built in the 9th century to hold the body of St. Mark, Patron Saint of Venice. Its Byzantine facade is one of the most magnificent in the world. We'll move on to the Doge's Palace, the residence of the Dukes of Venice and seat of the Venetian government from the 9th century until the Republic fell in 1797. Although there are no longer any traces of the 9th century Byzantine structures, the Palace as we see it today, richly decorated outside and inside, dates from the 14th century and is viewed by many as the finest in the world. We'll return to the ship on foot.

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# GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE **CROISIEUROPE**

## SEASON 2024 - 2025

Booking one of the cruises presented in this brochure shall imply the acceptance of the general and particular terms and conditions of sale stipulated hereinafter. By dating and signing the travel contract drawn up by the salesperson from whom he purchases his voyage, which stipulates that the terms and conditions have been accepted by him, the client expressly recognises that he has familiarised himself with the information relative to the voyage that he has chosen from our brochures, available in travel agencies or directly from us. He shall therefore be referred to the information contained in these brochures or on our website in respect of any details concerning the voyage. This brochure offers a selection of cruises and our offer is not limited to the cruises selected. Cruises or provisions not included in the brochure shall be subject to the same terms and conditions.

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

In accordance with article R.211-12 of the Tourism Code, the brochures and travel contracts offered by travel agencies to their clients should include all of the following general terms taken from articles R211-3 to R211-11 of the Tourism Code.

In accordance with articles L211-7 and L211-17 of the Tourism Code, the provisions of articles R211-3 to R211-11 of the Tourism Code, whose text is reproduced below, do not apply to transactions for the reservation or sale of transport tickets that are not in the framework of a tour package, nor for rentals of seasonal furnished apartments, which remain governed by law no. 70-9 of 2 January 1970 mentioned above and by the texts for the purpose of its implementation that are not part of a tourist package. They do not apply to travel services and tour packages sold as part of a general agreement entered into for business travel.

The brochure, estimate, proposal, programme of the organiser are the preliminary information specified in article R211-3 et seq. of the Tourism Code. As a result, unless otherwise specified on the front of this document, the features, specific terms and price of the trip such as specified in the brochure, the estimate and the proposal of the organiser shall be contractual upon the signing of the registration form.

If there is no brochure, estimate, programme and proposal, this document is, prior to being signed by the buyer, the preliminary information specified in article R211-3 et seq. of the Tourism Code. It will be void if not signed within 24 hours as from issuing.

In the event of the termination of the contract, the transferor and/or transferee shall first pay the resulting costs. When such costs exceed the amounts displayed at the point of sale and those mentioned in the contractual documents, supporting documents shall be provided.

CroisiEurope has taken out with the Allianz company (87, rue de Richelieu - 75113 Paris), an insurance policy nr. 56004456 covering its Professional Civil Liability.

#### EXTRACT OF THE TOURISM CODE

**Article R211-3:** Any offer and any sale of the services mentioned in article L. 211-1 give rise to the delivery of appropriate documents that comply with the rules defined by this section.

Article R211-3-1: The exchange of pre-contractual information or the Article X211-31: The exchange of pre-contractual minorination of the provision of contractual conditions is done in writing. This can be done electronically. Reference is made to the name or company name and address of the organiser or retailer as well as its registration in the register provided for in article L. 141-3 or, where applicable, the name, the address and reference to the registration of the federation or the union mentioned in the second paragraph

Article R211-4: Before entering into the contract, the organiser or the retailer must send the traveller the following information: 1. The main features of the travel services:

- a) The destination(s), itinerary and periods of stay, with dates and, where accommodation is included, the number of nights included;
- b) The means, features and categories of transport, the places, the departure and return times and dates, the duration and stopovers and connections. When the exact time has not yet been set, the organiser or retailer informs the traveller of the
- approximate departure and return time; c) The location, main features and, if applicable, the accommodation tourist category under the rules of the country of destination;
- d) The meals provided;
- e) Visits, excursions or other services included in the total price agreed for the contract;
- f) Where this is not apparent from the context, whether any travel services will be provided to the traveller as part of a group and, if so, the approximate size of the group if possible;
- g) Where other tourist services provided to the traveller rely on effective verbal communication to be beneficial, the language in which those services will be provided;
- h) Information on whether travel or holiday accommodation is generally suitable for persons with reduced mobility and, at the traveller's request, specific information on the adaption of the trip or holiday stay to the traveller's needs;
- trip or noliday stay to the travellers needs;

  2. The legal name and geographical address of the organiser and the retailer, as well as their telephone number and, if applicable, electronic contact information;

  3. The total price including taxes and, if applicable, all fees,
- royalties or other additional costs, or, where these cannot be reasonably calculated before the contract is entered into, reference to the type of additional costs that the traveller may still have to bear;
- 4. The terms of payment, including the amount or percentage of the price to be paid as a deposit and the schedule for the payment of the balance, or the financial guarantees to be paid or to be provided by the traveller:
- 5. The minimum number of people required to complete the trip or stay and the deadline mentioned in III of article L. 211-14 preceding the start of the trip or stay for the contract to be terminated potentially if this number is not reached;
- 6. General information concerning the conditions applicable to passports and visas, including the approximate time to obtain visas, as well as information on the health formalities of the country of destination;
- 7. A statement that the traveller may terminate the contract at any time prior to the start of the trip or stay, subject to payment of appropriate termination fees or, where applicable, standard resolution fees claimed by the organiser or retailer, in accordance with I of article L. 211-14;
- 8. Information on compulsory or optional insurance covering the costs of terminating the contract by the traveller or on the cost of assistance, including repatriation, in case of an accident, sickness or death.

With regard to the packages defined in A.2.e of II of article L. 211-2, the organiser or retailer and the company to which the data is transmitted shall ensure that each of them provides, before the traveller is bound by a contract, the information listed in this section to the extent that it is relevant to the travel services they

The form by which the information listed in this article is brought to the attention of the traveller is approved by joint

decision of the Minister of Tourism and the Minister of Economy and Finance. Such decision specifies the minimum information to be brought to the traveller's attention when the contract is entered into by telephone.

