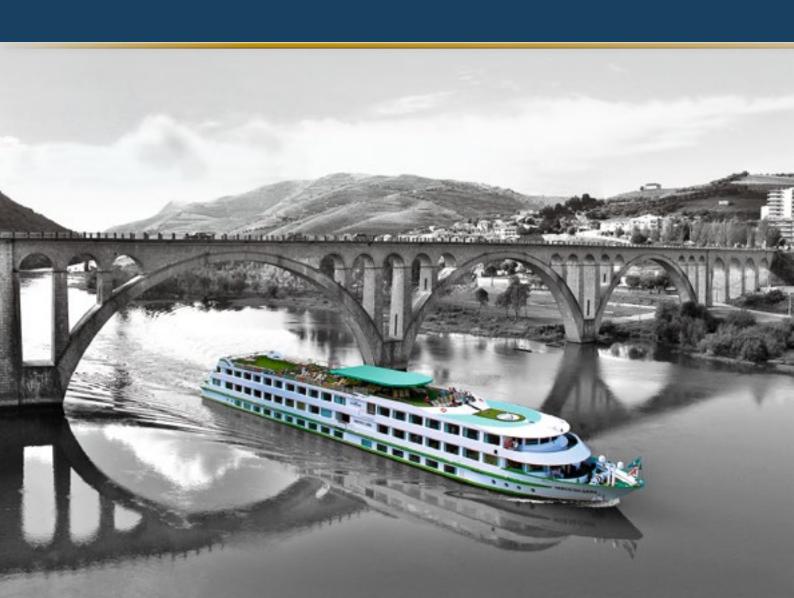


# World-Wide River Cruises

CANALS • RIVERS • COASTAL





# River cruising: the difference

Imagine gliding past quaint villages, ancient hillside castles and stone forts; past sun-drenched olive groves and vineyards, snow-capped mountains and thundering gorges; under glittering night-lit bridges in exotic cities. Imagine eating first-class French cuisine while floating on a sparkling river, watching the gorgeous landscape pass by.

Envision your ship docking in the heart of a beautiful, historic city: its treasures of art, music, food, culture, and history await your leisurely exploration.

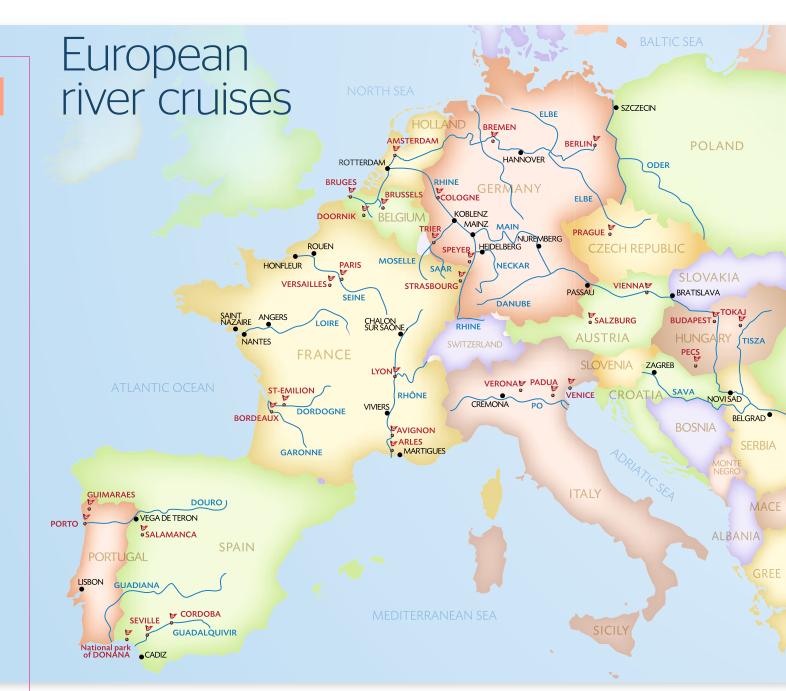
#### This is river cruising.

Our ship will be your floating hotel: small enough to moor at a town or city port, but large enough to provide you every amenity.

The pace of our river cruises is relaxed and tranquil; the scenery is gorgeous and changes moment to moment.

Unpack your bags ONLY ONCE, relax and enjoy the trip. Come sail with Croisi Europe, and discover why river cruising is the new and most comfortable way to travel.

















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### WHERE AND WHEN CRUISING?

CroisiEurope offers cruises every month of the year! You'll find that each season will have its own unique pleasures and romantic charm:



In February and March, enjoy mini-breaks in Paris, join the Venetian Carnival or enjoy the warm weather of Spain or Naples.

#### **APRIL**

Holland is the place to be with the famous gardens at Keukenhof, Holland, where you'll enjoy over 7 million brilliant and breathtaking tulips, daffodils and hyacinths, filling the air with colour and fragrance.

#### MAY • JUNE • JULY • AUGUST • SEPTEMBER

A perfect time to explore any European River from France, the Rhine in Northern Europe, the Danube in Central Europe all the way to the Black Sea. The Mediterranean destination offers vineyards and countryside gardens which are in full, fragrant summer bloom and fruit. Our canal barges will take you to the heart of the most prestigious cultural, architectural and natural heritage in France. Seize the opportunity of a gentle cruise through 1000 years of Russian history along the Volga and Neva Rivers, from Saint-Petersburg to Moscow.

#### **AUTUMN**

Enjoy quieter months to explore all destinations avoiding the crowds with still warm weather near Mediterranean and Croatia.

#### WINTER

We also offer special Christmas Markets, Christmas and New Year cruises. These holidays are, historically, richly festive times in Europe, so you'll have a chance to experience this time of year in a whole new way.

#### ALL YEAR LONG

Southern Africa awaits you for an up-close and personal experience with nature at the ends of the earth.

Cruise through China along the Yangtze River from Shanghai to

Build memories that will last a lifetime as you cruise from the Angkor temples to the Mekong Delta.



### **ECO-FRIENDLINESS**

European countries have long been in the forefront of eco-friendly practices, and CroisiEurope is proud to have been a pioneer in this field since well before these practices became standard. Our commitment to the environment goes far beyond legal requirements.

We have installed water savers on all the boats, resulting in a 35% saving in drinking water and a 35% reduction in waste water.

All ships are fitted with waste-water disposal systems which are emptied, at stopover points, into designated urban sewerage network and/or water treatment stations. We do not dump waste into our oceans or rivers.

The undersides of all our boats are painted with non-polluting components.

Our ships are equipped with engines that meet the latest and most stringent European pollution

greenhouse gas emissions.

Onboard technology allows cruising that minimizes diesel consumption.

We have installed systems compatible with on-land electric mains

#### ELECTRICITY

Many of our ships are fitted with electricity-saving equipment.

We winter our ships in a river port with stationary generators and high-voltage dockside socket boxes, which reduce noise and pollution.

#### VASTE AND CLEANING

Paper, plastic and glass waste is sorted and compacted onboard, and then recycled.

control standards, and thus reduce | Waste oils are saved and processed | by specialists in port.

> We use biodegradable and green cleaning products.

Our machinery room ventilation is insulated, to minimize noise pollution when docked.

#### MARKETING



CroisiEurope is proud to be associated with Imprim'vert, an organization which obliges printers to follow ecological values and processes which protect the environment.

All CroisiEurope communication documents are printed on unbleached paper and we use only plant-based inks.

#### **FUTURE**

Forthcoming green projects for our company include:

Electrically-propelled boats

Better control of water consumption on board



### Why CroisiEurope?



#### **EUROPE'S LARGEST RIVER CRUISE LINE**

Since 1976 CroisiEurope has pioneered river cruising on the most beautiful waterways in Europe, and is Europe's largest and most experienced river cruise line. When you sail with us, you can relax and know that you will be well taken care of.



#### **A VARIETY OF PRODUCT** AND DESTINATIONS

From a 3-day city break to hiking cruises or 13 days along the Danube, we offer a unique variety of cruises to the most interesting



#### **EXCLUSIVE DESTINATIONS**



### BEST VALUE FOR MONEY

Since 1976, CroisiEurope has been offering quality cruises at reasonable prices, giving our customers the opportunity to cruise around the world.

#### CroisiEurope takes you away for so much less but still includes it all!

We provide the best value because we are an independent, family-owned business, and we take care of everything in our operations from beginning to end: from the design and building of our ships, and fleet maintenance, to creating cruise itineraries, sales and marketing, and training of our staff and crew

This close oversight gives us the ability to manage our costs carefully, and gives you the best value for your money.

Additionally, we spend our money - and yours - on the things that matter most: experienced and friendly staff and crew, clean and comfortable cabins and beds, reliable and safe

ships, excellent food, incredible itineraries, and a delightful experience of European culture.

#### Reasonable price without sacrificing quality

We like to say "CroisiEurope takes you away for so much less, but we still include it all". Our cabins and beds offer the best in comfort, our food is unparalleled, our ships are safe, our staff and crew are highly trained, and we take you to the same beautiful cities and sites as our competitors.

You won't find any superfluous extras on CroisiEurope - we think that just distracts from your experience of the voyage. What you will find is that our standards are high and our quality is excellent.

### TRULY ALL INCLUSIVE



All meals included from the first to the last day of your cruise<sup>(1)</sup>



**All-inclusive** dining on board ship, including breakfast, lunch and dinner plus daily, soft and alcoholic drinks during meals and at the bar whilst onboard, premium brands are available at an extra cost, except for Christmas Market cruises.



Onboard entertainment.



Headsets are included for excursions.



Fuel surcharge guarantee.



Free WIFI throughout the fleet. CroisiEurope has also equipped every ship in the fleet with a Tablet for guests' use(2).



FamilyClub In July and August:

- Free cruise for children up to 16 years old in Southern Europe (excluding flights, airport taxes, excursions and transfers from/to the airport for scheduled flights) - except for Croatia (ref. DHD/DHD AIPP): 30% discount on cruise price (in accordance with the above criteria).
- · Single cabin supplement offered.



Excursions packages available.



Some of our cruises are adapted with hiking or biking programs.

(1) Unless otherwise stated in the program of the cruise under the «excluding» category. Only on board the ships from our CroisiEurope/CroisiMer fleet (excluding out of Europe river cruises). (2) Apart from our ships on the Mekong.

### Life on board & Cuisine







#### **CABINS**

After dinner, retire to your private cabin in comfort for the night: all our tastefully decorated cabins are equipped with air conditioning, central heating, shower/toilets, satellite TV, safe, hairdryers— and each gives you a view of the river.

#### WANT TO RELAX: CHOOSE BETWEEN LOUNGE BAR & SUN DECK

Why not enjoy one of our lounges? A good place to spend time socializing indoors with friends or family, or enjoy some entertainment.

The sun deck of each boat offers a panoramic view of the landscape's beauty as you cruise. A great place to relax outdoors and enjoy the weather sipping a glass of wine.

#### SERVICE & LANGUAGES

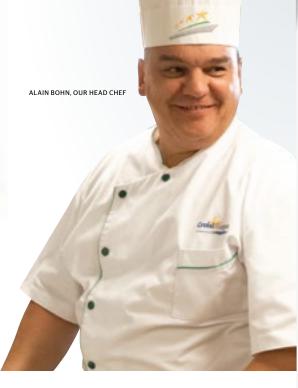
We have a dedicated and knowledgeable staff of more than 1,350 people, whose conviviality, attentiveness and professionalism ensures that your voyage will be comfortable and pleasurable.

Our staff and crews speak French, English and many of them speak other major European languages as well. So you'll be in the heart of European culture and charm, but you'll always be able to find someone who understands you.

#### **GRATUITY**

Tipping customs vary from country to country and culture to culture, and we understand that tipping is a way for passengers to show appreciation for services, quality and attention received during the cruise.

To leave a tip, please use the envelope found in your cabin your last evening on board, and place this envelope in the specially designated box in the reception area as you disembark with the understanding that tipping is entirely at your discretion.



#### INCLUSIVE BEVERAGES

Except for the Christmas Market cruises, all beverages are unlimited and complimentary, including mineral and sparkling water, juices, soda, tea, coffee, beer and a large selection of house wines. Drinks served at the bar are included in the full price as well (excluding specific wines or Champagne from our special list).

### FRENCH CUISINE, FUROPEAN FLAIR

We carefully design and plan our cuisine and menus in the exacting tradition of fine French gastronomy. Each meal on your cruise will give you a delightful experience of French haute cuisine. For our gastronomic cruises, such Michelin-starred greats as Paul Bocuse, Marc Haeberlin and Emile Jung have been happy to join forces with CroisiEurope to take you on a memorable culinary voyage. Since 2013, CroisiEurope's head chef, Alain Bohn, has been a member of the Maîtres Cuisiniers de France.. This esteemed French association, created more than 50 years ago, includes only 250 chefs worldwide.

#### **BUFFET BREAKFAST**

Your day will start with an impressive self-served buffet breakfast in the onboard restaurant, which may include pastries, coffee, tea, juice, breads, jams and jellies, a variety of sausages and cold cuts, eggs, fresh fruit, and yogurt.

#### JUST SIT DOWN AND LET US TAKE CARE OF YOU

Lunch and dinner will be 3-course sit down meals prepared by our chefs. We serve a fixed menu of local specialties, prepared on a daily basis from fresh ingredients. Both lunch and dinner meals

are paired with excellent complimentary wines.

We do provide meals for people with food allergies or special dietary needs.

### **Excursions**



Cruises with REF. AIPP include the excursions.

Excursions are optional for cruises without REF.\_AIPP and must be booked in advance through your travel agent or on board.



Headsets are included for most excursions.

### Choosing your excursion package

Two different excursion packages provide guests, who are looking for new experiences, adventures and sensations, with a range of dynamic, fun-filled and out-of-the-ordinary activities.

Make your choice between these two options:



### THE "CLASSIC" PACKAGE

Containing classic excursions based on culture, architecture and history. We've revamped several of our tours to give you a more authentic experience!



### THE "DISCOVERY" PACKAGE

Original tours on foot, out-of-the-way sites, tastings of local products, helicopter rides, bike tours and a plethora of other exciting experiences!

### Irresistible fun!

#### OUT-OF-THE-ORDINARY ANOTHER WAY TO TOUR NANTES

THE MACHINES DE L'ÎLE, SECRET COURT-YARDS AND COVERED PASSAGEWAYS



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.

### UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE HELICOPTER TOURS!

#### **OVER THE LOIRE**

Join us for the experience of a lifetime by seeing the beauty of France from above. You'll soar above Ancenis, its hills and châteaux, the castle in Oudon, the Châteaux de Clermont and Turmelière.



#### **OVER THE MÉDOC**

Experience a bird's eye view of the numerous châteaux and famous vineyards that give the region its reputation. It's a once in a lifetime experience!

(Subject to favourable weather conditions. Must be reserved before departure, Based on availability at time of reservation).

# REGIONAL CULTURE ON THE SEINE: HONFLEUR AND PONT L'EVÊQUE

Leave by coach for a guided tour of Pont l'Evêque, a charming Norman city. We'll finish our visit with a tasting of the small, square-shaped cheese that has carried the town's name since the 12th century. We'll then return to Honfleur for a guided tour on foot, beginning at the Vieux Bassin, one of the most charming sites in the city. Next, we'll see Saint Catherine's Church, the largest wooden church in France. We'll then head for the original 17th century Salt Halls, now used for exhibitions, conferences and concerts. Our tour will wind up with a visit to Saint Léonard Church. Destroyed during the Hundred Years War, it was rebuilt at the end of the 15th and beginning of the 16th centuries-only to be partially burned down again during the Wars of Religion. Afterwards, we'll return to the ship.



# ACTIVE TOURING IN THE MÉDOC, A WINE AND CHEESE BIKE TOUR

With a tour guide, you'll leave from the port on your bike to explore the vineyards and prestigious châteaux in Pauillac. Get ready to discover the history, architecture and out-of-the-way places in this exceptionally beautiful area. What better reward for the effort than a lovely glass of grand cru and some regional cheeses served in a prestigious château in the heart of Pauillac? After our tasting, we'll return to the ship by bike.

### ENERGETIC AMSTERDAM BY BIKE

You'll leave on foot to head to the bike rental office. This guided bike tour will last about 3.5 hours, and you'll be able to explore and learn about all the must-see and out-of-the-way sites in Amsterdam. We'll pass in front of some of the most beautiful and interesting monuments in the city, including Dam Square, the Royal Palace, the Anne Frank House, the Nieuwmarkt,



### Premium ships category

A range of amenities will offer you the best river cruises.









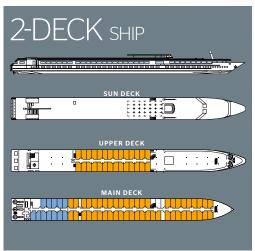




### New generation premium ships

MS CAMARGUE - MS CYRANO DE BERGERAC MS DOUCE FRANCE - MS ELBE PRINCESSE MS ELBE PRINCESSE 2 - MS GÉRARD SCHMITTER MS GIL EANES - MS LA BELLE DE CADIX MS LA BELLE DE L'ADRIATIQUE MS LAFAYETTE - MS LOIRE PRINCESSE MS RENOIR - MS SEINE PRINCESS MS SYMPHONIE - MS VAN GOGH MS VIVALDI - MS MIGUEL TORGA

- Spacious en-suite cabins
- Sun deck with deckchairs
- Wifi Wifi
- Boutique
- Bar Lounge with dance floor
- Refined and elegant atmosphere



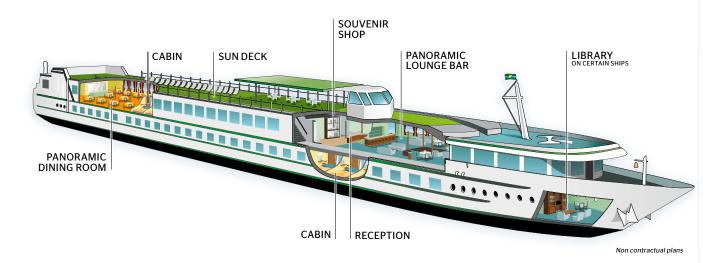
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# 3-DECK SHIP SUN DECK UPPER DECK **®** 0000

### Other ships

2-DECK SHIPS: MS PRINCESSE D'AQUITAINE, MS MISTRAL, MS MICHELANGELO, MS MONET. MS FRANCE, MS LEONARD DA VINCI, MS LA BOHÈME, MS MODIGLIANI, MS VICTOR HUGO, MS MONA LISA, MS BOTTICELLI

3-DECK SHIPS: MS EUROPE, MS VASCO DA GAMA. MS FERNAO DE MAGALHAES, MS INFANTE DON HENRIQUE, MS BEETHOVEN



### The CroisiEurope fleet

CroisiEurope and the ship's captain reserve the right to modify the cruising itinerary to ensure the safe navigation of the vessel.

#### FRENCH CANALS / HOTEL BARGES

	Destination	Capacity (double cabins)		Built in
JEANINE	Burgundy	11	Re	enovated in 2013
ANNE-MARIE	Provence	11		2014
MADELEINE	Alsace	11		2014
RAYMONDE	Champagne	11		2014
DANIÈLE	Burgundy	12		2016
DÉBORAH	Loire	11		2016



SEINE					
	Category	Features	Length	Capacity (double cabins)	Built in/ Renovated in
MS SEINE PRINCESS	Premium	2-deck ship	110m	67	2002/2010/2017
MS BOTTICELLI	Standard	2-deck ship French balconies	110m	75	2004/2010
MS RENOIR NEW	Premium	2-deck ship	110m	78	1999/2011/2018



#### **GARONNE & DORDOGNE**

	Category	Features	Length	Capacity (double cabins)	Built in/ Renovated in
MS CYRANO DE BERGERAC	Premium	3-deck ship French balconies	110m	87	2013
MS PRINCESSE D'AQUITAINE	Standard	2-deck ship	110m	69	2001/2011



RHÔNE					
	Category	Features	Length	Capacity (double cabins)	Built in/ Renovated in
MS CAMARGUE	Premium	2-deck ship	110m	54	2015
MS VAN GOGH NEW	Premium	2-deck ship	110m	78	1999/2007/2018
MS MISTRAL	Standard	2-deck ship	110m	78	1999/2007



#### LOIRE

	Category	Features	Length	Capacity (double cabins)	Built in	
MS LOIRE PRINCESSE	Premium	2-deck ship Upper deck with private balcony	110m	48	2015	



#### **GUADIANA & GUADALQUIVIR**

	Category	Features	Length	Capacity (double cabins)	Built in/ Renovated in
MS LA BELLE DE CADIX	Premium	Upperdeck with French balconies Main deck with portholes	110m	88	2005/2010



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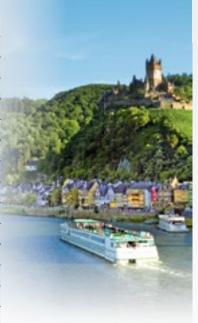
	Category	Features	Length	Capacity (double cabins)	Built in/ Renovated in
MS MICHELANGELO	Standard	2-deck ship	110m	78	2000/2011



DOURO	Category	Features	Length	Capacity (double cabins)	Built in/ Renovated in
MS MIGUEL TORGA	Premium	3-deck ship French balconies	80m	66	2017
MS GIL EANES	Premium	3-deck ship French balconies	75m	66	2015
MS INFANTE D. HENRIQUE	Standard	3-deck ship French balconies	75m	71	2003/2014
MS FERNAO DE MAGALHAES	Standard	3-deck ship French balconies	75m	71	2003/2011
MS VASCO DA GAMA	Standard	3-deck ship French balconies	75m	71	2002/2014



RHINE & DANUBE Capacity Built in/							
	Category	Features	Length	Capacity (double cabins)	Renovated in		
MS DOUCE FRANCE	Premium	2-deck ship	110m	55	1997/2017		
MS LAFAYETTE	Premium	2-deck ship	90m	43	2014		
MS GÉRARD SCHMITTER	Premium	3-deck ship French balconies	110m	87	2012		
MS VIVALDI	Premium	3-deck ship French balconies	110m	88	2009		
MS SYMPHONIE	Premium	2-deck ship	110m	54	2010/2017		
MS EUROPE	Standard	3-deck ship French balconies	110m	90	2006/2011		
MS BEETHOVEN	Standard	3-deck ship French balconies	110m	90	2004/2010		
MS FRANCE	Standard	2-deck ship	110m	78	1999/2011		
MS LEONARD DE VINCI	Standard	2-deck ship	110m	72	2003/2011		
MS MODIGLIANI	Standard	2-deck ship	110m	78	2001/2011		
MS VICTOR HUGO	Standard	2-deck ship	110m	48	2000/2010		
MS MONA LISA	Standard	2-deck ship	110m	48	2000/2010		
MS MONET	Standard	2-deck ship	110m	78	1999/2007		
MS LA BOHÈME	Standard	2-deck ship	110m	80	1995/2011		



ELBE	Category	Features	Length	Capacity (double cabins)	Built in
MS ELBE PRINCESSE 2 NEW	Premium	2-deck	102.5m	40	2017
MS ELBE PRINCESSE	Premium	2-deck	95m	40	2016
MS VICTOR HUGO	Standard	2-deck ship	110m	48	2000/2010
MS MONA LISA	Standard	2-deck ship	110m	48	2000/2010



MEKONG	Category	Features	Length	Capacity (double cabins)	Built in
RV INDOCHINE	Standard	3-deck ship Balconies	51m	24	2008
RV INDOCHINE II NEW	Premium	3-deck ship Balconies	65m	30	2017
RV LAN-DIEP	Standard	3-deck ship Balconies	50m	22	2007
RV TOUM TIOU I	Standard	3-deck ship Balconies	38m	10	2002
RV TOUM TIOU II	Standard	3-deck ship Balconies	38m	14	2008



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	Category	Features			Renovated in	
MS LA BELLE DE L'ADRIATIQUE	Premium	4-deck ship Upperdeck with French balconies	110m	99	2007/2017	



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	Category	Features	Length	(suites)	Built in	
RV AFRICAN DREAM NEW	Premium	2-deck ship	33m	8	2017	



### Our canal barges

You can cruise through the very soul of France, as you enjoy the peace and quiet far from the hustle and bustle of the modern world gently cruising along peaceful waterways. Truly an ideal opportunity to unwind! Perfect for couples, families or groups of friends! A cruise on a traditionnal canal barge is always the best way to relax and enjoy life.









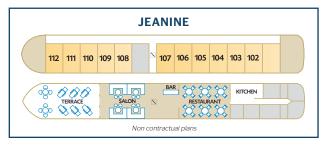


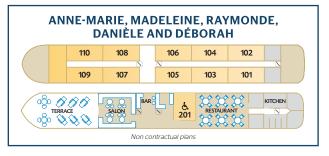
In order to give its customers opportunity to experience life in France from a truly unique perspective, CroisiEurope offers a fleet of canal barges that will cruise the regions of Alsace-Lorraine, Burgundy, Provence, Upper Loire, Champagne and the Canal Saint-Martin in Paris.





Built in	2013 (canal barge Jeanine) 2014 (canal barges Anne-Marie, Madeleine, Raymonde) 2016 (canal barges Danièle and Déborah)					
Length	37 m					
Width	5,70 m					
Passengers	22 passengers and 6 crew members (11 cabins)					
Equipments	Each cabin has a window and is equipped with private en-suite facilities (shower and toilet), TV, radio, telephone (for internal calls only), safe.					
	Independant air conditioning					
	Central heating					
	WIFI					
	Bicycles available onboard					
Facilities	Well-equipped sun deck with parasols and deckchairs, and Jacuzzi - Dining room Spacious lounge area with bar.					





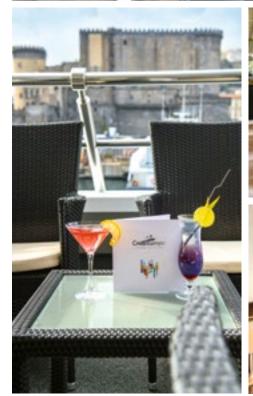
### Coastal cruises

### MS LA BELLE DE L'ADRIATIQUE







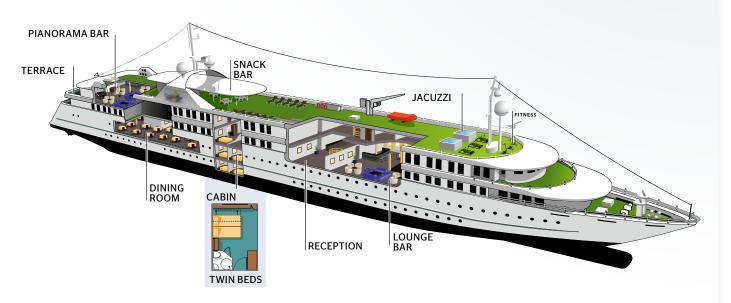




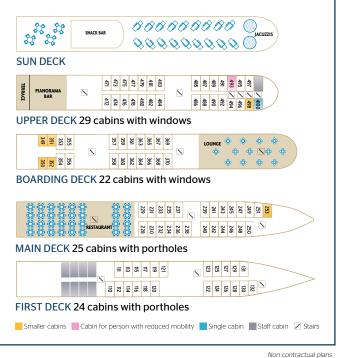


We have built a coastal cruise vessel equipped with the most modern technologies, bright and spacious, accommodating only 200 guests in 100 outside cabins.

The MS La Belle de l'Adriatique differs from other ocean cruisers as her size allows her to cruise close to the coastline and moor in smaller harbours inaccessible to larger cruisers. Her smaller size allows for a more personalized service and this, combined with the modern comforts on board. make these coastal cruises unique and refreshing.



2007				
2017				
110 m				
12,80 m				
200 passengers and 48 crew members (100 cabins)				
Bureau VERITAS				
All cabins are equipped with shower and toilet, hairdryer, satellite TV, radio, safe, central heating or air-conditioning, Internet connexion, phone and Wifi.				
Anti-roll stabilizer				
Defibrillator available on board				
Cabin equipped for persons with reduced mobility				
Lounge bar with a dance floor, dining room (200 persons), pianoramabar with large TV screen, library and terrace, spacious sundeck with bar, fitness space, deckchairs and 2 jacuzzis, gift shop, lift, nursery.				



### Southern Africa

#### THE AFRICAN DREAM

Live an up-close and personal experience with nature at the ends of the world on board our new "5-anchor" rated ship as we sail along the Chobe National Park and the most beautiful bends of the Chobe and Zambezi Rivers. Fantastic moments to keep for a lifetime!



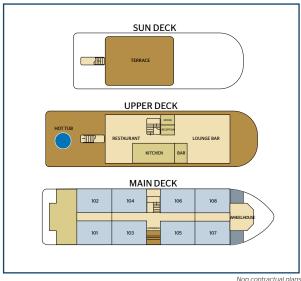






The African Dream takes you through the heart of the savanna in a comfortable setting and a refined atmosphere. Our stunning luxury ship cruises along the Chobe River, the Kasai Channel and the Zambezi River.

Built in	2017
Length	108 ft/33 m
Width	26 ft/8 m
Cabins	8 suites (193 ft $^2$ /18m $^2$ each) of which 2 with private balconies (38 ft $^2$ /3,5m $^2$ )
Facilities	Observation deck gives a clear view of the landscape. Cozy terrace and a hot tub for those relaxing moments. Panoramic restaurant and lounge allowfor perfect views day and night.
Leisure	Books, board games, evenings and entertainment on board.



Non contractual plan

### **CASCADES LODGE**

Top-notch lodge entirely renovated with noble materials for a refined and comfortable safari atmosphere at the heart of the wilderness.









Bungalows	8 spacious air-conditioned bungalows (915 ft²/85m² each) with authentic decor and a maximum capacity of 2 guests. The rooms are equipped with storage units, shower, bathtub and private toilets, hairdryer and safe.
Facilities	Restaurant, bar, reading area.
Leisure	Infinity pool offers an unobstructed view of the natural surroundings.
Activities	Visit villages and exchange with the locals. Discover the culture, history and traditions of Southern Africa through lectures and traditional crafting workshops.



### Mekong river ships

### **RV INDOCHINE**

The RV Indochine, a colonial-style ship combining charm and comfort, is entirely decorated with exotic wood.









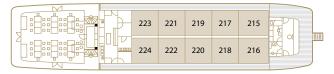
Built in	2008
Dimensions	Length : 51 meters - Width : 11 meters
Draft	1,6 meters
Speed	12 knots
Capacity	24 - 48 passengers Upper deck : 10 cabins Main deck : 14 cabins
Flag	Cambodia
Services	A 968 sq. ft. panoramic restaurant, large lounge bar and 2,691 sq. ft. sun deck.
Cultural activities	Including films describing the culture and history of Asia and Indochina. Massages.
The cabins	The RV Indochine cabins are spacious (172 sq. ft.), comfortable, and bright thanks to their two large windows.
Conveniences	All the cabins are on the outside of the ship; two low beds can be moved together; designed with large storage space under the box spring; private bathroom with sink, toilet and shower; air- conditioning; safe; hair dryer; dresser. Bathrobes and towels are available for your use.
Leasure	Books and board games available for loan. Onboard shows. Themed cruises offer conferences, panel discussions.

#### Plan of the RV INDOCHINE

#### **SUN DECK**



#### **UPPER DECK**



#### MAIN DECK

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Non contractual plans

### **RV INDOCHINE II Premium ship**

Brand new modern-style ship, at the forefront of technology.









Built in	2017
Dimensions	Length: 65 meters - Largeur: 13 meters
Draft	1,6 meters
Speed	12 knots
Capacity	31 - 62 passengers Upper deck : 23 cabins Main deck : 8 cabins
Services	A 1076 sq. ft. restaurant, a large 1399 sq. ft. lounge bar and a sun deck with swimming pool and bar.
Cultural activities	Including films describing the culture and history of Asia and Indochina. Onboard massages.
The cabins	The RV Indochine II cabins are spacious (199 sq. ft.), comfortable and bright. Each has a private balcony.
Conveniences	All cabins are on the outside of the ship; two low beds can be moved together; large storage space under bed; each cabin has a private bathroom with sink, toilet and shower; air-conditioning; safe; hair dryer; dresser. Bathrobes and towels are available for your use. WIFI onboard.
Leasure	Books and board games available for loan. Onboard shows. Themed cruises offer conferences, panel discussions.

#### Plan of the RV INDOCHINE II Premium ship

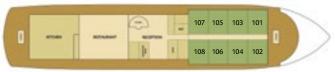
#### SUN DECK



#### **UPPER DECK**

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#### MAIN DECK



Non contractual plans

### The Volga

#### **PREMIUM SHIP**







Weight	3830 tons
Cruising speed	26 km/h
Length	135 m
Width	17 m
Number of cabins	106 - 4 decks
Passengers	212
Voltage	220 V
Built in Czechoslovakia	

All cabins are exterior and include a scenic window, two beds that can be joined together (in some cabins), a private bathroom with shower and toilets, air-conditioning, TV, radio, fridge, hairdryer, and safe.

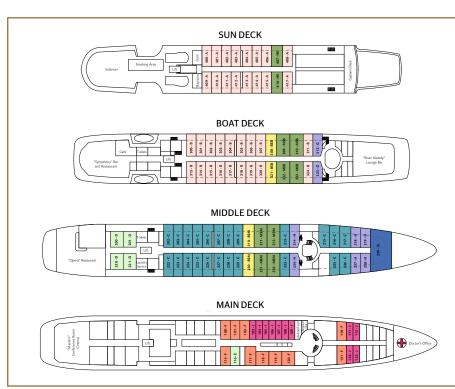
1 restaurant, 3 bars including 1 outside, lift, conference room, musical lounge, gift shop, laundry

service, medical room, several decks to stroll around on including a sun deck with deckchairs.

#### Activities

Classical and romantic Russian musical performances, lectures, Russian language, dancing and Russian cooking classes, books and board games, Russian nesting doll painting classes.





#### The cabins

- Standard without balcony: 39 sq. ft.
- Standard with balcony: 41 sq. ft.
- Deluxe cabin without balcony: 62 sq. ft.
- Junior Suite without balcony: 72 sq. ft. Deluxe cabin with balcony: 52 feet
- Bolshoi Suite with balcony: 62 sq. ft.
- Marinski Suite with balcony : 69 sq. ft.
- Hermitage Suite with balcony: 62 sq. ft.
- Imperial Suite with panoramic balcony: 98 sq. ft., double bed, sofa, 2 armchairs
- Sun Deck: 18 cabins
- Lifeboat Deck: 26 cabins
- Upper Deck: 40 cabins
- Main Deck: 22 cabins







### FRENCH CANALS





You can cruise through the very soul of France, as you enjoy the peace and quiet far from the hustle and bustle of the modern world gently cruising along peaceful canals. Truly, an ideal opportunity to unwind!

To cruise along France's canal network is to set off on an adventure. Here, life is simplicity itself as you float peacefully along. A canal cruise in France is also the chance to learn about the region through which you are travelling; its flora and fauna, its history, its culinary specialities and much more.

