

Embark on a remarkable journey through some of the most breathtaking destinations, spanning from the romantic city of Paris to the enchanting lands of Egypt. With a total of 10 magnificent river cruise experiences carefully curated for your pleasure, this booklet is your gateway to unforgettable adventures.

Step aboard and indulge in the epitome of luxury as you enjoy full board accommodation, offering exceptional comfort and exquisite dining experiences. As you sail along the picturesque rivers, from the Seine to the Nile, you'll be treated to unlimited drinks from 12 noon until midnight, adding an extra touch of indulgence to your voyage.

Each cruise promises a unique blend of history, culture, and natural beauty, immersing you in the wonders of each destination, these cruises are designed to captivate your imagination and leave you yearning for more. So, dive into our river cruise booklet and let the allure of these extraordinary journeys entice you to embark on an adventure of a lifetime. Your dream river cruise





# Berlin to Amsterdam River Cruise

Wednesday 16th to Monday 28th August 2023 / 13 Days

From Berlin to Amsterdam, explore the northern canals by cruising the Havel and the Elbe. You will discover the history of Berlin, before exploring Potsdam, Magdeburg and Bremen, cities that will make you appreciate the eclectic heritage of Germany. You will have the option to visit the Meyer Werft shipyard before diving into the heart of charming Dutch cities. Your cruise will end in Amsterdam, famous for its UNESCO World Heritage canals.

#### Day 1 UK TO DÜSSELDORF

We depart home area and travel to Dover for our short sea ferry crossing to Calais. We arrive at our overnight hotel, Mercure Hotel Düsseldorf in time to freshen up before our evening meal.

# Day 2 DÜSSELDORF TO BERLIN

After breakfast we depart our hotel and travel to Berlin making suitable refreshment stops. We board our ship and after comfortably settling into our cabin we enjoy a welcome cocktail with the crew. We will be introduced to our Captain, and our Head Chef will inform us what delicious meal he's prepared for us this evening. The ship will remain in port overnight.

# Day 3 BERLIN

After breakfast we depart for our guided coach panoramic tour of Berlin (a little walking is involved). Our guide will show us many sites of this wonderous city including the 18th century Brandenburg Gate which has become a symbol of reunification.

# Day 4 BERLIN TO POTSDAM TO BRANDENBURG

Our ship sails to Potsdam where we have an included excursion to Potsdam and the Gardens of Sanssouci Palace. Meander through the park's changing styles of exquisite garden design. The palace sits beside its well-known vineyard terraces and the originally preserved 18th century interiors are characterised by their elegance and stylish displays of grandeur. They are also a clear expression of King Frederick the Great's love of beautiful surroundings – his 'Prussian Arcadia'. Afterwards we return to our ship which will cruise towards Brandenburg.

## Day 5 BRANDENBURG TO MAGDEBURG

This morning our ship begins cruising early. After lunch enjoy a coach excursion visiting Magdeburg, situated on the Elbe River and the historic Roman roads. Its cathedral is one of most important of Gothic-style edifices in Europe. After dinner tonight we can explore the city on our own.

# Day 6 MAGDEBURG TO CALVOERDE TO WOLFSBURG TO ANDERTEN

Today our ship sails for Calvoerde. The ship offers an optional visit to the Autostadt, a combination automotive theme park and museum with separate buildings for each VW brand. Please book on the ship. Alternatively, we can stay on board the ship and sail to Wolfsburg. After dinner the ship then cruises to Anderten.

# Day 7 ANDERTEN TO MINDEN TO NIENBURG

Our ship will depart early for Hanover where we will enjoy an excursion, the capital and largest city of the German state of Lower Saxony. During this time our ship will continue its course to Minden. We return to the ship here before the ship sails for Nienburg. Our ship will cruise the rest of the day.

#### Day 8 NIENBURG TO HOYA TO BREMEN

This morning we meet our coach to take us into Nienburg, known as the 'Red Town', a bewitching and enchanting city with a splendid array of half-timbered buildings and Renaissance gables, it looks back on almost 1,000 years of history. Opportunity to purchase some shopping from the lovely array of shops. During this time our ship will continue its course to Hoya where we board our ship. After lunch we spend the afternoon sailing to Bremen.

Today there is an optional walking tour of Bremen which you can book onboard the ship. Bremen is the oldest maritime city in Germany and the second largest trading port in Germany after Hamburg. We re-board the ship for lunch and sail towards Dörpen which we reach during the night.

# Day 10 DÖRPEN TO PAPENBURG TO GRONINGEN

We cruise early in the morning to Papenburg. We can book an optional excursion onboard for the Meyer Werft shipyard, one of the largest and most modern shipyards in the world. They have been making cruise ships for international shipping companies for decades. After lunch the ship leaves for Groningen.

# Day 11 GRONINGEN TO AMSTERDAM

We spend the day cruising to Amsterdam. Tonight, is our Gala Evening.

# Day 12 AMSTERDAM

After breakfast take a walk into Amsterdam with Karen, who will advise us of the places of interest. Opportunity to enjoy a canal ride, the best way to see this lovely architectural city (approx. €18 each). We return to the ship for lunch and afterwards enjoy a coach excursion to Volendam and Zaanse Schans. Volendam is a fishing village founded in the 14th century. Many visitors come to this small town for its pretty architecture. Walk along the promenade and discover its quaint shops and city centre. We then visit Zaanse Schans, a residential area in which the 18th and 19th centuries are brought to life. Stroll past the bakery museum and enjoy the fresh smell of cookies or take a look at the warehouse where clogs are made. You should be sure not to be miss the cheese factory, pewter foundry and the various windmills.

# Day 13 AMSTERDAM TO UK

After breakfast we bid farewell to the crew and return to home area.

#### MS MONA LISA

The Mona Lisa is a very spacious cruising ship with an impressive design and makes the perfect place for a relaxing holiday. What makes this ship so special is its interior. The ship has a bar featuring delicious cocktails and alcoholic drinks, a lounge area with a dance floor for fun nights on board, a restaurant, large sun deck and gift shop.