Article R211-5: The information mentioned in 1 3 4 5 and 7 of article R. 211-4 communicated to the traveller form part of the contract and may only be modified under the conditions defined in article L. 211-9

Article R211-6: The contract must include, in addition to the information defined in article R. 211-4, the following information:

- 1. The particular requirements of the traveller which the organiser or retailer has accepted:
- 2. A statement indicating that the organiser and the retailer are responsible for the proper performance of all the travel services included in the contract in accordance with article L. 211-16 and that they are required to provide assistance to the traveller if they are in difficulty, in accordance with article L. 211-17-1;
- 3. The name of the entity responsible for insolvency protection and
- its contact details, including its geographical address; 4. The name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and, where 4. The name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and, where applicable, the fax number of the local representative of the organiser or retailer, a contact point or another service through which the traveller may easily contact the organiser or the retailer and communicate with them effectively, ask for help if the traveller is in difficulty or complain about any non-compliance identified during the execution of the trip or stay.
  5.A statement indicating that the traveller is required to communicate any representative that they identify during the
- communicate any non-conformity that they identify during the execution of the trip or stay in accordance with II of article L. 211-16;
- 6. Where minors, unaccompanied by a parent or other authorised person, travel on the basis of a contract including accommodation, information enabling direct contact with the minor or the person responsible for the minor at their place of stay;
- 7. Information on the internal procedures for the handling of complaints available and on the out-of-court settlement mechanisms and, if applicable, on the entity to which the company belongs and on the online platform for the settlement of disputes provided for by (EU) Regulation No 524/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council;

 Information on the traveller's right to assign the contract to another traveller in accordance with article L. 211-11.
 With regard to the packages defined in A.2.e of II of article L. 211-2. with regard to the packages defined in A.Ze of II of a ritcle L. ZII-Z, the company to which the data is transmitted informs the organiser or the retailer of the signing of the contract giving rise to the creation a package. The company provides them with the information required for them to fulfill their obligations as an organiser. As soon as the organiser or the retailer is informed of the creation of a package, they provide the traveller with the information mentioned in 1. to 8. on a durable medium.

**Article R211-7.** The traveller may transfer the contract to an assignee who fulfills the same conditions, allowing the assignee to complete the journey or stay, as long as the journey or stay has not yet begun. the journey or stay, as long as the journey or stay has not yet begun. Unless more favourable to the transferor, they must inform the organiser or the retailer of their decision by any means to obtain acknowledgment of receipt no later than seven days before the start of the trip. Under no circumstances is this transfer subject to prior authorisation from the organiser or retailer

Article R211-8: Where the contract includes an express possibility of price revision, within the limits provided for in article L. 211-12, it mentions the precise methods of upwards and downwards calculation, of price changes, including the amount of transportation costs and related taxes, the currency/les that may affect the price of the trip or stay, the share of the price to which the change applies, and the value of the currency/les used as a reference when establishing the price featured in the contract.

In the event of a price reduction, the organiser or the retailer is entitled to deduct their actual administrative expenses from the reimbursement due to the traveller. At the request of the traveller, the organiser or the retailer provides proof of these administrative expenses.

Article L211-12. After the signing of the contract, prices may be increased only if the contract expressly provides for this possibility and indicates that the traveller is entitled to a price reduction. In this case, the contract specifies how the price revision must be

- 1. In the price of passenger transportation resulting from the cost of fuel or other sources of energy;
- 2. The level of taxes or charges on travel services included in the contract, imposed by a third party who is not directly involved in the implementation of the contract, including tourist taxes, and landing, embarkation or disembarkation taxes at ports and airports
- 3. Exchange rates related to the contract.

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Regardless of its size, a price increase is possible only if the organiser or the retailer notifies the traveller thereof in a clear and comprehensible manner, by accompanying such increase with its justification and calculation, on a durable medium, no later than twenty days before the start of the trip or stay.
If the contract provides for the possibility of a price increase, the traveller is entitled to a price reduction corresponding to any decrease in costs mentioned in 1, 2 and 3, which occurs after the signing of the contract and before the beginning of the trip or stay.

Article R211-9: Where, before the traveller's departure, the organiser or the retailer is obliged to make an amendment to one of the essential elements of the contract, if they cannot satisfy the specific requirements mentioned in 1. of article R. 21-6, or if the price increases by more than 8%, they shall inform the traveller as soon as possible, in a clear, comprehensible and conspicuous manner, on a durable medium:

- 1. Proposed amendments and, if applicable, their repercussions on the price of the trip or the stay;
- The reasonable period of time within which the traveller must inform the organiser or the retailer of the decision they take;
- 3. Consequences of the traveller's failure to respond within the specified time;
- specified time;

  4. If applicable, the other service offered, as well as its price. Where changes to the contract or substitute service result in a decline in the quality of the trip or stay or its cost, the traveller is entitled to a suitable price reduction. If the contract is terminated and the traveller does not accept any other service, the organiser or the retailer shall reimburse all payments made by the traveller or on their behalf as soon as possible and in any event no later than fourteen days after the termination of the contract, without prejudice to compensation pursuant to article L. 211-17.

Article R211-10: The organiser or retailer shall make the reimbursements required under II and III of article L. 211-14 or, under I of article L. 211-14, refund all payments made by the traveller or on their behalf minus the appropriate termination fees. These refunds paid to the traveller of half be made as soon as possible and in any event within fourteen days at the latest after the termination of the contract. In the case provided for in III of article L. 211-14, the additional compensation that the traveller is likely to receive is at least equal to the penalty they would have incurred if the cancellation had occurred at their bidding on this date.

Article R211-11: The aid due by the organiser or retailer pursuant to article L. 211-17-1 consists in particular of:

- Providing useful information on health services, local authorities and consular assistance;
- and consular assistance;

  2. Helping the traveller to effect long distance communications and to find other travel services. The organiser or retailer is entitled to charge a reasonable price for this assistance if the difficulty is intentionally caused by the traveller or by their negligence. The invoiced price may in no event exceed the actual costs incurred by the organiser or the retailer.

  In accordance with article R 211-6 of the Tourism Code:
- The organiser and the retailer are responsible for the proper performance of all the travel services included in the contract in accordance with article L 211-16 and they are required to provide assistance to the traveller if they are in difficulty, in accordance with
- article L 211-17-1 of the Tourism Code.

  The traveller is required to communicate any non-conformity that they identify during the execution of the trip or stay in accordance with II of article L 211-16 of the Tourism Code.

Terms of sale are established in accordance with Regulation of the European Parliament and Council concerning the rights of passengers traveling by sea or inland waterway.

## SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

VALIDITY: Brochure valid from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024

PRICES: Our prices are indicated in euro (€), pounds (£), U.S dollars (\$) they are given per person and based on a double cabin. They are established on the basis of the prevailing economic conditions applicable from 22 February 2023 and are calculated at an all-in rate including a series of service provisions described in the programmes and reserved by the customer but exclude all service provisions that the customer shall reserve and pay for on board and other costs and any expenditure occasioned by a fortuitous event (strike, riot, revolution, weather conditions, water levels, etc.).