As the barge cruises along the canals, it is never far from the land. This gives passengers the chance to appreciate and savour the wide range of regional gastronomic dishes, accompanied of course by carefully chosen local wines. In addition, it is easy to set off on a discovery tour of the area's natural beauty spots on foot along hiking trails or by bicycle (available on board), travelling the cycle paths which run alongside the tranquil banks of the canals.

These custom designed hotel barges have been equipped with maximum comfort in mind for unforgettable and relaxing holidays. Passengers are very well looked after and pampered by a crew completely at their disposal, so they can relax on board and have a truly wonderful time. Relaxation is a byword for a cruise on one of these barges as you journey through the very heart of a wonderful, bountiful, natural environment.

Whether you are a couple, a family or a group of friends, a barge cruise is the ideal way to combine comfort and travelling to discover the charms of France and the riches of its regions at your own pace, and in a quite original way.

### THE **BENEFITS** OF TRAVELLING WITH CROISIEUROPE

- Best value for money
- An intimate atmosphere and a 6-member crew catering to your every need
- A capacity of 22 passengers, the ideal size for a group of friends or family
- High standard French cuisine using local products
- Brand new barge
- A pleasant setting with maximum comfort and designer décor



- Unique itinerary: The Briare Aqueduct, one of the most prestigious waterways in France
- Stroll through history, authentic and well-preserved sites, and traditional regions during this exceptional cruise
- · Bicycles available on board

#### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Nevers, famous pilgrimage site with exceptional history
- Apremont-sur-Allier, listed as one of the most beautiful villages in France
- Rustic authenticity in a farm
- La Tour du Pouilly-Fumé, a sensory travel in the middle of the vineyards







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REF. BNV\_AIPP/NVB\_AIPP (opposite direction) • 7 - DAY CRUISE IN UPPER LOIRE

Picturesque towns along the Upper-Loire From Briare to Nevers

#### Paris • BRIARE

Transfer from Paris to Briare Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### **BRIARE • LERE** DAY 2

AM: Excursion proposed:

• Visit of Briare and the Deux Marines museum

PM: Cruise towards Lere

#### LERE DAY 3

#### MENETREOL-SOUS-SANCERRE

AM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Sancerre and its Fief Tower followed by a visit to a goat farm

PM: Cruise towards Menetreol-sous-

Sancerre

#### DAY 4 MENETREOL-SOUS-SANCERRE **HERRY**

AM: Excursion proposed:

· Visit of Pouilly-sur-Loire РΜ٠ Cruise towards Herry

DAY 5 **HERRY** 

#### MARSEILLES-LES-AUBIGNY

AM: Excursion proposed:

• Tour of La Charité-sur-Loire and an authentic farm

PM: Cruise towards Marseilles-Les-Aubigny

Gala dinner

#### DAY 6 MARSEILLES-LES-AUBIGNY **NEVERS**

Excursions proposed: AM:

Visit to the Fontmorigny Abbey

 Visit of Apremont-sur-Allier and its floral garden

PM: Cruise towards Nevers

Excursion proposed:

· Romantic tour of Nevers with

lanterns



#### DAY 7 NEVERS • Paris

Disembark at 9:00 a.m. Transfer from Nevers to Paris

#### See excursion details on page 37.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

 $\mbox{\bf NB:}$  Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. NVB\_AIPP.







· Bicycles available on board

#### **EXCURSIONS:**

- · Reims and the Notre-Dame Cathedral, a majestic jewel of Gothic art
- Hautvillers, birthplace of Champagne
- Château-Thierry and falconry show<sup>(1)</sup>
- Meaux and its historic and gastronomic heritage
- Paris, an original visit of the French capital



CHATEAU DORMANS





**ALL INCLUSIVE** on board

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

The Champagne terroir along the Marne

From Epernay to Paris

#### DAY 1 Paris • EPERNAY

Transfer by coach from Paris to Epernay Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 **EPERNAY • DORMANS**

AM:

Excursions proposed:

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

PM: Cruise towards Dormans

#### DAY 3

#### **DORMANS • CHÂTEAU-THIERRY**

Excursion proposed:

· Visit of Reims, guided tour of the historic centre and its cathedral Cruise towards Château-Thierry

PM:



#### **CHÂTEAU-THIERRY** DAY 4 SAINT-JEAN-LES-DEUX-JUMEAUX

Cruise towards Saint-Jean-Les-Deux-AM: Jumeaux

PM: Excursion proposed:

• Visit of Château-Thierry followed by a falconry show(1)

#### SAINT-JEAN-LES-DEUX-JUMEAUX DAY 5 **MEAUX • LAGNY-SUR-MARNE**

AM: Cruise towards Lagny-sur-Marne **Fxcursion proposed:** PM:

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

#### DAY 6 LAGNY-SUR-MARNE • PARIS

AM: Cruise towards Paris PM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided visit of Paris and its major sites Gala dinner

DAY 7 **PARIS** 

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 36 and 37.

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**NB:** Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. PCE\_AIPP.

(1) In case the falconry show cannot take place, the excursion will be replaced by a visit to the Hôtel-Dieu.





- A wonderful journey through charming towns and historic sites
- Tastings of local delicacies
- Bicycles available on board

#### **EXCURSIONS:**

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







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

# Charming Provence and the Camargue From Arles to Sète



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

#### DAY 2 ARLES • GALLICIAN

AM:

Excursion proposed:

• Tour of Arles and visit of an olive oil production domain

PM: Cruise towards Gallician

#### DAY 3 GALLICIAN • AIGUES-MORTES

AM:

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of the Camargue **PM:** Cruise towards Aigues-Mortes

DAY 4 AIGUES-MORTES PALAVAS-LES-FLOTS

AM:

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of Algues-Mortes
- Visit of the Salins du Midi salt marshes and the Salt Museum in Algues-Mortes

PM: Cruise towards Palavas-les-Flots

DAY 5 PALAVAS-LES-FLOTS • SETE(1)

AM: Excursions proposed:

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

PM: Cruise towards Sète

DAY 6 SETE(1)

Excursions proposed:

AM: • Visit of the Etang De Thau Museum and commented tasting of shellfish

PM: • Tour of Saint-Guilhem-le Désert Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 SETE • Arles

Disembark at 9:00 a.m. Transfer by coach from Sète to Arles

#### See excursion details on page 37.

**Formalities:** Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

 $\mbox{\bf NB:}$  Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. SVA\_AIPP.

(1) Depending on mooring availability and weather conditions, the stopover in Sète could be replaced by a stopover in Frontignan.





#### REF. FAN/FAN XMASPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE FROM AVIGNON TO AIGUES-MORTES

CULTURAL

#### Christmas traditions in Provence

#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

• Marvel at the fabulous landscapes of Provence and some of the most beautiful villages in France

#### DISCOVER:

- · Avignon and its gorgeous Christmas lights
- Arles and its legendary santons, nativity scene figurines
- The medieval charms of Aigues-Mortes





• Bicycles available on board

#### **EXCURSIONS:**

- The Cirque du Bout du Monde and the Mont de Sène, remarkable natural sites
- · Wine tasting session in Santenay
- Chalon-sur-Saône, town of art and history and birthplace of photography
- Saint-Jean-de-Losne, the capital of seafarers
- The Burgundy Grands Crus Wine Route







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REF. SLD\_AIPP/DSL\_AIPP (opposite direction) • 7 - DAY CRUISE IN BURGUNDY

### The Burgundy winelands From Saint-Léger-sur-Dheune to Dijon

#### DAY 1 Dijon • SAINT-LEGER-SUR-DHEUNE

Transfer by coach from Dijon to Saint-Léger-sur-Dheune Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

### DAY 2 SAINT-LEGER-SUR-DHEUNE SANTENAY • CHAGNY

Excursions proposed:

AM: • Hike to the Cirque du Bout du

Monde, a Natura 2000 natural site
• Walk to the centre of Santenay and wine tasting

#### DAY 3 CHAGNY • CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE

AM: Cruise towards Chalon-Sur-Saône PM: Excursion proposed:

 Walking tour of Chalon-sur-Saône and wine tasting

#### DAY 4 CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE SAINT-JEAN-DE-LOSNE

AM: Cruise towards Saint-Jean-de-Losne PM: Excursion proposed:

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

#### DAY 5 SAINT-JEAN-DE-LOSNE PETIT-OUGES

Day spent cruising towards Petit-Ouges, arriving late in the afternoon Possibility to ride along the canal banks<sup>(1)</sup>

#### DAY 6 PETIT-OUGES • DIJON

AM: Cruise towards Dijon PM: Excursion proposed:

• The Burgundy Grands Crus Wine Route Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 DIJON

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 36 and 37.

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**NB:** Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. DSL\_AIPP.

(1) Timetables and embarkation/disembarkation points will be decided on board by the ship's Captain.









- Discover idyllic landscapes all along your cruise
- Historic heritage and local specialities will delight you
- · Bicycles available on board

- The Burgundy Grands Crus Wine Route
- The charming country village of Petit-Ouges
- Saint-Jean-de-Losne and its monuments telling the story of its prestigious past
- Dole, hilltop city and birthplace of Louis Pasteur
- La Saline Royale (Royal Salt works), listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site



DOLE





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#### **BESANÇON DOUBS** . Rhône-Rhine Canal

ST-JEAN-DE-LOSNE

**SAÔNE** 

Burgundy Canal

DIJON

PETIT-OUGES

REF. DBC AIPP/BDJ\_AIPP (opposite direction)

#### 7 - DAY CRUISE IN BURGUNDY

### The Rhône-Rhine Canal and idyllic Burgundy 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:

AM: • The Burgundy Grands Crus Wine Route

PM: • Walk along the "Circuit of the Three Washhouses"(1)

#### PETIT-OUGES DAY 3 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

AM: Excursion proposed:

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

РΜ٠ Cruise towards Dole

#### DAY 5 **DOLE • RANCHOT**

Excursion proposed:

• Trail of the "Chat Perché"

PM: Cruise towards Ranchot

#### **RANCHOT • BESANCON** DAY 6

Cruise towards Besançon AM: PM: Excursion proposed:

• Visit of the Saline Royale (Royal Salt Works)

Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 BESANÇON • Dijon

Disembark at 9:00 a.m. Transfer by coach to Dijon

#### See excursion details on pages 36 and 37.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

NB: Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. BDJ\_AIPP.

(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.







· Bicycles available on board

#### **EXCURSIONS:**

REF. BCM\_AIPP:

- The Vauban Citadel in Besançon
- Baumes-les-Dames & its abbey
- Montbéliard and its historic center REF. DPS\_AIPP/PJN\_AIPP:
- Dijon, former capital of the Valois Dukes of Burgundy
- The Burgundy Grands Crus Wine Route
- Gray and its hidden treasures
- The medieval castle in Champlitte







**ALL INCLUSIVE** on board



REF. BCM AIPP /MBC AIPP (opposite direction)

#### 7 - DAY CRUISE IN BURGUNDY

### The Valley of the Doubs From Besançon to Montbéliard

#### DAY 1 **BESANÇON**

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 **BESANÇON • DELUZ**

Excursions proposed:

AM: • Guided tour of the Vauban Citadel in Besancon

PM: • Walking paths around Deluz<sup>(1)</sup>

#### DAY 3 **DELUZ • BAUMES-LES-DAMES**

Cruise towards Baumes-les-Dames AM:

PM: Excursion proposed:

· Guided tour of Baumes-les-Dames

#### DAY 4 **BAUMES-LES-DAMES • CLERVAL**

AM: Cruise towards Clerval PM: Excursion proposed:

Discover the hiking path to the Reposoir Chapel<sup>(1)</sup>

#### DAY 5 CLERVAL • L'ISLE-SUR-LE-DOUBS

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

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

#### DAY 6 L'ISLE-SUR-LE-DOUBS • MONTBELIARD

AM: Cruise towards Montbéliard PM:

Excursion proposed: · Visit the historic heart of Montbéliard

#### DAY 7 **MONTBELIARD**

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 36 and 37.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

NB: Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruises, Ref. MBC/PJN (1) The walks along recognised hiking paths are not guided and on a voluntary basis only



REF. DPS AIPP/PJN\_AIPP (opposite direction)

#### 7 - DAY CRUISE IN BURGUNDY

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

#### DAY 1 DIJON

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 **DIJON • LONGECOURT-EN-PLAINE**

AM: Excursion proposed:

· Guided tour of Dijon

PM: Cruise towards Longecourt-en-Plaine

#### DAY 3 LONGECOURT-EN-PLAINE • AUXONNE

AM: Excursion proposed:

• The Burgundy Grands Crus Wine Route

PM: Cruise towards Auxonne

#### DAY 4 **AUXONNE • GRAY**

Day spent cruising towards Gray

#### DAY 5 GRAY • RAY-SUR-SAÔNE

Excursion proposed: AM:

Guided tour of Gray and tasting of local specialities

PM: Cruise towards Ray-sur-Saône

#### RAY-SUR-SAÔNE • PORT-SUR-SAÔNE

AM: Excursion proposed:

Gala dinner

· Visit to the medieval castle in Champlitte PM: Cruise towards Port-sur-Saône

#### PORT-SUR-SAÔNE • Dijon

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

Transfer by coach to Dijon



#### The Marne-Rhine Waltenheim Canal -Sur-Zorn Lutzelbourg Sarrebourg o Saverne **LAGARDE** Arzviller Inclined Plane Xouaxange 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 specialities
- · Bicycles available on board

#### **EXCURSIONS:**

- · A walk through the hops fields in Wingersheim
- The Haut-Barr Castle, the "eye of Alsace"
- · Saverne, a small and particularly charming town
- The Lutzelbourg Castle
- Marc Chagall's unique stained glass window in Sarrebourg







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

### Alsace-Lorraine along the Marne-Rhine Canal 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

#### STRASBOURG • WALTENHEIM

AM: Cruise towards Waltenheim PM: Excursions proposed:

- Walk through the hops fields in Wingersheim and beer tasting
- Dinner at a restaurant in Walteneheim to taste a local speciality: "tarte flambée"

#### DAY 3 **WALTENHEIM • SAVERNE**

AM: Cruise towards Saverne PM: Excursion proposed: · Visit of Haut-Barr Castle

#### DAY 4 **SAVERNE • LUTZELBOURG**

Excursions proposed:

AM: • Guided tour of Saverne PM: • Walk to Lutzelbourg Castle

#### DAY 5

LUTZELBOURG • Arzviller Inclined Plane • XOUAXANGE

#### AM: Excursion proposed:

• Passage through the Arzviller Inclined Plane and visit of the cristal glassworks

PM: Cruise towards Xouaxange

#### **XOUAXANGE • LAGARDE**

Cruise towards Lagarde AM: PM: Excursion proposed:

> • Guided tour of Sarrebourg that will take us along the Chagall Route Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 LAGARDE • Strasbourg

Disembark at 9:00 a.m. Transfer by coach to Strasbourg



See excursion details on page 36.

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#### REF. PMN XMASP1/PMN XMASP2 • 4 - DAY CRUISE FROM STRASBOURG AND BACK

**CULTURAL** 

### Traditional Christmas season in Alsace

#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

- · Unique docking locations in Strasbourg **DISCOVER:**
- Christmas bakeries at the Alsatian House of Bread
- · Authentic Christmas Markets in Alsatian villages
- The secret cellars in the Hospices de Strasbourg





- Our boat will be docked at the Bassin de la Villette, the very heart of Paris and only ten minutes away from the Fiffel Tower
- Cruise on the Canal Saint Martin

#### **EXCURSIONS:**

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







**ALL INCLUSIVE** 

REF. PAM • 4 - DAY CRUISE

Paris & and its major must-see sites

#### DAY 1 **PARIS**

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Traditional "Titi Parisien" show on board

#### DAY 2 PARIS and its famous sites

AM: Cruise along the Canal Saint-Martin PM: Excursions proposed:

• Guided tour of Paris

• Walk through the covered arcades Cruise through Paris by night

#### DAY 3 PARIS and the Saint-Germain-

des-Prés district

AM: Excursion proposed:

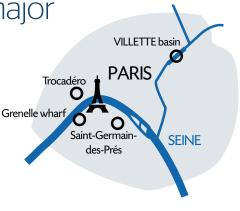
· Guided tour of the Saint-Germaindes-Prés district

PM: Cruise along the Seine Gala dinner

DAY 4 **PARIS** 

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 37.



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### REF. MAP/MAP XMASPP • 4 - DAY STAY IN PARIS

# Experience Christmas Magic in the wonderful setting of Paris!

### CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- · Your canal barge is docked in the centre of Paris, at the foot of the Fiffel Tower
- Discover the iconic Christmas Market on the Champs Elysées, the most beautiful avenue in the world
- · Tour the covered arcades and the district around the famous Palais-Royal
- Stroll through prestigious Parisian districts, passing by Rue de la Paix, Place Vendôme and the legendary department stores



### **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.

CRUISES REF. SXO\_AIPP/XOS\_AIPP, page 34.

#### **■ HAUT-BARR CASTLE**

LENGTH: 2.5 hours

With your guide, take the opportunity to discover the wonderful Haut-Barr Castle which has been listed as a historic monument since 1874. On our way back to the boat, we'll stop off at the Chappe Tower, an ancient telegraph, where you'll see an interactive display on the ancestry of all means of telecommunication.

CRUISES REF. SXO\_AIPP/XOS\_AIPP, page 34.

# ■ LEHRER CRYSTAL GLASSWORKS

LENGTH: 2.25 hours

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 glassblowing through a guided tour. Afterwards, you'll have some free time to browse through the aift store.

CRUISES REF. SXO\_AIPP/XOS\_AIPP, page 34.

#### **■ 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.

CRUISES REF. SXO\_AIPP/XOS\_AIPP, page 34.

### **■ 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.

CRUISES REF. SXO\_AIPP/XOS\_AIPP, page 34.

# ■ THE HOPS TRAIL IN WALTENHEIM

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set off by coach towards Wingersheim for a tour through the hops fields on board a converted trailer pulled by a tractor. The Hops Trail will allow you to discover how the hops are now grown in Alsace as you travel along this 4.5km-long marked path. After your visit, you'll be able to join in a beer tasting.

CRUISES REF. SXO\_AIPP/XOS\_AIPP, page 34.

# Burgundy

### ■ BESANÇON AND ITS CITADEL

LENGTH: 4 hours

Transfer by coach to the Besançon Citadel, one of Vauban's great masterpieces. You will learn about the history of this exceptional defensive site in the company of your quide, 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.

CRUISE REF. BCM\_AIPP, page 33.

# ■ BURGUNDY, THE GRANDS CRUS WINE ROUTE LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll set off on the Grands Crus Wine Route, including a visit to the Château du Clos de Vougeot, a symbol of more than 1000 years of Burgundy history. In the 12th century, monks built winegrowing outbuildings in the middle of the vines, completed by a main building in the 16th century. We'll continue to a wine estate for a tasting of local wines.

CRUISES REF. BDJ\_AIPP/DBC\_AIPP/DPS\_AIPP/DSL\_AIPP/PJN\_AIPP/SLD\_AIPP, pages 31 to 33.

#### **■ CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE**

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

Discovery tour of Chalon-sur-Saône and the old town with its half-timbered houses, the restored facade of St Vincent's cathedral and fine classical mansions dating from the  $17^{\rm th}$  and  $18^{\rm th}$  centuries. Our visit will continue downtown with a tasting session of some of the wines from the Chalon-sur-Saône Region.

CRUISES REF. DSL\_AIPP/SLD\_AIPP, page 31.

### **■ CHAMPLITTE CASTLE**

LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll set off by coach for the medieval castle of Champlitte, which has been a listed historical monument since 1909. The castle was a stronghold first and a home second, 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 Museum of Popular Arts and Traditions, an ethnological museum located in the castle, where the wealth of exhibits give a glimpse into life at the turn of the 20th century.

CRUISES REF. DPS\_AIPP/PJN\_AIPP, page 33.

#### 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).

CRUISES REF. DPS\_AIPP/PJN\_AIPP, page 33.

#### ■ DOLF

### 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.

CRUISES REF. DBC\_AIPP/BDJ\_AIPP, page 32.

#### GRAY

LENGTH: 2 hours

Discover the delightful town of Gray on our guided tour. 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 on board.

CRUISES REF. DPS\_AIPP/PJN\_AIPP, page 33.

#### **■ 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 hike 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 7th century will surprise you.

CRUISES REF. BDJ\_AIPP/DBC\_AIPP, page 32.

# ■ 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 specialities

CRUISES REF. BDJ\_AIPP/DBC\_AIPP/DSL\_AIPP/ SLD\_AIPP, pages 31 and 32.

## ■ 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.

CRUISES REF. BDJ\_AIPP/DBC\_AIPP, page 32.

# ■ WALK TO THE CIRQUE DU BOUT DU MONDE

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll set off on foot from Nolay for a walk to the Cirque du Bout du Monde, part of Natura 2000 sites - a European network of nature protection areas, to admire the imposing chalk cliffs carved out by the river Cozanne which create a cirque where a 25-metre high waterfall was formed. Our coach will then take us to Mont de Sène (Mountain of the Three Crosses), an ancient Celtic religious site offering wonderful views of the surrounding landscape.

CRUISES REF. DSL\_AIPP/SLD\_AIPP, page 31.

# ■ WINE TASTING IN SANTENAY LENGTH: 2 hours

Set off from the ship in the company of your purser for the center of Santenay, a charming little wine-producing village 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.

CRUISES REF. DSL\_AIPP/SLD\_AIPP, page 31.

# 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.

CRUISES REF. ECP\_AIPP/PCE\_AIPP, page 29.

#### **■ BAUME-LES-DAMES**

LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll set off on foot in the company of one of the town's guides. You'll discover the charming local houses dating from the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> century by

# **OUR EXCURSIONS**

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.

CRUISE REF. BCM\_AIPP, page 33.

#### **■ CHATEAU-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 demonstrations. 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!

be so lucky as to touch one or two! In case the falconry show cannot take place, the excursion will be replaced by a visit to the Hötel-Dieu.

CRUISES REF. ECP\_AIPP/PCE\_AIPP, page 29.

#### **■ CLERVAL**

#### (unguided tour)

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.

CRUISE REF. BCM\_AIPP, page 33.

#### **■ DELUZ**

#### (unguided tour)

Discover the footpaths 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 Loriot Castle and discover the charming Montoille Chapel.

CRUISE REF. BCM\_AIPP, page 33.

### **■ 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 tasting the cheese declared as "The Prince of All Cheeses" by Talleyrand in 1815?

CRUISES REF. ECP\_AIPP/PCE\_AIPP, page 29.

#### **■ MONTBELIARD**

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set off on foot for a guided tour through the historic heart of the town, a former Württemberg principality. You will travel back in time through four centuries of royal destiny, along streets filled with charm and fantasy. 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.

CRUISE REF. BCM\_AIPP, page 33.

### **■ 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.

CRUISES REF. ECP\_AIPP/PCE\_AIPP, page 29.

# Paris & the Canal Saint-Martin

# ■ PARIS AND ITS COVERED WALKWAYS

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

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.

CRUISES REF. ECP\_AIPP/PAM/PCE\_AIPP, pages 29 and 36.

#### ■ PARIS AND SAINT-GERMAIN-DES-PRÉS

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure by coach from the Trocadero for Saint-Germaindes Prés following the Voie Triomphale. We'll pass the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs Elysées and the Place de la Concorde before reaching Saint-Germain-des-Prés. There, you'll get to stroll through streets and small squares lined with buildings from the 16th and 17th century. 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.

CRUISE REF. PAM, page 36.

# **Provence**

# ■ 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.

CRUISES REF. AVF\_AIPP/SVA\_AIPP, page 30.

# ■ ARLES AND VISIT OF AN OLIVE OIL PRODUCTION SITE

LENGTH: 4 hours

Depart by foot for a guided tour of Arles. For 2000 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.

CRUISES REF. AVF\_AIPP/SVA\_AIPP, page 30.

#### **■ 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.

CRUISES REF. AVF\_AIPP/SVA\_AIPP, page 30.

#### **ETANG DE THAU**

#### LENGTH: 2.25 hours

The Etang De Thau is well known for its shellfish. We'll visit the Etang 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.

CRUISES REF. AVF\_AIPP/SVA\_AIPP, page 30.

### ■ 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). Afterwards, we'll stop off at a wine estate for a visit followed by a tasting of some of the wines from the Languedoc region.

CRUISES REF. AVF\_AIPP/SVA\_AIPP, page 30.

### **■ 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 center for gypsies from all over Europe.

CRUISES REF. AVF\_AIPP/SVA\_AIPP, page 30.

# The Upper Loire

# ■ BRIARE AND THE DEUX MARINES MUSEUM

LENGTH: 2.25 hours

We'll leave by tourist train for a tour of Briare, first admiring the Briare Aqueduct, whose 14 masonry supports were built by the Eiffel company. We'll also pass by the Town Hall and the Château de Trousse Barrière. We'll then head to the Deux Marines Museum and discover the history of the Loire and its canals.

CRUISE REF. BNV\_AIPP, page 28.

# ■ FONTMORIGNY ABBEY AND APREMONT-SUR-ALLIER

LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll leave for the Fontmorigny Abbey, a privatelyowned French historical monument that has now become one of the main cultural sites in the Loire Val d'Aubois. Afterwards, we'll continue on to Apremontsur-Allier, listed as one of the most beautiful villages in France, and its floral gardens.

CRUISES REF. BNV\_AIPP/NVB\_AIPP, page 28.

## LA CHARITÉ-SUR-LOIRE LENGTH: 3.75 hours

We'll leave for La Charité-sur-Loire and begin our visit with the Clunisian Priory of La Charité-sur-Loire, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site as part of the Way of St. James. We'll then head to an authentic farm where you'll be able to taste local products.

CRUISES REF. BNV\_AIPP/NVB\_AIPP, page 28.

### **■ NEVERS**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Our first stop after leaving the ship will be the Espace Bernadette Soubirous, the final resting place of the simple country girl from Lourdes who claimed to have seen the Virgin 18 times. We'll then discover the façade of Ducal Palace, considered the first of the Loire's Châteaux. We'll continue on to the Nevers Cathedral and visit the Nevers Blue Gold pottery district before finishing up with a tasting of local products.

CRUISE REF. NVB\_AIPP, page 28.

# ■ NIGHTTIME STROLL THROUGH NEVERS WITH LANTERNS

LENGTH: 2 hours

At nightfall, we'll leave on a romantic tour by foot of Nevers with lanterns. You'll travel back to medieval times as we stroll through the winding streets and along the river's edge.

CRUISES REF. BNV\_AIPP/NVB\_AIPP, page 28.

### ■ POUILLY-SUR-LOIRE

### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll leave for the picturesque town of Pouilly-sur-Loire, where we'll visit the Tower of Pouilly-Furné: a wine-tourism center. We'll visit the vineyard and stop in a cellar for a tasting.

CRUISES REF. BNV\_AIPP/NVB\_AIPP, page 28.

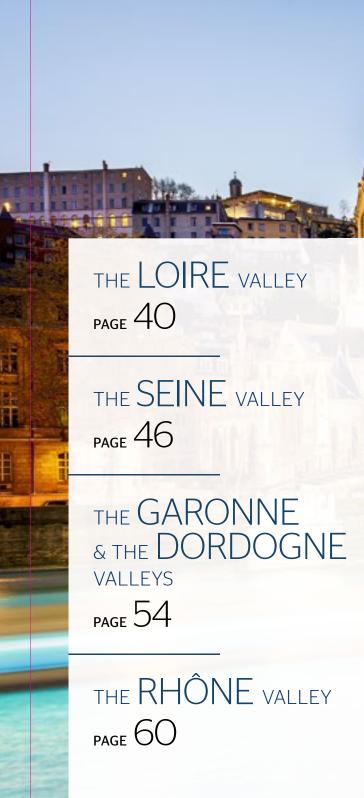
# ■ SANCERRE AND A GOAT FARM LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll depart towards Sancerre for a tour on foot of the city, ambling down the typical small streets of this once medieval town. You'll be able to visit the Tour des Fiefs on your own (192 steps). We'll then head to a goat farm to sample its trademark cheeses and the local Sancerre wine.

CRUISES REF. BNV\_AIPP/NVB\_AIPP, page 28.

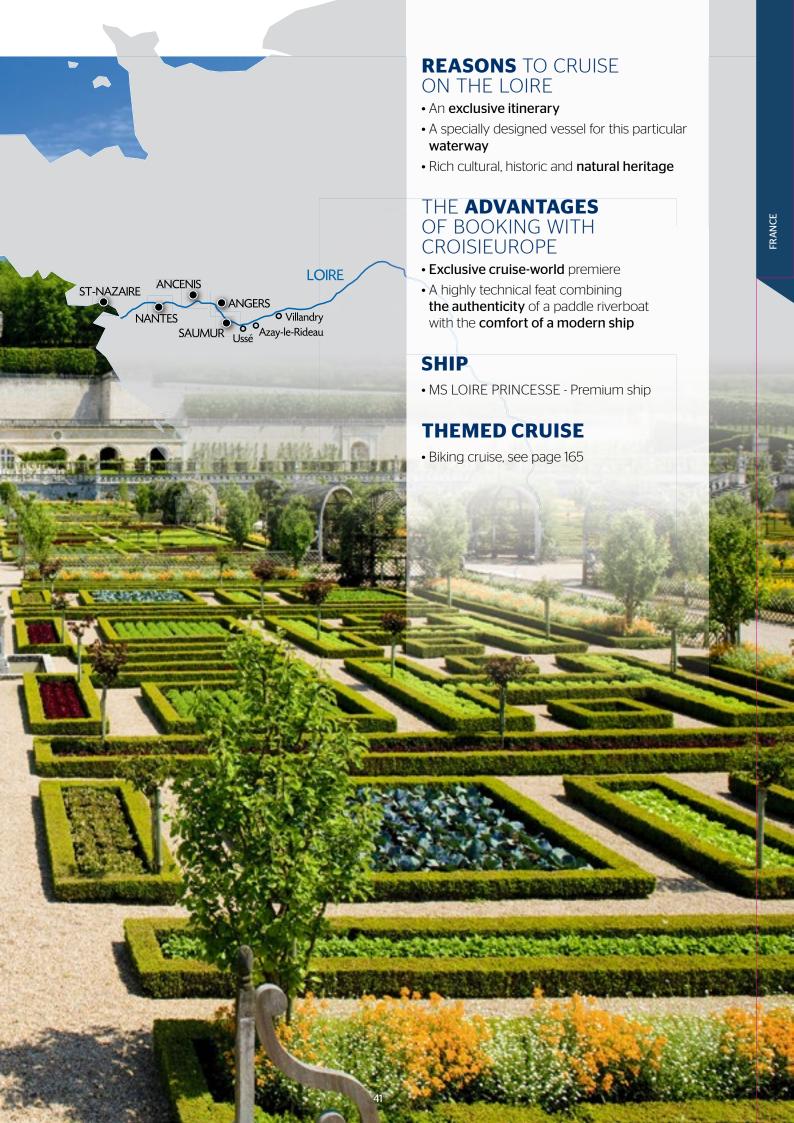


# FRANCE











- **EXCLUSIVE TO CROISIEUROPE:**
- Cruise on board a paddle steamer
- Helicopter ride: the Loire from above(2)

#### **EXCURSIONS:**

- · The Châteaux of the Loire Valley (day trip)
- 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







**ALL INCLUSIVE** on board

REF. NSN PP/NSN AIPP • 6 - DAY CRUISE

# The Loire, a royal legacy Round cruise from Nantes

#### DAY 1 **NANTES**

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

• Cruise on the Erdre

#### NANTES • SAINT-NAZAIRE DAY 2

AM: 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

PM: Excursion for both packages:

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

#### DAY 3 **SAINT-NAZAIRE • ANCENIS**

AM: Cruise towards Ancenis PM: Excursions proposed:

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

#### ANCENIS • BOUCHEMAINE(3) DAY 4 Angers

AM: Cruise towards Bouchemaine PM:

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Angers
- DISCOVERY: Tour of Château de Brissac and the castle cellars with

wine-tasting

#### BOUCHEMAINE(3) • The Châteaux DAY 5 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 page 45.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

 $\mbox{\bf NB:}$  This cruise can be affected by the tide and the arrival times at ports of call may be subject to change.

- (1) This excursion must be booked in advance through your travel agency. Each passenger will be asked to produce a valid passport or identity card in order to gain access to the shipyard.
- This excursion must be booked in advance through your travel agency. Subject to availability and favourable weather conditions.
   Depending on docking availability, the stopover in Bouchemaine may be replaced by Chalonnes-sur-Loire. In this event, the order of the visits could be altered.









#### **EXCLUSIVE TO CROISIEUROPE:**

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

#### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Medieval Guérande and its salt marshes
- Saumur, the Cadre Noir<sup>(1)</sup> and age-old equestrian traditions
- The Châteaux of the Loire Valley (day trip)
- Picturesque villages along the Corniche Angevine



**GUÉRANDE** 





**ALL INCLUSIVE** on board

REF. NHN\_PP/NHN\_AIPP • 8 - DAY CRUISE

# The majestic Loire Round cruise from Nantes

#### DAY 1 **NANTES**

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

#### DAY 2 **SAINT-NAZAIRE • NANTES**

AM: Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Visit the Saint-Nazaire shipyard and discover the Escal'Atlantic(1)
- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Guérande and its salt marshes

• DISCOVERY: Hiking in Guérande

Cruise towards Nantes

Excursion for both packages:

Cruise on the Frdre

#### DAY 3 **NANTES • ANCENIS**

AM:

PM:

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 PM:

#### DAY 4 ANCENIS • BOUCHEMAINE(4)

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: The Muscadet Wine Route

• DISCOVERY: Helicopter ride(2)

PM: Cruise towards Bouchemaine

#### DAY 5 BOUCHEMAINE(4) • Angers AM:

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Angers
- DISCOVERY: Tour of Château de Brissac and wine tasting

Excursion for both packages PM:

• Saumur and the Cadre Noir(3)

#### BOUCHEMAINE(4) DAY 6

Châteaux of the Loire valley

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

#### BOUCHEMAINE<sup>(4)</sup> • ANCENIS • NANTES DAY 7

AM: Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: The Corniche Angevine
- DISCOVERY: Biking along the Loire

PM: Cruise towards Nantes Gala dinner

#### DAY 8 **NANTES**

Disembark at 10:00 a.m.

### See excursion details on page 45.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.





NB: The cruise schedule may vary according to tides and arrival times at ports of call may be subject to

- (1) This excursion must be booked in advance through your travel agency. Each passenger will be asked to produce a valid passport or identity card in order to gain access to the shipyard.
- (2) This excursion must be booked in advance through your travel agency. Subject to availability and favourable weather conditions.
- (3) Guided visits do not guarantee that you will see the riders and horses at work during the visit, particularly if the Cadre Noir de Saumur is away, or during competitions.

  (4) Depending on docking availability, the stopover in Bouchemaine may be replaced by Chalonnes-sur-Loire. In this event, the order of the visits could be altered.





# **OUR EXCURSIONS**

### THE LOIRE VALLEY

# "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 13th century castle and discover the Apocalypse Tapestry, part of one of the most important collections of medieval tapestries in the world.