## **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Return P&O ferry crossing
- Outward overnight half board accommodation at the Mercure Hotel Düsseldorf Süd \*\*\*\*
- Tea/coffee after dinner at the overnight hotel
- 10 nights full board accommodation on board ship\*
- Unlimited complimentary on-board beverages, including beer, fine wines, spirits, bottled mineral water, soft drinks, speciality coffees and tea from 12noon to midnight
- Captains welcome cocktail reception
- Gala Evening
- Panoramic tour of Berlin
- Panoramic tour of Potsdam and visit to Sanssouci Gardens
- Guided tour of MagdeburgVisit to Hanover
- Visit to Harlover
   Visit to Nienburg
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

\*Please Note: Lunch is not included on days 1, 2, 12 & 13.

Upper Deck Twin Cabin £2914.50 PP

Main Deck Twin Cabi

Single Cabin **£3475.50** 

Travel Insurance £180



Depart home area and make our way to Germany, making suitable refreshment stops along the way. We arrive at our overnight hotel in Frankfurt with time to freshen up before our evening meal.

# Day 2 GERMANY TO PASSAU

After breakfast we travel through Germany and make our way to Lower Bavaria to Passau, making refreshment stops, and embark our ship. After comfortably settling into our cabins the ship sails along the Danube towards the border between Austria and Germany through the attractive region of Engelhartszell. We are invited to a welcome cocktail party where we are introduced to the crew, Captain and Head Chef who will inform us of the delightful meal they have prepared for us this evening. After dinner we can enjoy some entertainment.

# Day 3 PASSAU TO MELK TO VIENNA

This morning our ship arrives in Melk. We join our coach for an excursion to one of the biggest and most beautiful European Baroque Ensembles, Melk Abbey. It's part of UNESCO's World Cultural Heritage and Benedictine Monks have lived here since 1089. We return to our ship and cruise along the Wachau Valley and arrive in Dürnstein, a charming town full of colourful riverside buildings. Its castle imprisoned King Richard the Lionheart. Apricots are the true king here though and there is a wide range of products that derive from it. Take a stroll through the old town and discover the beautiful shops. We re-board the ship and sail to Vienna. After dinner we enjoy an illuminated sights tour of Vienna by coach.

#### Day 4 VIENNA TO ESZTERGOM

Spend the morning exploring Vienna by coach and on foot. This is a wonderful city with a fantastic mix of Imperial Palaces and residences, Art Noveau masterpieces and excellent shopping areas. Enjoy a guided tour of Schönbrunn Palace before returning to our ship for lunch. This afternoon our ship cruises toward Budapest, passing Bratislava on the way.

This morning we enjoy some time on our own exploring Esztergom, the former capital of Hungary. Return to the ship for lunch. We will spend the rest of the afternoon cruising to Budapest. The Hungarian capital lies along the banks of the Danube and is one of the most attractive cities in Europe. Enjoy some free time sightseeing the city before returning to the ship for our evening meal. Afterwards we have an included excursion 'Budapest by night'.

# Day 6 BUDAPEST

This morning we have arranged a guided coach tour of Budapest. On the hilly 'Buda' side is the old and medieval castle district of Hungary including Fisherman's Bastion. On the flat 'Pest' side admire the historic monuments such as Heroes Square. Return to ship for lunch and the rest of the afternoon is at leisure. We can walk back into the city or just relax on the ship. After dinner join Karen for 'An evening of traditional dancing in the city'.

# Day 7 BUDAPEST

After breakfast enjoy a free morning in Budapest and after lunch, we have a visit to the Puszta Horse Show (by coach) including a welcome Pogaca & Palinka (salty scone and fruit brandy). Afterwards we return to the ship and after dinner enjoy a night of entertainment.

#### Day 8 BUDAPEST

After breakfast we join our coach for an excursion to visit Gödöllö Royal Palace, summer residence of Sissi Empress, an imperial and royal Hungarian palace located in Pest county. Take a walk through the beautiful gardens, museum, and marvel at the statues. We return to ship for lunch before cruising towards Bratislava. Enjoy an evening of on board entertainment.

#### Day 9 BRATISLAVA-VIENNA

We arrive in Bratislava early morning. After breakfast join us on a guided tour of 'Bratislava and Tastings of Local Delights' excursion. After lunch our ship will sail towards Vienna. Enjoy an afternoon of cruising before dinner followed by a night of entertainment.

# Day 10 VIENNA

After breakfast enjoy a free morning in Vienna or enjoy an excursion to visit Vienna's Capuchin Church and the Austrian National Library. Return to ship for lunch and this afternoon we visit Hofburg and Sisi Museum, the former palace of the Habsburgs, to admire the crown jewels and splendid imperial apartment. Return to ship and after our evening meal our ship sails for Melk.

#### Day 11 MELK TO PASSAU

This morning will be spent cruising along the beautiful stretch of the Wachau region. We arrive in Melk with time to take a stroll into the town and try out one of its cafes and look around the shops before returning to the ship for lunch. This afternoon join us for an excursion to Arstetten Castle, last residence of Archduke Franz-Ferdinand and his wife. We will return to our ship in Ybbs before cruising towards Passau. Tonight, enjoy a cocktail party in the lounge to thank our crew and to say 'Good-bye' before our Gala dinner and evening.

## Day 12 PASSAU TO RÜDESHEIM

After breakfast we depart our ship and travel through Germany, making suitable refreshment stops, to our overnight hotel, The Felsenkeller, in Rüdesheim with time to freshen up before our evening meal. Join Karen tonight to visit one of Rüdesheim's bars in the famous Drosselgasse for a 'lady beer' or a Rüdesheim coffee and some dancing.

# Day 13 RÜDESHEIM TO UK

After breakfast we travel to Calais, France, making suitable refreshment stops and catch our return ferry home from Calais.

# MS FRANCE

This ship takes on a sparkling and vintage look with its anise and chocolate colours, the houndstooth-type patterns recall the elegant outfits of ladies from the sixties. There is a bar/lounge and sun deck to relax.

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- Return P&O ferry crossing
- Outward & return overnight half board accommodation in Germany
- 10 nights full board accommodation on board ship\*
- Unlimited complimentary on-board beverages, including beer, fine wines, spirits, bottled mineral water, soft drinks, speciality coffees and tea from 12noon to midnight
- Captains welcome cocktail reception
- Evening entertainment most nights on board
- Gala Evening
- Guided tour of Melk Abbey
- Guided tour of Vienna by night
- Guided tour of Vienna and Schoenbrunn Palace
- Tour of Budapest
- Full day visit in the Puszta
- Guided tour of Godollo Castle
- Guided tour of Bratislava
- Guided tour of the Hofburg and Sisi Museum
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

\*Please Note: Lunch is not included on days 1, 2, 12 & 13.

pper Deck Twin Cabin £3264 Main Deck Twin Cabin
£3149<sup>PP</sup>

Single Cabin £3847<sup>PP</sup>

Insurance £195



Discover breath-taking landscapes along 3 rivers: the romantic Rhine valley, the Moselle and the Main. Impressive and unforgettable, this cruise will let you discover unmissable cities, from old Strasbourg to Cochem Castle, via the Frankfurt Main Tower, the Niederwald monument and Heidelberg.