They depend on various factors involved in their calculation such as the cost of transportation, cost of loading and unloading, port costs, fuel costs, royalties and other taxes, and remain subject to revision. Our prices include taxes, all expenses, fees and other additional costs. Therefore, and pursuant to the statutory part of the Book II of the Tourism Code, we reserve the right to review our prices in the event of variations in exchange rates, the cost of fuel (Brent barrel reference available on the E.I.A's web site, economic conditions or any other service provision mentioned in the programmes.

CroisiEurope has established its 2024 prices on the basis of a barrel price of 76  $\in$  and will not apply a revision for variations between 45  $\in$  and 85  $\in$ , but reserves the right to apply a revision beyond that. In the case of air transfers, the price will be revised according to the fuel-related variations applied by the airlines concerned.

- Exchange rates and more specifically for the Vietnam/ Cambodia programmes and Southern Africa safari-cruise programmes (Namibia, Botswana, South Africa and Zimbabwe) (Dollar reference rate on February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023: 1 € = 105 \$}, for the Safari-cruise programme in Southern Africa (South Africa, Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe) (Rands reference rate on February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023: 1 € = 1923 ZAR); and for the India programme (Indian Rupee reference rate on February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023: 1 € = 90.90 INR). The proportion of foreign currency payments for these trips varies between 35 and 70% of the total cost of the trip, depending on the destination.
- Various taxes such as VAT, duties, etc.

The prices, all taxes included, shall be confirmed by the travel agent selling the cruise at the time of booking. In the event of modifications, the adjustment up or down shall not necessarily be operated upon the date of payment for service provisions, but upon the date of use which alone shall prevail. In any case, no price change can be made in the 20 days preceding the departure.

The cost of visas and tariffs for optional excursions are subject to modification at any time without prior notice by the competent authorities, and in this case, will be passed on in full to customers. All services charged on board the boats should be paid on board, before the clients get off.

For cruises including tips, to facilitate the traveller's stay our prices include tips paid in full to local providers in the destination country, determined by us in recognition of local customs and practices.

TRAVEL - DURATION - ACCOMMODATION: Durations shown do not match with the number of days spent at the destination, but with the entire trip, including transport, either a certain number of nights and do not necessarily correspond to a predetermined number of full days. If, owing to the schedules imposed by the various means of transport, the first and last days happen to be curtailed by a late arrival or a morning departure, no refunds shall be forthcoming. The duration of the voyage is calculated as of the day of convocation to the day of return. Meals on the first and last days are not included unless otherwise indicated in the programme, and will be at the passengers' own expense. All services on the last day end with breakfast. Some meals may be provided by the airline. The classification and category of the hotels and ships (off fleet from CroisiEurope) are provided by the local authorities in the country and according to their criteria, which may or may not correspond to the French norms. Any claim or complaint arising as a result of the categorization of hotel or ship will not give rise to any refund or payment of compensation.

PAYMENT FOR THE VOYAGE - BOOKINGS AND SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS: Bookings may be made at any time in any travel agency, subject to places available. Programmes and prices shall be those listed on our sales contracts, which must be taken by the travel agent seller on the copy given to the traveler and signed up for acceptance. The prior information is available in our brochure, completed with any amendments, corrections communicated to the time of application for registration with CroisiEurope. The client acknowledges having read all these elements. Your booking shall be considered firm as soon as have agreed and applied the conditions of the contract. The reservation contract must be signed by you and returned within eight days after it has been sent.

For CroisiEurope, the voyage cannot be guaranteed if full settlement of the balance owing has not reached us 30 days prior to the date of departure. Failure to pay the balance upon the dates thus defined constitutes default, which is subject to a clause of immediate resolution of the contract. For bookings made less than 30 days prior to the date of departure, the total sum shall be paid on booking.

For the cruises on the Mekong, Ganges, Nile and in Southern Africa, the voyage cannot be guaranteed if full settlement of the balance owing has not reached us 45 days prior to the date of departure. Failure to pay the balance upon the dates thus defined constitutes default, which is subject to a clause of immediate resolution of the contract. For bookings made less than 45 days prior to the date of departure, the total sum shall be paid on booking.

For failure to meet deadlines above, the company CroisiEurope reserves the right to take back seats if the customer has not paid the amounts expected by the company within eight days after the formal notice of payment sent by CroisiEurope.

By virtue of Articles L-441-3 and L-441-6 of the Commercial Code, all late payments shall bring about the application of late payment penalties equal to 1.5 times the legal rate of interest. Furthermore, no discounts shall be granted for early payment. Travel documents and transport tickets shall be issued to the passenger after payment of the price in full.

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS IN THE EVENT OF MODIFICATION BY THE CUSTOMER PRIOR TO DEPARTURE: For cruises: All modifications to the booking fifteen days prior to departure shall entail a charge of 50€ per person (excluding postage costs, which shall be charged as extra). Such charge is not refundable and is payable immediately by credit card or bank transfer only (no payments by check will be accepted). However, no modifications shall be accepted less than four days prior to departure. Such charges shall also be demanded in the event of transfer of the contract to a third party. Be careful, any change in the cruise date is considered as a cancellation and will be subject to cancellation charges. For transportation: Should a modification require the change of one or more names of customers, on the date, or on the trip itinerary, we decline all liability as to acceptance or refusal by our various suppliers, particularly the airline companies. Modification charges in the order 50 € excluding VAT added to the total ticket price excluding VAT per person may be demanded by said companies. In the event of refusal, the cancellation charge scales apply.

MODIFICATIONS TO AIRLINE SERVICES BY CUSTOMERS AFTER DEPARTURE: The tariffs of the airlines used to reach the ports of embarkation are subject to specific terms and conditions of reservation and issue. Once the voyage has started, no modifications are permitted by the airline companies or by the ship owner and no refunds shall be forthcoming. The ship owner shall not meet the accommodation expenses of passengers put ashore in the course of the cruise or at the end of the cruise.

POSTAGE COSTS: Any costs such as guaranteed overnight delivery, express delivery, etc. rendered necessary by dint of a late booking, strikes by the postal services or other circumstances beyond our control shall be billed to the travel agency or to the customer.

#### CANCELLATION:

#### 1) RIGHT OF TERMINATION OF THE TRAVELLER

The traveller may terminate the contract at any time prior to the start of the trip or stay, subject to the payment of appropriate termination fees or, where applicable, standard termination fees demanded by the organiser or retailer.

#### 2) CANCELLATION COSTS

Should the customer cancel the refund of amounts paid will be made after deduction of the amounts (cancellation costs) stipulated in the contract.