CRUISES REF. NHN\_PP/NSN\_PP, pages 42 and 43.

### **■ 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.

CRUISES REF. NHN\_PP/NSN\_PP, pages 42 and 43.

# ■ GUÉRANDE AND ITS SALT MARSHES

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave for our guided tour of Guérande. A fortified medieval city, Guérande overlooks the salt marshes and is entirely enclosed by ramparts. It is one of the rare cities in France to have been able to conserve the entirety of its ramparts (4,704 feet around). Famous writers such as Flaubert, Gracq and Balzac used Guérlande as backdrops to their novels, after falling in love when visiting. The tour will continue to the salt marshes, the undeniable symbol of the region. With our guide, we'll discover the process of harvesting Guérande salt and how the marshes work. Discovering the salt marshes is a great way to develop a global vision of traditional methods of work.

CRUISE REF. NHN\_PP, page 43.

### **■ NANTES**

LENGTH: 4.5 hours

You'll discover the small streets of the medieval Bouffay quarter and the beautiful Flamboyant-style Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul (exteriors only). 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 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> centuries buildings will transport you back in time.

CRUISES REF. NHN\_PP/NSN\_PP, pages 42 and 43.

# ■ 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 shipyard, 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 ships.

CRUISES REF. NHN\_PP/NSN\_PP, pages 42 and 43.

## SAUMUR AND THE CADRE NOIR

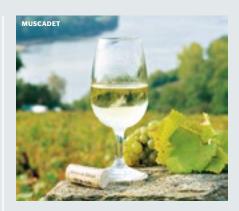
In 2011, the UNESCO added Equitation in the French tradition and the Cadre Noir to its Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity as a horse riding school which emphasizes harmonious relations between humans and horses, guided by non-violence and lack of constraint. We'll discover the history of this school, founded in 1825, by visiting the Grand Manège, the stables and the tack room. We'll continue our visit with a walk through the fortified city of Saumur, dominated by its château (exteriors only).

CRUISE REF. NHN\_PP, page 43.

### ■ THE CHÂTEAUX OF THE LOIRE VALLEY

LENGTH: 11 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. This château is a French national monument and possesses all the refinement found in the French Renaissance. We'll continue to Villandry for lunch. After lunch, enjoy a walk through the lovely gardens surrounding the château. Spread out over an impressive area, the gardens bring together



aestheticism, diversity and harmony. Afterwards, we'll continue our tour and visit the Ussé Château. Rebuilt in the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Beauty".

CRUISES REF. NHN\_PP/NSN\_PP, pages 42 and 43.

## ■ THE CORNICHE ANGEVINE LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach to travel along the levees of the Loire Angevine. This route touches several of the overlooks on the great river in the Loire valley, itself listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll stop at the château des Vaults (or a similar site), an authentic site in the middle of a beautiful park. We'll enjoy a tasting of the local wines and then continue along the Corniche Angevine, admiring the picturesque villages and several viewpoints along the Loire.

CRUISE REF. NHN\_PP, page 43.

# ■ 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 continue towards La Chapelle Heulin and stop 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. Transfer to Clisson, a charming medieval town with 15th century vestiges and a slight Italian feel.

CRUISES REF. NHN\_PP/NSN\_PP, pages 42 and 43.

# "DISCOVERY" EXCURSIONS

#### **■ BIKING ALONG THE LOIRE**

LENGTH: 3 hours

Leaving from Bouchemaine, enjoy a scenic bike trip along the Maine and Loire Rivers. You'll run into some great surprises along the way, including charming typical villages and from afar, if you're lucky, the sandy banks of the Loire Islands.

CRUISE REF. NHN\_PP, page 43.

### **■ 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 centuries-old trees,

and the castle's spectacular decorations and the breathtaking Belle Époque theatre are definitely not to be missed! At the end of our visit, we'll discover the castle cellars and enjoy a wine tasting.

CRUISES REF. NHN\_PP/NSN\_PP, pages 42 and 43.

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

LENGTH OF THE RIDE: 10 minutes

Leaving from Ancenis, experience an unforgettable flight over the Loire River. You'll soar above Ancenis, its hills and châteaux, the castle in Oudon, the Châteaux de Clermont and Turmelière, etc. (Flight subject to favourable weather conditions - RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BEFORE THE CRUISE BEGINS AND ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY).

CRUISES REF. NHN\_PP/NSN\_PP, pages 42 and 43.

#### **■ HIKING IN GUÉRANDE**

LENGTH: 4 hours

Take a hike through the medieval city of Guérande. This historical city became part of the French national network of 137 "Villes et Pays d'art et d'histoire" in

2004. The walk around the ramparts provides great views of the surrounding landscapes and the salt pans on the marshes in nearby La Baule. The rich, natural heritage of this tour, as well as the impressive architecture, will undoubtedly impress you.

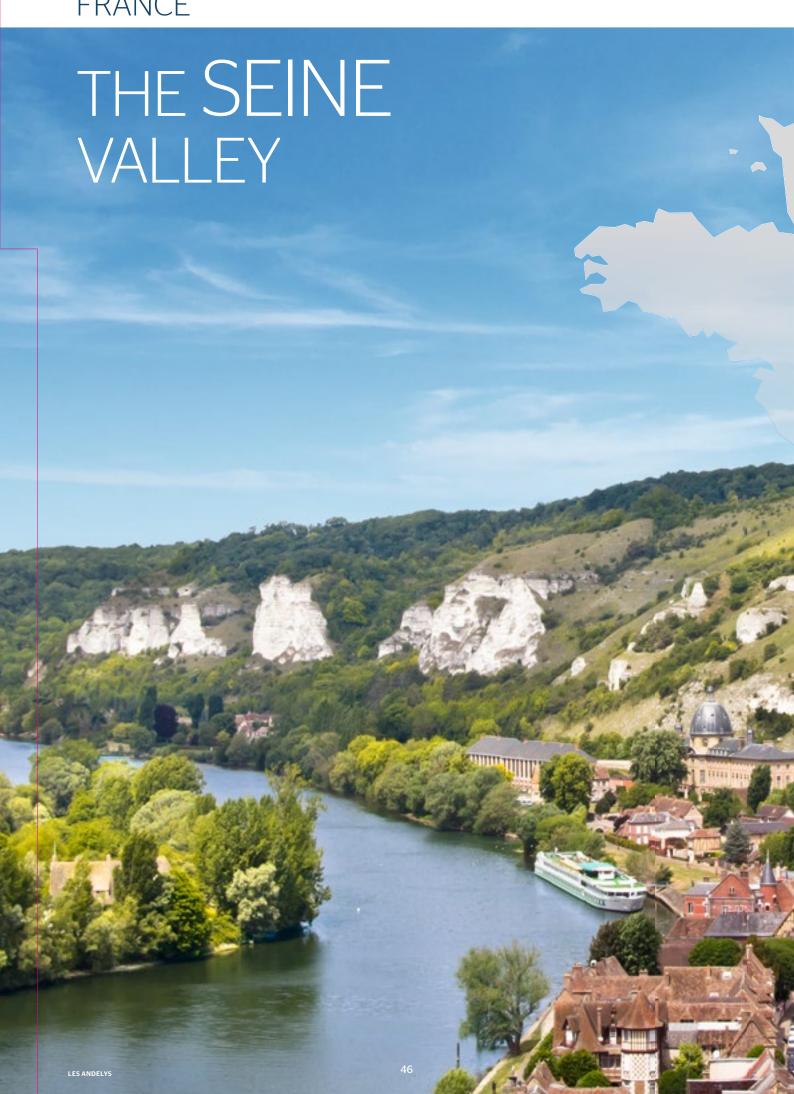
CRUISE REF. NHN\_PP, page 43.

### ■ NANTES: THE MACHINES DE L'ILE, 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.

CRUISES REF. NHN\_PP/NSN\_PP, pages 42 and 43.





Travel through a superb valley whose changing light has inspired countless painters and poets of all ages

#### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Paris and its legendary places
- The Norman Abbey Circuit
- The Landing Beaches (day-trip) (REF. PCN)
- The Claude Monet Foundation in Giverny (REF. PCN)
- "Titi parisien" themed evening on board (REF. SIP)
- Etretat, Fécamp and the Côte d'Albâtre







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# The most picturesque ports of call in the Seine valley Round cruise from Paris

REF. SIP/SIP AIPP • 6 - DAY CRUISE

#### DAY 1 **PARIS**

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail "Titi parisien" themed evening

#### DAY 2 PARIS • LES ANDELYS • HONFLEUR

AM: Cruise towards Les Andelys PM:

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Visit of the Martainville Château • DISCOVERY: Hiking to Château Gaillard

Cruise towards Honfleur

#### DAY 3 **HONFLEUR**

AM: Excursion for both packages:

• Honfleur and Pont l'Évêque

рм. Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Discover the Côte d'Albâtre

• DISCOVERY: Hike across the cliffs of Étretat

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

#### **HONFLEUR • DUCLAIR • ROUEN**

Excursions for both packages:

AM: • The Norman Abbey Circuit PM:

Guided tour of Rouen

Gala dinner

#### DAY 5 **ROUEN • PARIS**

Cruise towards Paris AM:

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Panoramic tour of Paris

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

Cruise through Paris by night (depending on water level)

#### DAY 6

Disembark at 9:00 a.m





#### REF. PCN/PCN AIPP • 8 - DAY CRUISE

#### 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)

AM:

Excursions proposed: • CLASSIC: Panoramic tour of Paris

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

PM: Excursion not included in the packages:

· Touring Paris in a vintage 2CV

#### DAY 3 **VERNON**

AM. Cruise towards Vernon

PM: Excursion for both packages:

• Visit of the Claude Monet Foundation in Giverny

### DAY 4

Cruise towards Duclair AM:

PM: Excursion for both packages:

• The Norman Abbey Circuit

#### DAY 5 **HONFLEUR**

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: The Côte Fleurie and tasting of Calvados

• DISCOVERY: The Côte Fleurie, Deauville and its artist villas

PM: Excursion for both packages:

· Honfleur and Pont l'Évêque OR: Full-day guided tour to the Landing Beaches (lunch included)(1)

#### DAY 6

AM: Cruise towards Rouen

PM: Excursion for both packages:

· Guided tour of Rouen

#### **ROUEN • LES ANDELYS** DAY 7

AM: Cruise towards Les Andelys

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Visit of the Martainville Château

• DISCOVERY: Hiking to Château Gaillard

Gala dinner

#### **PARIS** DAY 8

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 52 and 53.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.



Full discovery of the Seine from Normandy to Paris: see it all in just one week!

#### **EXCURSIONS:**

- · Paris and its legendary places by coach or in a vintage 2CV
- The many faces of the Seine Valley: the Palace of Versailles, the Norman Abbey Circuit, Honfleur and the Côte Fleurie







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# The beautiful Côte Fleurie

REF. HON/HON AIPP • 7 - DAY CRUISE

### From Honfleur to Paris

**HONFLEUR** 

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 **HONFLEUR • DUCLAIR** 

AM: Excursion for both packages:

· Honfleur and Pont l'Évêque

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: The Côte Fleurie and tasting of Calvados

• DISCOVERY: The Côte Fleurie, Deauville and its artist villas

DAY 3 **DUCLAIR • ROUEN** 

Excursion for both packages: AM:

• The Norman Abbey Circuit

PM: Cruise towards Rouen

DAY 4 **ROUEN • VERNON** 

AM: Excursion for both packages:

Guided tour of Rouen

PM: Cruise towards Vernon

DAY 5 **VERNON • PARIS** 

Excursions proposed: AM:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of the Palace of Versailles(1)

• DISCOVERY: Bike tour through the Palace of Versailles gardens

PM: Cruise towards Paris

DAY 6 **PARIS** 

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Panoramic tour of Paris

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

PM: Excursion not included in the packages:

• Touring Paris in a vintage 2CV

Cruise through Paris by night (depending on water level)

DAY 7 **PARIS** 

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.





#### **PARIS** DAY 1

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

DAY 2

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Panoramic tour of Paris

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

PM: Excursion not included in the packages:

• Touring Paris in a vintage 2CV

Cruise through Paris by night (depending on water level)

DAY 3 LES ANDELYS or VERNON

AM: Cruise towards Vernon

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of the Palace of Versailles(1)

• DISCOVERY: Bike tour through the Palace of Versailles gardens

DAY 4 LES ANDELYS or VERNON • ROUEN

AM: Cruise towards Rouen

Excursion for both packages: PM:

• Guided tour of Rouen

DAY 5 **ROUEN • DUCLAIR** 

AM: Cruise towards Duclair

Excursion for both packages:

• The Norman Abbey Circuit

Gala dinner

DAY 6 **HONFLEUR** AM:

PM:

Excursion for both packages:

• Honfleur and Pont l'Évêque

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: The Côte Fleurie and tasting of Calvados

• DISCOVERY: The Côte Fleurie, Deauville and its artist villas

DAY 7 **HONFLEUR** 

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.



- Paris and its legendary places (REF. PAB)
- "Titi parisien" themed evening on board (REF. PAB)

#### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Honfleur and its incomparable charm (REF. PAF)
- The main sites of Normandy: Honfleur, Deauville and the cliffs of Etretat (REF. PAF)
- The Palace of Versailles<sup>(1)</sup> a dazzling royal residence (REF. PAF)







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# The French art de vivre along the Seine

REF. PAF/PAF AIPP/HOP/HOP AIPP (opposite direction) • 5 - DAY CRUISE

### From Paris to Honfleur

DAY 1 **PARIS** 

Boarding at 5:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

Cruise through Paris by night

**PARIS • POISSY • ROUEN** DAY 2

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of the Palace of Versailles(1)

• DISCOVERY: Bike tour through the Palace of Versailles gardens

PM: Cruise towards Rouen

**ROUEN • HONFLEUR** DAY 3

AM: Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Rouen PM: Cruise towards Honfleur

Gala dinner

DAY 4 **HONFLEUR** 

Excursion for both packages: AM:

· Honfleur and Pont l'Évêque

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: The Côte Fleurie and tasting of Calvados

• DISCOVERY: Hike across the cliffs of Etretat, La Côte d'Albâtre

**HONFLEUR** 

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

### REF. PAB<sup>(3)</sup> • 4 - DAY MINI CRUISE

### Short break in Paris

Boarding<sup>(2)</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

"Titi parisien" themed evening on board

DAY 2 PARIS, renowned sights and mythical attractions LA DEFENSE

AM: Excursion proposed:

• Panoramic guided tour of Paris

PM: 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 and cruise through Paris by night

AM: Excursion proposed:

· Guided tour of the Old Montmartre

PM: 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 52 and 53.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

(1) Available for a minimum of 25 participants otherwise and on Mondays, this excursion will be replaced by a visit to the Château de Malmaison. (2) 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 boarding. (3) REF. PAB: drinks are not included.



- Enjoy authentic Parisian ambiance on board, a perfect mixture of history and nature (REF. SEN)
- A "Guinguette" (French dance hall) evening (REF. IMP)

#### **EXCURSIONS** (REF. IMP):

- The Auvers-sur-Oise Château
- The Marmottan Museum in Paris
- The house of Claude Monet in Giverny
- · The Norman Abbey Circuit
- Honfleur and the Côte d'Albâtre





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REF. SEN/SEN AIPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE

# The Valley of the Seine Round 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 • LES ANDELYS • ROUEN

AM: Cruise towards Les Andelys PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Visit of the Martainville Château

• DISCOVERY: Hiking to Château Gaillard

DAY 3 **ROUEN • HONEL FUR** 

AM: Excursion for both packages: · Honfleur and Pont l'Évêque

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Discover La Côte d'Albâtre

• DISCOVERY: Hike across the cliffs of Étretat

#### DAY 4 **HONFLEUR • ROUEN**

AM: Excursion for both packages • Guided tour of Rouen PM:

Cruise towards Paris Gala dinner

**PARIS** 

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.



REF. IMP/IMP AIPP • 7 - DAY CRUISE

# In the footsteps of the **Impressionists** From Paris to Honfleur

DAY 1 **PARIS** 

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Thematic presentation: "A definition of Impressionism, its origin, the technique and the context'

DAY 2 PARIS, discover the Impressionists' favourite places

Excursions proposed:

• Guided audio tour of the Auvers-sur-Oise Château

PM: • Visit the Marmottan Museum<sup>(1)</sup> in Paris

Cruise through Paris by night (depending on water level)

#### DAY 3 PARIS • GIVERNY, in the footsteps of Claude Monet VERNON

AM: Cruise towards Giverny

Thematic presentation: "Claude Monet, the Quintessence of

Impressionism"

PM: Excursion proposed:

• Visit Claude Monet's house in Giverny

#### DAY 4 ROUEN, in the footsteps of the Impressionists

Cruise towards Rouen AM:

PM: Excursion proposed:

• Thematic Guided tour of Rouen, in the footsteps of the

Impressionists(2)

#### DAY 5 **DUCLAIR • HONFLEUR**

Cruise towards Duclair

Thematic presentation: "The Geography of Impressionism

Paris and the suburbs, Honfleur and the Norman Coast"

PM: Excursion proposed:

• The Norman Abbey Circuit

#### HONFLEUR • ETRETAT • The Côte d'Albâtre DAY 6

Excursions proposed:

• Walking tour of Honfleur, visit the Eugène Boudin Museum<sup>(3)</sup> AM: PM:

• Tour of the Côte d'Albâtre

**HONFLEUR** 

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 52 and 53.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

(1) The Marmottan Museum is closed on Mondays, the visit will be replaced by the Musée de L'orangerie

(2) The Musée des Beaux-Arts is closed on Tuesdays and public holidays, the visit will be replaced by the Eugène Boudin Museum in Honfleur, our stop on D6. (3) Unauided tour

### THE SEINE VALLEY

# "CLASSIC" EXCURSIONS

### ■ AUVERS-SUR-OISE CHÂTEAU

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave by coach with our hostess for a visit to the Auvers-sur-Oise Château. An animated tour will take you on the tracks of the Master Painters who left their mark on the town's history including Daubigny, Pissarro, Cézanne, Monet, and Van Gogh. An audio tour will guide you through the various rooms of the Château where you'll get a grasp of life in Paris in the 19<sup>th</sup> century thanks to the reconstructed décor and atmospheres reminiscent of the Impressionists' favourite themes.

CRUISES REF. HON/HOP/IMP/PAF/PAR, pages 49 to 51 and 153.

# ■ 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 1830 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 the artist's initial workshop in the barn.

CRUISES REF. IMP/PCN, pages 48 and 153.

### ■ HONFLEUR AND PONT L'EVÊQUE

LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for Pont l'Evêque, a charming Norman city. Our guided tour will take us to such sites as the gardens of the former Dominican convent, the 15th century Church of Saint Michel, and of course, past all the half-timbered facades that dot the city. . We'll finish our tour with a tasting of the small, squareshaped cheese that has carried the town's name since the 12th century. We'll then return to Honfleur for a guided tour on foot. We'll begin our tour at the Vieux Bassin, one of the most charming sites in the city. Next, we'll see Saint Catherine's Church, the largest wooden church in France. It was listed as a historical monument in 1879 and has been the subject of scrupulous research by many archaeologists and historians. We'll then head for the original 17th century Salt Halls (Greniers à Sel), now used for exhibitions, conferences and concerts. Our tour will finish with a visit to Saint Léonard Church. Destroyed during the Hundred Years' War, it was rebuilt at the end of the 15th and beginning of the 16th centuries only to be partially burned down again during the Wars of Religion. Please note: depending on the tides, this excursion might take place in two sittings

CRUISES REF. HON/HOP/PAF/PAR/PCN/SEN/ SPH PP, pages 48 to 51 and 149.

### **■ 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. You'll 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".

CRUISES REF. SEN/SIP/PCN, pages 48 and 51.

# ■ MARMOTTAN MUSEUM IN PARIS

LENGTH: 2 hours

This museum houses the largest collection of paintings by Claude Monet and provides an overview of how his work developed, from the first caricatures of his youth to the water lilies, his mature works.

CRUISE REF. IMP, page 153.

### **■ 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. Built in 654 when Christianity arrived in the region, and subsequently destroyed by the Vikings, the abbey was restored in the 11th century by their descendants. With the arrival of the Romantic period, the abbey became extremely well-known thanks to Victor Hugo who described it as the "most beautiful ruins in all of France". During our visit 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 classical architecture of this abbey blends with the magnificence of its mediaeval heritage in perfect harmony. Unlike Jumièges, a congregation of Benedictine monks settled in this abbey in 1931 and has remained to this day, bringing the community to a substantial number.

CRUISES REF. HON/HOP/IMP/PAR/PCN/SIP, pages 48 to 50 and 153.

# ■ PARIS: PANORAMIC GUIDED TOUR

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll leave by coach with our guide to discover the mythical sites of the capital. Since its foundation as Lutetia on the lle de la Cité, two thousand years of history have seen ecclesiastics, sovereigns and heads of state leave their mark on the city, building churches, erecting monuments and palaces, creating prestigious museums and outlining sumptuous perspectives. Its distinguished couturiers, perfumers and jewelers have strongly built up Paris's reputation for taste and elegance. A city of festivities, theatres and famous cabarets, Paris also glows from the sparkle and shine of its well-known revues. 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 Trocadéro and of course the famous Eiffel Tower.

CRUISES REF. HON/PAB/PAR/PCN/SIP, pages 48, 49 and 51.

# ■ PARIS AND OLD-TIME MONTMARTRE

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

Guided tour of Montmartre. 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-Coeur 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 Montmartre, you'll experience one of the most beautiful panoramic views of the capital.

CRUISE REF. PAB, page 51.

### **■** ROUEN

LENGTH: 2 hours

The historic center of Rouen and its famous cathedral are only a 5-minute walk from the ship. Stretched along the Seine, Rouen 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 walk past the Gros-Horloge (or Great Clock), 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 at the end of the 14th century. Finally, we'll visit the Saint Joan of Arc Church on the Old Market Place, built both in honor of the Saint as well as the heroine celebrated by the French on the second Sunday in May.

CRUISES REF. HON/HOP/PAF/PAR/PCN/SEN/SIP/ SPH\_PP, pages 48 to 51 and 149.

# ROUEN - ON THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE IMPRESSIONISTS

LENGTH: 3 hours

Discover the different sites where artists have created prestigious paintings such as Monet's Rouen Cathedral series, Pissarro's Pont Boieldieu in Rouen, Rainy Weather, and many, many others. You'll visit the Museum of Fine Arts in Rouen, which houses the largest collection of Impressionist paintings outside of Paris, and many famous works by Monet and Sisley. The museum is closed on Tuesdays and holidays, and will be replaced by a visit to the Eugène Boudin Museum in Honfleur (our stop on Day 6).

CRUISE REF. IMP, page 153.

### ■ THE CÔTE D'ALBÂTRE

LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll leave Honfleur by coach for our excursion to the Côte d'Albâtre, 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. Pass by the high cliffs of white chalk and stone beaches popularised by the paintings of Claude Monet, the suspended valleys of the little coastal rivers, the Normandy bridge, Etretat and Fécamp, sights not to be missed bordering a coast that you will see in a fresh light after this trip. Our first stop will be Etretat. Once a fishing village, Etretat transformed into a seaside resort in the 19th 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 a holiday spot for several famous opera composers and singers of the 19th century who had villas there or stayed there regularly in a comic-opera decor. The town boasts remarkable châteaus, manor houses and villas, such as the Manoir de la Salamandre, The Clos Lupin and the Château des Aygues which were the seaside residences of the Spanish queens Maria Christina and Isabella II. We'll continue by coach to Fécamp and visit the only distillery still producing Benedictine liqueur.

CRUISES REF. IMP/SEN/SIP, pages 48, 51 and 153.

### ■ THE CÔTE FLEURIE

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll depart by coach with our guide. Our first stop will be Deauville, the most glamour coastal French city, symbol of elegance, prestige and sophistication. Enjoy a stroll along the famous floorboards that were built in 1923 along the beach. Discover the casino (exteriors only), one of the nicest in Europe. We'll then set off for the lush, delightful setting of the Château du Breuil, located at the center of the Pays d'Auge. This castle is 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.

CRUISES REF. HON/HOP/PAF/PAR/PCN/SPH\_PP, pages 48 to 50 and 149.

# ■ THE LANDING BEACHES RESERVATION IN ADVANCE IS ESSENTIAL SEE WITH YOUR AGENCY

LENGTH: 16 hours

We'll leave by coach for a day trip (lunch included) to the landing beaches. Arrival at Pointe du Hoc, which was the scene of one of the landings on June 6, 1944. After our visit, we'll pass through Omaha Beach, Colleville sur Mer and its American cemetery. After lunch, we'll continue to Arromanches, site of the famous battle with its artificial port installed to allow the invasion of land troops and their equipment. We'll 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.

CRUISES REF. HON/PAF/PAR/PCN/SIP/SPH\_PP, pages 48 to 50 and 149.

# THE MALMAISON CHÂTEAU 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 Napoleon Bonaparte enjoyed to be surrounded. The council room is shaped like a military tent where receptions, dances and country-style games took place. The musical lounge offers Josephine's "troubadour" paintings and her well-known harp for visitors to admire. 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.

CRUISES REF. HON/HOP/PAF/PAR/SPH\_PP, pages 48, 50 and 149.

### ■ THE PALACE OF VERSAILLES

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll leave by coach with our hostess for a visit to the Palace of Versailles. Listed as a World Heritage Site for thirty years, Versailles is considered to be one of the finest achievements of French art from the 17th century. Until the French Revolution, one king followed another, each embellishing the Palace in his turn. Upon arrival, your guide will take you through the King's Grand Apartment. These seven

successive rooms were intended to serve as a Parade Apartment for the sovereign's official business. 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. 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 Palace, you will still have a little free time to discover the fabulous formal French gardens created by André Le Notre for Louis XIV

CRUISES REF. HON/HOP/PAF/PAR/SPH\_PP, pages 49 to 50 and 149.



# "DISCOVERY" EXCURSIONS

# ■ HIKE ACROSS THE CLIFFS OF THE CÔTE D'ALBÂTRE

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave from Honfleur by coach for the beautiful Côte d'Albâtre, a natural heritage within the Pays de Caux and the estuary of the River Seine. We'll pass by the high white cliffs bordered by the beaches and stones found in Impressionist paintings. As Guy de Maupassant wrote: "Nature has made these valleys; the rains of storms have ended with them in the shape of these ravines, trimming what was left of the cliff, excavating down to the sea, the bed of waters which acts as a passage for mankind." Once in Etretat, we'll set out for a hike across the cliffs to bask in the landscapes that have been dramatically shaped by weather and erosion. Afterwards, we'll enjoy some free time to explore the city itself.

CRUISES REF. HOP/PAF/SEN/SIP/SPH\_PP, pages 48, 50, 51 and 149.

#### **■ HIKING TO CHÂTEAU GAILLARD**

LENGTH: 3 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. Construction of the castle began in 1196 under Richard the Lionheart, who was both King of England and Duke of Normandy. 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 hike and visit, we'll return to the ship by coach.

CRUISES REF. PCN/SIP/SEN, pages 48 and 51.

### ■ PALACE OF VERSAILLES: BIKE TOUR THROUGH THE PALACE GARDENS

LENGTH: 4 hours

Visit Versailles in a whole new way: on a bicycle! This bike tour will bring you to the most beautiful parts of the park and gardens. We'll cycle along the canal and see the Queen's Hamlet and the Petit and Grand Trianons. The forests and gardens in Versailles are surrounded by a magnificent network of treelined paths.

CRUISES REF. HON/HOP/PAF/PAR/SPH\_PP, pages 49, 50 and 149.

#### ■ STROLL ON THE BANKS OF THE SEINE AND 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. The banks of the Seine 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. Throughout the centuries, the Seine has been used for transportation, commercial activities, energy production using floating windmills, cleaning animal skins, washing laundry, waste water dumping, and even drinking water up to the 19th century! All levels of walkers are welcome to join us and hear about the river's fascinating history. You can stay for one, two or even three hours with us, leaving the group when you want. You'll have a bus/subway ticket that you can use to return to the ship at any moment. Just ask your guide to point you in the right direction.

CRUISES REF. HON/PCN/PAR/SIP, pages 48 and 49.

# ■ THE CÔTE FLEURIE, DEAUVILLE AND ITS ARTIST VILLAS

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave from Honfleur by coach for an excursion along the Côte Fleurie. Our first stop will be Deauville, one of the most prestigious seaside resorts in all of France. Our guide will bring us to some of the most gorgeous villas and explain the diverse architectural styles of each. These majestic homes lend to Deauville's distinctive and treasurable charm. After, we'll continue on to the Château du Breuil. Nestled in the green heart of Normandy, the Château du Breuil is an attractive slate-roofed castle built in the  $16^{\text{th}}$  and  $17^{\text{th}}$  centuries. The Château du Breuil Company produces its own cider, coming from 100% natural fermentation. When the cider has reached its proper flavor, distillation can start and the process of making the quality Calvados begins. The tour will come to a close after enjoying a tasting, of course. At the end of our visit, we'll return to the ship by coach.

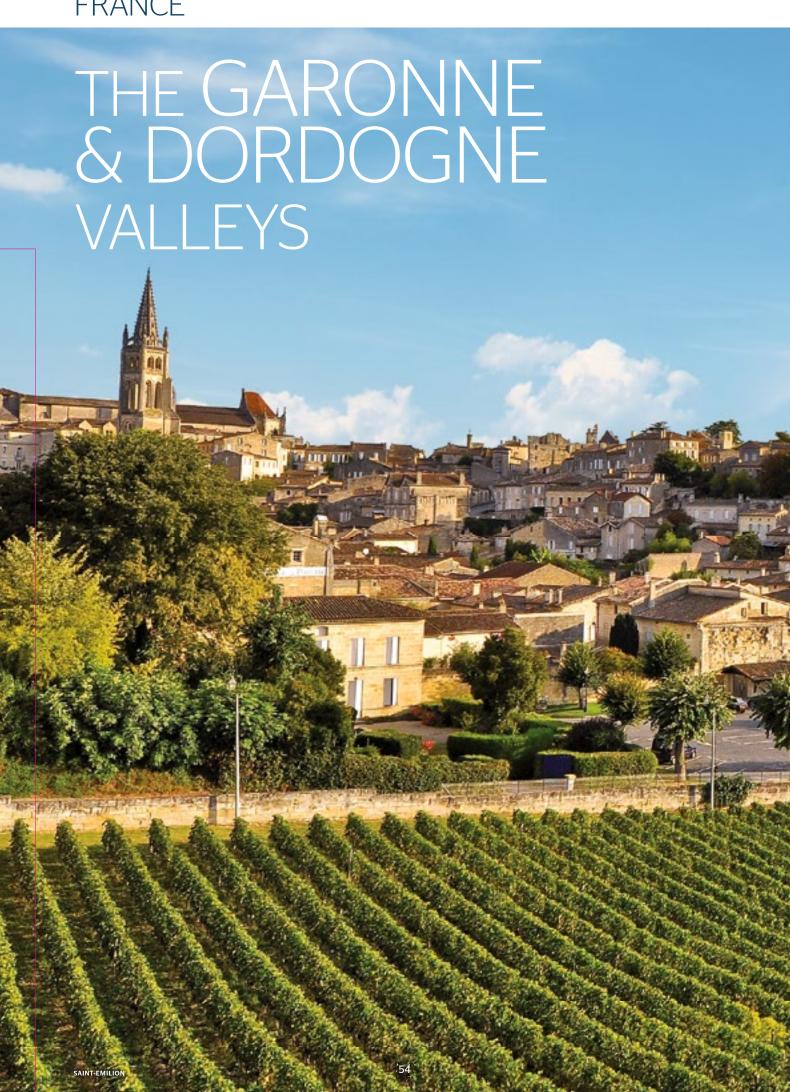
CRUISES REF. HON/PAR/PCN, pages 48 and 49.

# ■ TOURING PARIS IN A VINTAGE 2CV

LENGTH: 2 hours

Experience true vintage style as you cruise in a completely refurbished 2CV. It's fun, it's fabulous, and it's so French! Sit back and enjoy the magnificent sites, popular landmarks and hidden streets while you listen to your guide tell you all about the "City of I ight"

CRUISES REF. HON/PAR/PCN, pages 48 and 49.





Discover the largest area of AOC vineyards in the world

**EXCLUSIVE TO CROISIEUROPE:** 

Helicopter ride<sup>(1)</sup> over the gorgeous Médoc

- Saint-Emilion, Pauillac and the Médoc
- The Château de Roquetaillade, a unique specimen of feudal art in
- · Cadillac, a fortified town founded in the 13th century
- Bordeaux, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- The Arcachon Bay and the Dune of Pilat, the highest in Europe (REF. BOA)



# Three mighty rivers in the South-West of France Round cruises from Bordeaux

#### REF. BOA/BOA AIPP • 8 - DAY CRUISE

#### DAY 1 **BORDEAUX**

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 BORDEAUX • PAUILLAC(3) • The Médoc

AM: Cruise towards Pauillac

Excursion proposed:

• DISCOVERY: Helicopter ride(1) over the Médoc

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: The Grands Crus Wine Route of the Médoc(2)

• DISCOVERY: Médoc: biking, wine and cheese

#### PAUILLAC(3) • The Gironde Estuary • BLAYE DAY 3

AM: Cruise towards Blaye PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: The Route de la Corniche Fleurie and

the Blaye Citadel

• DISCOVERY: Blaye and its underground monuments

#### DAY 4 BLAYE • LIBOURNE(3) • Saint-Emilion

Cruise towards Saint-Emillion AM: PM: Excursion for both packages:

Saint-Fmillion

#### LIBOURNE(3) • CADILLAC DAY 5

Cruise towards Cadillac AM: PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: The Château de Roquetaillade and Cadillac

• DISCOVERY: Guided tour on foot of the hillsides in Cadillac

#### DAY 6 **CADILLAC • BORDEAUX**

AM: Cruise towards Bordeaux PM: Excursions proposed:

> • CLASSIC: Guided tour of Bordeaux • DISCOVERY: Biking in Bordeaux

Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 **BORDEAUX** • The Arcachon Bay • BORDEAUX

Excursion for both packages:

· Day-trip to the heart of the Arcachon Bay

#### DAY 8 **BORDEAUX**

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

### REF. BOP/BOP AIPP • 7 - DAY CRUISE

#### **BORDEAUX**

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 BORDEAUX • PAUILLAC(3) • The Médoc

AM: Cruise towards Pauillac

Excursion proposed:

• DISCOVERY: Helicopter ride(1) over the Médoc

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: The Grands Crus Wine Route of the Médoc

• DISCOVERY: Médoc: biking, wine and cheese

#### DAY 3 PAUILLAC(3) • The Gironde Estuary • BLAYE

AM: Cruise towards Blaye PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: The Route de la Corniche Fleurie and

the Blave Citadel

• DISCOVERY: Blaye and its underground monuments

#### DAY 4 BLAYE • LIBOURNE(3) • Saint-Emilion

Cruise towards Saint-Emillion AM: PM: Excursion for both packages:

Saint-Fmillion

#### DAY 5 LIBOURNE(3) • CADILLAC(3)

AM: Cruise towards Cadillac PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: The Château de Roquetaillade and Cadillac

• DISCOVERY: Guided tour on foot of the hillsides in Cadillac

#### DAY 6 CADILLAC(3) • BORDEAUX

Cruise towards Bordeaux AM: PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Bordeaux

• DISCOVERY: Biking in Bordeaux

Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 **BORDEAUX**

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

### See excursion details on pages 58 and 59.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-FU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate

NB: The cruise schedule may vary according to tides and arrival times at ports of call may be subject to change.