# Day 1 UK TO STRASBOURG, FRANCE

Depart home area to Folkestone for our Eurotunnel crossing to France. We continue through France making suitable stops to our ship in Strasbourg. After settling into our cabins we meet the crew at the welcome cocktail reception. The Head Chef will inform us of the delicious meal they have prepared for us. Afterwards enjoy a tour of old Strasbourg aboard a river boat. The ship sails through the night to Frankfurt.

# Day 2 STRASBOURG TO FRANKFURT (the Main)

Today, we enjoy a panoramic tour of Frankfurt 'Mainhattan' and the Main Tower experience. Return to ship for our evening meal followed by entertainment.

#### Day 3 FRANKFURT TO COCHEM (the Moselle)

This morning we cruise the Rhine passing Mainz, Rudesheim and Boppard to Koblenz, situated on the Deutsches Eck (where the Rhine meets the Moselle) and pass Oberfell, Alken and Müden to Cochem. Enjoy free time in this picturesque medieval town. Opportunity to take a land train to show us some of the sights of Cochem (approx. €7). Return to ship for our evening meal.

# Day 4 COCHEM TO KOBLENZ

This morning our ship sails along the Moselle. After lunch we can explore the old city of Koblenz, a short walking distance from the

ship. Opportunity to take a cable car to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress from the Deutsches Eck (extra cost), with amazing views of the meeting of the two rivers. Karen will advise the best places to visit.

# Day 5 KOBLENZ TO RÜDESHEIM (The Rhine)

This morning our ship sails to Rüdesheim. A land train will meet us at our ship and take us to Adolfs Wine Cellar for an entertaining wine tasting. Opportunity to purchase some of their wine afterwards. We then take a short walk to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum, where we will find approximately 350 exhibits of mechanical instruments dating back from the 18th to 20th century. After dinner tonight we are welcome to join Karen who will take us to the famous Drosselgasse for dancing and to try a Rüdesheim coffee.

# Day 6 RÜDESHEIM TO MANNHEIM

This morning our ship sails towards Mannheim. After lunch we board our coach to take us to the lovely city of Heidelberg which lies on the River Neckar. Enjoy a visit to this old city with an included visit to Heidelberg's famous castle. Tonight we enjoy our Gala Evening on board the ship while we sail to Strasbourg.

# Day 7 MANNHEIM TO STRASBOURG

After breakfast we depart our ship and travel to Calais making suitable refreshment stops for our return Eurotunnel crossing.



## MS LA BOHÈME

The MS Bohème offers amenities and provides guests with all the comforts they need during their stay. The refined decoration and the elegant and friendly atmosphere are in perfect harmony with its environment, this ship sails the Danube and the Rhine. Located on the upper deck is the restaurant, all meals are served here, the large windows offer panoramic views as we sail. On the same deck is the lounge/bar and dance floor. The sun deck offers comfortable sun loungers and a large, shaded area.

# PRICE INCLUDES

- Return Eurotunnel crossing
- 6 nights full board accommodation on board ship\*
- Unlimited complimentary on-board beverages, including beer, fine wines, spirits, bottled mineral water, soft drinks, speciality coffees and tea from 12noon to midnight
- Captains welcome cocktail reception
- Gala Evening
- Evening tour of Old Strasbourg by river boat
- Panoramic tour of Frankfurt
- Wine tasting & entry to Siegfried's Museum by land train
- Tour of Heidelberg with visit to the castleFully escorted by Karen Kirby

\*Please Note: Lunch is not included on the ship on days 1 & 7.

Upper Deck Twin Cabin £1765

Main Deck Twin Cabi

£2045

Travel Insurance £114.90



# Day 1 UK TO STRASBOURG

We depart home area and travel to Europe via Eurotunnel, arriving in Strasbourg early evening. We board our ship and have time to freshen up before our welcome cocktail reception where we are introduced to our Captain and our Chef who will inform us what delights are on our menu for tonight. Afterwards enjoy some music after dinner whilst our ship sails for Koblenz.

#### Day 2 KOBLENZ

We'll cruise through the most romantic areas of the Rhine River today. We arrive in Koblenz, situated at the Deutches Eck, where the Rhine meets the Moselle and discover this wonderful city. Take a walk along the quaint lanes and atmospheric squares filled with beautiful old buildings. There are many shops to browse. Tonight will be our Gala Dinner followed by entertainment.

# Day 3 KOBLENZ TO RUDESHEIM

Today we cruise to Rüdesheim and marvel at some of the Rhine Valley's most famous landmarks including the 130m high Lorelei Rock, named after the famous Rhine siren, the legend of whom is as old as time itself. In Rüdesheim we visit the Siegfried Mechanical Music Museum, there are approximately 350 exhibits of mechanical instruments dating from the 18th to 20th century to look at. Take a walk down the famous Drösselgasse and pop into one of the many delightful shops. Tonight, we enjoy an included traditional evening in a riverside restaurant.

#### Day 4 RÜDESHEIM TO MANNHEIM – NEW YEAR'S EVE

Today we cruise towards Mannheim. Join us on an excursion to Heidelberg, situated in the Neckar valley. This town is the mecca of German romanticism. Browse the many beautiful shops and sample one of the Beer houses. Karen will show you the best places to visit. We return to our ship for our New Year's Eve dinner and enjoy a full programme of evening entertainment. During the night we cruise to Strasbourg.

#### Day 5 MANNHEIM TO STRASBOURG TO SAARBRÜCKEN SÜD

We enjoy one last late buffet breakfast and lunch on board before we disembark at 3pm and bid farewell to our Captain and crew. We travel to our nearby overnight hotel in Saarbrücken Süd. Time to freshen up and enjoy a drink in the bar before our evening meal.