If cancellation is made by the customer, the refund of amounts paid will be made deducting the cancellations fees per person specified in the contract, according to the cancellation date from the departure date, and costs that are non-refundable insurance fees, booking fees, visa fees and any other cancellation fees charged by our suppliers. If one of the passengers in a double room or cabin cancels his booking, the remaining passenger shall pay the single cabin supplement. All cancellations must be sent to the seler in written (email or mail).

**IMPORTANT:** All all-in prices including air transport are subject to the general and special terms and conditions of cancellation of the designated airline companies. In the event of cancellation of one or more passengers, the following terms and conditions of cancellation shall be applied:

- Land, river, maritime and coastal services: pursuant to the general terms and conditions of CroisiEurope.
- Air transport: terms and conditions of the designated airline company, available on the web sites of the respective airlines or from our booking departments on request.

REFUNDS/DISCOUNTS: No refund shall be forthcoming if the customer fails to turn up at the times and places mentioned in the travel instructions sent to him. Likewise, if he cannot provide the police or health documents required for his voyage (passports, visas, identity card, vaccination certificate, etc.). CroisiEurope cannot be held responsible for a delay to air, rail or land feeder services bringing about the passenger's failure to appear at departure, regardless of the reason, even if such delay is the result of a case of force majeure, a fortuitous circumstance or the fault of a third party.

Curtailment of the cruise shall not give rise to a refund request or credit note of any kind, unless appropriate cancellation insurance has been taken out which includes such option in its general terms and conditions. In this case, the refund shall be made directly by the insurance company. The waiver of any of the services included in the services of the cruise shall not entitle to any refund. Claims on the ground of possible price differences shall not be taken into consideration. The signature of the booking contract and payment of the invoice by the client imply his acceptance of the travel prices and terms. It is impossible for CroisiEurope to take into account, afterwards, reductions or special prices announced after the trip is confirmed.

Reductions apply to the base price before airport taxes, extra costs, handling costs, visa and insurance costs.

The various reductions cannot be used concurrently and can-

not be granted subsequent to booking. Reductions are not applicable to promotions.

REDUCTIONS FOR CHILDREN: For children under the age of two, meal and lodging expenses and excursions are provided free of charge. For children aged 2 up to 10: 20% discount on the price of the cruise, excursions and transfers, excluding flight, taxes, additional charges and service fees. For children over 10 years of age, the normal rate applies. These discounts do not apply to cruises on the Mekong, Ganges, Nile and in Southern Africa. For the Mekong and Southern Africa only the following discounts apply: For Southern Africa: 15% discount on the cruise price for 1 child from 7 to 14 years old sharing a room/cabin/bungalow with 1 or 2 adults (excluding flights, taxes, additional charges, service fees, ...). For the Mekong: 20% discount on the cruise price for 1 child from 2 to 12 years old sharing a cabin/room with 1 or 2 adults (excluding flights, taxes, additional charges, service fees, ...). For safety reasons, children under the age of 7 are not accepted on the Southern Africa and India destinations.

**TRIPLE CABIN REDUCTION:** 30% discount on the price of the cruise will be given to the  $3^{rd}$  occupant from the same family in triple-occupancy cabins, excluding flight, taxes, additional charges and service fees. These discounts do not apply to cruises on the Mekong, Ganges, Nile and in Southern Africa.

**DISCOUNT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** On CroisiEurope river cruises from 3 to 13 days, the wife receives a discount on the cruise for each 10 years of marriage. Ex: 10, 20, 30... years of marriage = 10, 20, 30%... off.

The latter is only valid for wedding anniversaries in 2024 and applicable upon presentation of the marriage certificate or family register. This discount is only valid on the cruise fare, excluding surcharges and delivery costs, it is non-retroactive, non-refundable and cannot be combined with any other offer. These reductions do not apply to maritime and coastal cruises nor on cruises on the Mekong, Ganges, Nile and in Southern Africa.

SPECIAL FAMILY OFFERS: These offers are applicable for a selection of cruises and are marked in this brochure by the Family Offer logo. The cruise (excluding flight, taxes and additional charges) is free for a maximum of two children (up to the age of 16) for one paying adult. Beyond that, other children up to the age of 16 will pay 30% of the price of the cruise (excluding flight, taxes and additional charges). This offer is valid on river cruises only and is not available for maritime and coastal cruises nor on the Mekong, Ganges, Nile and in Southern Africa.

For maritime and coastal cruises, children up to the age of 16 have a 30% discount on the price of the cruise (excluding flight, taxes and additional charges). This discount applies to a maximum of two children for one paying adult.

For single-parent families traveling with two children, the additional individual cabin charge is waived **exclusively for Special Family Offers** on CroisiEurope river cruises and maritime and coastal cruises.

There is a pre-set quota of places eligible for the Special Family Offer on selected cruises. If your cruise no longer has the Family Offer available, the seller will do its best to offer you—with no obligation to achieve the desired result—alternative dates or cruises that still have the offer available. Special Family offers are nonretroactive and cannot be combined with any other offer.

CRUISE FLEXIBILITY: For your comfort and peace of mind when planning a cruise, we offer Cruise Flexibility. This optional program, of which the cost is detailed below, is non-refundable and non-cancellable, can only be used once per trip, and must be purchased by all the persons included in the booking. With Cruise Flexibility you can change the date and destination, under the following conditions:

- CroisiEurope river cruises (excl. cruises with a duration of less than 3 days /2 nights as well as day services): 125 € incl. tax/person, change of date is possible up to 30 days before departure
- CroisiEurope maritime and coastal cruises: 185 € incl. tax/person, change of date is possible up to 30 days before departure
- CroisiEurope cruises on the Mekong, Ganges, Nile and in Southern Africa: 250€ incl. tax/person, change of date is possible up to 45 days before departure

Cruise Flexibility is subject to the following conditions:

The change of date must be made once Cruise Flexibility has been requested. The change of date and destination must take place on the same cruise as initially selected. The application of the Cruise Flexibility results in the cancellation of the cruise initially reserved and the establishment of a new booking which will be subject to the general terms and conditions of sale effective on the date of the new booking.

Cruise Flexibility is independent of an optional insurance, which we strongly suggest you to purchase and for which you will find the conditions in the corresponding paragraph.

Cruise Flexibility is applicable only on the cruise, therefore excluding transport (except if a flight chartered by CroisiEurope) and excluding related services. Changes to pre- and postrouting will therefore be subject to the conditions and possible costs of the corresponding suppliers, which will remain at customer's expense. Cruise Flexibility becomes effective once the balance of the initial contract has been paid. The change of date must be within the same calendar year, it will not be possible to purchase a new Cruise Flexibility on the new booking which led to the implementation of the initial Cruise Flexibility.