(1) This excursion must be reserved in advance through your travel agency. Subject to availability and favourable weather conditions.

(2) This excursion must be reserved in advance through your travel agency

(3) Depending on docking availability, the stopover in Pauillac may be replaced by Cussac-Fort-Médoc and Libourne by Bourg. In this event, the order of the visits could be altered



Discover the largest area of AOC vineyards

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Helicopter ride<sup>(3)</sup> over the gorgeous Médoc

- Bordeaux, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and its Wine Museum
- The Grands Crus wines of the region
- · Blaye and Vauban's citadel
- · Saint-Emilion, the history of a medieval village
- Pauillac and the Médoc







**ALL INCLUSIVE** on board

# The great wines of Bordeaux Round cruise from Bordeaux

REF. BOS/BOS AIPP • 6 - DAY CRUISE

DAY 1 **BORDEAUX** 

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

BORDEAUX • PAUILLAC(1) • The Médoc DAY 2

AM: Cruise towards Pauillac Excursion proposed:

• DISCOVERY: Helicopter ride(3) over the Médoc

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: The Grands Crus Wine Route of the Médoc(2)

• DISCOVERY: Médoc: biking, wine and cheese

DAY 3 PAUILLAC(1) • The Gironde Estuary · BLAYE

AM: Cruise towards Blaye PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: The Route de la Corniche Fleurie and the Blaye Citadel

• DISCOVERY: Blaye and its underground monuments

DAY 4 BLAYE • BOURG(1) • Saint-Emilion AM: Cruise towards Saint-Emillion

PM: Excursion for both packages:

 Saint-Emillion Gala dinner

LIBOURNE(1) • BORDEAUX DAY 5

AM: Cruise towards Bordeaux PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Bordeaux

• DISCOVERY: Biking in Bordeaux

**BORDEAUX** 

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

REF. BOQ /BOQ AIPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE

#### **BORDEAUX**

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Excursion for both packages:

· Guided tour through Bordeaux by night

#### BORDEAUX • PAUILLAC(1) • The Médoc DAY 2

AM: Cruise towards Pauillac Excursion proposed:

• DISCOVERY: Helicopter ride(3) over the Médoc

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: The Grands Crus Wine Route of the Médoc(2)

• DISCOVERY: Médoc: biking, wine and cheese

#### DAY 3 PAUILLAC(1) • The Gironde Estuary · BLAYE

AM. Cruise towards Blave PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: The Route de la Corniche Fleurie and the Blaye Citadel

• DISCOVERY: Blaye and its underground monuments

#### DAY 4 BLAYE • BOURG(1) • Saint-Emilion

AM: Cruise towards Saint-Emillion PM: Excursion for both packages

 Saint-Emillion Gala dinner

#### LIBOURNE(1) • BORDEAUX DAY 5

Disembark at 11:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 58 and 59.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

NB: The cruise schedule may vary according to tides and arrival times at ports of call may be subject to change.

(1) Depending on docking availability, the stopover in Pauillac may be replaced by Cussac-Fort-Médoc and Libourne by Bourg. In this event, the order of the visits could be altered

(2) This excursion must be reserved in advance through your travel agency.

(3) This excursion must be reserved in advance through your travel agency. Subject to availability and favourable weather conditions.

### REF. BOA\_VIN/BOA\_WIAIPP • 8 - DAY CRUISE

**CULTURAL** 

# Bordeaux Wine Festival

Embark on an immersive journey to discover the Grands Crus Wines of Gironde.

From 14-18 June 2018

## CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

• Ship is docked at the heart of the festival site **EXCURSIONS:** 

- Bordeaux: The Cité du Vin. Wine Trade in the Chartrons district and the Wine Museum
- Prestigious Saint-Emilion, Médoc and Sauternes vineyards



### THE GARONNE & DORDOGNE VALLEYS



# "CLASSIC" EXCURSIONS

# ■ ARCACHON BAY (day trip - lunch included)

LENGTH: 10.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for the Arcachon Bay. We will start off with a visit to the Oyster Centre and Museum located in Larros Port. A modern, interactive scenography will help you discover oyster farming and the history of the oyster. We will have lunch in a local restaurant. Then, we'll head to Arcachon for 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. We will then go to the Great Dune of Pilat. Culminating at 107m, it is the highest sand dune in Europe. The view from the top is awe-inspiring.

CRUISE REF. BOA, page 56.

# ■ 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".

CRUISES REF. BOP/BOQ/BOS, pages 56 and 57.

# ■ BORDEAUX LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave by coach for our guided tour of Bordeaux. A UNESCO World Heritage site, Bordeaux has been awarded the precious label in the "cultural site" category. Half of the city, from the boulevards to the banks of the Garonne, has thus been recognised for the quality of its architectural heritage. Our panoramic tour will allow you to take in all the main monuments of the city. Afterwards, we'll set off on a walking tour of the Old Bordeaux. From the wide avenues of the neo-classical Les Quinconces quarter and the Grand Théâtre to the narrow lanes of the Saint Pierre quarter, this circuit will give you a good idea of the diversity of Bordeaux's heritage.

CRUISES REF. BOA/BOP/BOS, pages 56 and 57.

### BORDEAUX BY NIGHT

LENGTH: 2 hours

Departure by coach for our guided tour through Bordeaux by night.

CRUISE REF. BOQ, page 57.

### ■ 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.

CRUISES REF. BOA/BOP, page 56.

### **■ SAINT-EMILION**

LENGTH: 3 hours

A guide will tell you all about the history of the medieval town of Saint-Emilion 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-Emilion. We'll finish up our tour with a commented wine-tasting session.

CRUISES REF. BOA/BOP/BOQ/BOS, pages 56 and 57.



# THE GRANDS CRUS WINE ROUTE OF THE MEDOC

MUST BE RESERVED 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.

CRUISES REF. BOA/BOP/BOQ/BOS, pages 56 and 57.



# "DISCOVERY" EXCURSIONS

# ■ BLAYE AND ITS UNDERGROUND MONUMENTS

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave on foot to visit the Blaye Citadel, built in the  $17^{\text{th}}$  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 vineyard and taste some regional products with an excellent glass of wine.

CRUISES REF. BOA/BOP/BOQ/BOS, pages 56 and 57.

### **■ BIKING IN BORDEAUX**

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave by bike from the Quai des Chartrons to see the locations and monuments in Bordeaux that have been listed as UNESCO World Heritage sites. Cycling along the Garonne to the Pont de Pierre, keep an eye out for the many amusing macarons decorating the building facades. Take in the enormity of the Grand Théâtre and the Place de la Bourse. The bike tour will finish up with a visit to the wine

museum, located just a few steps from our ship. You'll learn about the history of the Bordeaux wine trading, the great merchant families of the area, the prestigious classifications developed by Napoleon III, and the modernization of wine-making techniques. Our visit will be followed by a glass of wine and a snack of "cannelé", a local pastry.

CRUISES REF. BOA/BOP/BOS, pages 56 and 57.

#### **■ HELICOPTER RIDE**

LENGTH: 10 minutes

Fly over the gorgeous Médoc! Experience a bird's eye view of the numerous châteaux and famous vineyards that give the region its reputation. It's a once in a lifetime experience! (Flight subject to favourable weather conditions - RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BEFORE THE CRUISE BEGINS AND ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY). If the ship is moored in Cussac-Fort-Médoc, be prepared to pay an additional fee per person (can be paid for on board) for transport to the site.

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### ■ MEDOC: BIKING, WINE AND CHEESE TASTING

LENGTH: 4 hours

With a tour guide, you'll leave from the port on your bike to explore the vineyards and prestigious

châteaux in Pauillac. Get ready to discover the history, architecture and out-of-the-way places in this exceptionally beautiful area. What better reward for the effort than a lovely glass of grand cru and some regional cheeses served in a prestigious château in the heart of Pauillac. After our tasting, we'll return to the ship by bike.

CRUISES REF. BOA/BOP/BOQ/BOS, pages 56 and 57.

# ■ "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 hiking 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 hike. 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 local delicacies. 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.

CRUISES REF. BOA/BOP, page 56.



# THE RHÔNE AND THE SAÔNE





### **REASONS** TO CRUISE ON THE RHÔNE

- Discover an ever-evolving landscape between **Burgundy** and the gates of **Provence**
- UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Lyon Old Town, the Papal Palace in Avignon, the Regional Nature Park of the Camargue, the Donzere Pass, the Alpilles Mountains, etc.
- Our cruises travel through awe-inspiring landscapes and prestigious lands
- Discover prestigious French vineyards:
   Beaujolais and Burgundy, between Chalon and Mâcon, and Côtes du Rhône near Tain-l'Hermitage
- Highlights: discover the Ardèche Gorges, part of the Provence of legends, or the Camargue

# THE **ADVANTAGES**OF BOOKING WITH CROISIEUROPE

- Pioneers of this destination
- Largest choice of itineraries and lengths (from 3 to 8 days)

### **SHIPS**

- MS CAMARGUE Premium ship
- MS VAN GOGH Premium ship
- MS MISTRAL

### **THEMED CRUISES**

- Combined Rhine/Rhône cruise, see page 150
- Œnological cruise, see page 157
- Gastronomic cruise, see page 159
- Hiking cruise, see page 165
- Biking cruise, see page 169



Extensive discovery of the region and its terroir from the Saône to the Rhône

Provençal folk evening on board

- Tastings of local specialities in Mâcon and Tournon
- · The highly spiritual Cluny Abbey
- Visit to a local olive oil producer's
- · Lyon and its peculiar "traboules"
- Jeep safari through the wild Camargue
- Avignon and the Papal Palace with its private apartments







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REF. LSR/LSR AIPP • 8 - DAY CRUISE

Burgundy along the Saône and the Rhône Round cruise from Lyon

#### DAY 1 LYON

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

#### DAY 2 LYON • MÂCON

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Panoramic tour of Lyon

• DISCOVERY: Guided bike tour of Lyon and tasting of local products

PM: Cruise towards Mâcon

#### MÂCON • VIENNE DAY 3

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Visit to the Cluny Abbey

• DISCOVERY: Tour on foot of Mâcon

PM: Cruise towards Vienne

#### DAY 4 **VIENNE • ARLES**

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Vienne

• DISCOVERY: Explore Vienne on a

Segway

PM: Cruise towards Arles

#### DAY 5 ARLES, The Camargue

AM: Excursion for both packages:

• Tour of Arles and stop at a local olive oil producer's

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Discover the Camargue

• DISCOVERY: Jeep safari through the Camargue

#### DAY 6 **ARLES • AVIGNON • VIVIERS**

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Avignon and the Papal Palace

• DISCOVERY: Hike along the Pont du Gard and visit to the museum

PM: Cruise towards Viviers

Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Viviers

#### DAY 7 **VIVIERS • TOURNON • LYON**

AM: РΜ٠

Cruise towards Tournon Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Tournon

• DISCOVERY: The Cité du Chocolat in

Tain L'Hermitage

Gala dinner

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 66 and 67.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.







An exceptional cruise from the Saône to the mouth of the Rhône

Discover the Beaujolais vineyards

#### **EXCLIRSIONS**

- The Pont d'Arc Cavern, replica of the Chauvet Cave<sup>(1)</sup>
- Lyon and its peculiar "traboules"
- Avignon and the Papal Palace with its private apartments
- Jeep safari through the wild Camargue







ALL INCLUSIVE on board

REF. ANT\_PP/ANT\_AIPP/CHA\_PP/CHA\_AIPP (opposite direction) • 7 - DAY CRUISE

# The gateway to Provence From Chalon-sur-Saône to Martigues

### DAY 1 CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE

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

#### DAY 2 MÂCON, Beaujolais vineyards LYON

**AM:** Free time in Mâcon

Excursion for both packages:

• Tour of the Beaujolais vineyards **PM:** Cruise through Lyon by night

### DAY 3 LYON • TAIN L'HERMITAGE Valley of the Côtes du Rhône

AM: Ex

Excursions proposed:

CLASSIC: Panoramic tour of Lyon
 DISCOVERY: Guided bike tour of
 Lyon and tasting of local products

PM: Cruise towards Tain L'Hermitage

#### DAY 4 TAIN L'HERMITAGE, the Ardèche Gorges • AVIGNON

AM: Cri

Cruise towards Avignon

PM: Excursion for both packages:

 Discover the Pont d'Arc Cavern, a replica of the Chauvet Cave<sup>(1)</sup>

#### DAY 5 AVIGNON • ARLES

AM:

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Avignon and the Papal Palace

• DISCOVERY: Hike along the Pont du Gard and visit to the museum

**PM:** Cruise towards Arles

Free time to explore the old town in Arles

### DAY 6 ARLES, the Camargue • MARTIGUES<sup>(2)</sup>

AM: Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Discover the Camargue
- **DISCOVERY:** Jeep safari through the Camargue

PM: Cruise towards Martigues Gala dinner

### DAY 7 MARTIGUES<sup>(2)</sup>

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

### See excursion details on pages 66 and 67.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

 This excursion must be reserved in advance through your travel agency.

(2) Depending on docking availability, the stopover in Martigues may be replaced by Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône.







# The magic of the Rhône valley and the Camarque

### REF. LYL/LYL AIPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE

#### DAY 1

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

#### DAY 2 ARLES(1), the Camargue

AM: Cruise towards Arles PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Discover the Camargue

• DISCOVERY: Jeep safari through the Camargue

Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Arles

#### DAY 3 AVIGNON • VIVIERS, the Ardèche gorges

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Avignon and the Papal Palace

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Admire the Provence and the beautiful

scenery of the Rhône valley

 The Camargue, wild and unique · The Pont du Gard, architectural

the most beautiful canyon in Europe

Alpilles and one of the "most beautiful

**ALL INCLUSIVE** 

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villages in France" (REF. LMX)

 Arles and its vestiges of the Roman Empire

• The Vercors Plateau and its "hanging houses" Avignon and the Papal Palace with its private apartments Les Baux de Provence, jewel of the

**EXCLIRSIONS** 

masterpiece The Ardèche Gorges,

• DISCOVERY: Hike along the Pont du Gard

PM: Excursion for both packages: • Tour of the Ardèche Gorges

#### DAY 4 VIVIERS • TAIN L'HERMITAGE, the Vercors Plateau

Cruise towards Tain L'Hermitage AM: PM:

Excursion for both packages:

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

LYON DAY 5

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

### REF. LMX/LMX\_AIPP • 6 - DAY CRUISE

Round cruise from Lyon

#### DAY 1 LYON

Boarding at 3:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 ARLES

Cruise towards Arles AM: PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Discover the Baux-de-Provence

• DISCOVERY: Hike in the Alpilles Mountains to the village of the Baux-de-Provence

Excursion for both packages: • Guided tour of Arles

#### ARLES • PORT-SAINT-LOUIS • MARTIGUES(1) DAY 3

Excursions proposed: AM:

 $\bullet$   $\mbox{CLASSIC:}$  Discover the Camargue

• DISCOVERY: Jeep safari through the Camargue

PM: Cruise towards Martigues Free time in the city

#### DAY 4 AVIGNON • VIVIERS, the Ardèche Gorges

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Avignon and the Papal Palace

• DISCOVERY: Hike along the Pont du Gard

PM: Excursion for both packages:

• Tour of the Ardèche Gorges

#### DAY 5 VIVIERS • TAIN L'HERMITAGE, the Vercors Plateau

AM: Cruise towards Tain L'Hermitage PM: Excursion for both packages:

• Discover the Vercors and taste the famous Clairette de Die sparkling wine

Gala dinner

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.



See excursion details on pages 66 and 67.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.



Short break to discover the must-see sites of the Rhône Valley

#### **EXCURSIONS**

- Avignon and the Papal Palace with its private apartments
- The Pont du Gard, architectural masterpiece
- The Ardèche gorges, the most beautiful canyon in Europe (REF. ROD\_AVI)
- The Vercors Plateau and its "hanging houses" (REF. ROD\_AVIPP)
- Vienne, ancient Roman city (REF. ROD\_AVIPP)
- Jeep safari through the wild Camargue (REF. LMA\_PP)







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# A Provençal getaway

REF. ROD AVIPP/ROD AVAIPP • 4 - DAY CRUISE

### From Avignon to Lyon

AVIGNON DAY 1

Boarding at 5:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 AVIGNON • VIVIERS, the Ardèche Gorges

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Avignon and the Papal Palace

• DISCOVERY: Hike along the Pont du Gard

PM: Excursion for both packages:

• Tour of the Ardèche Gorges

DAY 3 VIVIERS • TAIN L'HERMITAGE, the Vercors Plateau

AM: Cruise towards Tain L'Hermitage PM: Excursion for both packages:

• Discover the Vercors and taste the famous Clairette de Die sparkling wine

Gala dinner

DAY 4 TAIN L'HERMITAGE • VIENNE • LYON

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Vienne

• DISCOVERY: Explore Vienne on a segway

Disembark at 2:00 p.m.

REF. LMA PP/LMA AIPP • 3 - DAY CRUISE

# From Lyon to Martigues

DAY 1 LYON

Boarding at 3:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 AVIGNON • ARLES

AM: Cruise towards Arles PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Avignon and the Papal Palace

• DISCOVERY: Hike along the Pont du Gard

Gala dinner

ARLES • PORT-SAINT-LOUIS • MARTIGUES(1) DAY 3

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Discover the Camargue

• DISCOVERY: Jeep safari through the Camargue

PM: Cruise towards Martiques Disembark at 4:00 p.m.



See excursion details on pages 66 and 67.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

### THE RHÔNE

# "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 Place du Forum and finally, the Thermae of Constantine.

CRUISES REF. ACV\_PP/CHA\_PP/LMX/LYL, pages 63 to 65 and 148.

# ■ 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 openair 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 Place du Forum and the Thermae of Constantine before hopping on board our coach leading us to Tarascon. There, we'll visit a local olive oil producer's domain located at the foot of Montagnette mountain range in an 18th century Provençal country house where the estate owners have planted a large orchard of 150.000 trees. The owners will explain the various steps to making the "yellow gold of Provence" before we indulge in a tasting of the product.

CRUISE REF. LSR, page 62.

### ■ AVIGNON AND 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. 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.

CRUISES REF. ACV\_PP/ANT\_PP/CHA\_PP/LMA\_PP/LMX/LSR/LYL/ROD\_AVI\_PP, pages 62 to 65 and 148.

#### **■ CASSIS AND WINE TASTING**

#### LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for Cassis, known for its crisp, floral, and flinty wines. Cassis wine is produced in 12 vineyards, all located in the hills immediately around the little town. We'll visit one of these vineyards for a tasting. We'll return on board after our tour.

CRUISE REF. MVC, page 155.

### ■ CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE AND WINE TASTING

### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave by coach for the charming village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, whose wine is considered the most prestigious in the Mediterranean region. The first vines in Châteauneuf-du-Pape were planted by the ancient Romans; today, its red wines come in a wide variety of styles: from big, bold and rich to opulent and sexy, as well as elegant and refined. We'll visit a vineyard for a tasting, and we'll return on board after our tour.

CRUISE REF. MVC, page 155.

#### CLUNY ABBEY

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave by coach with our guide towards the 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.

CRUISE REF. LSR, page 62.

#### **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.

CRUISES REF. ACV\_PP/ANT\_PP/CHA\_PP/LLY/LSR, pages 62 to 65 and 148.

### ■ PONT D'ARC CAVERN AND THE CHAUVET CAVE

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

Our guide will pick us up by coach at the ship. We'll leave for a guided tour of the Pont d'Arc Cavern. Opened to the public in 2015, it is the largest decorated cave replica in the world. The nearby enormous Chauvet Cave houses the original collections reproduced painstakingly here by engineers and artists. In the midst of the stalagmites and stalactites, you will discover the world as it was seen by men and women 36000 years ago. Come and discover where the first artists in the history of humanity painted masterpieces.

CRUISE REF. ANT\_PP, page 63.

### ■ 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 winemaking, followed by a wine-tasting session.

CRUISES REF. MVC/LLY, pages 155 and 157.

### **■ THE ARDÈCHE GORGES**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Our panoramic coach tour will take us through the Ardèche Gorges, a chance to take in the wonderful views all along the river course. From the numerous viewpoints, you will have the opportunity to admire the magnificent panoramas that make the fame of this region. We'll travel through beautiful natural views like Le Pont d'Arc, a natural arch of 34 meters. After a photo break at Vallon Pont d'Arc, our tour continues to the surprising Madeleine Cave for one last stop before returning to the ship.

CRUISES REF. ANT\_PP/CHA\_PP/LMX/LYL/ROD\_AVI\_PP, pages 63 to 65.

### **■ 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.

CRUISE REF. LMX, page 64.



# ■ THE BEAUJOLAIS VINEYARDS AND WINE TASTING

#### I FNGTH: 4 hours

The Beaujolais region is enclosed between Lyon and Mâcon. We'll pass through Saint-Amour, Juliénas, and Moulin-à-Vent before arriving in Romanèche-Thorins to visit the unique Hameau Dubœuf. After this multi-sensory experience, the Beaujolais will no longer be a mystery! We'll return on board in Trévoux.

CRUISES REF. ANT\_PP/MVC/LLY, pages 63, 155 and 157.

### ■ THE BURGUNDY VINEYARDS AND VISIT OF THE HOSPICES DE BEAUNE

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach from Tournus with our guides to discover the Burgundy vineyards. Our tour will take us along the "Côte de Beaune" and through many wine-growing villages such as Pommard, Puligny, Montrachet and many more. Afterwards, we'll stop in Beaune for a visit to the famous Hospices. Hôtel-Dieu de Beaune is a former charitable almshouse founded in 1443 by Nicolas Rolin, chancellor of Burgundy, as a hospital for the poor. The Hospices de Beaune remained a refuge for the needy from the Middle-Ages to the 20th century, a place where they were relentlessly taken care of by the "Soeurs Hospitalières". We'll discover the Hospices Museum which houses a collection comprising some 5,000 objects. The Hospices are also home to a wine-growing estate. Thanks to donations made throughout their history, the Hospices own over 60 ha of vines. Most of the plots are located in areas growing prestigious "appellations". Our visit ends, of course, with a tasting of these famous wines. We'll return on board in Chalonsur-Saône

CRUISE REF. CHA\_PP, page 63.

# ■ THE BURGUNDY VINEYARDS AND WINE TASTING

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach to visit the region that has rich soil and perfect weather for growing grapes - and whose 100 appellations are recognised around the world. Meursault's white wines are regarded as highly as those of its southern neighbor, Puligny-Montrachet. Volnay is renowned for making some of the smoothest, most delicate red wines in the southern Cote d'Or. Pommard is known for producing

powerful and richly flavored red wines made from Pinot Noir grapes. We'll visit one of the best vineyards in the region for a tasting.

CRUISE REF. MVC, page 155.

#### **■ 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 winetasting 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 1400 meters. The belvedere culminates at a height of 1245 meters 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 before returning by coach to Tain l'Hermitage to board our ship.

CRUISES REF. CHA\_PP/LMX/LYL/ROD\_AVI \_PP, pages 63 to 65.

# ■ THE VIVARAIS VINEYARDS AND WINE TASTING

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach and cross the Gorge de l'Ardèche to discover the bucolic vineyards in Vivarais. The Côtes du Vivarais wines reflect their terroir: rugged

and warm-hearted. After our tour, we'll return on board in Saint-Etienne-des-Sorts.

CRUISE REF. MVC, page 155.

# ■ 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, pink flamencos, 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 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.

CRUISES REF. ANT\_PP/CHA\_PP/LMA\_PP/LMX/LSR/LYL, pages 62 to 65.

#### **■ TOURNON**

LENGTH: 3 hours

Located in the heart of the Rhone 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 Rhone River. This imposing castle was built on a high granite rock overlooking the town and was the domain of the barrony of the Counts of Tournon. At the foot of the castle, enjoy a pleasant walk along the streets and alleys of the historic center 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.

CRUISES REF. ACV\_PP/LSR, pages 62 and 148.

### **■ VIENNE**

I FNGTH: 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 2000 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 St Maurice (exteriors only), which has been listed as a historic monument since 1840.

CRUISES REF. CHA\_PP/LLY/LSR/ROD\_AVI \_PP, pages 62, 63, 65 and 157.

#### **■ 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.

CRUISES REF. CHA\_PP/LSR, pages 62 and 63.

# "DISCOVERY" EXCURSIONS

#### **■** GUIDED BIKE TOUR OF LYON

LENGTH: 2.5-3 hours

Discover all of Lyon's touristic highlights in only 2.5 hours and with little effort! Enjoy a leisurely bike ride around the lake in the Parc de la Tête d'Or and on the banks of the Rhône River. Our guide will let you in on the most titillating legends and anecdotes about the former Gallic capital. Don't miss the tasting of local products and delicacies in the heart of Vieux Lyon! Our tour includes the banks of the Rhône, the Place Bellecour, La Croix-Rousse, La Parc de la Tête d'Or, Vieux Lyon, the banks of the Saône River, and the Place des Terreaux.

CRUISES REF. ACV\_PP/ANT\_PP/CHA\_PP/LSR, pages 62, 63 and 148.

# ■ HIKE 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

hike along the aqueduct trail, a 2-mile walk through the site with numerous viewing points. At the end of our trek, we'll visit the museum and then return on board our ship.

CRUISES REF. ACV\_PP/ANT\_PP/CHA\_PP/LMA\_PP/LMX/LSR/LYL/ROD\_AVI\_PP, pages 62, 65, 148 and 157.

# ■ HIKE THROUGH THE ALPILLES MOUNTAINS AND THE VILLAGE OF BAUX-DE-PROVENCE

LENGTH: 4 hours (2 to 2.5 hours of walking)

You'll be taken by coach to the starting point of a hike in the Alpilles Mountains to the village of Baux-de-Provence. This exceptional area is framed by limestone formations, vineyards and olive orchards. You'll have a great view of the legendary village and the surrounding valley.

CRUISES REF. ACV\_PP/CHA\_PP/LMX, pages 63, 64 and 148.

#### ■ LA CITÉ DU CHOCOLAT IN TAIN L'HERMITAGE

LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll leave on foot for the Cité du Chocolat in Tain l'Hermitage. Come and explore, smell and taste chocolate in all of its forms at the Valrhona discovery center. During the tour of our virtual factory, you'll be

PONT DU GARD

invited to take part in short activities about chocolate, and you'll hear from the women and men who help build Valrhona's reputation. Lastly, we'll indulge in a tasting of course!

CRUISES REF. ACV\_PP/LLY/LSR, pages 62, 148 and 157.

### ■ "SAFARI" IN 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 area with ponds and marshes that are home to waders, pink flamingos, egrets, herons, etc. Join us for another way to get up and close to nature.

CRUISES REF. ANT\_PP/CHA\_PP/LMA\_PP/LMX/LSR/LYL, pages 62 to 65.

### **■ THE DELICACIES OF MACON**

LENGTH: 2.5 hours

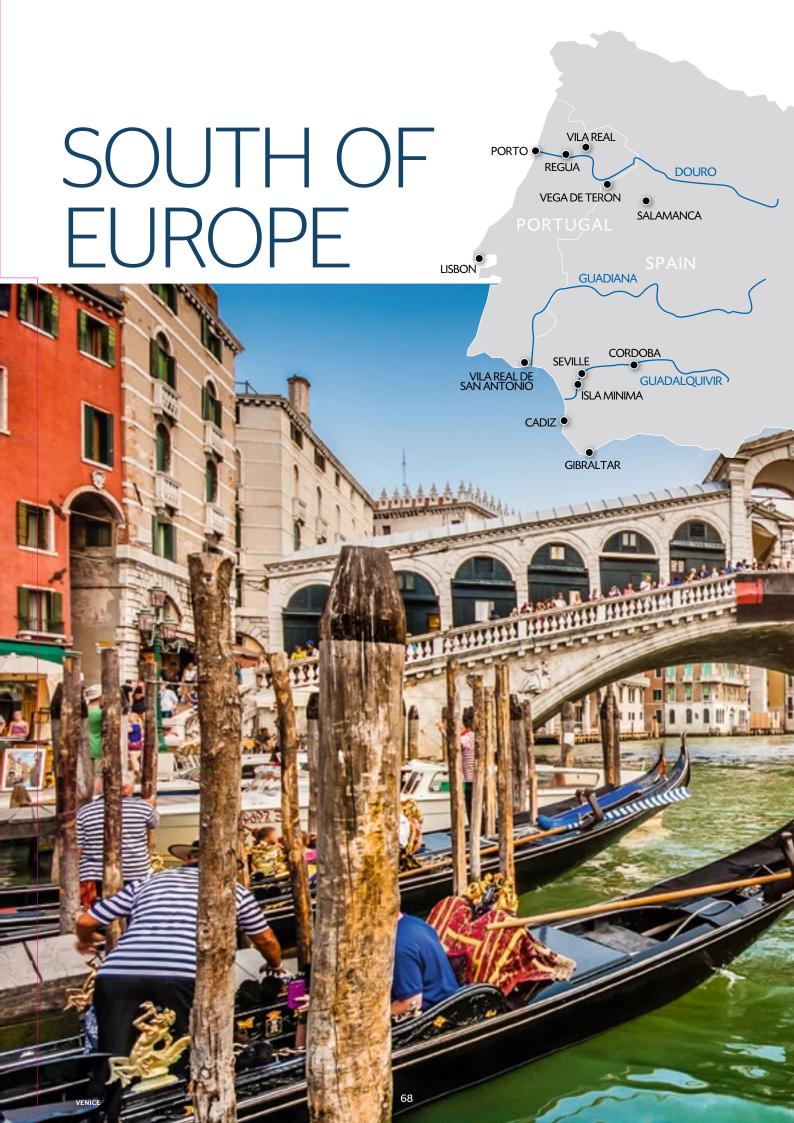
Our guide will lead you through the streets of Mâcon on foot to discover the rich heritage of this fascinating city. Among the many sites you'll see and learn about are the cathedral, the museum of fine arts (a former Ursuline convent) and the town hall. During your tour, you'll be able to taste many of the local products. You'll have some free time to explore on your own before heading back to the ship.

CRUISE REF. LSR, page 62.

## ■ VISITING VIENNE ON A SEGWAY LENGTH: 2 hours

Explore Vienne on a Segway! After familiarizing yourself with your Segway, you'll set off on an original tour of this charming "Gallo-Roman" city known for its art and history. The sites you'll see from your Segway include the Roman amphitheater, the Temple of Augustus and Livia, and Saint-Maurice Cathedral.

CRUISES REF. ANT\_PP/CHA\_PP/LSR/ROD\_AVIPP, pages 62, 63 and 65.









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Cruise through the Venetian Lagoon

#### **EXCURSIONS:**

- · Venice and its mysteries
- · Hike in the Euganean Hills
- Bologna and its flavours
- Verona, Romeo and Juliet's town







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# REF. VEB/VEB AIPP • 7 - DAY CRUISE

#### VENICE DAY 1

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

#### **VENICE** • Burano and Murano DAY 2 **VENICE**

AM:

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of the Doge's
- **DISCOVERY:** Following the footsteps of Casanova in Venice

PM: Excursion for both packages:

• The Lagoon islands of Burano and Murano

#### **VENICE • CHIOGGIA** DAY 3 (or surroundings) • TAGLIO DI PO

AM: Cruise towards Chioggia PM: Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Padua
- DISCOVERY: Hike on the wine route through the Euganean Hills and the village of Arquà Petrarca

Meanwhile, our ship cruises to Taglio Di Po<sup>(2)</sup>.

If you do not choose to go on the excursion to Padua, a transfer is established from Chioggia to Taglio Di Po with some free time in Adria

# Round cruises from Venice through

### TAGLIO DI PO • POLESELLA

Cruise towards Polesella AM: PM: Excursion for both packages:

· Bologna and its flavours

#### POLESELLA • TAGLIO DI PO DAY 5 CHIOGGIA (or surroundings)

AM: Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Ferrara

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Verona • DISCOVERY: Bike tour through Verona and the Giusti Gardens Meanwhile, our ship sails towards Chioggia  $^{\!\scriptscriptstyle{(2)}}$  where we'll stop for some

free time

#### CHIOGGIA (or surroundings) DAY 6

VENICE AM:

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Tour of the Castello district<sup>(1)</sup>
- DISCOVERY: Tour on foot of the

Dorsoduro district

PM: Free time to discover Venice on

your own Gala dinner



#### DAY 7 VENICE

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 74 and 75.

- (1) If our ship is moored at the San Basilio quay, a transfer will be
- organized by CroisiEurope (payable on board).

  (2) Passengers cannot stay on board during navigation between Chioggia and Taglio di Po in both directions.





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#### **EXCURSIONS**

- Follow Casanova's footsteps through the secret passageways at the Doge's
- The captivating Lagoon islands of Murano and Burano
- Padua, town of St Anthony
- Ferrara, a medieval fortress town
- Verona, Romeo and Juliet's town (REF. VSI)
- Tour a handcraft manufactory of gondolas and masks, Venetian symbols (REF. VEN)







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# the Lagoon Islands

# REF. VSI/VSI AIPP • 6 - DAY CRUISE

**VENICE** 

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

DAY 2 VENICE • CHIOGGIA • Padua • TAGLIO DI PO POLESELLA

AM: Cruise towards Chioggia PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Padua

• DISCOVERY: Hike on the wine route through the Euganean Hills and the village of Arquà Petrarca

Return on board in Taglio Di Po(2).

If you do not choose to go on the excursion to Padua, a transfer is established to the famous resort of Sottomarina for some

#### DAY 3 POLESELLA • Ferrara • Verona • TAGLIO DI PO

AM: Excursion for both packages: • Guided tour of Ferrara РΜ٠

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Verona

• **DISCOVERY**: Bike tour through Verona and the Giusti Gardens

#### DAY 4 TAGLIO DI PO • CHIOGGIA (or surroundings) • VENICE AM:

Departure by coach to Chioggia<sup>(</sup>

Free time in Adria and Chioggia

PM: Cruise towards Venice

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of the Doge's Palace

• DISCOVERY: Following the footsteps of Casanova in Venice

# **VENICE • Burano and Murano • VENICE**

AM: Excursion for both packages:

• The Lagoon islands of Burano and Murano Free time to discover Venice on your own

Gala dinner

#### VENICE DAY 6

PM:

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

# REF. VEN/VEN AIPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE

DAY 1 VENICE

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 **VENICE** • Burano and Murano • VENICE

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of the Doge's palace

• DISCOVERY: Following the footsteps of Casanova in Venice

PM: Excursion for both packages:

• The Lagoon islands of Burano and Murano

DAY 3 VENICE

AM: Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of a handcraft manufactory of gondolas and

PM: Free time to explore Venice on your own

#### DAY 4 VENICE • CHIOGGIA (or surroundings) • VENICE Cruise towards Chioggia AM:

PM:

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Padua

• DISCOVERY: Hike on the wine route through the Euganean

Hills and the village of Arquà Petrarca Gala dinner

#### DAY 5 VENICE

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.