#### Day 6 SAARBRÜCKEN SÜD TO UK

After breakfast we depart for home area making suitable comfort stops on route.

#### MS DOUCE FRANCE

This fabulous ship offers spacious cabins. The soft and feminine decoration mixes shades of pink and aubergine and anise colours in the public areas. Located on the upper deck is the lounge/bar at the front of the ship and the restaurant at the back, both offer panoramic windows. The cabins are spread over two decks. On the Upper Deck the cabins have large windows with French balconies. On the Main Deck the cabins have large windows.



#### PRICE INCLUDES

- Return Eurotunnel crossing
- 1 night half board on return overnight
- 4 nights full board accommodation on board ship\*
- Unlimited complimentary on-board beverages, including beer, fine wines, spirits, bottled mineral water, soft drinks, speciality coffees and tea from 12 noon to midnight
- Welcome cocktail reception
- Captain's Gala 5-course dinner on one evening
- Some evening entertainment
- Traditional dinner in a riverside restaurant
  New Years Eve Gala Dinner
- Free WiFi in lounge & bar on board ship
- Coach excursions as described
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

\*Please Note: Lunch is not included on days 1 & 6 and one nights' meal included in a restaurant.

Upper Deck Twin Cabin £1583

Main Deck Twin Cabi

£1910<sup>PP</sup>

Travel Insurance £77.10

# Friday 26th to Tuesday 30th April 2024 / 5 Days

Springtime in the Garden of Holland River Cruise

Join our cruise along the Dutch waterways where we visit the most beautiful spring garden in the world: Keukenhof, filled with 32 hectares of colour and fragrance. There are over 8 million tulips with over 2000 varieties. You will be totally amazed by the arrange of stunning colours.

# Day 1 UK TO ANTWERP

Depart home area to Dover for our ferry crossing to Calais, France. Making suitable refreshment stops we arrive in Antwerp where we board our ship. After comfortably settling into our cabins we are invited to meet up in the lounge for a welcome cocktail and to meet the crew before our evening meal.

# Day 2 ANTWERP TO ROTTERDAM

This morning enjoy a walking tour of the old city of Antwerp in company of our ship's hostess. We spend the rest of today cruising, crossing small inland seas and immense locks to reach Rotterdam in the evening. Tonight we have our Gala evening.

#### Day 3 ROTTERDAM TO KEUKENHOF TO HUIZEN

This morning we depart for Keukenhof Gardens, the most beautiful spring garden in the world. There are around 8 million tulips bulbs in bloom each spring in Keukenhof, with around 2000 varieties of tulips. A unique and unforgettable experience. Visit the indoor pavilions with fantastic displays. Try a piece of Dutch apple pie with cream. Afterwards we visit Rudi's flower stall where you can purchase discounted bulbs. We return to our ship in Huizen.

#### Day 4 HUIZEN TO AMSTERAM TO LELYSTAD

Enjoy a free morning in Amsterdam. Opportunity for a canal ride along the waterways of Amsterdam; this is the best way to see the city, approx. €17 per person. There are many shops to browse and cafes to obtain refreshments. We return to the ship for lunch. This afternoon we visit Zaanse Schans, a picturesque open-air museum offering us a glimpse into the country's rich cultural heritage with its historic windmills, traditional wooden houses, and charming craft shops. Stroll past the bakery museum and enjoy the fresh smell of cookies and take a look at the clog warehouse.

#### Day 5 LELYSTAD TO UK

After breakfast we bid farewell to the crew and return to home area making suitable refreshment stops enroute.

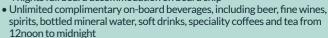
#### MS MODIGLIANI

Named in honour of the famous Italian painter, known in particular for his portraits, the MS Modigliani sails on the Rhine and the Danube and can accommodate 159 passengers, in 78 cabins over two decks. The cabin offers amenities and provides guests with all the comforts they need during their stay. The elegant decoration and friendly atmosphere, are in perfect harmony with its environment. Located on the upper deck, the restaurant, where all meals are served during the cruise, offers a delicate cuisine in a refined setting, where large windows allow you to fully enjoy the panorama. On this same level is also the lounge / bar with a dance floor, while on the sun deck, an ideal place to relax and admire the landscapes, passengers can enjoy comfortable sun loungers, as well as a large shaded area.

# PRICE INCLUDES

• Return P&O ferry crossing

4 nights full board accommodation on board ship\*



- Captains welcome cocktail reception
- Gala Evening
- Entry to Keukenhof
- Coach excursions to Amsterdam and Zaanse Schans
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

\*Please Note: Lunch is not included on the days 1&5.

Upper Deck Twin Cal

Main Deck Twin Cab £1045 Main Deck Single Ca £1303<sup>PP</sup>

Travel Insurance £54.78

AMSTERDAM

ROTTERDAM

DORDRECHT

HOLLAND



Saturday 2nd to Saturday 9th March 2024 / 8 Days

Embark on a journey brimming with unparalleled historical abundance. Voyage to the cradle of civilisation and the epicentre of the three monotheistic religions. Jordan's deep history makes it one of the top cultural destinations, so join us to discover the cast and 'God-like' earth T.E Lawrence fell in love with. Relaxation and experience await you!

#### Day 1 UK to SHARM EL SHEIKH

Depart home area and travel to London Gatwick Airport for our flight. Karen will help us check in and there will be time to obtain refreshments before we take off (flight duration approx.  $5 \frac{1}{2}$  hours). Upon arrival at Sharm El Sheikh airport we are transferred to our awaiting ship. There will be time to settle into our cabins before our welcome cocktail where we will be introduced to the crew followed by our evening meal.

## Day 2 SHARM EL SHEIKH

We spend the morning relaxing. This afternoon we enjoy an included excursion to Sharm El-Sheikh and the Seafloor in Naama Bay. A glass bottom boat tour will introduce us to the colourful riches found within the Red Sea. We'll then explore Sharm El-Sheikh and its traditional souk. We spend the rest of the afternoon cruising. Take advantage of the warm weather on the Sun Deck as we pass alongside the Sinai Peninsula, a sacred area for many religions. The land takes its name from Mount Sinai, assumed to be where God delivered the Ten Commandments to Moses. At dusk, the earth takes on burnt red tones and becomes a feast of colours.