The price difference for the new date chosen will be applied to your new booking. If it is in your favour, a credit will be issued to you which you can use on all cruises during the current calendar year.

INDIVIDUAL CABIN: For CroisiEurope river cruises and maritime and coastal cruises, individual cabins are allowed in an amount of 10% of the total number. The number of individual cabins shall not exceed 12, on the total number on the boat, except for cruises on the Mekong, Ganges, Nile and in Southern Africa.

FORMALITIES: Participants must meet the police and customs formalities in force at the time the voyage takes place and according to their nationality, and must have in their possession all tourist and transit visas and any health certificates required, and this for all countries concerned through which the cruise itinerary passes. Thus, non-French citizens, foreign-born should inquire about the formalities, from their home consulate. We recommend that passengers check for any modifications with their travel agency or consulates, embassies and competent health services or by visiting websites such as http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr etc. A passenger who is not permitted to board a flight or finds himself denied entry into a country, owing to his failure to present documents required by the authorities and mentioned in the contract of sale or the invoice which he has signed, may not claim a refund of any kind. In the event of noncompliance, all costs incurred shall be at the total charge of the customer. The passenger is required to provide the company with any information necessary to enable the latter to satisfy its own obligations on security. In situations where we arrange the entry documents for clients (visa), we will do so on the basis of the information supplied to us by the client. We cannot be held liable under any circumstances if any information provided proves to be erroneous. The requested documents must be sent to us by REGISTERED MAIL WITH AKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT within the required time frame and after having verified that they will be valid for the countries to be visited. These documents will not be returned until the day of departure. We will not be held responsible for any delay or non-delivery by the relevant authorities. The passenger must provide to

the company every information necessary to enable it to fulfill its own obligations in the matter of security. It is reminded that in accordance with article L 211-8 of the Tourism Code, the organiser or the retailer must in particular inform the traveller by means of a form established by regulation, prior to the signing of the contract, of the terms for crossing borders. This information is presented in a clear, comprehensive and conspicuous manner. Where this information is submitted in writing, it must be legible.

The organiser must also provide the traveller with general information concerning passport and visa requirements, including the approximate duration of visas, as well as information on the health formalities of the country of destination.

By accepting these general terms and conditions of sale, the traveller acknowledges that they have been informed by the organiser of all formalities to comply with for the smooth running of the stay in the countries visited, particularly where services are offered on the Mekong, Ganges, Nile and in Southern Africa, and in particular those requested for minor children.

NB: Between publication of this brochure and the date of departure, certain modifications may occur. Indeed, the regulations of the different countries change frequently without notice, they are given in the brochure only as a guide, it is the client's responsibility to find out what formalities are required at the time of travel. CroisiEurope cannot be declared responsible for the failure to observe the formalities on which it advises upon reservation of dossiers at the latest and for fines resulting from the failure to observe the customs or health regulations of the countries visited.

CHILDREN/MINORS: Reservations from minors shall not be accepted by the travel agency but must be made by the parents or other adults of more than 18 years of age with the necessary authorizations. Minors of under 18 years of age are not permitted to travel on board unaccompanied. They must be accompanied by parents or adults of more than 18 years of age. No alcoholic beverages shall be served to minors on board. Proof of the customer's age may be requested by the ship's personnel.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS: All passengers shall ensure that they are medically, physically and/or in a psychic way fit to undertake a trip without endangering their life or the life of others. No medical services are offered aboard our ships.

Any passenger with a physical or mental incapacity, limited capacity of mobility, having an illness requiring treatment or medical care, or pregnant women should inform the travel agent at the time of booking. No reservations can be accepted for passengers whose physical or mental condition is likely to render their participation in the cruise or in the vacation impossible or dangerous for themselves or others, or who require forms of care or assistance impossible to guarantee aboard ship, notably because of unsuitable infrastructure. Some suppliers (hoteliers, airlines and cruise companies, etc) may require a medical certificate confirming that the passenger is fit to travel or they may refuse to accept the booking if they feel that they will be unable to guarantee any assistance or treatment deemed necessary for the health and well-being of the passenger. Participation in the voyage and in excursions is subject to the condition of the passenger having sufficient mobility. If necessary, the disabled may be accompanied at their own expense to obtain the required assistance.

If CroisiEurope considers it strictly necessary for the safety and

If CroisiEurope considers it strictly necessary for the safety and comfort of the passenger, bookings of persons with disabilities or reduced mobility will be subject to the condition that a companion able to assist the disabled or mobility-impaired passenger be present. This requirement is entirely dependent on CroisiEurope's assessment of the safety related needs of the disabled or mobility-impaired passenger and may vary from one route to another and/or from one boat to another.

If the disabled or reduced mobility person requests and requires special assistance (care, supervision), they must be accompanied by a companion who can provide the required assistance at their own expense.

All personal accidents, diversions or forced stopover costs

disrupting the course of the cruise shall be at the liability of the passenger having concealed his unfitness to travel. CroisiEurope recommends the wearing of footwear suitable for

life aboard and for excursions with non-slip soles.

Some vaccinations, although not mandatory, may be recommended by health authorities

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DENIED BOARDING AND PREMATURE DISEMBARKATION:

Boarding may be denied to all passengers and a passenger's cruise may be curtailed (at the risk and cost of the passenger put ashore) when, in the opinion of the ship's captain or the senior officer on board, such passenger is not fit to travel, for administrative or other legitimate reasons, or disrupts or endan-

senior officer on board, such passenger is not fit to travel, for administrative or other legitimate reasons, or disrupts or endangers other passengers. Such a passenger may be put ashore in any port of call whatsoever without the ship owner's liability being invoked. The river cruise operator may not be required to reimburse the days of the cruise not made by the passenger put ashore or to cover any costs occasioned by being thus put ashore.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE TIMING OF STOPOVERS: On stopovers, the latest time for returning to the ship and departure of the ship are mentioned aboard and stipulated by the senior officer on board. It behoves passengers to abide by such times. The company declines all liability in the event of failure to board at the appointed time. No refund or compensation shall be payable to the passenger.

**EXCURSIONS:** The excursions presented in the brochure are optional (unless otherwise stated). The itineraries of the excursions defined in the programmes are

The titneraries of the excursions defined in the programmes are given as a rough guide and may be subject to variations owing to external circumstances (e.g. meteorological conditions, strikes, transports delays, closure of sites by the local authorities, etc.) or owing to local service providers. In actual fact, some of the places visited are subject to high levels of security (the Kremlin for example). The authorities in any country may therefore close any place in an untimely manner and prohibit all visits. We cannot be held responsible for the unexpected closure of any intended site and we will always do our best to arrange an alternative visit in such instances. In the event of cancellation of an excursion, CroisiEurope undertakes to do its utmost to offer replacement tours. In the event of definitive cancellation, the excursion shall be refunded. No complementary compensation may be claimed in such circumstances.