# **ITALY**



# "CLASSIC" EXCURSIONS

### **■ FERRARA**

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach with our guides towards Ferrara. This city is famous for being the seat of the archbishopric and for its small university. The town was also the residence of the Este dynasty as well as a flourishing trading town. You can still appreciate the past glory of Ferrara with its wide streets and impressive Renaissance palaces. Our tour will take us through the town's medieval streets. We'll visit the old Jewish ghetto, the Cathedral with its stunning Romanesque façade and the Castello Estense (exteriors only), built during the Renaissance and whose four towers dominate the town centre. Our coach will then take us on a panoramic tour for a chance to admire the Palazzo dei Diamanti, the Piazza Ariostea and the Palazzo Schifanoia.

CRUISES REF. VEB/VSI, pages 72 and 73.

# ■ HANDCRAFT MANUFACTURY OF GONDOLAS AND MASKS

LENGTH: 4.25 hours

Our visit begins with the discovery of the area that has been the heart of handmade gondola production for centuries. We'll visit a gondola workshop and learn all the secrets of this art directly from the master artisans. Back in the 18th century, the heyday of the gondola, there were upwards of 14,000 of these elegant boats plying the waters of the city canals. Today, there are only 400 left, 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.

CRUISE REF. VEN, page 73.

# ■ 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.

CRUISES REF. VEB/VSI/VEN, pages 72 and 73.

# **■ PADUA**

LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll leave by coach from Chioggia for Padua. Best known in Christianity as the Saint Anthony of Padua city, it is also famous for its art. 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 15th 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.

CRUISES REF. VEB/VSI/VEN, pages 72 and 73.

# ■ 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 (one of the most magnificent in the world) 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 9<sup>th</sup> century until the Republic fell in 1797. Although there are no longer any traces of the 9<sup>th</sup>-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. The bridge, known in the past as the symbol of the destiny that awaited the prisoners, has more romantic connotations nowadays.

CRUISES REF. VEB/VSI/VEN, pages 72 and 73.

# ■ VENICE, THE CASTELLO QUARTER

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll set out on a walking tour of the "calli" for a chance to discover, not far from St Mark's Square, Venice's hidden masterpieces of architecture and painting. We'll meet up with our guides at the Seven Martyrs Quay and enjoy a guided tour of the insides of the Byzantine-style Santa Maria Formosa Church, then on to the Santa Maria dei Miracoli Church - a little gem of Venetian Renaissance - and finally the Santi Giovanni e Paolo Church whose interior contains the impressive series of funerary monuments of the Doges, masterpieces of the heroes of the Republic and Renaissance sculptures. On your way back, we'll get to admire the Church of San Zaccaria (exteriors only) built in the Gothic and Renaissance styles and dedicated to St. Zacharias, father of John the Baptist whose relics are kept inside. Then we'll pass by the Santa Maria della Pieta Church (exteriors only). Founded in 1346, this orphanage for girls was renowned throughout Europe for its music in the 17th and 18th centuries.

CRUISE REF. VEB, page 72.

# ■ VERONA AND THE AMPHITEATER

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. The Romans founded the city in 49 BC and built many of its grandiose works such as the amphitheatre—the third largest in Italy, after the Colosseum and the amphitheatre in Capua. In the Middle Ages, the city flourished under the wrathful della Scala clan, who were as much faithful patrons of the arts as they were murderous tyrants. Under Cangrande I (1308–28) Verona conquered Padua and Vicenza, with the poet Dante and the artists Petrarch and Giotto benefitting from the city's patronage. The Scaligers rebuilt the



walls during the Middle Ages, embracing a much larger territory in the west and another vast area on the east bank of the river. It's easy to spend a long time simply exploring the narrow streets lined with handsome palazzi that make up its historic heart. The city's museums and churches contain some of the finest works of art. 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. At the end of our visit, we'll return on board in Polesella.

CRUISES REF. VEB/VSI, pages 72 and 73.



# "DISCOVERY" EXCURSIONS

### **■ FLAVOURS IN BOLOGNA**

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave by coach from Polesella for Bologna. Bologna is a university city known for its terracotta medieval buildings adorned with miles of porticoes. Come discover the city during a unique tour celebrating all its famous flavours. Our guide will take us through the Piazza Maggiore to the heart of the city to see its magnificent Fountain of Neptune and the Towers of Bologna. We'll then head to the Quadrilatero neighbourhood to browse the old medieval market. This is the commercial heart of the old town centre, overflowing with goods, noisy venders and customers. At the Caffe' della Corte on the Piazza Santo Stefano, you'll be able to taste some of the local foods. Following our tour, we'll return to the ship.

CRUISE REF. VEB, page 72.

# ■ FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF CASANOVA IN VENICE

LENGTH: 3 hours

Giacomo Girolamo Casanova was born in Venice in 1725. Both his parents were actors, and he was the first of six children in the family. He entered the University of Padua at age twelve and graduated five years later with a degree in law. Over his lifetime, he was a lawyer, soldier, violinist, courtier, economist, philosopher, writer, and of course, a lover who got into sexual escapades resembling operatic plots. While visiting Doge's Palace, our guide will evoke his intricate life, including his imprisonment in the palace in solitary confinement for "grave faults committed in public outrages against the holy religion." He later escaped with the help of a renegade priest. Casanova's reputation remains until this day, and our guide will recount the most outrageous moments of this "adventurer's" life. Our guide will then take us on a walk through the city streets, passing by the Casino Venier and Casanova's house, finishing up at the Rialto Bridge. After our tour, you can return to the ship at your own pace.

CRUISES REF. VEB/VSI/VEN, pages 72 and 73.

# ■ HIKING ON THE WINE ROUTE THROUGH THE EUGANEAN HILLS AND THE VILLAGE OF ARQUA PETRARCA

LENGTH: 6 hours

The Euganean Hills are volcanic-origin hills that rise to height of 1,968 feet from the Padovan-Venetian plain a few miles south of Padua. Hot water springs helped create the multitude of spa towns that have

existed here since Roman times, as the ancient ruins attest. The region is also known for its vineyards. We'll leave by coach for the Euganean Hills and the starting point of your hike. With our guide, we'll first hike to Mount Calbarina (446 feet in altitude) to take in the magnificent view of the Lago della Costa. Our hike will continue through the forest to Mount Piccolo (1,037 feet in altitude). The path continues to one of the most beautiful and picturesque medieval villages in the area: Arquà Petrarca. We'll see the façade of Renaissance poet Francesco Petrarca's home. His tomb can be found in the piazza in front of the town church. An approximate 6 hours tour, with 2.5 hours hiking, 4.5 miles, and an altitude difference of 918 feet.

CRUISES REF. VEB/VSI/VEN, pages 72 and 73.

# ■ VENICE AND THE DORSODURO DISTRICT

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'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. Our next stop will be the Gallerie dell'Accademia. The district's hub is Campo Santa Margherita where you'll find a market, antique stalls, a supermarket and cafes. In the evening, this hub becomes Venice's liveliest nightspot. After our visit, we'll return to the ship. (REF. VEB: if the ship is moored neither at San Basilio Pier nor at The Zattere, you'll be asked to pay an extra R/T fee for the vaporetto. To be paid on board.)

CRUISE REF. VEB, page 72.

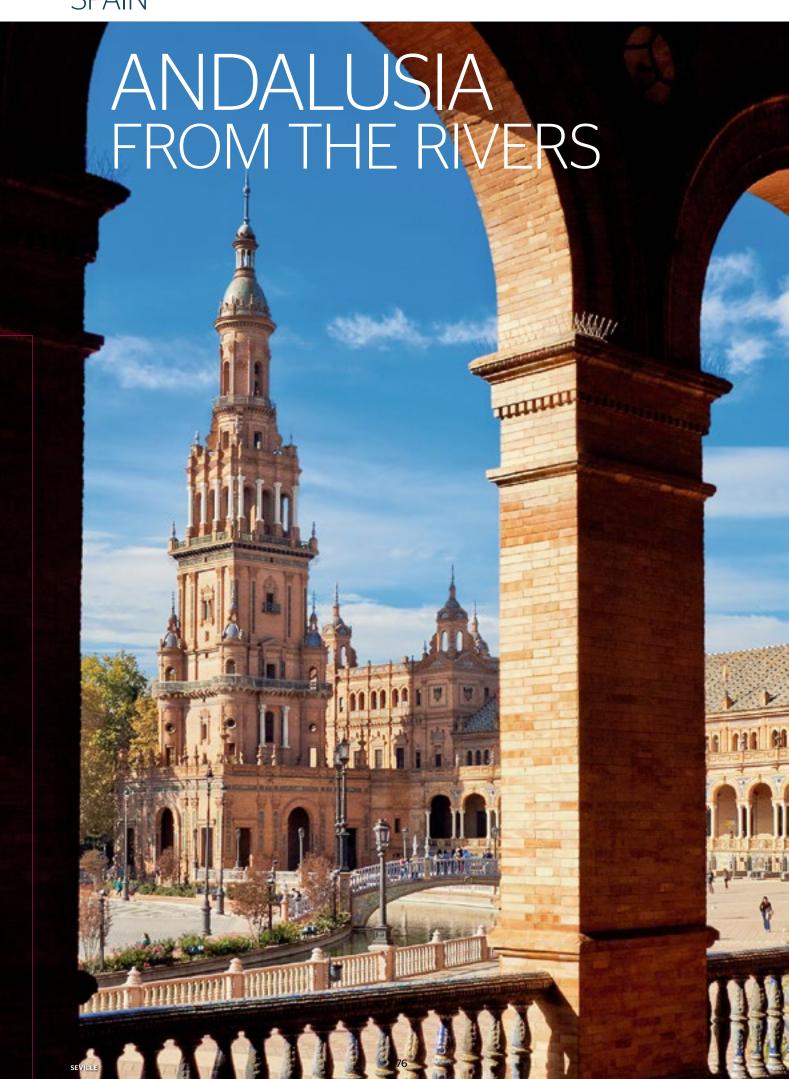
# ■ VERONA BY BIKE AND THE GIUSTI GARDENS

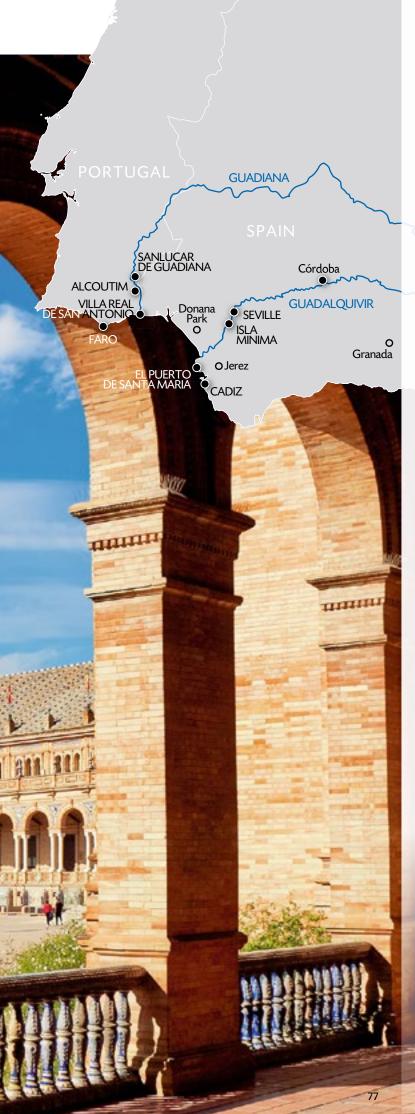
LENGTH: 6 hours

We'll leave by coach from Polesella for Verona. Discover Verona's main attractions and lesser-known sites as you pedal down medieval streets, along ancient city walls and through picturesque squares and courtyards. Often overshadowed by neighboring Venice, Verona possesses an impressive artistic heritage and many cultural diversions. Throughout the tour, learn more about Verona's stories from a local guide. And we'll discover the Giusti Gardens, one of the city's marvels. This magnificent Italian garden was designed in the 16th century and contains age-old trees, gargoyles, fountains, and grottoes. The garden is dominated by a captivating ancient cypress-tree road which even impressed the poet Goethe. At the end of our visit, we'll return on board in Polesella.

CRUISES REF. VEB/VSI, pages 72 and 73.







# **REASONS** TO VISIT ANDALUSIA

- More than 300 days of sunshine per year, an exceptional climate in southern Europe and a quite extraordinary light and radiance
- The largest number of protected natural areas in **Spain**
- A great historic and artistic heritage, unique in the world
- Village fiestas all year round
- High quality gastronomy

# THE **ADVANTAGES**OF BOOKING WITH CROISIEUROPE

- Exclusive itinerary
- Unique technology allowing cruising on both river and coast
- Cruise in the Gulf of Cadiz

# SHIP

• MS LA BELLE DE CADIX - Premium ship

# THEMED CRUISE

Hiking cruise, see page 162

# **2018 EVENTS IN SPAIN**

### **CADIZ**

- Carnival: February
- International Folklore Festival Ciudad de Cadiz: early July
- Saint John's Eve: June 23rd

# **SEVILLE**

- Holy Week: from March 25th to April 1st
- April Fair: from April 16th to 22nd
- Corpus Christi: May 31st

# **EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA**

- Carnival: February
- Holy week: from March 25th to April 1st
- Spring Fair and Feria del Vino Fino: spring
- Celebration of the Virgen de los Milagros: September 8<sup>th</sup>

Information given by tourist boards, subject to changes.



Andalusia's Golden Triangle: Seville, Córdoba and Granada

Journey to the heart of Spanish and Portuguese traditions

#### **FXCURSIONS:**

- Alcoutim, an authentic Portuguese village
- Day-trips in Granada and Córdoba
- Evening in a genuine Andalusian
  hacienda



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SEVILLE

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**SPAIN** 

Córdoba

**GUADALQUIVIF** 

**o** Granada

ALL INCLUSIVE on board

REF. SXS\_PP/SXS\_AIPP • 8 - DAY CRUISE

Landscapes and culture through Spain and Portugal Round cruise from Seville

# DAY1 SEVILLE

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

### DAY 2 SEVILLE • Córdoba • SEVILLE

Full-day excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Córdoba
- **DISCOVERY:** Touring the courtyards of Córdoba on a Segway

# DAY 3 SEVILLE • CADIZ

AM: Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Seville • DISCOVERY: Bike tour through
- Seville

**PM:** Cruise towards Cádiz Excursion for both packages:

• Flamenco evening

### DAY 4 CADIZ • Jerez • CADIZ

AM: Excursion for both packages:

 Jerez and a "ganaderia" where bulls are raised

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Cádiz and its cathedral

• **DISCOVERY:** Hike the waterfront in

Cádiz

# DAY 5 ALCOUTIM • VILA REAL (Portugal)

AM: Cruise towards Alcoutim

Free time to discover the city on your own

PM: Excursion for both packages:

Guided tour of Faro

# DAY 6 EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA ISLA MINIMA • SEVILLE

AM:

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Tour of the Osborne Bodega and wine-tasting session
- **DISCOVERY:** Hike in Sanlúcar through Doñana National Park Cruise towards Isla Minima

PM:

 Tour of a genuine Andalusian hacienda followed by an equestrian show

# DAY 7 SEVILLE • Granada • SEVILLE

Full-day excursion for both packages:

• Discover Granada Gala dinner

DAY 8 SEVILLE

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

### See excursion details on pages 80 and 81.







The best of Andalusia: Seville, Córdoba, Granada and Cádiz

#### **EXCURSIONS**

- Tour of a bull-raising farm in Jerez
- Observe migratory birds in a nature
- Tour of the Rábida Friary and the Wharf of Christopher Columbus's Caravels (in July and August)
- Tasting of local specialities





ALL INCLUSIVE on board

REF. SHF\_PP/SHF\_AIPP /SHF\_PPETE • 8 - DAY CRUISE

# Tradition, Gastronomy and Flamenco in Andalusia Round cruise from Seville

#### DAY 1 SEVILLE

Boarding at 5:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 SEVILLE • Córdoba • SEVILLE

Full-day excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Córdoba

#### DAY 3 SEVILLE • CADIZ

Excursion proposed: AM:

Guided tour on foot of Seville

PM: Cruise towards Cádiz

• Tour through Cádiz by night

#### CADIZ • EL PUERTO DE SANTA DAY 4 MARIA

AM: Excursion proposed:

• Jerez and a "ganaderia" where bulls are raised

PM: Excursion proposed:

· Guided tour of Cádiz

#### EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA DAY 5 **ISLA MINIMA**

AM: Excursion proposed:

• Tour of the Osborne Bodega and wine-tasting session

PM: Cruise towards Isla Minima

• Tour of a genuine Andalusian hacienda followed by an equestrian show

# SEVILLE • Granada • SEVILLE

Full-day excursion proposed:

• Discover Granada Flamenco evening

#### DAY 7 **SEVILLE**

Free time to discover Seville on your AM: own

PM: Excursion proposed:

• Tour of a nature reserve with a forest guide. In July and August, visit of the Wharf of Christopher Columbus's Caravels

Gala dinner

**SEVILLE** DAY 8

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 80 and 81.





# **SPAIN**

# "CLASSIC" EXCURSIONS

## ■ AN EVENING IN AN ANDALUSIAN HACIENDA

LENGTH: 1.5 hours

After dinner, 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. We'll return to the ship at the end of the evening.

CRUISES REF. SHF\_PP/SXS\_PP, pages 78 and 79.

# CADIZ AND ITS CATHEDRAL

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave by coach for our panoramic tour of Cádiz. 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.

CRUISES REF. SHF\_PP/SXS\_PP, pages 78 and 79.

### ■ CADIZ ON FOOT

LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll leave on foot for our tour of Cádiz, one of the oldest cities in Europe. Our guided tour will take us through the old centre, past sights such as the castle of San Sebastian built in the 17th century, the popular neighbourhood of the Vina and the cathedral. We'll also get to admire the Castillo de Santa Catalina, the Castillo de San Sebastián and many more of the monuments that Cristobal de Rojas commissioned in the 18th century. Our tour continues towards the Plaza de España, formerly known as Plaza del Carbón, which was extended with the Monument to the Constitution of 1812 created by architect Modesto López Otero and sculptor Aniceto Marinas to mark the 100th anniversary of the constitution. Our tour ends via the Plaza de las Flores.

CRUISE REF. SHF\_PP, page 79.

# ■ CORDOBA (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. We'll be back on board in Seville.

CRUISES REF. SHF\_PP/SXS\_PP, pages 78 and 79.

### ■ FARO AND TAVIRA

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach for our tour of Faro and start off with the cathedral (exteriors only). Originally built as a church in the 13th and 14th centuries, Saint Mary became a cathedral in the 16th century. A few elements still remain from the original church including the bell tower and two chapels at the crossing of the transept. Afterwards, we'll head to Tavira. White walls, Moorish-style doors and roofs are characteristic of this city which has preserved the charm of the unspoilt villages of southern Portugal. This lovely coastal town is crossed by the river Gilão and boasts several beautiful bridges, including "Ponte Romana» with its seven Roman arches. We'll return on board in Vila Real de Santo António.

CRUISE REF. SXS\_PP, page 78.

# **■ FLAMENCO EVENING IN CADIZ**

LENGTH: 2.5 hours

After dinner, we'll leave on foot for our Flamenco evening. Flamenco (cante flamenco) is an art created by the Gypsy and Andalusian peoples based on popular folklore, itself born from the various cultures which flourished throughout the centuries in Spain. Immerse yourself in the most famous of all Spanish traditional

CRUISES REF. SXS\_PP, page 78.

# 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 Islamic 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 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, which was



the summer residence of the Nasrid Emirs, 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. Do not miss the Albayzin district which offers a magnificent view of the Alhambra and the Sierra Nevada. We'll return to Seville by coach.

CRUISES REF. SHF\_PP/SXS\_PP, pages 78 and 79.

# ■ JEREZ AND A GANADERIA

LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll depart from El Puerto de Santa Maria for our excursion in Jerez. A panoramic tour by coach will allow us to see the cathedral which was built in 1695 over the ruins of the old Jerez mosque and the former Salvador Church. Afterwards, we'll discover the Alcazar which still displays a large amount of features from its early construction in the 12th century. Our tour continues with a visit to a "Ganadería" (a property where bulls are raised), an opportunity to learn about this living symbol of Spanish culture. We'll follow the entire process of preparing the animal, from the birth of the calf to the adult bull's appearance in the bull ring in its fifth year.

CRUISES REF. SHF\_PP/SXS\_PP, pages 78 and 79.

# ■ NATURE RESERVE AND BIRD-WATCHING SITE

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach to a nature reserve for our private tour with a forest guide. This excursion will be a total immersion into an entirely unspoiled natural area which has managed to preserve its very specific character. Then, we will go on to a bird-watching site where we will get the chance to discover an amazing variety of bird species: waders, gulls, ducks and more. (In July and August, this visit is replaced with the Rabida Friary and the Wharf of Christopher Columbus's Caravels).

CRUISE REF. SHF\_PP, page 79.

### **■ 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. Now considered a true piece of art, it was decorated by Keith Herring in



1983 and was the subject of a photo exhibit by Larry Mangino in 1996. We'll enjoy a tasting of three different wines along with some regional products.

CRUISES REF. SHF\_PP/SXS\_PP, pages 78 and 79.

# ■ 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 Ibero-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.

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# **■ SEVILLE**

LENGTH: 2.5 hours

We'll depart on foot for our guided tour to discover this beautiful city with a rich Arab heritage. The Andalusian capital features an impressive amount of monuments listed as World Heritage Sites by UNESCO.

CRUISE REF. SHF\_PP, page 79.

# ■ THE RABIDA FRIARY AND THE WHARF OF THE CARAVELS

LENGTH: 5 hours

In July and August only: We'll set off by coach for our guided tour of the Rábida Friary. 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 was welcomed here by Brother Juan Perez who gave him hospitality before setting off for America. Afterwards, we'll visit the Wharf of the Caravels for a chance to see the replicas of Columbus's ships, the Pinta, the Niña and the Santa Maria, with which he discovered America in 1492. We'll return to Seville.

CRUISES REF. SHF PP, page 79.

# "DISCOVERY" EXCURSIONS

## **■** GUIDED BIKE TOUR OF SEVILLE

LENGTH: 2.5 - 3 hours

The best way to see everything in a few hours! For many years, only about 0.5% of trips were made by bike in Seville, with roads choked with four rush hours a day due to traditional siestas. In 2013, however, Seville was listed as number five in the top 20 bicycle-friendly cities. The city now has over 105 miles of bike paths. During the tour, we'll stop to visit the Alcazar, one of the most beautiful in Spain and regarded as one of the most outstanding examples of Mudéjar architecture found on the Iberian Peninsula. The tour is approximately 9 miles long.

CRUISES REF. SXS\_PP, page 78.

# ■ HIKE 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.

CRUISES REF. SXS\_PP, page 78.

## ■ HIKE IN SANLUCAR LEAVING FROM EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA

LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll leave by coach for Sanlúcar (approximately 15.5 miles away). Upon arrival, you'll be greeted by your guide, and you'll set out for a hike in Doñana National Park. The path is easy to walk and perfectly adapted for everyone. Here you'll be able to admire the local plant life, including the fragrant pine and eucalyptus trees. Closer to the lagoon, you'll be able to spend some time bird watching. We'll walk along the river marsh on the return hike and finish up with a tasting of local products in El Puerto de Santa Maria.

CRUISE REF. SXS\_PP, page 78.



# ■ TOURING THE COURTYARDS OF CORDOBA

LENGTH: 10 hours

Leave Seville by coach for Córdoba. Tour the beautiful courtyards of Córdoba on your very own Segway. The festival celebrating the courtyards was added to the UNESCO Intangible Heritage list in 2012. The courtyards are located in the historical heart of the Jewish Quarter, close to the Alcazar. Due to the hot, dry climate, the city's inhabitants first the Romans

and later the Moors adapted the typical design of the popular house to their needs, centering the home around an inner courtyard with a fountain in the middle and often a well to collect rainwater. The Moorish inhabitants gave the houses entrances from the street and filled the courtyard with plants to give the sensation of freshness. Discover one of the reasons why Córdoba is a city with an impressive cultural and monumental patrimony. Lunch included.

CRUISES REF. SXS\_PP, page 78.





# **REASONS** TO CRUISE THE DOURO VALLEY

- One of the finest canyons in Europe with breathtaking scenery
- Mild climate from autumn to spring and hot summers
- The Douro valley, listed as a **World Heritage Site**
- Rocky landscapes created by the sheer force of the river
- Region of fine wines

# THE **ADVANTAGE**OF BOOKING WITH CROISIEUROPE

 Cruise through Portugal from the ocean to the Spanish border

# **SHIPS**

- MS MIGUEL TORGA Premium ship
- MS GIL EANES Premium ship
- MS VASCO DE GAMA
- MS FERNAO DE MAGALHAES
- MS INFANTE DON HENRIQUE

# **THEMED CRUISE**

• Hiking cruise, see page 162

# **2018 EVENTS** IN PORTUGAL

# **PORTO**

Fantasporto (Porto International Film

Festival): March

Serralves Festival: first weekend of June

Saint John's Festival: June 24th

## LISBON

Carnation Revolution: April 25th

National Day: June 10th

Feast of Saint Anthony: June 13th

Information given by tourist boards, subject to changes.



### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Porto, a city between vineyards and ocean
- Guimarães and its medieval centre
- Vila Real and the formal gardens at the Mateus Palace
- Salamanca (Spain), a dazzling beauty
- The Porto Wine Route and Lamego, an episcopal city







**ALL INCLUSIVE** 

REF. PPH\_PP/PPH\_AIPP • 8 - DAY CRUISE

# The Douro valley through

# Round cruise from Porto

#### 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**

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Porto

• DISCOVERY: Tour of Porto via tram and visit to the tram museum Free time to discover Porto on

PM: your own

#### DAY 3 PORTO • REGUA

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Discover Guimarães

• DISCOVERY: Hike along the Douro

PM: Cruise towards Regua

#### DAY 4 **REGUA • VEGA DE TERON**

Excursion for both packages:

· Visit Vila Real and the formal gardens at the Mateus Palace Cruise towards Vega de Teron

PM: Flamenco evening

#### DAY 5 BARCA D'ALVA • Salamanca (Spain)

Full-day excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Discover Salamanca and its cathedral

• DISCOVERY: Bike tour through Salamanca

#### DAY 6 BARCA D'ALVA • FERRADOSA

**PINHAO** 

AM: Cruise towards Ferradosa PM: Excursion for both packages:

• The Porto Wine Route and

wine-tasting session Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 PINHAO • PORTO

AM: Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Lamego

PM: Cruise towards Porto

#### DAY 8 **PORTO**

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 89.







From the Douro Valley to the Spanish border

A glimpse of Portugal and Spain in one cruise

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Porto, a city between vineyards and the sea
- The Wine Route with its unique landscape listed by UNESCO
- The golden glow of Salamanca (Spain)
- Vila Real and the formal gardens at the Mateus Palace







**ALL INCLUSIVE** on board

REF. POF/POF\_AIPP • 6 - DAY CRUISE

# Portugal and Spain

# Round cruise from Porto

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

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Porto

• DISCOVERY: Tour of Porto via tram and visit to the tram museum

РΜ٠ Cruise towards Regua

DAY 3 **REGUA • PINHAO** VEGA DE TERON (Spain)

AM: Excursion for both packages:

· Visit Vila Real and the formal gardens at the Mateus Palace

PM: Cruise towards Vega de Teron DAY 4 BARCA D'ALVA Salamanca (Spain) SENHORA DA RIBEIRA

Full-day excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Discover Salamanca and its cathedral
- DISCOVERY: Bike tour through Salamanca Gala dinner

SENHORA DA RIBEIRA DAY 5 FERRADOSA • FOLGOSA LEVERINHO

AM: Excursion for both packages:

• The Porto Wine Route and wine-tasting session

PM: Cruise towards Leverinho

DAY 6 LEVERINHO • PORTO

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

**PORTUGAL** ENTRE-OS-RIOS REGUA DOURC LEVERINHO VEGA DE TERON FOLGOSA BARCA D'ALV **O** Salamanca

### See excursion details on page 89.





Flamenco, Fado and traditional folklore evenings on board

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Lamego and the most beautiful Baroque sanctuary in Portugal
- The formal gardens at the Mateus
- Salamanca, awe-inspiring Spanish city
- The Porto Wine Route, the oldest wine-producing region in the world
- Porto, a coastal town full of culture and tradition
- Aveiro, known as the "Venice of Portugal"







**ALL INCLUSIVE** 

REF. POC\_PP/POC\_AIPP • 8 - DAY CRUISE

# The soul of Portugal along

# Round cruise from Porto

DAY 1 PORTO

> Boarding at 5:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 PORTO • REGUA

AM: Excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of Porto and winetasting session

PM: Cruise towards Regua

**REGUA • PINHAO** DAY 3 **VEGA DE TERON** 

AM: Excursion proposed:

• Visit Vila Real and the formal gardens at the Mateus Palace

PM: Cruise towards Vega de Teron

#### DAY 4 **VEGA DE TERON • Salamanca** BARCA D'ALVA

Full-day excursion proposed:

• Discover Salamanca, Spain

#### DAY 5 BARCA D'ALVA • FERRADOSA

**PINHAO** 

AM: Cruise towards Ferradosa PM: Excursion proposed:

• The Porto Wine Route and wine-tasting session Gala dinner

#### DAY 6 PINHAO • PORTO

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Lamego

PM: Cruise towards Porto

#### DAY 7 **PORTO**

Free time to discover Porto on AM:

your own

PM: Excursion proposed:

· Guided tour of Aveiro

#### DAY 8 **PORTO**

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.



### See excursion details on page 89.





Cruise through the spectacular Douro valley

Discover some of the most beautiful Portuguese cities

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Porto, the pearl of Portugal
- Vila Real and the formal gardens at the Mateus Palace
- · Guimarães and its medieval centre







**ALL INCLUSIVE** on board

REF. POB/POB\_AIPP • 6 - DAY CRUISE

# the Douro

# Round cruise from Porto

#### 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

AM: Cruise towards Regua PM: Excursion for both packages: • Guided tour of Lamego

#### DAY 3 **REGUA • PINHAO** PORTO ANTIGO

AM: Excursion for both packages: Visit Vila Real and the formal

gardens at the Mateus Palace Cruise towards Porto Antigo

# PM:

DAY 4 PORTO ANTIGO • PORTO AM: Cruise towards Porto PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Porto

• DISCOVERY: Tour of Porto via tram and visit to the tram museum

#### DAY 5 PORTO • Guimarães

AM: Free time to discover Porto on your own

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Discover Guimarães

• DISCOVERY: Hike along the Douro Gala dinner

#### PORTO DAY 6

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

# See excursion details on page 89.









# **OUR EXCURSIONS**

# **PORTUGAL**

# "CLASSIC" EXCURSIONS

### AVEIRO

LENGTH: 2 hours

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 it. This little medieval town, built on a lagoon, expanded rapidly during the 15th and 16th centuries as a sea port thanks to cod fishing. It is also a centre 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 higher studies buildings. Aveiro is a bright and friendly little town with art-nouveau style architecture, brightly coloured houses and charming little alleyways for you to take a lovely stroll.

CRUISE REF. POC\_PP, page 86.

# **■ 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 lanes 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 the palace is closed on May 1st and Easter Day.) At the end of our visit, we'll return on board in Porto.

CRUISES REF. POB/PPH\_PP, pages 84 and 87.

# **■ 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 18th-century church stands out with its white façade dominating a baroque 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 14th, 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.

CRUISES REF. POB/POC\_PP/PPH\_PP, pages 84, 86 and 87.

#### **■ 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.

CRUISES REF. POB/POC\_PP/POF/PPH\_PP, pages 84 to 87.

## **■ 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.

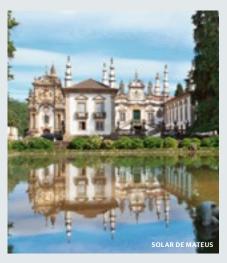
CRUISES REF. POB/POF/PPH\_PP, pages 84, 85 and 87.

# **■ PORTO WINE ROUTE**

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave Ferradosa for our excursion along the Porto Wine Route. We'll visit San Salvador do Mundo and Sao Joao da Pesqueira, two small towns set among the vineyards in the Rio Torto valley. We'll visit a quinta (wine cellar) to taste the famous Porto before returning on board in Pinhao or Folgosa.

CRUISES REF. POC\_PP/POF/PPH\_PP, pages 84 to 86.



# **■ 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.

CRUISES REF. POC\_PP/POF/PPH\_PP, pages 84 to 86.

# VILA REAL AND MATEUS PALACE LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach for Vila Real, where aristocrats built grand palaces during the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>-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.

CRUISES REF. POB/POC\_PP/POF/PPH\_PP, pages 84 to 87.

# "DISCOVERY" EXCURSIONS

# ■ HIKING 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 hike 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 hike, we'll return to the ship on foot.

CRUISES REF. POB/PPH\_PP, pages 84 and 87.

# ■ TOURING PORTO VIA TRAM AND VISITING 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 specialities. At the end of our tour, we'll return to the ship by coach.

CRUISES REF. POB/POF/PPH\_PP, pages 84, 85 and 87.

# ■ SALAMANCA BY BIKE

LENGTH: 10-11 hours

We'll leave by coach with our hostess from Barca d'Alva for Salamanca. On a comfortable bike, you will get to know all the must-see sites but also the places off the typical touristic paths. The path includes gently riding along the Tormes River and a visit of one of the city's grandiose cathedrals and university, the oldest in Spain and the second oldest in Europe. We'll have lunch in a local restaurant before some free time to wander the city alone. After our long day, we'll return to the ship in Vega de Teron.

CRUISES REF. POF/PPH\_PP, pages 84 and 85.