#### Day 3 AQABA - Wadi Rum

The morning will be spent cruising. Join us for an optional excursion this afternoon for the Wadi Rum desert. 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. Some windbrushed mountain peaks reach over 6,000 feet. Deep canyons and sand dunes add to the mystique. Large caravans of merchants and wares travelling between the various territories once crossed this desert. Today, a few hundred Bedouins still call the area home, whose hospitality is second to none.

#### Day 4 AQABA - Petra

An optional, full-day excursion to Petra with lunch, unquestionably one of the greatest marvels ever sculpted by Mother Nature and considered one of Jordan's national treasures. Inhabitants of Jordan over 2,000 years ago, carved Petra into the pink and red stone, strategically located at the junction of the silk and spice trade routes. You will also discover the Roman-style theatre carved into the rock over 2,000 years ago.

#### Day 5 SAILING

We'll spend the day cruising on the Red Sea. Tonight, is our festive gala evening.

# Day 6 HURGHADA - The Valley of the Kings and the Karnak Temple Complex

A full-day excursion to Thebes, the ancient capital of the Pharaohs. Discover the Valley of the Kings and the Karnak Temple Complex (lunch included-driving time is approx. 9hrs round trip). The Valley of the Kings is one of ancient Egypt's top tourist destinations, dominated by a great pyramid-shaped mountain. The area has been the site of royal burials for almost 4,000 years. More than 63 tombs inside, our entry ticket includes three. The final resting place for these great pharaohs remains one of the most impressive sites to visit in the world. Farther along, dominating the eastern bank, sits the 59-foot high (18 m) Colossi of Memnon—faceless effigies seated on thrones at the entrance to the mortuary temple of Amenhotep III. We'll also visit the Karnak Temple Complex. At the heart of this site stands the colossal Precinct of Amun-Re. enclosing a sacred lake that priests used in purification ceremonies before performing rituals in the temple. Tonight we cruise to Sharm El Sheikh.

# Day 7 SHARM EL SHEIKH - Monastery of Saint Catherine Early in the morning, join us on an optional excursion to Monastery of Saint Catherine. The Creak Orthodox manastery of the Cod

of Saint Catherine. The Greek Orthodox monastery of the Godtrodden Mount Sinai is located at the very place where God appeared to Moses in the Burning Bush. In the providence of God, it is at this site also that the holy relics of Saint Catherine are enshrined. This is the oldest continuously inhabited Christian monastery, with a history that can be traced back over seventeen centuries.

#### Day 8 SHARM EL SHEIKH

Enjoy breakfast on board our ship before disembarking for our return flight to London Gatwick where our coach will be waiting for us to return us home.

## MV LA BELLE DE L'ADRIATIQUE

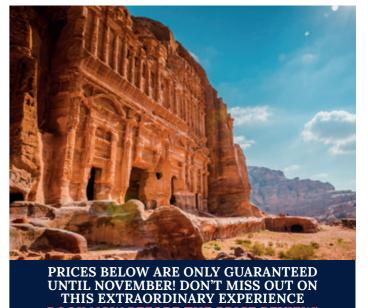
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Advisors at time of booking. All prices are subject to increase of flight costs. For all River Cruises, a deposit of £250 per person is required. Full payment will be due on all cruises 120 days prior. All prices are per person. Single Room Supplements are subject to change. Cruise itineraries & couriers are subject to change. This holiday cannot be booked through a Travel Agent due to ATOL license laws. Kirbys Coaches are acting as agent for Success Tours.

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Return transfers to/from London Gatwick Airport, provided by Kirbys
- Return Flights from London Gatwick to Sharm El Sheikh
- Return transfers from Sharm El Sheikh Airport to ship
- 23kg of luggage
- 7 nights full board accommodation on board ship\*
- Unlimited complimentary on-board beverages, including beer, fine wines, spirits, bottled mineral water, soft drinks, speciality coffees and tea from 12noon to midnight
- Captains welcome cocktail reception
- Gala Evening
- Sharm El-Sheikh and the Seafloor in Nanna Bay Excursion
- The Valley of the Kings and the Karnak Temple Excursion
- Free Wi-Fi on board the shipOnboard activities
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

\*Please Note: Lunch is not included on the ship on days 1&8.



Upper Deck Twin Cabin
WAS £4024.50 PP

Upper Deck Twin Cabin
NOW £3624.50°

Boat Deck Twin Cabin
WAS £3944

NOW £3544°

WAS £3902\*\*

NOW £3502<sup>PI</sup>

Main Deck Single Cabin
WAS £4768

NOW £4368 PP

Lower Deck Single Cabin

WAS £4362

NOW £3962



# Prague, Dresden and the Castles of Bohemia River Cruise

A spectacular cruise on the Elbe and Vltava Rivers by paddleboat cruise ship!

Monday 24th June to Tuesday 2nd July 2024 / 9 Days

Discover the many hidden treasures of Bohemia within this exclusive itinerary onboard one of Croisi Europe's premium ships. Visit top destinations set in idyllic landscapes along the Elbe and Vltava Rivers. We'll visit Prague and Dresden, authentic cities that exude charm and boast a rich cultural and architectural history. The castles of Bohemia, symbols of the nobility and aristocracy, house many surprising works of art.

# Day 1 UK TO RUDESHEIM AM RHEIN

Depart home area and travel to Dover for our ferry crossing to France. We continue through France, Belgium and into Germany making suitable comfort stops. We arrive at our overnight hotel early evening with time to refresh up before our evening meal.

# Day 2 RUDESHEIM AM RHEIN TO PRAGUE

After breakfast we continue our journey through Germany and into the Czech Republic, we arrive at our ship in Prague late afternoon. Time to unpack and settle into our cabins before our welcome cocktail party where we will be introduced to the crew, followed by our evening meal.

#### Day 3 PRAGUE TO STECHOVICE

We'll spend the morning cruising the VItava to Stechovice. Nestled in peaceful surroundings, the VItava River reveals its bucolic landscapes and natural beauty. Once known for its gold mines, Stechovice is now famous for its traditional handmade pottery. This afternoon, we visit Konopiste Castle, located in an idyllic setting, this 13th-century fortress, entirely renovated in the 18th 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 armour that once belonged to Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria. The castle was his last abode prior to his assassination in Sarajevo in 1914. Enjoy an evening of entertainment on board tonight after dinner.