Unless otherwise stated in the programme, prices for optional excursions, excluding packages, are given for information purposes only, and are guaranteed with a minimum of 25 people per excursion. If the minimum number of 25 persons is not reached, a rate adjustment may be applied on board the boat during the excursion. In the event that an excursion or all excursions are cancelled, where such excursions are optional and can only go ahead with a minimum number of participants as indicated above, this shall not result in the customer cancelling the cruise.

Excursions scheduled for the same evening or the next morning on which the boat is boarded are only guaranteed for customers who have subscribed to the package excursions.

For the cruises on the Mekong, Ganges, Nile and in Southern Africa, the excursions booked on site, or mentioned in our programs are organized by local companies that are independent of CroisiEurope. Even if they are proposed by our local representatives as an extra service to passengers, they are bought freely on the spot and do not form a component part of the holiday booked through CroisiEurope from France. All descriptions and tariffs

shown are for guidance purposes only.

Any dispute, accident or incident in their conduct must be solved on the spot with the body concerned and do not in any way engage the responsibility of CroisiEurope or the travel agency from which the trip was booked.

PERSONAL ITEMS/LUGGAGE: Animals, hazardous objects and products, such as illegal substances, firearms, blunt objects and knives, explosives, oxygen, compressed air or inflammable products, etc. are strictly prohibited on board. The ship owner reserves the right to deny boarding to passengers in possession of such items. Passengers shall be answerable for all damage suffered by the ship owner owing to the failure to abide by the aforementioned obligations.

Loss of objects or material damage thereto shall be declared on board in writing to the Purser's Office during the cruises and the head attendant or as part of a circuit or a stay. Such declaration shall be forwarded to us by the passenger within three days of disembarkation.

Except in cases of fault on its part, CroisiEurope may not be held responsible for the loss, theft, pilferage of and/or damage to the passenger's property. Our crew is at the disposal of passengers for the handling of their luggage and its liability may not be invoked. The limit on liability is 450€ per passenger, it only applies to trips aboard boats of the fleet CroisiEurope. For journeys and cruises on the Mekong and in Southern Africa, the responsibility lies with the owners and local providers. During the whole duration of the trip, luggage, as well as the watching of the belongings is the responsibility of the passengers. CroisiEurope underline to the travelers the fact that it cannot in any way be held responsible for items left and does not support their research or their repatriation. Therefore the forgetting of luggage owing to the customer's oversight shall result in the charging of any additional costs incurred in recovering it. We advise our passengers to take out luggage insurance.

In the event of loss, late delivery or damage to luggage in the context of air transfers, it is the passenger's responsibility to fill in the luggage complaint form at the airport with the airline company. The original shall be required by the latter for processing all claims.

VALUABLE ITEMS: The ship owner shall not be answerable for the loss of or damage to valuable items, money, financial documents, jewellery, and personal property. We request you not to leave valuable items unattended. Furthermore, we advise you

not to leave in the luggage you entrust to carriers any valuable items, keys or identity papers, or medicinal products essential to your health. We cannot be held responsible in the event of damage to and loss or theft of personal effects.

COMPLAINTS: Any assessment of a subjective nature will be considered with interest but may not be recoverable. If there were problems during the trip, it is strongly recommended to inform immediately your attendant or purser to find a solution in due case. In case of non-delivery or non-use of a local performance in accordance with client's decision, no refund can be made. All complaints must be forwarded to CroisiEurope within 10 days of disembarkation by any means allowing for receipt confirmation to the seller, in accordance with the Tourism Code, and shall be taken into consideration to the extent that such complaint has been observed. The customer shall attach to his letter the assessment form submitted to him with his travel documentation, and shall also attach all proofs in support of his complaint. CroisiEurope informs you that the response time varies from 1 to 3 months following the period of survey among services, hotels or service providers necessary for any claim.

After contacting quality customer service and in the absence of a satisfactory response within maximum 90 days, the customer can complain to the ombudsman of Tourism and Travel, whose details and conditions of entry are available on this website: www.mtvtravel. In addition, it will also be possible to make a complaint via the online dispute resolution platform provided for in (EU) Regulation No. 524/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, in accordance with article R 211-6 of the Tourism Code

In the event of litigation between traders or commercial companies, the courts of Strasbourg alone shall be competent.

**PURCHASES:** All purchases made in situ are the sole responsibility of customers (for example: counterfeit and other articles ...).

CANCELLATION OF CRUISES BY CROISIEUROPE (article L 211-14 III of the Tourism Code: CroisiEurope reserves the right to cancel cruises for circumstances of force majeure, recurrent climatic or natural events (high tides and low tides, cyclones, etc.) or which may render it impossible to enjoy certain service provisions for reasons relating to passenger safety, and this at any time prior to departure, with no other obligation than to reimburse sums paid. In such a case, the customer may not claim any complementary indemnity. CroisiEurope shall, insofar as this is possible, offer the passenger a replacement cruise of equivalent value. The passenger shall be entitled, as he chooses, to take advantage of such replacement cruise or else receive a refund under the terms set out in these conditions. Should the passenger accept the replacement cruise, no reimbursement or payment of compensation shall take place.

CroisiEurope reserves the right to cancel one or other cruise in the event of insufficient bookings; the customer may not claim any indemnity in this specific case.

## Cancellations due to insufficient participants must be notified by CroisiEurope to the traveller no later than:

- 20 days before the beginning of the journey or the stay in the event of journeys lasting more than six days,
- 7 days before the start of the journey or stay in the event of journeys lasting from two to six days,
- 48 hours before the beginning of the journey or the stay in the event of journeys not lasting more than two days.

The minimum number of participants is set at: 80 persons at least for the CroisiEurope cruises on ships having a capacity between 120 and 200 persons; a minimum of 50 persons for ships having a capacity between 70 and 120 persons, a minimum of 15 persons for the barge cruise on the French canals, 40 persons for the Mekong River cruises on board the RV INDOCHINE, 52 persons on board the RV INDOCHINE II, 38 persons on board the LAN DIEP, 24 persons on board the TOUM TIOU I, 18 persons on board the TOUM TIOU I, 19 persons for the Southern Africa cruises; and 48 persons for the Ganges, 90 persons for Nile river cruises and 25 persons for the pre- or post-programme extensions linked to a CroisiEurope cruise.