# NORTHERN EUROPE









# **REASONS** TO VISIT HOLLAND AND BELGIUM

- Many UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Fields of flowers, windmills, cheese markets, canals and much more!
- Amsterdam and its canals
- The vibrant Belgian capital city of **Brussels**
- Belgium's famous, traditional produce: chocolate, waffles, beer, etc.
- Discover **Keukenhof**, the finest spring gardens in the world

# THE **ADVANTAGES**OF BOOKING WITH CROISIEUROPE

- Largest choice of lengths and destinations
- Ships specially designed for cruising the smaller Belgium and Dutch canals and waterways
- Cruise on the IJsselmeer, the Dutch inland sea
- Combine a cruise along the Romantic Rhine with a discovery tour of Holland

# **SHIPS**

- MS GERARD SCHMITTER Premium ship
- MS LAFAYETTE Premium ship
- MS DOUCE FRANCE Premium ship
- MS SYMPHONIE Premium ship
- MS BEETHOVEN
- MS LEONARD DE VINCI
- MS MODIGLIANI
- MS EUROPE
- MS VICTOR HUGO
- MS MONET
- MS LA BOHEME
- MS MONA LISA
- MS FRANCE

# **COMBINED CRUISES**

- From Amsterdam to Budapest, see page 146
- From Amsterdam to Vienna, see page 147
- From Amsterdam to Avignon, see page 150

# **THEMED CRUISES**

- Commemorative cruise, see page 154
- Beer themed cruise, see page 158
- Biking cruise, see page 171

# **2018 EVENTS** IN HOLLAND

# **AMSTERDAM**

Bulbflower Parade: April 21st
Grachtenfestival: August

# **HAARLEM**

• Bulbflower Parade: April

Information given by tourist boards, subject to changes.



Cruise from charming Amsterdam to Flanders and its riches

#### **EXCLIRSIONS**

- Amsterdam, the historic capital of the Netherlands and the famous Keukenhof floral gardens
- Volendam, a typical village, and Zaanse Schans
- The Dutch Delta Works, one of the 7 wonders of the modern world
- The open-air museum in Arnhem
- The charming flemish cities of Ghent, **Bruges and Antwerp**







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# Authentic Holland and charming Belgium

REF. AAA/AAA AIPP • 8 - DAY CRUISE

# Round cruises from Amsterdam

#### AMSTERDAM DAY 1

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

· Canal boat tour through Amsterdam by night

#### DAY 2 **AMSTERDAM**

AM:

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Coach tour through Amsterdam

• DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Amsterdam PM:

Excursion for both packages:

• Volendam and Zaanse Schans Free evening or stroll around the famous Red Light District(1)

#### DAY 3 **AMSTERDAM • ARNHEM MIDDELBURG**

AM: Free time in Arnhem PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Arnhem and its open-air museum

• DISCOVERY: Guided visit of the Het Loo Palace

#### DAY 4 MIDDELBURG • GHENT

AM: Excursion for both packages:

• Discover the Dutch Delta Works

PM: Free time to visit Middelburg

#### DAY 5 **GHENT • BRUGES**

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour on foot of Ghent

• DISCOVERY: The canals of Ghent and tasting of local specialities

PM: Excursion for both packages:

Visit of Bruges

#### DAY 6 ANTWERP • ROTTERDAM

AM: Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Antwerp

PM: Cruise towards Rotterdam

#### DAY 7 **ROTTERDAM • UTRECHT AMSTERDAM**

AM: Cruise towards Utrecht

Excursion for both packages:

• The Keukenhof floral gardens(2) Gala dinner



#### DAY 8 **AMSTERDAM**

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 99 to 101.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

(1) Transfer by coach as a supplement, to book and pay for on board. (2) Open from March  $22^{\rm nd}$  to May  $21^{\rm st}$  2018.





Cruise through the canals or the largest inland lakes in Holland

#### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Amsterdam by coach or by bike for a tour of its most secret and unique spots (REF. AIJ)
- The ancestral know-how of cheese and clog makers in Zaanse Schans (REF. AIJ)
- The art of blue and white pottery known as Delftware (REF. AWA)







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## REF. AIJ/AIJ AIPP • 6 - DAY CRUISE

### DAY 1 AMSTERDAM

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Excursion for both packages:

Canal boat tour through Amsterdam by night

#### DAY 2 AMSTERDAM

AM: Excursions proposed:

CLASSIC: Guided tour of Amsterdam and visit to a diamond merchant
DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Amsterdam

PM: Free time in the city

# DAY 3 AMSTERDAM • HOORN • ENKHUIZEN

AM: Cruise on the Markermeer towards Hoorn

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Alkmaar and its Cheese Museum

• **DISCOVERY:** Bike tour on the polders

and guided visit of a  $17^{th}\text{-century}$  windmill still in operation

### DAY 4 ENKHUIZEN • LEMMER

AM: Free time in Enkhuizen and cruise on the IJsselmeer, one of the largest inland freshwater lakes in Holland

**PM:** Excursion for both packages:

 Guided tour and canal boat tour through Giethoorn Gala dinner

# DAY 5 LEMMER • AMSTERDAM

AM: Cruise towards Amsterdam
PM: Excursion for both packages:
• The Keukenhof floral gardens<sup>(1)</sup>

Free evening or stroll around the famous Red Light District<sup>(2)</sup>

### DAY 6 AMSTERDAM

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

# REF. AWA/AWA\_AIPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE

### DAY1 AMSTERDAM

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Excursion for both packages:

Canal boat tour through Amsterdam by night

# DAY 2 AMSTERDAM • ALPHEN-ON-THE-RHINE

AM: Excursions proposed:

 CLASSIC: Guided tour of Amsterdam and visit to a diamond merchant
 DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Amsterdam

PM: Cruise towards Alphen-on-the-Rhine

### DAY 3 ALPHEN-ON-THE-RHINE • GOUDA

AM: Excursion for both packages:
 The Keukenhof floral gardens<sup>(1)</sup>

PM: Cruise towards Gouda and free time to discover

the city on your own

### DAY 4 GOUDA • ROTTERDAM

AM: Cruise towards Rotterdam PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Rotterdam and Delft

DISCOVERY: Spido tour of Rotterdam harbour

and view from the Euromast Gala dinner

Night spent cruising towards Amsterdam

# DAY 5 AMSTERDAM

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.



ZAANSE SCHANS

AMSTERDAM

ALPHEN-ON-THE-RHINE

GOUDA

HOLLAND

ROTTERDAM

PORDRECHT

ANTWERP

BELGIUM

their embassy or consulate.

Its hidden courtyards (ref. AWA/AWA AIPP).

See excursion details on pages 99 to 101.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

(1) Open from March 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 21<sup>nd</sup> 2018. Other months, visit of Volendam and Zaanse Schans (ref. AUJ/AIJ\_PP) or the Hague and its hidden courtyards (ref. AWA/AWA\_AIPP).

(2) Transfer by coach as a supplement, to book and pay for on board.



5 days to discover Holland and its traditions

### **EXCURSIONS:**

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







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# Blooming season in Holland

REF. ANV/AAV/ANV\_AIPP/AAV\_AIPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE From Antwerp to Amsterdam

#### DAY 1 **ANTWERP**

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Explore the old city with your hostess

#### DAY 2 **ANTWERP • ROTTERDAM**

Day spent cruising through the inland seas of Holland Gala dinner

#### DAY 3 **ROTTERDAM • AMSTERDAM**

Cruise towards Utrecht AM: PM: Excursions for both packages:

- The Keukenhof floral gardens(2)
- Canal boat tour through Amsterdam

#### DAY 4 **AMSTERDAM**

AM: Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Amsterdam and visit to a diamond merchant
- DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Amsterdam
- Excursion for both packages: · Volendam and Zaanse Schans
- Free evening or stroll around the Red Light district(1)

#### **AMSTERDAM** DAY 5

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

# See excursion details on pages 99 to 101.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

ZAANSE SCHANS **AMSTERDAM** ALPHEN-ON-THE-RHINE GOUDA **HOLLAND** ROTTERDAM DORDRECHT

**NB:** Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. AAV.

(1) Transfer by coach as a supplement, to book and pay for on board. (2) Open from March 22nd to May 21st 2018.





## **EXCURSIONS:**

- The Keukenhof floral gardens
- Boat tour along the canals in Amsterdam
- · Admire the great ports: Antwerp, Rotterdam and Amsterdam







# REF. AVS/AVS AIPP • 4 - DAY CRUISE From Antwerp to Amsterdam

#### DAY 1 **ANTWERP**

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Explore the old city with your hostess

#### DAY 2 ANTWERP • ROTTERDAM

Day spent cruising to Rotterdam, arriving in the afternoon Gala dinner

#### DAY 3 **ROTTERDAM • AMSTERDAM**

AM: Cruise towards Amsterdam PM: Excursions proposed:

• The Keukenhof floral gardens(1)

Canal boat tour through Amsterdam by night

#### **AMSTERDAM** DAY 4

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

# REF. AMS/AMS\_AIPP • 4 - DAY CRUISE From Amsterdam to Antwerp

#### DAY 1 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 • ROTTERDAM**

AM: Cruise towards Rotterdam РΜ٠ Excursion proposed:

• The Keukenhof floral gardens(1) Gala dinner

#### ROTTERDAM • ANTWERP DAY 3

Day spent cruising

In the evening, explore the old city of Antwerp with your hostess

DAY 4 **ANTWERP** Disembark at 9:00 a.m. AMSTERDAM 🏺 **HOLLAND** UTRECHT ROTTERDAM RHINE DORDRECHT NTWERP **BELGIUM** 

See excursion details on pages 99 to 101.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate. (1) Open from March 22nd to May 21st 2018.



Discover the treasures of Holland and the must-see sites of Belgium

#### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Zaanse Schans and Volendam, picturesque Dutch villages
- The royal city of The Hague and its hidden courtyards
- Brussels, capital of Belgian chocolate







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# Treasure trove of northern delights

REF. ABR/ABR AIPP • 6 - DAY CRUISE

# From Amsterdam to Brussels

#### DAY 1 **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

Excursions proposed:

• Sightseeing tour of Amsterdam AM:

PM: • Volendam and Zaanse Schans Free evening or stroll around

the Red Light District(1)

#### DAY 3 AMSTERDAM • ROTTERDAM

Excursion proposed: AM:

• The Hague

and its hidden courtyards PM: Cruise towards Rotterdam

#### DAY 4 **ROTTERDAM • ANTWERP**

Day spent cruising In the evening, explore the old city of Antwerp with your hostess

#### DAY 5 **ANTWERP • BRUSSELS**

AM: Cruise towards Brussels PM: 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 99 to 101.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

(1) Transfer by coach as a supplement, to book and pay for on board.





# **BELGIUM AND HOLLAND**



# "CLASSIC" **EXCURSIONS**

# ALKMAAR

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for Alkmaar, a historical town with over 400 monuments. The Waag (weigh house building), dating from the 14th century, the 16th-century Town Hall, the Grote or Sint-Laurenskerk (St Lawrence church) and a multitude of enclosed courtyards, noteworthy façades and canals all partake in the particular atmosphere of this city. Alkmaar is particularly known for its cheese. A traditional cheese market is held every first Friday morning in April to the first Friday morning in September. Inside the Waag, a guided visit to the Cheese Museum will teach you all about the various steps to making dairy products. After some free time, we'll return on board.

CRUISE REF. AlJ, page 95.

# AMSTERDAM AND ITS DIAMONDS MERCHANTS

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 Rieker Windmill, built in 1636 to help drain water out of the surrounding land. We'll then head to the Diamond District to observe how the talented cutters facet the raw diamonds into the jewels we buy. Our guide will explain in detail how a diamond is valued. After our tour, you'll be able to spend some time browsing the shop. 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!

CRUISES REF. AAA/AAV/ABR/ABU PP/ACV PP/ ACB PP/ADA/AIJ/ANV/AST/AWA/BCA PP/BUA PP/ HSA, pages 94 to 96, 98, 104, 105, 107, 142, 146

# 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. 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 vour own in the city

CRUISES REF. AAA/AAV/ACV\_PP/ADA/AIJ/AMB/ANV/ AST/AVS/AWA/BCA/BMA/HSA pages 94, 96, 97, 104, 105, 107, 118 and 142.

### ANTWERP

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll first discover Steen Castle, Antwerp's oldest building, which today houses the National Maritime Museum. As we enter the Old Town, we will see the Butcher's Hall before moving on to the Grand'Place with its magnificent Town Hall, a mixture of Gothic and Renaissance styles. We will also be able to admire the famous statue of Silvius Brabo who, according to legend, freed the town from the grip of the giant Druon Antigoon. Our tour will then take us to the foot of the impressive Gothic Cathedral, a construction of lace-work in stone which took almost two centuries to complete. To top off our tour, we'll visit a brewpub (closed on Mondays) to learn about the local pale ale, how it's produced, and have a sip or two (or three or four...)

CRUISE REF. AAA, page 94.

# ARNHEM AND THE NETHERLANDS OPEN AIR **MUSEUM**

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach with our hostess for the Netherlands Open Air Museum in Arnhem which is located in a beautiful wooded park (44 ha.) 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. Some of the buildings are grouped together, such as the beautiful Limburg timberframed buildings or the Gelderland farms, but the most charming spot is without a doubt the area dedicated to the Zaan region, with its green painted wooden houses and tastefully decorated gables. Our visit will start with the renovated entrance pavilion and its good vantage point over the park and its many windmills. There are farming implements on display in many areas, like the collections centre. The lower level 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

CRUISES REF. AAA/ACV\_PP/ACB\_PP/AST/BCA\_PP, pages 94, 104, 107 and 142.

# BRUGES

LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll leave on foot for downtown Bruges. This 2000-year-old city became an important trading centre for the North West of Europe in the Middle-Ages thanks to the production of high quality cloth and easy access to the sea. Your guide will walk you through this charming "Venice of the North" with its alleys and typical houses, starting with a stop on the small bridge spanning Minnewater Lake, also known as the "Lake of Love", a chance for lovers to make a wish and for your guide to tell you more about the history of Bruges. We'll stroll down the narrow streets fragrant with the aroma of chocolate - the local speciality - all the way to the lovely Princely Béguinage Ten Wijngaerde, the only remaining beguinage convent in Bruges. We'll move on to the Grand' Place with its impressive 83m-high Belfry located right next to the fortified castle, as well

# **OUR EXCURSIONS**



as the Basilica of the Holy Blood. A walk along the canals will take you to the St Anne district with the Jerusalem Chapel and the Kantcentrum, a reputed lace school and museum. Afterwards, enjoy some free time in the city.

CRUISE REF. AAA, page 94.

# ■ 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.

CRUISE REF. ABR, page 98.

# **■ DELFT AND ROTTERDAM**

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach with our guides for Delft. We'll discover this charming city made famous by its blue and white ceramics known as Delftware, as well as its connections to the Dutch Royal Family and the renowned painter Johannes Vermeer. We'll stroll through the enchanting city centre to experience a bit of authentic Dutch living: quiet canals shaded by trees, small bridges, and historical buildings. We'll also visit a Delft pottery factory in the city for nearby) and discover the secrets to 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 for a panoramic tour. Rotterdam has one of the largest ports in the world and receives

and ships almost 450 million tons of goods per year. We'll return on board at the end of our tour.

CRUISES REF. AAA/AWA, pages 94 and 95.

# **■ GHENT**

# LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave by coach with our guides for a walking tour in the city centre. We'll have the opportunity to visit the Saint Bavo Cathedral with its famous "Adoration of the Mystic Lamb" altarpiece. The Cathedral square also features the Gothic Belfry located right next to the Cloth Hall. We'll then walk along the Graslei (Grass Quay) and the Korenlei (Corn Quay) to reach the Gravensteen (Castle of the Counts) dating back to 1180, which has had many functions over the centuries, from military to administrative and legal. After our tour, enjoy some free time before returning to the boat by coach.

CRUISE REF. AAA, page 94.

### **■ HAARLEM**

# LENGTH: 3 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 and the only vestige from the city's fortifications, the Grote Markt (Main Square), the Corrie Ten Boom House, used as a hiding place during World War II and the impressive Gothic Cathedral of St Bavo dating from the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. Enjoy some free time before we head back to Amsterdam.

CRUISES REF. ACV\_PP/ACB\_PP/BCA\_PP, pages 104 and 142.

### ■ KEUKENHOF FLORAL GARDENS LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach with our hostess for the Keukenhof floral gardens. 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 breathtaking view of the tulip fields from the top of an 1892 windmill at the back of the gardensl.

CRUISES REF. AAA/AAV/ABU\_PP/ACB\_PP/ADA/AIJ/ AMS/ANV/AST/AVS/AWA/BCA\_PP/HSA, pages 94 to 97, 104, 105, 107 and 146.

### ■ KINDERDIJK WINDMILLS LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll leave on foot for the famous Kinderdijk windmills. This unique place combining a large number of windmills has been listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO since 1997. You'll be able to admire no less than 19 windmills coming from different areas such as Nederwaard, Overwaard, Nieuw-Lekkerland and Blokweer, all with their specificities - either made out of stone or wood, or built on polders. The 1521 windmill from Blokweer was unfortunately destroyed by fire in 1997, but every effort has been made to restore it to its original state. A film will tell you all about this remarkable site and a visit to one of the mills will give you an insight on the life and everyday work of a miller. If the weather allows it, you may be lucky enough to see the sails in action! Depending on where our ship is moored, a transfer by coach may be organized (to be paid for on board).

CRUISE REF. ADA, page 105.

# **■ KRÖLLER MÜLLER MUSEUM**

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll leave by coach with our hostess for the Kröller Müller Museum located in the Hoge Veluwe National park, one of the country's largest national parks. The museum was named after Helene Kröller-Müller who collected 11,500 art pieces with the help of an advisor, H.P. Bremmer. Helene longed for of a "Museum House", a dream which came true in 1938. In this museum you will find an important collection of canvases by Van Gogh as well as his contemporaries, including Picasso, Seurat and Monet to name a few. In the museum grounds, you will discover an incredible collection of modern sculptures. This part of the museum was opened in 1961 by Director A.H. Hammacher whose dream was to display these works outside, due to the exceptional location of the museum. Return on board by coach.

CRUISES REF. ABU\_PP/ADA/AST/BUA\_PP, pages 105, 107 and 144.

### ■ THE DUTCH DELTA WORKS LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach for the Delta Works, one of the most innovative projects in the world. Built after the devastating floods of 1953, the goals of its many dykes and other structures are to protect the Netherlands from the strong tides. We'll learn all about the construction of the Delta Works during our visit to the Deltapark Neeltje Jans, an educational theme park located on the former artificial island Neeltje Jans, from which we'll get to enjoy a fantastic view of the park's main structure – the Eastern Scheldt Storm Surge Barrier (Oosterscheldekering).

CRUISE REF. AAA, page 94.

### ■ 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 then visit a cheese factory in the area to discover how the famous Gouda cheese is made. We'll enjoy tasting the different flavours and ages available of one of the most popular cheeses in the world. We'll then head to Zaanse Schans, an open air museum with wooden windmills, barns, and houses. Take a walk through the stunning buildings and the unique peat landscape or discover traditional clog making techniques. 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: painted, carved, ice clogs with iron trimmings, horse clogs, and decorative clogs. Take advantage of some free time on this excursion to indulge in authentic Dutch traditions. We'll return to our ship in Amsterdam by coach..

CRUISES REF. AAA/AAV/ABR/ABU\_PP/AIJ/ANV/AST/BUA\_PP/HSA, pages 94 to 96, 98, 107 and 144.



# "DISCOVERY" EXCURSIONS

# ■ ALKMAAR: BIKING ON THE POLDERS

LENGTH: 4 hours

Take a bike tour of Hoorn and its surroundings. Located on the banks of the Ijsselmeer, Hoorn was one of the important Dutch East India Company towns in 17th 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 past in detail. The outskirts of Hoorn itself are dotted with biking and hiking paths that cross the superb polders following the river dykes and passing by old villages and the ancient Westfriese Omringdijk—an 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. We'll also visit the De Krijgsman windmill and learn about traditional milling and baking techniques.

CRUISE REF. AIJ, page 95.

### **■** AMSTERDAM BY BIKE

LENGTH: 4 hours

You'll leave on foot to head to the bike rental office. This guided bike tour will last about 3.5 hours, and you'll be able to explore and learn about all the must-see and out-of-the-way sites in Amsterdam. We'll pass in front of some of the most beautiful and interesting monuments in the city, including Dam Square, the Royal Palace, the Anne Frank House, the Nieuwmarkt, the Rembrandt House Museum, etc.

CRUISES REF. AAA/AAV/ACV\_PP/ACB\_PP/ADA/AIJ/ AMS/AST/AWA/BCA\_PP/HSA, pages 94 to 97, 104, 105, 107, 142 and 148.

# ■ BIKING THROUGH THE DE HOGE VELUWE NATIONAL PARK

LENGTH: 3 hours

Enjoy a great bike ride through the De Hoge Veluwe National Park, home to diverse forests, shifting sands, red deer, wild boars, and mouflons. Set out on a pleasurable tour of this magnificent natural reserve.

CRUISES REF. ADA/AST, pages 105 and 107.

# ■ GUIDED BIKE TOUR OF HAARLEM AND THE SAND DUNES ALONG THE FLOWER ROUTE

LENGTH: 4 hours

This charming bike tour will show you another side of the delightful Netherlands: the country landscapes, sand dunes, beaches and ocean. We'll finish up in Bloemendaal, one of the ritziest seaside resorts in Holland

CRUISES REF. ACV\_PP/ACB\_PP/ BCA\_PP, pages 104 and 142.

### **■ HET LOO PALACE**

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave from Arnhem by coach for the Het Loo Palace. Located in the gorgeous city of Apeldoorn, the Het Loo Palace is a 17th century castle that has been transformed into a museum. Built between 1684 and 1686 for stadtholder-king William III and Mary II of England, the palace was one of the residences of the House of Orange-Nassau until the death of Queen Wilhelmina in 1962. The furnished rooms and chambers demonstrate how the Oranges lived and worked here for over 300 years. The museum holds a fine collection of historical objects, paintings and clothes; the stables and coach house present a magnificent collection of royal carriages; and the gardens have been fully restored to the Baroque Dutch style in the time of the first residents. The entire grounds are a wonderful feast for the eyes. (Closed on Mondays).

CRUISE REF. AAA, page 94.

# ■ SPIDO TOUR OF ROTTERDAM AND THE EUROMAST

LENGTH: 3 hours

Discover one of the largest harbors in the world! In the middle of the heavy traffic of sea and inland shipping, you'll get a unique glimpse of the wharves, docks and hyper-modern processing of thousands of containers. We'll also pass by "The Grande Dame", a former ocean liner and cruise ship that has been a transformed into a luxury hotel. At the end of our tour, we'll go up to the top of the Euromast for an exceptional view of the city below.

CRUISES REF. AAA/AWA, pages 94 and 95.

# ■ THE CANALS OF GHENT AND A TASTE OF BELGIUM

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach for the centre of Ghent. You'll board a boat for a tour of the medieval center via its labyrinth of canals. You'll see the cathedral and its belfry, the Graslei, and the Gravensteen. Afterwards, we'll set out on foot for a gourmet walk through the city to taste the local beer, cuberdons, and Belgian pralines. What a great way to get to know Belgium and all its savors. At the end of our tour, we'll return to the ship by coach.

CRUISE REF. AAA page 94.

# ■ THE HAGUE AND ITS HIDDEN COURTYARDS

LENGTH: 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. The Hague counts no less than 155 courtyards, making it the court and capital of Holland. Your guide will show you some of the most splendid, including the Hof Van Wouw, Hof van Nieuwkoop and the Rusthofje. 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

CRUISES REF. AAV/ABR/AMB\_PP/ANV/AWA, pages 95, 96, 98 and 118.



# THE RHINE RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES





# **REASONS** TO CRUISE THE RHINE

- An ever-changing valley amidst vines, fortified castles, rocky ridges and forests
- A great river of legends, the most famous of which is that of the Lorelei Rock
- A rich historic and architectural heritage

# THE **ADVANTAGES**OF BOOKING WITH CROISIEUROPE

- The opportunity to travel along up to 5 rivers in just one cruise: the Rhine, the Main, the Neckar, the Moselle and the Saar
- An original cruise from Berlin to Copenhagen
- Themed cruises according to the seasons

# **SHIPS**

- MS GERARD SCHMITTER Premium ship
- MS LAFAYETTE Premium ship
- MS DOUCE FRANCE Premium ship
- MS SYMPHONIE Premium ship
- MS BEETHOVEN
- MS LEONARD DE VINCI
- MS MODIGLIANI
- MS EUROPE
- MS VICTOR HUGO
- MS MONET
- MS LA BOHEME
- MS MONA LISA

# **THEMED CRUISES**

- Gastronomic cruises, see page 157
- Hiking cruise, see page 163
- Biking cruise, see page 167

# **2018 EVENTS**

ON THE RHINE RIVER

# **STRASBOURG**

**Cathedral Light Show:** 

from July to September, see page 160

# **RÜDESHEIM**

**"Rhine in Flames" fireworks:** July 7<sup>th</sup>, see page 158

# **KOBLENZ**

**"Rhine in Flames" fireworks:** August 11<sup>th</sup>, see page 158

Information given by tourist boards, subject to changes.



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

#### **EXCURSIONS:**

- · Haarlem, the golden age of the 17th century
- · Colmar and the Unterlinden Museum
- · Basel and its rich cultural offer
- The Rhine Falls, a true wonder







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The legends of the Rhine

REF. ACB PP/ACB AIPP/BCA PP/BCA AIPP (opposite direction) • 9 - DAY CRUISE

From Amsterdam to Basel

#### DAY 1 AMSTERDAM

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

#### **AMSTERDAM** DAY 2

AM:

рм.

Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Amsterdam and visit to a diamond merchant
- DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Amsterdam

PM: Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: The Keukenhof floral gardens<sup>(1)</sup>
- DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Haarlem all the way to the sand dunes along the Flower Route

#### DAY 3 **EMMERICH-AM-RHEIN • WESEL** DÜSSELDORF

Cruise towards Emmerich-am-Rhein AM:

Excursion for both packages: · Visit the Netherlands Open

Air Museum in Arnhem Cruise towards Düsseldorf

#### DAY 4 **DÜSSELDORF • COLOGNE** KÖNIGSWINTER • KOBLENZ

AM: Cruise towards Cologne Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Cologne PM: Cruise along the Rhine towards Koblenz

Stroll along the "Deutsches Eck"

#### **KOBLENZ • MAINZ** DAY 5

AM: Cruise along the Rhine towards Mainz

PM: Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Mainz and the Gutenberg Museum<sup>(2)</sup>
- DISCOVERY: Touring the Rhineland vineyards

Night spent cruising towards Strasboura

#### DAY 6 STRASBOURG • BREISACH

AM: Cruise towards Strasbourg PM: Excursions proposed:

- CLASSIC: Guided tour of Strasbourg, the European capital
- DISCOVERY: Bird's eye view of Strasbourg from the top of the cathedral Cruise towards Breisach



Free time to discover Breisach AM: PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Colmar

and the Unterlinden Museum • DISCOVERY: Bike tour

around the Kaiserstuhl hills Cruise towards Basel

#### DAY 8 BASEL • Schaffhausen

AM: Excursion for both packages: • Guided tour of Basel

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Discover the Rhine Falls

 DISCOVERY: Hike around the Rhine Falls Gala dinner

#### DAY 9 **BASEL**

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 99 to 101, 112 and 115.

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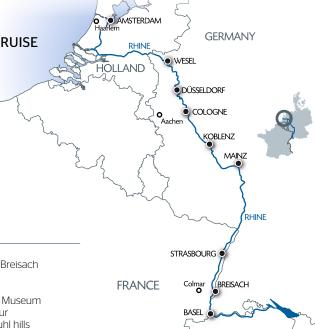
**SWITZERLAND** 

(1) Open from March 22nd to May 21st 2018. Other months, visit of

(2) The Gutenberg Museum is closed on Mondays.

Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. BCA\_PP/BCA\_AIPP.







The magic of the Rhine and the Dutch canals

#### **EXCLIRSIONS**

- The Kinderdijk windmills on the UNESCO World Heritage List
- Cologne and its beautiful Gothic cathedral
- Hiking through the Rüdesheim vineyards







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Picturesque Holland and the romantic Rhine Valley

REF. ADA/ADA AIPP • 8 - DAY CRUISE

Round cruise from Amsterdam

#### DAY 1 **AMSTERDAM**

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Excursion for both packages:

· Canal boat tour through Amsterdam by night

#### DAY 2 KINDERDIJK • ROTTERDAM • NIJMEGEN

AM: Excursion for both packages:

· Discover the Kinderdijk windmills

PM: Cruise towards Nijmegen

#### DAY 3 **NIJMEGEN • COLOGNE**

Excursions proposed: AM:

• CLASSIC: Visit to the Kröller Müller Museum<sup>(1)</sup>

• DISCOVERY: Bike ride through the De Hoge Veluwe National Park

PM: Cruise towards Cologne

#### COLOGNE • KOBLENZ DAY 4

AM: Excursion for both packages:

· Guided tour of Cologne

PM: Cruise towards Koblenz

#### **KOBLENZ • RÜDESHEIM • BOPPARD** DAY 5

AM. Cruise towards Rüdesheim PM:

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 time to discover Boppard on your own

#### DAY 6 **BOPPARD • DÜSSELDORF**

AM: Cruise towards Düsseldorf PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided visit on foot of Düsseldorf(2)

• DISCOVERY: Tour of Düsseldorf and the Rheinturm

#### DÜSSELDORF • AMSTERDAM DAY 7

Cruise towards Amsterdam AM: PM:

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Amsterdam and visit to a diamond merchant

• DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Amsterdam

Gala dinner

#### DAY 8 **AMSTERDAM**

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

# See excursion details on pages 99 to 101, 112 and 115.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

(1) Except on Mondays: visit of the Netherlands Open Air Museum in Arnhem.

(2) Depending on where our ship is docked, a transfer by coach may be necessary (to be paid for on







- The magic of the founding rivers: discover the enchanting Neckar, the romantic Rhine and the unspoiled landscapes of the picturesque Moselle
- Cruise along The Saar and the Main (REF. SNX\_PP)

#### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Charming villages along the rivers: Rüdesheim, Cochem and Bernkastel
- · Heidelberg, typical German town
- Trier and its Roman ruins (REF. SNX\_PP)
- Frankfurt and its impressive Main Tower (REF. SNX\_PP)



# Splendours of the founding rivers

REF. SNX PP/SNX AIPP • 9 - DAY CRUISE

# From Strasbourg to Saarbrücken

#### DAY 1 **STRASBOURG**

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

# MANNHEIM • HEIDELBERG • EBERBACH

(The Rhine and the Neckar)

Excursion for both packages: AM: · Guided tour of Heidelberg

PM: Cruise towards Eberbach

#### **EBERBACH • MAINZ • FRANKFURT** DAY 3

(The Rhine and the Main)

AM: Cruise towards Mainz

Free time to discover Mainz on your own PM:

Cruise towards Frankfurt

#### DAY 4 FRANKFURT • ASCHAFFENBURG (The Main)

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Frankfurt

• DISCOVERY: Panoramic tour of Frankfurt and ascent

of the Main Tower

PM: Cruise towards Aschaffenburg

#### DAY 5 ASCHAFFENBURG • RÜDESHEIM (The Rhine)

AM: Cruise towards Rüdesheim

PM: Excursion for both packages:

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

Free evening in the famous Drosselgasse

#### DAY 6 **RÜDESHEIM • COCHEM**

(The romantic Rhine and the Moselle)

AM: Cruise towards Cochem

PM: Excursion for both packages:

· Guided tour of the castle in Cochem

#### BERNKASTEL • TRIER (The Moselle valley) DAY 7

Day spent cruising towards Trier with a stop in Bernkastel

#### TRIER • SAARBRÜCKEN (The Moselle and the Saar) DAY 8

Excursion for both packages: AM:

· Guided tour of Trier

PM: Cruise towards Saarbrücken

Gala dinner

#### DAY 9 **SAARBRÜCKEN**

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.



# REF. STS\_PP/STS\_AIPP/ASS\_PP/ASS\_AIPP (opposite direction) • 7 - DAY CRUISE

#### DAY 1 STRASBOURG

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

Excursion for both packages:

Canal boat tour through Strasbourg by night

(subject to availability)

#### DAY 2 MANNHEIM • EBERBACH

AM: Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Heidelberg

PM: Cruise towards Eberbach

Free time to discover the city on your own

#### DAY 3 **EBERBACH • RÜDESHEIM**

AM: Cruise towards Rüdesheim PM: 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 4 **RÜDESHEIM • COCHEM**

Cruise towards Cochem AM:

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of the castle in Cochem

• DISCOVERY: Hike on the Apolloweg trail

#### DAY 5 **COCHEM • BERNKASTEL • TRIER**

Day spent cruising towards Trier with a stop in Bernkastel

#### DAY 6 TRIER • SAARBRÜCKEN

AM: Excursion for both packages

Guided tour of Trier

PM: Cruise towards Saarbrücken

Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 SAARBRÜCKEN

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. ASS\_PP.



- Cruise along the majestic Rhine from Strasbourg to Amsterdam
- Discover unique flavours and traditions

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Charming Rüdesheim and its famous Drosselgasse
- Amsterdam, the "Venice of the North" and its legendary canals
- The Keukenhof floral gardens
- Bike ride through the stunning De Hoge Veluwe National Park (REF. AST)
- Heidelberg, typical German town (REF. AST)







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## Holland and the romantic Rhine Valley

REF. AST/AST AIPP • 7 - DAY CRUISE

## From Amsterdam to Strasbourg

### DAY 1 **AMSTERDAM**

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Excursion for both packages:

Canal boat tour through Amsterdam by night

### DAY 2 **AMSTERDAM**

AM:

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Amsterdam and visit to a diamond merchant • DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Amsterdam

PM: Excursion for both packages:

• The Keukenhof floral gardens(1)

Free evening or stroll around the Red Light District(2)

### AMSTERDAM • NIJMEGEN • KREFELD(3) DAY 3

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Visit to the Kröller Müller Museum<sup>(4)</sup>

• DISCOVERY: Bike ride through the De Hoge Veluwe National Park

PM: Cruise towards Krefeld(3)

### DAY 4 KREFELD • COLOGNE • KÖNIGSWINTER

Cruise towards Cologne AM:

Free time or stroll through the old town with your hostess

PM: Cruise towards Königswinter

### KÖNIGSWINTER • RÜDESHEIM DAY 5

AM: Cruise towards Rüdesheim P.M:

Excursion for both packages:

• Tour of Rüdesheim by tourist train, wine tasting

and visit to the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments

Free evening in the famous Drosselgasse

### DAY 6 **RÜDESHEIM • MANNHEIM**

AM: Cruise towards Mannheim PM:

Excursion for both packages:

· Guided tour of Heidelberg Gala dinner

### **STRASBOURG**

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.



## From Strasbourg to Amsterdam

### DAY 1 STRASBOURG

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

Excursion for both packages

· Canal boat tour through Strasbourg by night (subject to availability)

### STRASBOURG • RÜDESHEIM DAY 2

AM: Cruise towards Rüdesheim

PM: 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 • COLOGNE • DÜSSELDORF**

AM: Cruise towards Cologne

PM: Tour of Cologne with your hostess

Gala dinner

### **DÜSSELDORF • AMSTERDAM**

Day spent cruising towards Amsterdam

Excursion for both packages:

• Canal boat tour through Amsterdam by night

### DAY 5 **AMSTERDAM**

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Amsterdam and visit to a diamond merchant

DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Amsterdam

PM: Excursion for both packages:

• The Keukenhof floral gardens<sup>(1)</sup> Free evening or stroll at the Red Light District<sup>(2)</sup>

### DAY 6 **AMSTERDAM**

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

### See excursion details on pages 99, 100, 101 and 112 to 115.

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(1) Open from March 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 21<sup>st</sup> 2018. Other months, visit of Volendam and Zaanse Schans (2) Transfer by coach as a supplement, to book and pay for on board.