# Day 4 STECHOVICE TO SLAPY TO PRAGUE

We cruise on the beautiful VItava River to the Slapy Dam, following the winding river lined with hillsides and catch glimpses of castles in romantic, restful landscapes so typical of central Bohemia. The Slapy Reservoir is a popular vacation spot for residents of Prague, offering water sports and numerous recreational activities. We'll return to Prague later this afternoon. Time to relax before our evening meal followed by entertainment.

#### Day 5 PRAGUE

Join us for a tour of the Old Town (Stare Mesto) of Prague this morning, dating back more than 1,000 years, one of the most important places in Bohemian history. As you stroll through the city's narrow streets, you'll discover many points of interest, including the Jewish quarter, the old town hall and its famous astronomical clock, the Gothic church of Our Lady before Tyn, and the Charles Bridge. We'll enjoy lunch on board our ship. This afternoon enjoy a guided tour of the Prague Castle district: Palaces, churches, and convents stand harmoniously in the vicinity of the castle, sitting high on a hill watching over the city. We'll discover St. Vitus Cathedral, the largest and most important church in the country and one of the most prestigious Gothic cathedrals in Europe; the Old Royal Palace; and the Golden Lane, named after the goldsmiths that thrived there during the 17th century. Enjoy an evening of traditional entertainment on board

#### **Day 6 PRAGUE TO MELNIK**

We'll spend the morning cruising to Melnik, at the confluence of the Elbe. Enjoy lunch on board. This afternoon we visit one of the most beautiful Renaissance castles in Bohemia that was home to 23 different Bohemian gueens 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. Our tour ends with a tasting of a selection of wines from the castle's vineyard. Afterwards we enjoy a tour of the birth house of Antonin Dvorák, the famous Czech composer. During our visit we'll discover the life and works of one of the greatest composers of the 19th century, Dvorák composed the famous "New World Symphony." We return to our ship for our evening meal.

# Day 7 MELNIK TO PRAGUE INCL. DRESDEN

After breakfast we have a full day excursion to Dresden, a fantastic city known as the "Florence of the Elbe." Dresden became the capital of the Margravate of Meissen in the 13th century and the seat of the Dukes of Saxony in the 15th 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. This afternoon we have a guided tour of the Royal Palace, the former residence of the Saxon Dukes and Electors and the Kings of Saxony. Revel in the splendour of its architecture and its collections, including the historic Green Vault, which contains the largest collection of treasures in Europe. After our excursion, we'll return to Prague by coach to meet our ship. Tonight is our Gala evening.

#### Day 8 PRAGUE TO RUDESHEIM AM RHEIN

After breakfast we retrace our outward journey, making suitable comfort stops and arrive at our overnight hotel with time to relax before our evening meal.

#### Day 9 RUDESHEIM AM RHEIN TO UK

After breakfast we make our way to Calais for our return ferry home, making suitable comfort stops.

The MS Elbe Princesse II is a 2 deck ship, Croisi Europe's third paddle riverboat and part of Croisi Europe's premium fleet. The interior is decorated in natural tones, reminiscent of the abundant nature along the riverbanks. The main deck cabins have large windows, and the upper deck cabins feature a French balcony with sliding-glass doors. All meals during the cruise are served in the restaurant on the main deck, which can be accessed directly from the lounge and bar. The restaurant is surrounded by panoramic windows that give fantastic views of the scenery as it flows by. The lounge and bar on the stern of the upper deck is where cocktails, games, dancing, and other fun filled evenings take place. The lounge has outdoor access so you can have a drink while enjoying the feel of the open air. The sun deck, with chairs and sun loungers, is the best place on the ship for an unobstructed view of the sites.

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Return ferry crossing
- Outward & return overnight half board accommodation at the Hotel Felsenkeller, Rüdesheim \*\*\*
- 6 nights full board accommodation on the MS Elbe Princesse II\*
- Unlimited complimentary on-board beverages, including beer, fine wines, spirits, bottled mineral water, soft drinks, speciality coffees and tea from 12noon to midnight
- Captains welcome cocktail reception
- Gala evening with 4 course dinner
- Free Wi-Fi in Jounge and bar onboard MS Elbe Princesse II
- All excursions as described
- Entrance to Konopiste Castle, Nalahozeves Castle and the Dvorák house
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

\*Please Note: Lunch is not included on Days 1, 2, 8 & 9

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Thursday 11th to Thursday 18th July 2024 / 8 Days

Visit Spain and Portugal connected by the Golden River. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Douro opens its doors where you will discover terraced vineyards, typical villages, quintas and their wines all along the river. Explore Salamanca, named as "the small Rome" classified World Heritage by UNESCO. Embark for an unforgettable journey through these magnificent countries.

# Day 1 UK TO PORTO, PORTUGAL

We depart home area and make our way to Luton Airport for our flight to Porto. Karen will be there to help us check in and go through security. Flight duration is approximately 2 and a half hours. Upon arrival at Porto our transfer will be waiting for us to take us to our ship. After comfortably setting into our cabins we are invited to attend a welcome cocktail meeting where we will meet the crew. Afterwards, enjoy a delicious evening meal followed by an excursion by coach to see Porto by night.

# Day 2 PORTO TO REGUA

After breakfast we enjoy a guided tour of Porto to discover one of the oldest cities in Europe, the historic centre is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Afterwards we visit the cellars at Vila Nova de Gala for a delicious wine tasting. We return to our ship for lunch. This afternoon is spent at leisure on board while we cruise to Regua.

#### Day 3 REGUA TO VEGA DE TERRON

After breakfast this morning we enjoy an excursion to Vila Réal (Royal Village). A town with a great variety of medieval monuments and architecture. We will stroll through the gardens at the Mateus Palace. We return to our ship for lunch. This afternoon we cruise to Vega de Terron. Enjoy an evening of Flamenco entertainment on board our ship tonight.

# Day 4 VEGA DE TERRON - SALAMANCA - TO BARCA D'ALVA

After breakfast we visit Salamanca for a full day excursion (lunch included). We'll visit its unusual cathedral and its famous university dating back to 1218, making it one of the oldest in the world. We'll return on board after our tour and enjoy an evening of entertainment.

#### Day 5 BARCA D'ALVA TO FERRADOSA TO PINHAO

This morning will be spent cruising. After lunch on board we set off on our excursion along the Porto Wine Route where we'll discover the vineyards, famously arranged in rows, followed by a wine-tasting in a true Portuguese quinta. We return to our ship with time to freshen up for our Gala evening.