#### CHANGES TO PROGRAMMES, ITINERARIES AND TIMETABLES:

In the event of strike, bad weather conditions endangering the operation of the vessel safely or extraordinary circumstances, as explained in the Recitals above EC Regulation or for any other legitimate reason, CroisiEurope may at all times and without notice, advance or delay a departure or a stopover or, if need be, change ports of call, and may not be held responsible to passengers in the event of cancellation, earlier or later departure or arrival, modification or substitution.

CroisiEurope may not be held responsible for any failure to abide by the arrival and departure times given in this brochure, and this regardless of the port of call.

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As part of the programming of the cruises on the Mekong, Ganges, Nile and in Southern Africa, we reserve the right to the short of the premises to modify the itineraries and representatives of these premises to modify the itineraries and order of excursions in our programs at any given moment if circumstances demand it.

Generally speaking, and this is the universal principal, the ship's captain's primary mission is the safety of passengers on board. Regardless of the ship or the destination, he is the sole master on board and may decide at any time to divert the ship or cancel a port of call. The ship's captain may cancel the cruise or modify the itinerary of the cruise if he judges it appropriate to the interests of passengers and the safety of the vessel. Should the cruise be interrupted for reasons of force majeure, the customer shall be refunded for the days of the cruise not effected but may not claim any complementary indemnity.

Should such modifications or cancellations of the voyage occur, Articles R 211-9 to R 211-10 of the Tourism Code shall apply.

Possible unforeseen circumstances (civil or religious festivals, sporting events, political demonstrations, strikes, breakdowns, traffic jams, changes by government authorities, or other legiti-

mate reason) may bring about modifications to visits or excursions for which CroisiEurope cannot be held responsible and which shall not permit the customer to request compensation. Some destinations are subject to particular meteorological and climatic conditions. Some ports of call may be reversed, curtailed or cancelled, particularly for the reasons stated above, without giving rise to indemnification. In the event of cancellation, excursions purchased on board shall be reimbursed. No other compensation shall be payable. A particular port of call cannot be taken to be the objective of a programme, which is intended to explore a region in a general way and discover the pleasures of sailing.

CHANGE IN CABIN CATEGORY OR NUMBER BY THE SHIPOWNER: For technical or operational reasons, river and maritime companies or ship-owners may allot the passenger a cabin other than the one set or chosen upon the reservation. In that event the new allotted cabin should be at least in the same category. Such change shall not be considered a valid cancellation reason for the client, nor a significant change in the contract and shall entitle to no compensation.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

a) Changes/cancellations: Significant increases in rail and air traffic, events beyond our control (strikes, technical incidents, weather, pandemic, etc.) and safety imperatives make it sometimes impossible for airline and railway companies to adhere to their schedules. Delays-both on departure and return- are possible and are beyond the responsibility of the transporter, tour operator and travel agency. No other compensation, beyond what is strictly called for by applicable laws will be awarded. regardless of any professional or personal consequences incurred. It is therefore recommended to make allowances for reason nable delays, particularly for the return journey, in the event of important engagements or onward travel connections. Changes to times and dates, made by railway and airline compa-

nies, may take place both on departure and return and may shorten or extend the trip. CroisiEurope—acting as an intermediary between the buyer and the railway or airline company—will do its best to find the most convenient solution but may not be held responsible for any possible consequences of these delays or modifications. There shall be no compensation on the price of the cruise.

Moreover, we are not liable for air or rail transfers that are not bought through the CroisiEurope tour operator. We recommend that our clients make their own pre- or post-travel arrangements and purchase flexible or refundable tickets. Cruises cannot be canceled if the reason is due to the client and connected to air or rail traffic. Most airlines have made online check-in mandatory on their websites the day before the flight (outward and return). Passengers are liable for making the confirmation themselves within the given deadline. Furthermore, CroisiEurope strongly recommends that passengers carry out these check-ins, even on companies for which this is not mandatory.

Tickets issued within our programs or reserved directly by the client that are not used—whether on departure or return—may not be reimbursed, even if the trip is canceled or postponed. Giving up your seat in order to take a different plane or train does not constitute a valid reason for reimbursement of a non-used ticket, nor can it be used toward a new ticket.

No claim for air travel leading to additional expenses (taxi, parking, hotels, reservation modifications, non-changeable tickets, etc.) shall result in any compensation being payable on site or upon return, including arrivals in a train station or airport that is different from that of departure (for example: Paris Orly, Paris Roissy).

#### b) Pre- and post-transfers

To organize pre- and post-transfer tours "from your home city to your meeting point or to the departure or arrival airport" by bus, we wish to draw your attention to the fact that that these bus

transfers will only take place for a minimum of 20 people. In some cases, wait times may occur during transfers to take into account possible traffic or organizational needs

Applicable rates for air or railway travel to Paris or other cities from the city of residence apply only according to the conditions mentioned in our brochures and/or estimates (within the limit of availability in the designated reservation class).

All expenses or repurchased tickets due to airline or railway delays during pre- and/or post-transfers caused by events outside of CroisiEurope's liability are the sole responsibility of the client.

c) Identity of transport companies: In accordance with articles R211-15 of the Tourism Code regarding the obligation to inform passengers of the identity of airline companies, the client is informed of the identity of three de facto or contractual transport companies that are likely to provide the transport services. The seller shall inform the client of the effective airline company that will carry out the flight(s). This information shall be provided at the latest eight days before the date scheduled in the transport contract or when the contract is signed if signature takes place less than eight days prior to the travel date. If the identity of the transport company is changed, the client shall be informed at the latest upon check in.

d) Ticket: Travel tickets issued by airlines and railway companies, or their countermarks, are the only contract between them and the client. The client is responsible for his/her travel ticket and hence must assume the consequences of its loss, theft or destruction without CroisiEurope being held responsible.

e) Baggage: Baggage limits are generally 23kg per person on regular flights and 18 kg per person on charter flights. Excess baggage charges are to be paid directly to the company during check-in. To transport bulky items (wheelchairs, breathing appa ratus, strollers etc.), you must inform us when registering. Additional charges may apply according to the airline company. Some airline companies charge for assistance at airports and on-board services.