(3) Depending on docking availability, the stopover in Krefeld can be replaced with a stopover in Duisburg. (4) Except on Mondays: visit of the Netherlands Open Air Museum in Arnhem.



 Cruise along the romantic Rhine and the Neckar

### **EXCLIRSIONS**

- Boat ride along the charming canals of Strasbourg
- Rüdesheim and its famous Drosselgasse
- Heidelberg, typical German town
- Mainz and the Gutenberg Museum (REF CS I)







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## The mythic Rhine Valley and the Neckar

## Round cruises from Strasbourg

REF. SEH/SEH\_AIPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE

### DAY 1 **STRASBOURG**

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

Excursion for both packages:

· Canal boat tour through Strasbourg by night (subject to availability)

### STRASBOURG • KOBLENZ DAY 2

Day spent cruising towards Koblenz Tour of the city with your hostess

### KOBLENZ • The romantic Rhine valley • RÜDESHEIM

AM: Cruise towards Rüdesheim PM: 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

### **RÜDESHEIM • MANNHEIM**

AM: Cruise towards Mannheim PM:

Excursion for both packages:

Guided tour of Heidelberg

Gala dinner

### DAY 5 **STRASBOURG**

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

### REF. CSJ/CSJ AIPP • 6 - DAY CRUISE

### DAY 1 **STRASBOURG**

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

Excursion for both packages:

 Canal boat tour through Strasbourg by night (subject to availability)

### RÜDESHEIM DAY 2

Cruise towards Rüdesheim AM: PM: 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 3 **RÜDESHEIM • KOBLENZ**

AM: Cruise towards Koblenz

PM: Tour of Koblenz with your hostess

### DAY 4 **KOBLENZ • MAINZ**

AM: Cruise towards Mainz

Excursions proposed:

CLASSIC: Guided tour of Mainz and the Gutenberg Museum<sup>(1)</sup>

• DISCOVERY: Touring the Rhineland vineyards

### DAY 5 MAINZ • MANNHEIM

AM: Cruise towards Mannheim PM: Excursion for both packages:

· Guided tour of Heidelberg

Gala dinner

### DAY 6 **STRASBOURG**





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 The magic of three rivers: discover the romantic Rhine, the picturesque Moselle and the enchanting Main

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Boat ride along the charming canals of Strasbourg
- Rüdesheim and its famous Drosselgasse
- Guided tour of Heidelberg, typical German town
- Frankfurt and its impressive Main Tower
- · The Gothic castle in Cochem







ALL INCLUSIVE on board

# The romantic Rhine Valley, the Moselle and the Main

REF. SFS/SFS\_AIPP • 7 - DAY CRUISE

Round cruise from Strasbourg

### DAY 1 STRASBOURG

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

 Canal boat tour through Strasbourg by night (subject to availability)

## DAY 2 STRASBOURG • FRANKFURT (The Main)

AM: Cruise towards Frankfurt PM: Excursions proposed:

CLASSIC: Guided tour of Frankfurt

 DISCOVERY: Panoramic tour of Frankfurt and ascent of the Main Tower

## DAY 3 FRANKFURT • COCHEM (The Moselle)

AM: Cruise towards Cochem

PM: Excursions proposed:

CLASSIC: Guided tour of the castle

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of the castle in Cochem

DISCOVERY:

Hike on the Apolloweg trail

## DAY 4 COCHEM • KOBLENZ (The Moselle and the Rhine)

AM: Cruise towards Koblenz

PM: Tour of Koblenz with your hostess

## DAY 5 KOBLENZ • RÜDESHEIM (The Rhine)

AM: Cruise towards Rüdesheim PM: 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 AM: Cruise towards Mannheim

PM: Excursion for both packages:

Guided tour of Heidelberg

Gala dinner



DAY 7 STRASBOURG

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

### See excursion details on pages 112 to 115.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.





### **EXCURSIONS:**

- The charming villages of Cochem and Trier
- Luxembourg, the capital city of the Grand Duchy (REF. NRM\_PP)
- Renowned wine cellars in the underground galleries of Remich (REF. NRM PP)
- Rüdesheim, Koblenz, Bernkastel and Heidelberg, typical German towns (REF. NRM\_PP)







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## Charming sites along the Moselle and the Rhine

REF. TMS PP/TMS AIPP/SMT PP/SMT AIPP (opposite direction)

## From Trier to Strasbourg

DAY 1

PM:

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

DAY 2 TRIFR • COCHEM

Excursion for both packages: AM:

 Guided tour of Trier Cruise towards Cochem

**COCHEM • KOBLENZ** 

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of the castle in Cochem

• DISCOVERY: Hike on the Apolloweg trail

PM: Cruise towards Koblenz

Tour of the city with your hostess

DAY 4 **KOBLENZ • MAINZ** 

Cruise towards Mainz AM: PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Mainz and the Gutenberg Museum<sup>(1)</sup>

• DISCOVERY: Touring the Rhineland vineyards

Gala dinner

DAY 5 **STRASBOURG** 

Disembark at 11:00 a.m.

### See excursion details on pages 112 to 115.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruises, Ref. SMT\_PP and Ref. MRN\_PP. (1) The Gutenberg Museum is closed on Mondays.



REF. NRM PP/NRM AIPP/MRN PP/MRN PP/MRN (opposite direction)

### 7 - DAY CRUISE

## From Strasbourg to Remich

### DAY 1 **STRASBOURG**

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

Excursion for both packages:

• Canal boat tour through Strasbourg by night (subject to availability)

### MANNHEIM • HEIDELBERG • RÜDESHEIM

AM: Excursion for both packages: • Guided tour of Heidelberg

PM: Cruise towards Rüdesheim

### DAY 3 **RÜDESHEIM • KOBLENZ**

Excursions proposed:

Cruise towards Koblenz

• 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

Cruise towards Koblenz PM:

Free time to discover the city on your own

### DAY 4 **KOBLENZ • COCHEM**

AM: Cruise towards Cochem PM:

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of the castle in Cochem

• DISCOVERY: Hike on the Apolloweg trail

Cruise towards Bernkastel

DAY 5 **BERNKASTEL • TRIER** AM: Cruise along the Moselle

PM: Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of the Wine Museum in Bernkastel

Cruise towards Trier

### DAY 6 TRIER • Luxembourg • REMICH

AM: Cruise along the Moselle

PM: Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Luxembourg City, the underground galleries in Remich and wine tasting Gala dinner

DAY 7 REMICH

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.



 Experience the magic of two rivers with a cruise among steep cliffs, vineyards and romantic castles

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- · Cochem, authentic village
- Mainz and the Gutenberg Museum
- Alken and Thurant Castle (REF. SCM\_PP)
- Rüdesheim and Boppard (REF. SCM\_PP)





ALL INCLUSIVE on board

REF. SCM PP/SCM\_AIPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE

## From Strasbourg to Cochem

DAY 1 STRASBOURG

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 MAINZ • RÜDESHEIM • BOPPARD

AM: Excursions proposed:

CLASSIC: Guided tour of Mainz and the Gutenberg Museum<sup>(1)</sup>

• DISCOVERY: Touring the Rhineland vineyards

**PM:** Cruise towards Rüdesheim 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

AM: Cruise towards Koblenz

Tour of the city with your hostess

PM: Cruise towards Alken

Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Thurant Castle

DAY 4 ALKEN • COCHEM

AM: Cruise towards Cochem PM: Excursions proposed:

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• DISCOVERY: Hike on the Apolloweg trail

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Gala dinner

DAY 5 COCHEM

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruises, Ref. CMS\_PP and Ref. NAT PP.

## ref. tan\_pp/tan\_aipp/nat\_pp/nat\_aipp • 4 - DAY CRUISE From Cochem to Strasbourg

OAV1 COCHEM

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 COCHEM • KOBLENZ

**AM:** Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of the castle in Cochem

DISCOVERY: Hike on the Apolloweg trail

PM: Cruise towards Koblenz

Tour of the city with your hostess

DAY 3 KOBLENZ • MAINZ • WORMS

AM: Cruise towards Mainz PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Mainz and the Gutenberg Museum<sup>(1)</sup>

• DISCOVERY: Touring the Rhineland vineyards

Gala dinner

DAY 4 STRASBOURG

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.



### See excursion details on pages 112 to 115.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

(1) The Gutenberg Museum is closed on Mondays.



### THE RHINE

## "CLASSIC" EXCURSIONS

### ■ 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 surrounded by medieval fortifications and overlooked by a castle. Our tour will also take us through Ribeauvillé, the city of Minstrels. Along the way, we'll stop at a wine cellar for a tasting of some famous Alsatian wines, including its renowned whites.

CRUISE REF. GAS/SBA\_RAN, pages 157 and 163.

## ■ ALSATIAN WINE ROUTE AND COLMAR

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.

CRUISE REF. SBS, page 154.

### **■ BASEL**

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave by coach to the city centre for a guided tour on foot of Basel. Our stroll will take us through the longstanding Grossbasel section and its numerous passages and medieval monuments such as the Basel Minster protestant cathedral, the Market Square dominated by a dark-red, ornate City Hall, and the famous "Freie Strasse" - one of the main transit routes in the Middle Ages, it has become the most trendy shopping area in the city.

CRUISES REF. ACB\_PP/BCA\_PP, page 104.

### **■ COCHEM**

LENGTH: 1.5 hours

We'll leave on foot with our guide for the charming village of Cochem, the pearl of the Moselle. Our visit will begin on the opposite bank from Cochem, in Cond. The Moselle bridge linked this old fishermen town to Cochem in 1927. As you cross the bridge, you will be able to spot the Cochem Imperial Castle (the Reichsburg) dating from 900 sitting on the hilltop. In Cochem, we will stop to admire a fresco relating the history of the town from its occupation by Roman legions to the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Afterwards, our guide will take us through charming streets lined with picturesque half-timbered houses for a chance to see St Martin's Catholic Parish Church, the Capuchin Monastery, the Market Square and

more. After our tour, enjoy some free time to walk along the Moselle and enjoy the green landscape.

CRUISE REF. SCM\_PP, page 111.

### **■ COCHEM CASTLE**

LENGTH: 1.5 hours

We'll leave by minibus 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  $17^{\rm th}$  century, the castle was entirely rebuilt according to old plans in a Neo-Gothic style. After our tour, enjoy some free time to discover the city's narrow winding streets, its carefully restored half-timbered houses with their slate roofs, the Town Hall square with its history-filled past, as well as ancient walls, gates and churches. We'll return to the boat on foot.

CRUISES REF. ASS\_PP/ NRM\_PP/MRN\_PP/TAN\_PP/ NAT\_PP/SFS/SMT\_PP/SNX\_PP/SPH\_PP/STS\_PP/ TMS\_PP, pages 106, 108 to 110 and 143.

### ■ 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 Ages. You'll discover the quintessential neighbourhood 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. The museum is housed in a 13th century Dominican convent and a 1906 former public baths building, and was renovated by Swiss architects Herzog & de Meuron in 2015 to incorporate more of the vast collection. 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.

CRUISES REF. ACB\_PP/BCA\_PP, page 104.

### **■ COLOGNE**

LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll leave on foot with our guide for downtown Cologne. A 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 façades of the huge gothic cathedral which took five centuries to finish building. Indeed, although construction started in 1247, it was interrupted due to a lack of financing in 1560 and only started again in 1842 at the request of Emperor Frederick Wilhelm IV, who had fallen in love with the building. Construction was finally completed in 1863 and the Gothic Cathedral was the highest building in the world from 1880 to 1884. 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

of the famous "Eau de Cologne". Before returning on board, enjoy some free time to stroll through the streets of Cologne or try the famous local beer, the Kölsch (not included). You will be able to make your way back to the boat on foot at your own pace.

CRUISE REF. ADA, page 105.

### **■ COLOGNE**

LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll leave on foot for a guided tour of downtown Cologne. A 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 center. You'll be able to admire the exterior façades of the huge gothic cathedral which took five centuries to finish building. 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 through the streets of Cologne. We'll return on board by coach.

CRUISES REF. ACB\_PP/ ACV\_PP/BCA\_PP, pages 104 and 142.

### DÜSSELDORF

LENGTH: 1.5 hours

We'll leave on foot for downtown Düsseldorf. Dynamic, modern, elegant, cosmopolitan and distinctive, Düsseldorf is an international magnet for connoisseurs of art and culture through its museums, theaters and concert halls. The emblematic symbol of the city is the luxurious Königsallee, by far Germany's busiest upscale shopping street. The Altstadt (or old town district) is commonly known as the 'longest bar in the world' because of the more than 300 bars inviting visitors to try the local beer, the Düsseldorfer Alt. We'll walk along the Rheinuferpromenade, which incarnates the city's joie-de-vivre. There will be some free time before returning to the boat. Depending on where our ship is moored, a transfer by coach may be organized (to be paid for on board).

CRUISE REF. ADA, page 105.

### **■ 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 Rômerberg, seat of the city's government since the 15th century. Formerly called the Samstagsberg, it has been the site of markets and fairs, tournaments and festivals, executions, imperial elections and coronations alike. Here you'll also find a plaque commemorating the book burning by the National Socialists in 1933. After our tour, enjoy some free time before returning to the ship.

CRUISES REF. ABU\_PP/BUS\_PP/SBU\_PP/SFS/SBZ/ZBU/SNX\_PP/TBS\_PP, pages 106, 109, 144, 146 and 149.

### **■ HEIDELBERG AND ITS CASTLE**

LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for Heidelberg. This cosmopolitan, friendly, and vibrant city is made up of 15 distinct neighbourhoods and is particularly attractive to families, students, business people, and researchers. Its high quality of life comes through to visitors, who feel genuinely at home here. 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. The castle has a history that is almost as old as the city itself. From either the Great Terrace or the gardens, enjoy an amazing view over Heidelberg, the Neckar River, and the valley. 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. Enjoy a stroll through the castle gardens, once considered a masterpiece of their time. Built upon several terraces, they were made up of many flower beds, mazes, sculptures, heated greenhouse with orange trees, large ponds, waterfalls, and a manmade grotto. 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. Enjoy some free time afterwards to wander through the streets and shops before returning to the coach.

CRUISES REF. ASS\_PP/AST/CSJ/RFL/SEH/SFS/SNX\_PP/STS\_PP, pages 106 to 109 and 158.

## MAINZ AND THE GUTENBERG MUSEUM LENGTH: 2.5 hours

We'll set off on foot with our guides for a tour of Mainz. Capital of the Rhine Palatinate, Mainz was founded more than 2000 years ago by the Romans. In the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18th centuries, the top architects and sculptors created the basic shape of the town, with fine palaces and churches. Here you can admire the magnificent historic houses which have been outstandingly wellrestored. Located on the banks of the Rhine opposite the confluence of the Rhine and the Main, Mainz will captivate you with its quite incomparable lifestyle, its unique charm and its openness to the world. In the company of our guide, we'll get to enter the magnificent cathedral whose construction started in 975 and which has left a deep mark on the history of Mainz. You'll also have the opportunity to wander up and down the picturesque streets of the old town. Finally, we'll 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. Of the 46 copies still in existence, the museum has managed to save one, along with a "Mainz Psalter", the first ever document using inks of three different colours. The museum extends on five floors and features a guite remarkable exhibition on the history of the book and written word in both Europe and the world. We'll return to the boat on foot

CRUISES REF. CSJ/ NAT\_PP/SCM\_PP/SMT\_PP/ TMS\_PP, pages 108, 110 and 111.

## MAINZ AND THE GUTENBERG MUSEUM LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll set off on foot for a guided tour of Mainz. We'll get to enter the magnificent cathedral and wander up and down the picturesque streets of the old town. Finally, we'll visit the Gutenberg Museum, the world's finest museum for printing equipment, materials and

books. After the tour, our coach will take us to Worms to board our ship.

CRUISES REF. ACV\_PP/ACB\_PP/BCA\_PP/SPH\_PP/TAN\_PP, pages 104, 111, 142 and 143.

## ■ MUNSTER AND THE ALSATIAN WINE ROUTE LENGTH: 9 hours

We'll leave by coach for Eguisheim, a charming village along the Alsatian Wine Route. Enjoy a stroll around the ancient city walls and discover the village's quaint streets lined with colourful, half-timbered houses typical of the region. We'll see the parish church dedicated to Saint Peter and Saint Paul, as well as the lower castle on Saint Leon Square. We'll then continue on to Munster, well-known, of course, for its cheese. We'll visit the ruins of the ancient abbey of Saint Gregory, the Stork Tower, the city hall and more. Afterwards, we'll travel by coach to a farmhouse inn for a traditional local lunch. This customary meal includes delicious farm products such as meat pies, smoked meats, braised apples, Munster cheese and bilberry tarts. The afternoon will be dedicated to discovering the Alsatian Wine Route. We'll pass through magnificent villages 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.

CRUISE REF. SBS, page 154.

## RHINE FALLS LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll leave by coach for an excursion to the Rhine Falls. The Rhine Falls are among the most spectacular sites to visit in Switzerland. You'll also discover Laufen Castle and its impressive view overlooking the rumbling falls.

CRUISES REF. ACB\_PP/BCA\_PP/ SBA\_RAN, page 104 and 163.

### **■ RÜDESHEIM**

LENGTH: 2.5 hours

We'll start our visit with a tour and commentary of the Rüdesheim vineyards by tourist train during which we'll discover the famous vineyards already cultivated in the Roman period. 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, all the while telling you about the history of the cellar and winemaking in the Rüdesheim region, complete with local stories. Afterwards, our visit will continue on to the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments located 100m away from the cellar. 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 4000 ft². This is a vast collection of fascinating musical instruments that function like computers, ranging from tiny, delicate music boxes to an enormous orchestrion. Tools and machines for the production of organ pipes, cardboard sheet music, rolls of sheet music and perforated disks are also on display in the collection. Whatever their age, visitors always take great pleasure in discovering this special music, the techniques from the past and how these instruments work. Afterwards, enjoy some free time to stroll through the streets of Rüdesheim ambling down the famous Drosselgasse, before making your own way back to the boat.

CRUISES REF. ADA/ASS\_PP/AST/CSJ/HSA/ NRM\_PP/ MRN\_PP/RFL/SCM\_PP/SEH/SNX\_PP/STS\_PP, pages 105 to 109, 111 and 158.

### **■ RÜDESHEIM**

LENGTH: 2 hours

A tourist train will take us through the vineyards 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. We'll then take a stroll down the Drosselgasse, famous for its "guinguettes". Enjoy some free time before returning on board

CRUISE REF. HSA, page 107.

### **■ 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" (around the Place de La République) 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 where we'll see the famous Kammerzell house, before ambling down the Petite France District, a famous neighbourhood in Strasbourg beloved by the locals and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

CRUISES REF. ACB\_PP/BCA\_PP, page 104.

### **■** STRASBOURG (boat tour)

LENGTH: 2.5 hours

We'll board a glass-covered boat at the Palais des Rohan quay for a tour along the canals that will first take us to the Petite France District. This is a famous quarter beloved by its citizens thanks to its canals, charming colourful half-timbered houses and its narrow alleyways. We will glide past the Tanners Quarter, the Covered Bridges (Ponts Couverts) and the Panoramic Terrace on the Vauban Dam. The cruise continues through the German Quarter. Following the French

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defeat in 1870. Germany planned to make Strasbourg the capital of the Reichsland or Imperial Territory of Alsace-Lorraine. This district, referred to as the "new town", represented a new form of urban planning, featuring wide roads, monumental administrative and cultural buildings, and luxurious private homes. Landscaping also played a key role in this impressive urban planning scheme. Then, we'll get the chance to admire the link between Strasbourg and Europe through the European Parliament Building, completed in 1999, which was designed to host monthly sessions of the European Parliament. The architecture of the building is based on a combination of circles and ellipses, with the building laid out and organized into several clearly identified areas. Finally, we'll see the Human Rights Building where the European Court of Human Rights is located.

CRUISE REF. SBS, page 154.

### ■ STRASBOURG (boat tour)

LENGTH: 2.5 hours

A glass-covered boat will come pick us up, mooring directly alongside our boat, for a relaxing nocturnal 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.

CRUISES REF. CSJ/HSA/NRM\_PP/MRN\_PP/RFL/ SEH/SFS/STS\_PP, pages 106 to 109 and 158.

## ■ STRASBOURG AND ITS CATHEDRAL LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll set out for a guided tour of Strasbourg and its historical city centre. We'll begin in the Petite France quarter to admire its famous canals and half-timbered houses. This area has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1988. Our tour will continue with a

visit to the cathedral, a veritable Gothic masterpiece. The structure you see today took over 400 years to build. The famous west front is decorated with thousands of figures, and its spire measures over 466 ft. The cathedral is built out of red sandstone from the nearby Vosges Mountains, which gives it its characteristic pink hue that changes according to the sunlight and the colour of the sky. It is one of the very few Gothic churches having only one tower. The stained glass windows date back to the 12th and 14th centuries. The magnificent astronomical clock, built in 1842, is an invention put together by various artists, mathematicians and technicians. After our tour, we'll return to our ship in Strasbourg.

CRUISE REF. SBA\_RAN, page 163.

### **■ THURANT CASTLE**

LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll leave by coach for Thurant Castle in the Moselle valley, around 20km from Koblenz. This fortified castle proudly stands as a symbol of the region. The oldest castle in the Moselle, Thurant 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, when he returned from the Crusades. From 1246 to 1248, the castle was besieged by the archdiocese of Cologne and Trier and 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 20th century. Don't miss the unforgettable view of the Moselle from the terrace.

CRUISE REF. SCM\_PP, page 111.

### **■** TRIER

LENGTH: 3.15 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 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. And Trier's age is not its only claim to glory. It is known above all for having been one of the seats of power of the Holy Roman Empire, one of the great centres of Early Christianity as well as a dynamic medieval town. Of these three periods, the city has retained some precious architectural marks. We'll discover the Amphitheatre (exteriors only), the tenth biggest in all of the Roman Empire which could hold up to 30,000 spectators. We'll move on to the Imperial Baths which were sumptuously arranged inside with marble on the walls and floors, mosaics, frescoes and statues. We'll continue to the Basilica of Constantine. Since its construction in 310, the basilica has never been out of use. From the very start, the edifice was an imposing one - 67m-long, 27m-wide and 30m-high. Over time, numerous buildings have been added. Finally, we'll discover the famous Porta Nigra which was designed as a gate as well as a monument. Even Rome today does not have an ancient building of this size in such a state of conservation. Afterwards, we'll stroll around the city centre and admire the outside of St Peter's Cathedral. Its oldest parts date from 326, but the general layout of the church was considerably altered in the 10th century. 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. Old timber-framed houses mingle with classical pastel-colored houses, decorated with white stucco. At the end of our guided tour, enjoy some free time to discover more of the town at your own pace.

CRUISES REF. SMT\_PP/SNX\_PP/SPH\_PP/STS\_PP/TMS\_PP, pages 106, 110 and 143.



## "DISCOVERY" EXCURSIONS

## ■ BIKE TOUR IN THE KAISERSTUHL

LENGTH: 3 hours

Leaving from Breisach, take a bike tour of the Kaiserstuhl, a range of hills perfect for cycling amateurs. The landscapes and wildlife located in this volcanic region are exceptional. We'll cross the orchards in Achkarren and the small village of Burkheim before biking through the Rheinwald forest and returning to Breisach along the river cycling path.

CRUISES REF. ACB\_PP/BCA\_PP, page 104.

## ■ BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF STRASBOURG FROM THE TOP OF THE CATHEDRAL

LENGTH: 4 hours

Discover the unknown, out-of-the-way, and secret places holding the hidden treasures of the Alsatian capital. At the end of our tour, we'll climb the 330 steps taking us to the top of the city's cathedral. Along the way up the spiral staircase there are many windows and places to stop and admire the views. The many sloping roofs in Strasbourg are lovely, and you'll have unforgettable views. You must be in good physical health to walk up the 330 stairs. The top of the cathedral is closed on May 1st.

CRUISE REF. ACB\_PP/BCA\_PP, page 104.

### ■ DÜSSELDORF AND THE RHEINTURM

LENGTH: 3 hours

Leave on foot to explore downtown Düsseldorf. Dynamic, modern, elegant, cosmopolitan and distinctive, Düsseldorf is an international magnet for connoisseurs of art and culture through its museums, theaters and concert halls. The emblematic symbol of the city is the luxurious Königsallee, by far Germany's busiest upscale shopping street. The Altstadt (or old town district) is commonly known as the "longest bar in the world" because of the more than 300 bars inviting visitors to try the local beer. We'll walk along the Rheinuferpromenade, which incarnates the city's joie-de-vivre, particularly in summer. At the end of our walk, we'll take the elevator up to the top of the Rheinturm where you'll have a fantastic view of the city on the Rhine.

CRUISE REF. ADA, page 105.

## ■ FRANKFURT, MAINHATTAN AND THE MAIN TOWER

LENGTH: 3 hours

Frankfurt is the largest financial center 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 headquarters 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.

CRUISES REF. BUS\_PP/SBU\_PP/SFS/SNX\_PP/ SVN\_PP/VNS\_PP, pages 106, 108, 143 and 145.

## ■ HIKE AROUND THE RHINE FALLS

LENGTH: 5 hours

Admire the largest waterfall in Europe up close and feel the force of the roaring falls. A boat will bring us to the mighty rock located virtually in the middle of the waterfall. We'll continue on a hike (approximately 1.5 hours) around the falls, following the footsteps of tourists who have been awed by this natural phenomenon for centuries.

CRUISES REF. ACB\_PP/BCA\_PP, page 104.

## ■ HIKING THE APOLLOWEG IN COCHEM

LENGTH: 2 hours

Join us for a hike on the Apolloweg trail and enjoy the beautiful countryside in the Moselle region. We'll encounter gorgeous views and enchanting castles in the middle of a wild natural reserve: Cochem Castle (Reichsburg), the Winneburg ruins, and Pinner Kruez jutting from steep cliffs where humans have been cultivating vineyards for centuries.

CRUISES REF. NRM\_PP/MRN\_PP/NAT\_PP/TAN\_PP SCM\_PP/SFS/SMT\_PP/SPH\_PP/STS\_PP/TMS\_PP, pages 106, 108, 110 and 111.

## ■ 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 monument 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 small city, the vineyards and the Rhine. We'll hike through the vineyards to the Abbey 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 once more.

CRUISES REF. ADA/ASS\_PP/CSJ/HSA/RFL/ NRM\_PP/MRN\_PP/SCM\_PP/SEH/SFS/STS\_PP, pages 105 to 109, 111 and 158.

## ■ TOURING 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 the program. CRUISES REF. ACV\_PP/ACB\_PP/BCA\_PP/ NAT\_PP/SCM\_PP/SMT\_PP/SPH\_PP/TAN\_PP/TMS\_PP, pages 104, 110 and 111, 142 and 143.







## **REASONS** TO CRUISE THE ELBE

The Elbe is a Central European river which rises in the Krkonose Mountains in the Czech Republic and crosses through most of Germany before reaching the North Sea. The Vltava is a major tributary that joins the Elbe north of Prague. We propose a lovely **9-day trip between Prague and Berlin** on board a river paddleboat that will be moored in Prague!

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### **EXCLIRSIONS**

- 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 Sanssouci Palace
- Berlin, emblematic capital
- The Charlottenburg Palace







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## From Amsterdam to Berlin



### DAY1 AMSTERDAM

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew
and welcome cocktail
Excursion for both to us through Ameterd

 Canal boat tour through Amsterdam by night

### DAY 2 AMSTERDAM

Excursions proposed:

AM: • Volendam and Zaanse Schaans
• The Hague and its hidden courtyards
Free evening or stroll around
the Red Light District<sup>(1)</sup>

## DAY 3 AMSTERDAM • GRONINGEN DELFZIL

AM: Cruise towards Groningen
PM: Free time to discover the city

on vour own

DAY 4 DELFZIL • PAPENBURG OLDENBURG

AM: Cruise towards Papenburg PM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of the Meyer Werft shipyard

### DAY 5 OLDENBURG • BREMEN

**AM:** Free time to discover Oldenburg on your own

PM: Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Bremen

### DAY 6 BREMEN • NIENBURG STOLZENAU • MINDEN

AM: Cruise towards Nienburg

PM: Transfer proposed to downtown
Nienburg for an unguided tour

of the city

### DAY 7 MINDEN • HANOVER

**GERMANY** 

ANDERTEN • BRAUNSCHWEIG

Leipzig

AM: Cruise towards Hanover
PM: Excursion proposed:
Guided tour of Hanover
Gala dinner

## DAY 8 BRAUNSCHWEIG • BULSTRINGEN MAGDEBURG

AM: Cruise towards Bulstringen
PM: Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Magdeburg

## DAY 9 MAGDEBURG • BRANDENBURG POTSDAM

AM: Cruise towards Brandenburg
PM: Excursion proposed:
Potsdam and the gardens
of the Sanssouci Palace

### DAY 10 POTSDAM • BERLIN

AM: Cruise towards Berlin Spandau PM: Excursions proposed:

Guided tour of Berlin

Tour of Burling Inches

• Tour of Berlin by night

### DAY 11 BERLIN

AM: Excursion proposed:

Visit of the Charlottenburg Palace

PM: Free time to discover Berlin

on your own

DAY 12 BERLIN
Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

### See excursion details on pages 99, 101, 122 and 123.

**Formalities:** Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref.  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{BMA\_PP}}.$ 

(1) Transfer by coach as a supplement, to book and pay for on board.





## The majestic Elbe and Vltava rivers

REF. BPG\_PP/BPG\_AIPP/PGB\_PP/PGB\_AIPP (opposite direction) • 9 - DAY CRUISE

## From Berlin to Prague

### DAY 1 BERLIN TEGEL

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

## DAY 2 BERLIN TEGEL • NEDLITZ WUSTERWITZ

Excursions proposed:

AM: • Guided tour of Berlin

PM: • The gardens of the Sanssouci Palace

### DAY 3 WUSTERWITZ • MAGDEBURG

AM: Cruise towards Magdeburg
PM: Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Magdeburg

### DAY 4 WITTENBERG

**AM:** Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Wittenberg

PM: Cruise towards Meissen

### DAY 5 MEISSEN • DRESDEN

Excursions proposed:

AM: • Guided tour of MeissenPM: • Guided tour of Dresden

### DAY 6 DRESDEN • WEHLEN • USTI

AM: Excursion proposed:

• The Elbe Sandstone Mountains

PM: Cruise towards Usti

### DAY 7 USTI • ROUDNICE • KRALUPY

**AM:** Excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of Litomerice Cruise towards Kralupy

### DAY 8 KRALUPY • ROZTOKY • PRAGUE

Excursions proposed:

AM: • Guided tour of Prague's Old TownPM: • Discover Prague's Castle District

PM: • Discover Prague's Castle District Gala dinner

DAY 9 PRAGUE

PM:

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 122 and 123.

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Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. PGB\_PP.



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Potsdam, and the gardens of the Sanssouci Palace

of the Reformation
Meissen and its porcelain
Dresden, the Florence of the Elbe
The Elbe Sandstone Mountains, natural and architectural wonders
Litomerice, charming city full

**EXCURSIONS:** 

of history

Golden Prague

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8-day trip with a 6-day cruise

- Copenhagen Package: Visit the capital of Denmark, a perfect blend of history and modernity
- Passage through the impressive Niederfinow Boat Lift

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- The Chorin Abbey, a jewel of Cistercian architecture
- The breathtaking landscapes of the islands of Usedom and Rügen

**SWEDEN** 

TRELLEBORG

RÜGEN

SASSNITZ

• LAUTERBACH

PEENEMÜNDE

USEDOM



COPENHAGEN

DENMARK





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The Havel, the Oder and the Baltic Sea

REF. BSD/BSD AIPP/SBL/SBL AIPP (opposite direction) • 6 - DAY ITINERARY

## From Berlin to Copenhagen

**BERLIN SPANDAU** DAY 1

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

**BERLIN SPANDAU • EBERSWALDE** 

AM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Berlin Cruise towards Eberswalde passing

PM: through the Niederfinow Boat Lift

DAY 3 **EBERSWALDE • ODERBERG** STOLPE • SZCZECIN (Poland)

AM: Excursion proposed:

• The Chorin Abbey PM: Cruise towards Szczecin

DAY 4 SZCZECIN • WOLGAST

AM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Szczecin

Cruise towards Wolgast

### DAY 5 **WOLGAST • PEENEMUNDE** Island of Usedom • Island of Rügen LAUTERBACH

Excursions proposed:

• Guided tour of the island of Usedom AM:

PM: • Guided tour of the island of Rügen

### LAUTERBACH • STRALSUND

Excursions proposed:

ΔМ٠ • Guided tour of Greifswald PM: • Guided tour of Stralsund

Gala dinner

### DAY 7 STRALSUND • Sassnitz • Trelleborg Copenhagen (Denmark)

Coach transfer to Sassnitz and ferry crossing to Trelleborg Enjoy lunch on your own Coach transfer to Copenhagen Night at a 3-star hotel

DAY 8 Copenhagen

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Copenhagen

Lunch on your own

End of your journey

WOLGAST SZCZECIN **GERMANY POLAND** ODERBERG . EBERSWALD SPANDAU

TRALSUND

**GREIFSWALD** 

See excursion details on pages 122 and 123.

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Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. SBL.





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### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Berlin, a contrasting capital
- Potsdam and the gardens of the Sanssouci Palace
- The Hanseatic towns of Magdeburg and Lüneburg
- Hamburg, a coastal city open to the world







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## The celebrated Elbe River

REF. BHA PP/BHA AIPP/HAB\_PP/HAB\_AIPP (opposite direction)

### 7 - DAY CRUISE

## From Berlin to Hamburg

DAY 1 BERLIN SPANDAU

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 BERLIN SPANDAU • POTSDAM

Excursions proposed:

**AM:** • Guided tour of Berlin

PM: • The gardens of the Sanssouci Palace

DAY 3 MAGDEBURG • TANGERMÜNDE

AM: Cruise towards Magdeburg

PM: Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Magdeburg

DAY 4 TANGERMÜNDE • BLECKEDE

AM: Free time to discove Tangermünde on your own

PM: Cruise towards Bleckede

DAY 5 BLECKEDE • Lüneburg • HAMBURG

AM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Lüneburg

PM: Cruise towards Hamburg and through its port



DAY 6 HAMBURG

AM: Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Hamburg

PM: Transfer proposed to downtown Hamburg with your hostess

Gala dinner

DAY 7 HAMBURG

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.



See excursion details on pages 122 and 123.