# Day 6 PINHAO TO PORTO

We start our day with an excursion to Lamego which is nestled among the terraced slopes of the Druro Valley port wine growing region, and overlooked by an ornate shrine. The town is elegant and infused with Baroque style. Atop one of its two hills stands the 13th century keep and a castle 100 years its senior. The Porta dos Figos gateway arch leads into the narrow streets of the inner town. We return to our ship for lunch and spend the afternoon sailing towards Porto. Tonight we enjoy some Fado entertainment.

#### Day 7 PORTO

We can enjoy time at leisure in Porto at our own pace this morning, returning to our ship for lunch. This afternoon we visit the charming historical town of Guimaräes, known as the 'cradle of Portugal', it was the birthplace of the country's first king. After dinner, we enjoy our last night on board with entertainment.

# Day 8 PORTO TO UK

After breakfast we join our transfer to take us back to Porto Airport for our return flight to Luton. Our coach will be waiting for us at Luton Airport to return us to home area.

#### **MS AMALIA RODRIGUES**

This superior category 3 decked Croisi Europe ship pays homeage to the Queen of Fado, Amalia Rodrigues, the famous Portuguese singer and actress. The ship offers ample space in each cabin and public areas. Large picture windows on the Upper and Mid Decks display all the scenery as the ship cruises. All the meals during the cruise are served in the restaurant on the Main Deck. Onboard fun, music, and dancing happen in the lounge and bar on the Mid Deck bow, where a cozy patio also provides great landscape views. The Sun Deck has a pool and sun loungers that everyone can enjoy.

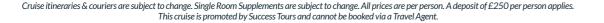
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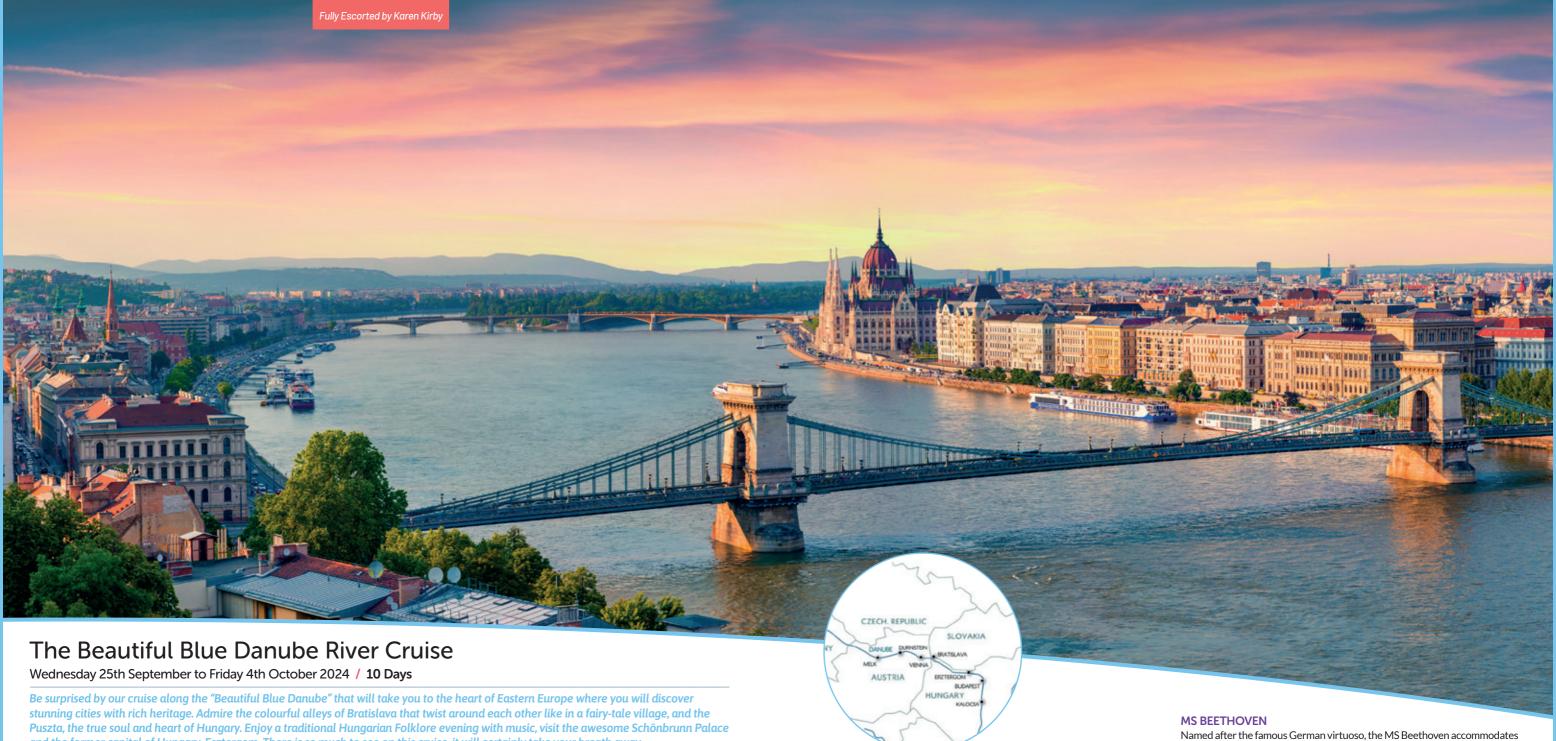
#### PRICE INCLUDES

- Return transfers to/from Luton Airport, provided by Kirbys
- Return flights from Luton Airport to Porto Airport
- Return transfers from Porto Airport to ship
- 23kg of luggage
- 7 nights full board accommodation on board ship\*
- Free Wi-Fi in lounge & bar on board ship
- Unlimited complimentary on-board beverages, including beer, fine wines, spirits, bottled mineral water, soft drinks, speciality coffees and tea from 12noon to midnight
- Captain's welcome cocktail reception
- Gala evening with 4-course dinner
- All excursions as described. • Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

**Please Note:** Lunch is not included on the ship on days 1 & 8.

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and the former capital of Hungary, Esztergom. There is so much to see on this cruise, it will certainly take your breath away.

# Day 1 UK TO RUDESHEIM AM RHEIN

Depart from home area and travel to Dover for a short channel ferry crossing to France. Continue through France, Belgium, and into Germany with suitable refreshment stops. Arrive at the Hotel Felsenkeller, our overnight hotel, in the early evening. Time to freshen up before our evening meal.