If baggage is not delivered or is damaged by the airline, the client must immediately inform the competent authority in the arrival airport and complete a loss or damage report. Then, in order to be eligible for compensation, the passenger must send this report to the airline company within a maximum of seven days, with all original documents requested. You are strongly advised to keep a copy of all the originals sent. The airline company will not deal with the request if this process is not respected and the original documents are not presented. CroisiEurope—acting as an intermediary between the buyer and the airline company—will do its best to find the most suitable solution but may not be held liable for any possible consequences of lost or damaged bag gage. No compensation shall be provided by CroisiEurope.

f) Responsibility of carriers: The consequences of accidents / incidents which may occur during airline transport are governed by the provisions of the Warsaw and Montreal Conventions or local regulations governing domestic transport in the country concerned

g) Refund of air taxes: In case of non-use the plane ticket for whatever reason, taxes airport fees are refundable to travelers on their request within 30 days and free of charge for any request online. For any reimbursement request outside line, CroisiEurope will charge 20% maximum amount refunded.

RESPONSIBILITY OF PASSENGERS: Each passenger (or, if the passenger is a minor, his parents or guardians) is responsible and undertakes to compensate the company for any damage to furniture, equipment or other items owned by the boat, for damage in hotels or on airplanes used by the passenger as part

Each passenger (or, if the passenger is a minor, his parents or guardians) is responsible and undertakes to compensate the company for all fines or contraventions imposed upon the company owing to an act, omission or violation of a law, whether it be a voluntary act or not on the part of the passenger.

Passports must be in order for the countries through which the ship passes. It is the responsibility of the passenger to ensure the validity and conformity of his passport.

**RESPONSIBILITY OF CROISIEUROPE:** As an organizer of cruises shipowner and charterer, CroisiEurope's obligations are defined by the combined provisions of the Tourism Code, those specifi-cally applicable to the navigation of the boat assigned to the cruise and, in the absence of such a law, those of the law of June 15, 1895 on the reports of private law in navigation interior. Articles ..211-16 et seq. Of the Tourism Code regulate the responsibility of the organizer, and the terms exemption from it. CroisiEurope's responsibility can only be engaged because of the crew or of the boat. Any anomalies must be reported to the purser. CroisiEurope cannot be held responsible for any damage suffered by passengers ashore, when the latter are not under his authority or supervision. CroisiEurope therefore does not bear any responsibility in the event any accident or damage of which the passenger may to be a victim. It will be up to the latter to take responsibility of the local operator, with no possibility of recourse against CroisiEurope. In the same way, all additional services (transport, accommodation, transfers, etc.) reserved in addition to the cruising is not his responsibility. The limitation of CroisiEurope's liability for personal injury is 2,000,000 SDR (SDR: Special Drawing Rights: currency international) sure the boats of the fleet CroisiEurope, in accor dance with the rules of the Strasbourg Convention (CLNI 2012) on the limitation of liability of boat owners.

OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE: In its capacity as organiser, CroisiEurope will provide as soon as possible in the circumstances of the case, appropriate assistance to the traveller in difficulty in accordance with articles L 211-17-1 and R 211-11 of the Tourism Code. The nature of this assistance is specified by article R 211-11 of the Tourism Code reproduced above.

CROISIEUROPE INSURANCE: Regarding the civil liability of CroisiEurope in respect of passengers and third parties, CroisiEurope is insured for bodily and material accidents by a 'Protection and Indemnity Club (P&I)" guarantee. Regarding the professional civil liability of the cruise organiser, the latter is insured pursuant to the provisions of the Tourism Code. The contract covers underwritten by Allianz within the guaranteed type of damage, per claim and per insurance year the injury to the tune of 20,000,000 €, property damage and consequential damage to the tune of 10,000,000 € professional liability up to 15,000,000€ (for all injury, damage and consequential).

Professional civil liability insurance: insurance policy no.

Financial cover provided by A.P.S.T. - 15, Avenue Carnot - 75017

#### OPTIONAL INSURANCES AND ASSISTANCE GUARANTEE -

**REPATRIATION:** Clients have the option of taking out an insurance policy covering the consequences of certain cases of cancellation, damage to luggage, personal liability abroad and interruption of stay, by means of the registration form or the sales contract. The general conditions of these insurance contracts are available on request from the insurer. These contracts contain limits of cover, exclusions, excesses and obli-gations in the event of a claim. Clients are therefore advised to read them carefully. In any event, only the insurance company concerned shall be liable to the Client in respect of the performance of the said contracts; the Client shall then have a direct legal relationship with the company. Apart from these optional insurances, a medical repatriation / personal assistance insuance is included free of charge in all our cruises and trips

GENERAL INFORMATION: All the information published in our brochures concerning timetables, itineraries and hotel and ship facilities were correct at the time the brochure was published and may be subject to modifications. In such cases, customers will be advised of any such amendments at the booking stage. Maps, photographs and illustrations are provided purely for guidance purposes and are not contractual

PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA: In accordance the provisions relating to the protection of personal data ("RGDP"), the information

provided to CroisiEurope by its co-contracting party have the purpose of allowing the processing of their order and execution of the various related services. For these purposes, your personal data may thus be transferred to our partners established in third States. We only do call for partners guaranteeing a level of protection in accordance with the principles enshrined in the GDPR. With your consent, and with the exception of sensitive data that we collect for passenger safety and that we do not in any case pass on to third parties, this data may also be used to address you promotional or commercial offers for a period of three years (by email or post). For these purposes, this information may be stored, processed and transferred by CroisiEurope to internal services of the company and to third parties (such as transport companies, insurance, banks, cus-toms authorities, receptive providers, subcontractor, technical subcontractors), including outside the Union European as well as in countries without a level of protection equivalent to that of the European Union. These third parties will not be able to access this personal data only for the needs related to their service, or on instruction from CroisiEurope internal services for needs related to aforementioned purposes in strict compliance with the applicable legislation in data security. The customer's opposition to the collection and processing of his data, including understood through a transfer to third parties of their data personal information necessary for the sale or execution of a package and services that depend on it, would make it impossible to execute any or part of the sales contract by CroisiEurope. Each client has a strictly personal right of access, rectification and opposition for legitimate reasons to the information on concerning that he may exercise with CroisiEurope Service Customer Relations, 12 rue de la Division Leclerc in 67000 STRASBOURG, by attaching a copy of proof of identity to their written request. In the event of a malfunction in your treatment request, you can enter the data protection officer (DPO): dpo@croisieurope.com; or the CNIL (www.cnil.fr; 3 Place de Fontenoy - TSA 80715 -75334 PARIS CEDEX 07). In addition, each client can object to communications of CroisiEurope and / or its partners by clicking on the opposition link or by following the opposition procedure appearing on commercial emails or text messages or by writing to the address of the Customer Relations Department mentioned above. Else each customer has the right to subscribe to the list opposing telephone canvassing (Bloctel). CroisiEurope performs visit statistics on its sites as well as targeted advertising tailored to your interests.

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