# Day 2 RUDESHEIM AM RHEIN TO VIENNA

After breakfast, continue traveling through Germany and into Austria with suitable refreshment stops. Arrive at the ship in Vienna late afternoon. Freshen up and unpack before the welcome cocktail party, followed by our evening meal and entertainment. Our ship sails this evening to Melk.

#### Day 3 VIENNA TO MELK TO DÜRNSTEIN

After breakfast, visit Melk Abbey, known for its splendid Baroque architecture and UNESCO World Heritage status. Return to the ship for lunch and cruise up the beautiful Wachau Valley to Durnstein, passing picturesque villages and gothic ruins. Take a tour of the medieval town of Durnstein with our hostess. Return on board in the afternoon and continue cruising towards Bratislava. Enjoy an evening of dancing after dinner.

# Day 4 BRATISLAVA TO KALOCSA

This morning take a panoramic tour of Bratislava, including a visit to Bratislava Castle and the central square. Enjoy some free time before returning to the ship for lunch. Cruise to Kalocsa and relax on board. Enjoy some evening entertainment after dinner.

# Day 5 KALOCSA TO BUDAPEST

After breakfast, we board our coach to Kiskunsag Park for a traditional equestrian show and tasting of local delights. The csikós, the mounted horse-herdsmen of Hungary, dressed in traditional blue attire, will invite you to take part in their "games of skill and ability". Return to the ship for lunch and cruise towards Budapest.

#### **Day 6 BUDAPEST**

After breakfast, take a panoramic tour of Budapest, including the Castle quarter and Fisherman's Bastion in Buda, and Heroes' Square, the Szechenyi thermal baths and Parliament building in Pest. Return to the ship for lunch and free time. This evening, we attend a traditional Hungarian show in downtown Budapest that takes us through their folklore and Gypsy dance and music.

# Day 7 ESZTERGOM TO VIENNA

Spend some free time in Esztergom, one of the oldest cities in Hungary. After lunch, cruise to Vienna. Enjoy a Gala evening on board as the ship sails through the night to Vienna.

# Day 8 VIENNA

Join our coach for a guided tour of Vienna seeing the city's famous landmarks. Return to our ship for lunch before our visit to Schönbrunn Palace for a guided tour. Enjoy free time to wander through the Palace Gardens.

# Day 9 VIENNA TO RUDESHEIM AM RHEIN

We enjoy our last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking. Retrace our outward journey, with suitable refreshment stops along the way. Returning to our overnight in Rudesheim.

# Day 10 RUDESHEIM AM RHEIN TO UK

After breakfast, we continue our journey through Germany, Belgium, and France, making suitable refreshment stops. We take our return short sea ferry crossing to Dover and travel back to the home area.

180 passengers in 90 cabins over 3 decks. The refined decoration and the elegant friendly atmosphere are in perfect harmony with its environment. The restaurant is located on the main deck, where we are offered delicate cuisine and enjoy the views from the wide windows. The middle deck is where we will find the lounge/bar with a dance floor. On the upper deck we will find comfortable sun loungers, the ideal place to relax and admire the surrounding landscapes.

# PRICE INCLUDES

- Return short sea ferry crossing Dover to Calais
- Half board accommodation on the outward and return overnight at the Hotel Felsenkeller, Rudesheim am Rhein
- 7 nights full board accommodation on the MS Beethoven\*
- Unlimited complimentary on-board beverages, including beer, fine wines, spirits, bottled mineral water, soft drinks, speciality coffees and tea from 12noon to midnight
- Captains welcome cocktail reception
- Gala Evening with 4 course dinner
- All Excursions as described
- Porterag
- Free Wi-Fi in lounge and bar onboard MS Beethoven
- Fully escorted by Karen Kirby

\*Please Note: Lunch is not included on Days 1, 2, 9, &10

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Join us for a spectacular New Year's celebration on the Seine River, where you will embark on a unique and enchanting cruise! You will visit Rouen with its beautiful half-timbered houses, cobbled streets, and gothic churches. Discover the pretty little port of Honfleur and the Côte Fleurie. Finally we will reach Paris, the city of romance, with a rich, modern and fantastic atmosphere for an unforgettable New Year cruise.

# Day 1 UK TO PARIS

We depart home area and make our way by ferry to France. We continue through France, making a suitable comfort stop for lunch, before reaching our ship in Paris. Time to unpack and freshen up before meeting in the lounge for a welcome cocktail party where we will be introduced to the crew followed by our evening meal. The ship sails to Rouen this evening.

# Day 2 ROUEN TO HONFLEUR

Upon arriving in Rouen we join Karen into the city of 'a hundred spires', where she will take us to the cobbled stoned pedestrian centre full of interesting shops, on route we will see the famous medieval half-timbered houses. The skyline is dominated by the spires of cathedral Notre Dame, much painted by impressionist Claude Monet. Discover the Saint Joan of Arc Church, edified in the 20th century and situated on Rouens historic Place du Vieux-Marché, where Joan of Arc was burned in 1431. We return to the ship for lunch. The ship sets sail towards Honfleur.

# Day 3 HONFLEUR

After breakfast we join the ship's cruise director for a full day excursion in picturesque Honfleur and the Côte Fleurie. Tonight is our New Years Eve Gala dinner and this evening our ship sets sail towards Paris.

# Day 4 PARIS - NEW YEAR'S EVE

After arriving in Paris we enjoy a panoramic tour of the city where we will see the Eifel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, the Notre Dame, Sacre Coeur and much much more.

# Day 5 PARIS TO UK

We bid farewell to Paris and return to home area, making suitable comfort stops.





#### PRICE INCLUDES

- Return short sea ferry crossing Dover to Calais
- 4 nights full board accommodation on the MS Botticelli\*
- Unlimited complimentary on-board beverages, including beer, fine wines, spirits, bottled mineral water, soft drinks, speciality coffees and tea from 12 noon to midnight
- Captain's welcome cocktail reception
- Free Wi-Fi in lounge and bar
- Evening of on-board entertainment
- New Years Eve dinner with wine & glass of champagne
- Guided tour of Rouen
- Guided walking tour of Honfleur & the Côte Fleurie
- Panoramic guided tour of Paris

Please Note: Lunch is not included on the ship on days 1 & 5.

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