**Formalities:** Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate. Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. HAB\_PP.

### **THE ELBE**

## "CLASSIC" EXCURSIONS

### **■** BERLIN

### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach to visit the German capital with a local guide, taking us on a 3-hour tour to learn about the history, monuments and fascinating facets of this historic city. We'll walk up the Straße des 17. Juni (17th of June Street) which will lead us, first of all, 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 arrive at the renowned Unter den Linden and head to Museum Island, a complex of Berlin's five most famous museums, including the Pergamon Museum and the Alte Nationalgalerie. 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

CRUISES REF. AMB\_PP/BHA\_PP/BMA\_PP/BPG\_PP/BSD/HAB\_PP/PGB\_PP/SBL, pages 118 to 121.

### **■ BERLIN BY NIGHT**

### LENGTH: 2 hours

After dinner, we'll leave by coach to explore contemporary Berlin. A guided walk will enable us to discover the architectural prowesses of Renzo Piano, Richard Rogers and more. After the fall of the wall, the Potsdamer Platz was a true no man's land, though it now houses the headquarters of the Deutsche Bank, the Sony Center and a cinema complex. At night, it comes to life and is illuminated, showing us a futuristic vision of the German capital.

CRUISES REF. AMB\_PP/BMA\_PP, page 118.

### **■** 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, St. Peter's Cathedral, the magnificent City Hall and more. Then, we'll walk down the Böttcherstrasse, famous for its narrow picturesque streets. We'll have some free time before returning to the boat.

CRUISES REF. AMB\_PP/BMA\_PP, page 118.

### **■ CECILIENHOF PALACE**

### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave by coach for Cecilienhof Palace, built between 1914 and 1917 for Crown Prince William and his wife, Cecilie von Mecklenburg-Schwerin. After the end of the war in Europe, the Potsdam Conference was held there. Churchill and Truman also defined the terms of surrender together for Japan in this very palace. Currently, it is home to a museum and a hotel. In 2007, it was the site of the G8 Foreign Ministers Summit. We'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). After our visit, we'll return to the ship by coach.

CRUISE REF. BMD\_PP, pages 118 and 121.

## ■ CHARLOTTENBURG PALACE LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave from Berlin by coach for a stroll in the gardens before an audio-guided tour of Charlottenburg 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.

CRUISE REF. DMB\_PP, pages 118 and 121.

### CHORIN ABBEY

LENGTH: 2.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for a guided tour of the Chorin

Abbey, built in the 13th century. It was dissolved during the Reformation, though it enjoyed a renewed interest in the 19th century, when Romanticism rediscovered the hidden beauty in old ruins. The monastery is considered to be one of the most outstanding brick gothic structures, typical of Northern Germany.

CRUISES REF. BSD/SBL, page 120.

### ■ 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, the statue of the Little Mermaid, one of the most beautiful churches in Denmark and Rosenborg Castle.

CRUISES REF. BSD/DSL, page 120.

### **■ 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 bank 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 some free time, we'll return to the boat.

CRUISES REF. BPG\_PP/PGB\_PP, page 119.

### ■ 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 13<sup>th</sup> century. The fortress was regarded as unconquerable, so the Saxon monarchs retreated to it during times of crisis and also deposited many works of art from the famous Zwinger there. During the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

CRUISES REF. BPG\_PP/PGB\_PP, page 119.

### **■** GREIFSWALD

### LENGTH: 4.25 hours

We'll set out by coach for a tour on foot of Greifswald. Our walk along the ramparts surrounding the centre will take us past the city's imposing churches as well as the Town Hall. We'll have some free time before returning to the boat.

CRUISES REF.BSD/SBL, page 120.

### **■ 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 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 have some free time before returning to the boat by coach.

CRUISES REF. BHA\_PP/HAB\_PP, page 121.

### **■ HANOVER**

### LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll leave by coach with our guides to discover the capital of the Land of Lower Saxony. From the 17th century onwards, Hanover played a major role in politics. In 1714, the son of Ernst-August of Hanover became King of Great Britain under the name of George I, a personal union which was a considerable source of prestige for the principality of Hanover. We'll pass alongside the famous baroque Gardens of Herrenhaüser before heading for the 18th-century New City Hall, where our guides will explain Hanover's history with four models showing the city at different times (1875, 1939, 1945, and today). We'll continue with a panoramic tour to see the main sights such as Niki de Saint Phalle's "Nana" statues on the banks of the Leine, the Maschsee artificial lake, the Opera House, the Grand Theatre, the ruins of the Aegidien Church, and many more. We'll stop for a stroll through the Old Town to see the Market Church and its curiosities, the 15th-century Old City Hall and Leibniz's House. Then, we'll have free time in the central station area and the modern city centre

CRUISES REF. AMB\_PP/BMA\_PP, page 118.

### **■ ISLAND OF RÜGEN**

### I FNGTH: 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. 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 famous chalk cliffs towering at 100m 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.

CRUISES REF. BSD/SBL, page 120.

### **■ 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"

CRUISES REF. BSD/SBL, page 120.

### **■ 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. A delicious drink at the nearby winery will certainly make your walk more pleasant. You'll be enchanted by the rare architecture of the Saxon Renaissance Town Hall, the Chalice House with a roof terrace where the rich townsfolk used to meet over a glass of wine, and the Black Eagle House, which has preserved its original appearance with wonderful sgraffiti work. There are also countless important churches such as the All-Saints Church with its Renaissance broach roofs, the Church of the Annunciation of the Lady Mary, a masterpiece by Italian architect Antonio Octavio Broggio and the Baroque Cathedral of St. Stephen, which was built by Domenico Orsi. We'll visit the former Royal Castle, followed by a beer tasting. Afterwards, we'll return to the ship

CRUISES REF. BPG\_PP/PGB\_PP, page 119.

### **■ 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 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 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 panelled in wood. We'll enjoy some free time before heading back to the boat by coach.

CRUISES REF. BHA\_PP/HAB\_PP, page 121.

### **■ MAGDEBURG**

### LENGTH: 5 hours

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, as well as several other noteworthy items including a charming cloister. 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 our panoramic tour to the green Citadel of Magdeburg, created by Friedrich Hundertwasser which is not green but pink! We'll then visit the marketplace to see the magnificent replica of the Magdeburg Horseman, a golden statue depicting Otto I, as well as the Town Hall and its bronze door. We'll finish up our tour with some free time.

CRUISES REF. AMB\_PP/BHA\_PP/BMA\_PP/BPG\_PP/HAB\_PP/PGB\_PP, pages 118 to 119 and 121.

### **■ MEISSEN**

### LENGTH: 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 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. After some free time on our own, we'll return to the ship.

CRUISES REF. BPG\_PP/PGB\_PP, page 119.

## ■ MEYER WERFT SHIPYARD IN PAPENBURG

LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll leave by coach for the Meyer Werft Shipyard, founded in 1975. Our guide will show us the various stages in the construction of a luxury ferry.

CRUISES REF. AMB\_PP/BMA\_PP, page 118.

### **■ 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 bear-claw shaped cakes. Do not miss the old castle (Wasserburg) and Saint Martin's church, among other notable sights.

CRUISES REF. AMB\_PP/BMA\_PP, page 118.

## ■ 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, attended by the Allies to seal the fate of the defeated nations. After our visit, we'll head back to downtown Potsdam for some free time in the Dutch district before returning to the ship by coach.

CRUISES REF. AMB\_PP/BHA\_PP/BMA\_PP/BPG\_PP/HAB\_PP/PGB\_PP, pages 118 to 119 and 121.

## ■ PRAGUE: CASTLE DISTRICT I FNGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave on a guided tour of the Hradcany, or Castle District, in Prague. The city centre is divided into five areas, spanning both banks of the VItava River, 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 hectares 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 monastery, viewing towers, fortifications, museums, art galleries, and the famous Golden Lane. Be sure to attend the Changing of the Guard ceremony at the front gates which takes place every hour during the day.

CRUISES REF. BPG\_PP/PGB\_PP, page 119.

### **■ PRAGUE: OLD CITY**

### LENGTH: 3 hours

Prague is the capital and largest city of the Czech Republic as well as the fourteenth largest city in the European Union. It is located in the north-west of the country on the VItava River, and is home to about 1.26 million people. It is also the historical capital of Bohemia. We'll have a guided walk in the old city, 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. We'll then stroll through the Jewish Quarter, whose history dates from the 13th century, when Jewish people were ordered to vacate their disparate homes and settle in this one area. It is today the best preserved complex of historical lewish monuments in the whole of Europe We'll return on board after our visit

CRUISES REF. BPG\_PP/PGB\_PP, page 119.

### **■ 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 14th 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 13th century. The unique city of Stralsund has been listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO since 2002.

CRUISES REF. BSD/SBL, page 120.

### **■ 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.

CRUISES REF. BSD/SBL, page 120.

## ■ THE VOLKSWAGEN AUTOSTADT IN WOLFSBURG

LENGTH: 4 hours

We will reach the Autostadt either on foot - a 5 min walk crossing a bridge over the Mittelandkanal - or by coach, depending on where our ship is moored and the 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 Centre located right next to the Car Towers where 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 4x4 on rough terrain? We'll return on board by coach in Sülfeld/ Fallersleben or on foot in Wolfsburg

CRUISE REF. BMA PP, page 118.

### **■ 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. The Castle Church is the famous church to whose door he nailed his 95 Theses. Luther gave some of his sermons in this church and is now buried just under the pulpit. We'll also visit Luther's house. Part of the Augustinian monastery in which Luther lived, first as a monk and later as owner with his wife and family, is preserved and considered to be the world's premier museum dedicated to Luther, including a permanent exhibition about the time of the Reformation.

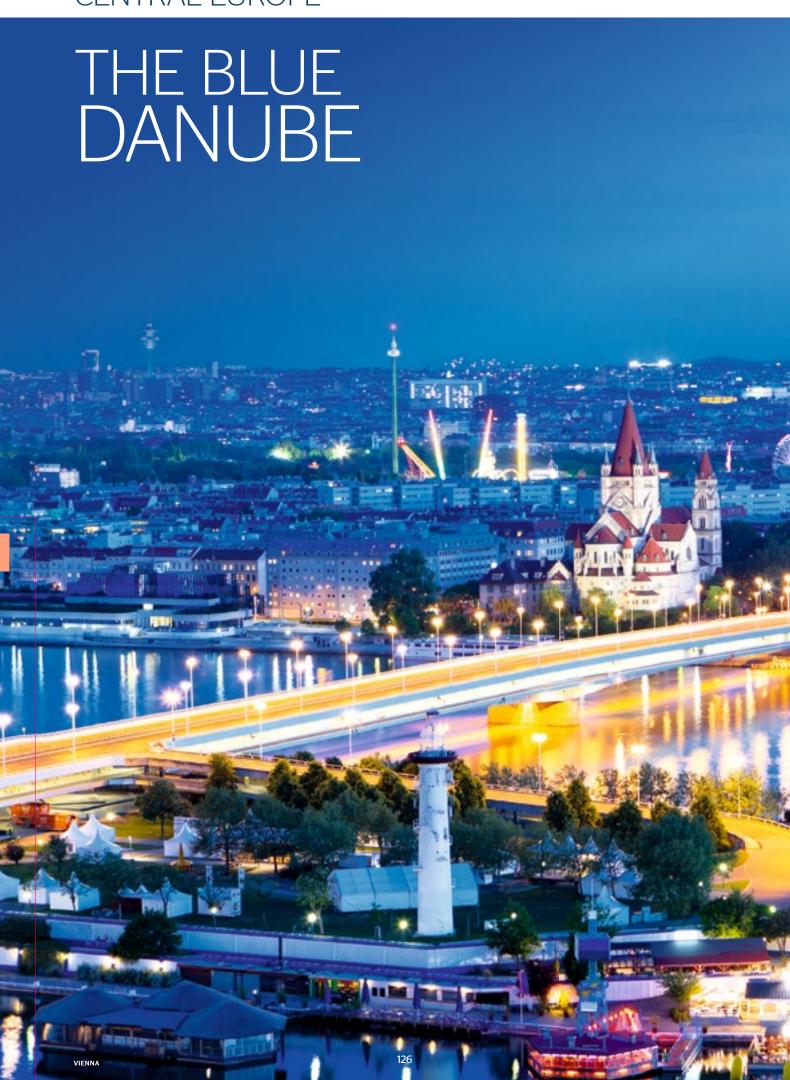
CRUISES REF. BPG\_PP/PGB\_PP, page 119.



# CENTRAL EUROPE









## **REASONS** TO VISIT CENTRAL FUROPE

- From the Black Forest to the Black Sea, the Danube has an exceptionally rich cultural and natural diversity
- The **famous Iron Gates**, the Danube Pass between the Carpathians and the Balkans
- The **Danube Delta**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- The Sava River which flows through the Vojvodina Plains, the bread basket of Serbia
- The north of the Great Hungarian Plain, still wild and natural, visible on the banks of the Tisza during the cruise

## THE **ADVANTAGES**OF BOOKING WITH CROISIEUROPE

- Widest choice of itineraries from 5 to 12 days' length
- A comprehensive discovery tour of central Europe
- The opportunity to cruise along the Rhine and the Danube in a single cruise
- An original way to discover your destination: choose a cruise with hiking options

### SHIPS

- MS VIVALDI Premium ship
- MS MONET
- MS LA BOHEME
- MS VICTOR HUGO
- MS BEETHOVEN
- MS EUROPE
- MS SYMPHONIE Premium ship

### **THEMED CRUISES**

- Multiriver cruises, see pages 142 to 146
- Hiking cruise, see page 163
- Biking cruise, see page 165

## **2018 EVENTS** ON THE DANUBE

### **VIENNA**

- Festival on the Danube: end of June
- Jazz Music Festival: July
- Movie and Music Festival: July and August

### **BUDAPEST**

- Spring Festival: mid-March to early April
- St. Stephen's Day: August 20th

Information given by tourist boards, subject to changes.



- Cruise through 7 countries and cultures
- Discover the idvllic landscapes of the Iron Gates and the Danube bend up to the Delta

### **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 Vojvodina



## Stunning Iron Gates and the Danube bend

REF. LIT PP/LIT\_AIPP • 12 - DAY CRUISE

### From Linz to Tulcea

LINZ (Austria)

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

DAY 2 MELK • VIENNA

AM: Excursion for both packages:

Visit Melk Abbev

PM: Excursion for both packages: Viennese music concert<sup>(1-2)</sup>

VIENNA • BRATISLAVA (Slovakia) DAY 3

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of the Schönbrunn Palace and Vienna

• DISCOVERY: The high art of Viennese living: music and Viennese cafes

Cruise towards Bratislava Excursions proposed:

PM:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Bratislava

• DISCOVERY: Hiking in the Little Carpathians

DAY 4 **BUDAPEST (Hungary)** 

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Budapest

• DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Budapest

PM: Free time or guided visit of the Gellert baths and spa<sup>(2)</sup>

Excursion for both packages:

Traditional folk evening

BUDAPEST • KALOCSA • MOHACS • BEZDAN (Serbia) DAY 5

Excursion for both packages AM:

The wild Puszta plain and a horse show

PM: Cruise towards Novi Sad

DAY 6 **NOVI SAD • BELGRADE** 

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Novi Sad

• DISCOVERY: Novi Sad and a walk to the Petrovaradin fortress

PM: Cruise towards Belgrade Excursion for both packages

• Traditional evening in Belgrade

DAY 7 BELGRADE • DONJI MILANOVAC

AM:

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Belgrade • DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Belgrade

PM: Cruise towards Donji Milanovac

**DONJI MILANOVAC • THE IRON GATES** 

Day spent cruising, passing through the Iron Gates

Gala dinner DAY 9 RUSE (Bulgaria)

Excursions for both packages:

· Sightseeing tour of the Rusenski Lom valley AM:

• Guided tour of Ruse

RUSE • GIURGIU (Romania) • OLTENITA DAY 10

Full-day excursions proposed:

CLASSIC: Guided tour of Bucharest

• DISCOVERY: Chasing the legends of Dracula in Bucharest

DAY 11 **TULCEA** 

AM: Cruise towards Tulcea Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: The Danube Delta PM:

• DISCOVERY: The Danube Delta on a speed boat

DAY 12 TULCEA

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

REF. TUL PP/TUL AIPP • 12 - DAY CRUISE

### From Tulcea to Linz

TUI CFA (Romania)

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

and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 TULCEA • The Danube Delta AM:

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: The Danube Delta

• DISCOVERY: The Danube Delta on a speed boat

PM: Cruise towards Oltenita

DAY 3 OLTENITA • GIURGIU • RUSE (Bulgaria)

Full-day excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Bucharest

• DISCOVERY: Chasing the legends of Dracula in Bucharest

DAY 4 RUSE

Excursion for both packages: AM:

 Guided tour of Ruse Cruise towards Serbia

PM: THE IRON GATES DAY 5

Day spent cruising, passing through the Iron Gates

DAY 6 BELGRADE (Serbia) • NOVI SAD

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Belgrade

DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Belgrade

Excursion for both packages: PM: Guided tour of Novi Sad

DAY 7 **BEZDAN • MOHACS • KALOCSA** 

AM: Cruise towards Mohacs

Excursion for both packages: рм.

The wild Puszta plain and a horse show

BUDAPEST (Hungary) DAY8

AM: Excursions proposed:

CLASSIC: Guided tour of Budapest

DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Budapest

PM: Free time or guided visit of the Gellert baths and spa<sup>(2)</sup>

DAY 9 BRATISLAVA (Slovakia) AM: Cruise towards Bratislava рм.

Excursions proposed: • CLASSIC: Guided tour of Bratislava

• DISCOVERY: Hiking in the Little Carpathians

DAY 10 VIENNA (Austria) AM:

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Guided tour of the Schönbrunn Palace and Vienna

• DISCOVERY: The high art of Viennese living:

music and Viennese cafes.

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

Excursion for both packages: Viennese music concert(1-2

DAY 11 MELK

AM: Excursion for both packages:

Visit Melk Abbey

Cruise towards Linz Gala dinner

PM:

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 134 to 139.

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(1) Subject to availability. (2) Not included in the packages.



Cruises along the Danube, taking in its history, fascinating culture and sublime landscapes

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Cruise through the Wachau Valley, one of the most beautiful regions along the Danube (REF. PUC\_PP)
- The wild Puszta plain (REF. PUC\_PP)
- Tradition and culture in Vienna (REF. PUC\_PP)
- The Danube Delta, the largest and best preserved of all European deltas (REF. TBD\_PP)
- Authentic Bulgaria with Veliko Tarnovo and the charming town of Ruse (REF. TBD\_PP)
- Rich cultural and architectural heritage in the Serbian towns of Belgrade and Novi Sad (REF. TBD\_PP)







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### REF. PUC PP/PUC AIPP • 11 - DAY CRUISE Round cruise from Passau

DAY 1 PASSAU (Germany)

Boarding at 4:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

Night spent cruising towards Melk

DAY 2 MELK (Austria) • VIENNA

AM: Excursion for both packages: Visit Melk Abbey

PM: Cruise towards Vienna

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Discover Vienna by night

• DISCOVERY: Onboard waltzing lessons

VIENNA • ESZTERGOM (Hungary) DAY 3

AM:

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Guided tour of the Schönbrunn Palace and Vienna

• DISCOVERY: The high art of Viennese living: music and

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

DAY 4 **ESZTERGOM • BUDAPEST** 

Free time to discover Esztergom on your own PM:

Cruise towards Budapest Excursion for both packages

• Discover Budapest by night

DAY 5 **BUDAPEST** AM:

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Budapest
• DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Budapest

PM: Free time or guided visit of the Gellert baths and spa<sup>(2)</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** 

Excursion for both packages AM:

Guided tour of the Gödöllö Palace

PM: Cruise towards Bratislava

DAY 8 BRATISLAVA • VIENNA (Austria)

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Bratislava

• DISCOVERY: Hiking in the Little Carpathians

PM: Cruise towards Vienna

DAY 9

AM:

Excursion for both packages:

Guided tour of Vienna and the Imperial Crypt

Excursion for both packages: PM:

 The Hofburg and the Sisi Museum Excursion for both packages: Viennese music concert

MELK • PASSAU (Germany)

Cruise through the Wachau Valley towards Melk AM:

Free time in the city PM:

Excursion for both packages:

 Artstetten Castle Gala dinner

PASSAII DAY 11

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

REF. TBD PP/TBD\_AIPP/BUE\_PP/BUE\_AIPP (opposite direction) • 9 - DAY CRUISE

## From Tulcea to Budapest

DAY 1 TULCEA (Romania)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 TULCEA • SULINA • CRISAN (Romania)

AM: Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: The Danube Delta

• DISCOVERY: The Danube delta on a speed boat

PM: Cruise towards Oltenita

**OLTENITA** 

Full-day excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Bucharest

• DISCOVERY: Chasing the legends of Dracula in Bucharest

RUSE (Bulgaria)

Full-day excursion for both packages:

• Discover Veliko Tarnovo and Arbanassi

DAY 5

PM:

PM:

AM: Excursion for both packages

· Guided tour of Ruse Cruise towards Serbia

THE IRON GATES DAY 6

Day spent cruising, passing through the Iron Gates

DAY 7 BELGRADE (Serbia) • NOVI SAD

AM:

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Belgrade

• DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Belgrade

Excursion for both packages:

Guided tour of Novi Sad

OSIJEK (Croatia) • MOHACS (Hungary) DAY 8

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Osijek AM:

· DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Osijek

PM: Cruise towards Budapest

Gala dinner

DAY 9

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. BUE\_PP



See excursion details on pages 134 to 139.

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Cruise through 4 countries: Hungary, Croatia, Romania and Serbia (REF. BTU\_PP)

The idyllic landscapes of the Wachau Valley (REF. PAC\_PP)

- Osijek and the majestic Church of St Peter and St Paul (REF. BTU\_PP)
- Belgrade and its unique architecture (REF. BTU\_PP)
- The beautiful paintings of the Krusedol Monastery (REF. BTU\_PP)
- Southern Hungary with the charming town of Pécs (REF. BTU\_PP)
- Imperial Vienna and the Schönbrunn Palace (REF. PAC PP)
- Budapest, 2000 years of history (REF. PAC\_PP)

## Jewels of the Austro-Hungarian Empire



REF. BTU PP/BTU AIPP • 8 - DAY CRUISE

## Round cruise from Budapest through the Iron Gates

DAY 1 **BUDAPEST (Hungary)** 

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

MOHACS • OSIJEK (Croatia) DAY 2

**BELGRADE** (Serbia)

AM: Cruise towards Osiiek Excursion proposed: PM:

Guided tour of Osijek

DAY 3 BELGRADE • ORSOVA (Romania)

AM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Belgrade

PM: Free time to discover Belgrade on your own

DAY 4 **ORSOVA** • The Iron Gates NOVI SAD (Serbia)

AM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Orsova and the spa town of Băile Herculane

РМ. Cruise towards Novi Sad

Gala dinner

NOVI SAD • ILOK (Croatia) VUKOVAR DAY 5 MOHACS (Hungary)

Excursions proposed:

· Novi Sad and the Krusedol Monastery

· Guided tour of Ilok

PM: Cruise towards Mohacs

MOHACS • KALOCSA DAY 6

Excursions proposed: AM: • Guided tour of Pécs

• The wild Puszta plain and a horse show PM:

DAY 7 **BUDAPEST** 

Excursions proposed:

AM: • Guided tour of Budapest

• Guided tour of the Gödöllö Palace PM:

Discover Budapest by night

**BUDAPEST** DAY 8

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

## REF. PAC PP/PAC AIPP • 6 - DAY CRUISE From Passau to Budapest

DAY 1 **PASSAU** 

Boarding at 4:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 PASSAU • VIENNA

Excursion for both packages: Visit Melk Abbey

PM: Free time to discover Dürnstein on your own

Cruise towards Vienna Excursions proposed:

CLASSIC: Discover Vienna by night

DISCOVERY: Onboard waltzing lessons

DAY 3 **VIENNA** 

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of the Schönbrunn Palace and Vienna

• DISCOVERY: The high art of Viennese living: music and Viennese cafes

PM: Free time or horse-drawn carriage ride through Vienna(2)

Gala dinner

DAY 4 **ESZTERGOM • BUDAPEST** 

Free time to discover Esztergom on your own AM: PM:

Cruise towards Budapest

Excursion for both packages:

Discover Budapest by night

### DAY 5 **BUDAPEST**

AM:

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Budapest

• **DISCOVERY:** Bike tour of Budapest

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

Traditional folk evening

### **BUDAPEST** DAY 6

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.



### See excursion details on pages 134 to 139.

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(1) Subject to availability. (2) Not included in the packages



Cruise through wonderful capitals and legendary places

- Melk Abbey, a true wonder of Baroque architecture
- · Bratislava and its unique charm
- The wild Puszta plain
- · Budapest, 2000 years of history
- Vienna and the heritage of the House of Habsburg







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### REF. WBB/WBB AIPP • 8 - DAY CRUISE Round cruise from Vienna

### DAY 1 VIENNA (Austria)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

### DAY 2 **MELK • DÜRNSTEIN**

AM: Excursion for both packages:

Visit Melk Abbey

PM: Explore Dürnstein with your hostess

### DAY 3 BRATISLAVA (Slovakia) • KALOCSA (Hungary)

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Bratislava

• DISCOVER: Hiking in the Little Carpathians

PM: Cruise towards Kalocsa

### DAY 4 KALOCSA

AM: Excursion for both packages:

The wild Puszta plain and a horse show

PM: Cruise towards Budapest

### DAY 5 **BUDAPEST**

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Budapest

• DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Budapest

PM: Free time or guided visit of the Gellert baths and spa<sup>(1)</sup>

Excursion for both packages:

• Traditional folk evening

### DAY 6 **BUDAPEST • ESZTERGOM**

Free time to discover Esztergom on your own AM:

PM: Cruise towards Vienna

Gala dinner

### DAY 7 VIENNA (Austria)

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of the Schönbrunn Palace and Vienna

• DISCOVERY: The high art of Viennese living: music and Viennese cafes

PM: Excursions for both packages:

• The Hofburg and the Sisi Museum

Viennese music concert<sup>(1-2)</sup>

### **VIENNA** DAY 8

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

### REF. PAV PP/PAV AIPP • 7 - DAY CRUISE Round cruise from Linz

### DAY 1 LINZ (Austria)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

### DAY 2 **VIENNA**

AM: Excursions proposed:

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

PM: Excursion for both packages:

- The Hofburg and the Sisi Museum
- Excursions proposed:
- CLASSIC: Discover Vienna by night
- DISCOVERY: Onboard waltzing lessons

### DAY 3 **BUDAPEST (Hungary)**

AM: Cruise towards Budapest

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Budapest

• DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Budapest

### DAY 4 **BUDAPEST** • The Puszta

Excursion proposed:

• Full-day excursion to the wild Puszta plain (lunch included)

### DAY 5 **BRATISLAVA** (Slovakia)

AM:

Cruise towards Bratislava

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Bratislava

• DISCOVERY: Hiking in the Little Carpathians

Gala dinner

### DAY 6 **DÜRNSTEIN • MELK (Austria)**

Explore Dürnstein with your hostess AM:

PM: Excursion proposed:

Visit Melk Abbey

### LINZ DAY 7

Disembark at 8:00 a.m.



See excursion details on pages 134 to 139.

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## The many faces of the Danube

REF. BUC PP/BUC AIPP • 6 - DAY CRUISE From Budapest to Passau

### DAY 1 **BUDAPEST (Hungary)**

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

Excursion for both packages: • Traditional folk evening

DAY 2 **BUDAPEST • BRATISLAVA (Slovakia)** 

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Budapest

• DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Budapest

PM: Cruise towards Bratislava

### BRATISLAVA • VIENNA (Austria) DAY 3

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Bratislava

• DISCOVERY: Hiking in the Little Carpathians

PM: Cruise towards Vienna. Free evening or excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Discover Vienna by night • DISCOVERY: Onboard waltzing lessons

DAY 4

Excursions proposed: AM:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of the Schönbrunn Palace and Vienna

• DISCOVERY: The high art of Viennese living: music and

Viennese cafes

PM: Excursions for both packages:

• The Hofburg and the Sisi Museum

Viennese music concert<sup>(1-2)</sup>

### DAY 5 MELK • PASSAU (Germany)

AM: Excursion for both packages:

 Guided tour of Dürnstein Excursion for both packages:

Visit Melk Abbey

Gala dinner

**PASSAU** DAY 6

PM:

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.



See excursion details on pages 134 to 139.

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(2) Not included in the package.
(3) In case the Konzerthaus is booked for shows or closed, we'll visit the Musikverein or the Opera instead (4) Just as for every institutional building, the Hungarian Parliament may have to close without notice.
(5) In case the cathedral is closed, we'll visit the Primate's Palace instead.

### CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Discover 3 major capital cities in Central Europe

### NFW IN 2018:

REF. VBV PP:

- The Prunksaal, architectural masterpiece inside Vienna's baroque
- The Parliament Building in Budapest, one of the largest in Europe
- St. Martin's Cathedral in Bratislava, better known as the coronation church

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Budapest, 2000 years of history
- Bratislava and its unique charm
- Imperial Vienna
- Melk Abbey, a true wonder of Baroque architecture (REF. BUC\_PP)



REF. VBV PP/VBV AIPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE

### Round cruise from Vienna

### VIENNA (Austria)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

### DAY 2

AM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of the Schönbrunn Palace and Vienna

PM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of the Imperial Crypt and the Prunksaal

OR

Full-day excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Vienna and backstage visit of the Konzerthaus<sup>(3)</sup>

### DAY 3 **BUDAPEST (Hungary)**

Excursion proposed: AM:

• Guided tour of Budapest and the Parliament<sup>(4)</sup>

Free time or guided visit of the Gellert baths and spa<sup>(2)</sup> PM:

### DAY 4 BRATISLAVA (Slovakia)

AM: Cruise towards Bratislava

PM: Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of the old town and St Martin's Cathedral<sup>(5)</sup>

Gala dinner

### DAY 5 VIENNA

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.





- Embark on an authentic journey to the heart of traditions and unspoilt wilderness (REF. BUT)
- An original 11-day trip including a 10-day cruise through Central Europe and the

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- · The contrasting capitals of Belgrade and Zagreb
- Wondrous Nature Parks such as Lonjsko Polje, Kopacki Rit and Hortobagy
- · Novi Sad, a European Capital of Culture
- · Osijek and the medieval town of llok (REF. DSA)
- Southern Hungary with the charming town of Pécs (REF. BUT)



REF. BUT/BUT\_AIPP/TBU/TBU\_AIPP (opposite direction)

### 9 - DAY ITINERARY

## From Budapest to Tokaj

DAY 1 **BUDAPEST (Hungary)** 

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

Excursion proposed:

· Discover Budapest by night

**BUDAPEST • MOHACS** DAY 2

Excursions proposed:
• Guided tour of Budapest AM:

PM: Guided tour of the Gödöllö Palace

DAY 3 MOHACS • BEZDAN (Serbia) • NOVI SAD

Excursion proposed: AM:

 Guided tour of Pécs РΜ٠ Cruise towards Novi Sad

DAY 4 **NOVI SAD • TITEL • KANJIZA** 

Excursion proposed: AM:

Guided tour of Novi Sad

PM: Cruise towards Kanjiza

DAY 5 KANJIZA • SZEGED (Hungary)

Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Szeged AM:

PM: Free time in the city

DAY 6 SZEGED • CSONGRAD • SZOLNOK

Excursion proposed: AM:

• Ópusztaszer National Historical Heritage Park

Cruise through the Great Hungarian Plain towards Szolnok PM-

DAY 7 SZOLNOK • TISZAFÜRED • Lake Tisza

AM: Cruise towards Tiszafüred PM: Excursion proposed: · Hortobágy National Park

DAY 8 TISZAFÜRED • TOKAJ AM: Cruise towards Tokaj PM: Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Tokaj and wine-tasting session

Gala dinner

DAY 9 **TOKAJ** 

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. TBU/TBU AIPP



REF. DSA/DSA AIPP/SDA/SDA AIPP (opposite direction)

11 - DAY ITINERARY

## Round trip from Budapest

**BUDAPEST (Hungary)** DAY 1

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

MOHÁCS • OSIJEK (Croatia) • Slavonia DAY 2

AM: Cruise towards Osijek PM:

Excursion proposed:

· Kopacki Rit Nature Park and Osijek

OSIJEK • VUKOVAR • ILOK • NOVI SAD (Serbia)

Excursions proposed:

AM: Guided tour of llok

 Guided tour of Novi Sad and Sremski Karlovci PM:

DAY 4 **BELGRADE • SREMSKA MITROVICA** Excursion proposed AM:

Guided tour of Belgrade

PM: Cruise towards Sremska Mitrovica

DAY 5 SREMSKA MITROVICA • BRČKO (Bosnia)

AM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour around Vojvodina

PM: Cruise towards Brčko

DAY 6 BRČKO • SLAVONSKI BROD (Croatia)

AM: Discover Brčko with your hostess PM: Cruise towards Slavonski Brod

**SLAVONSKI BROD • JASENOVAC** DAY 7

AM: Discover Slavonski Brod with your guides

PM: Cruise towards Jasenovac

DAY 8 JASENOVAC • SISAK

AM: Excursion proposed:

PM:

· Lonjsko Polje Nature Park

Cruise towards Sisak

SISAK • Zagreb • SISAK

Full-day excursion proposed:

• Discover Zagreb Gala dinner

DAY 10 SISAK • Zagorje • Lake Balaton (Hungary)

AM: Disembark. Coach ride to Varazdin

> Excursion proposed: Guided tour of the city

PM: Coach ride to Lake Balaton Overnight stay at your hotel

**DAY 11** Lake Balaton • Budapest

AM: Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Tihany

Coach ride to Budapest PM: End of our journey in Budapest

Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. SDA/SDA\_AIPP

### **CENTRAL EUROPE**



## "CLASSIC" EXCURSIONS

### **■ ARTSTETTEN CASTLE**

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for a visit to Arstetten Castle. The Habsburg Dynasty used it as a summer residence then as their permanent home. It is now a place of commemoration for Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife Sophie, Duchess of Hohenberg. The museum provides insights about the eventful life of the imperial family through a permanent exhibition and a presentation on a special topic changing every year. We'll discover the enchanting park surrounding the castle, offering a fairytale-like setting and a moment of harmony with the beauty of the Austrian land.

CRUISE REF. PUC\_PP, page 129.

### ■ AUTHENTIC AND UNIQUE VIENNA

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 800 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.

CRUISE REF. VBV\_PP, page 132.

## ■ BAILE HERCULANE AND ORSOVA

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll set out by coach for the spa town of Băile Herculane (lit: Hercules' Spa), starting with a panoramic tour along the river Cerna to admire the imposing statue of Hercules as well as some magnificent Baroque buildings. Enjoy some free time in the Spa town of Hercules<sup>(1)</sup>, one of the oldest thermal spas in Europe, built by the Romans in the

2<sup>nd</sup> century BC. Its mineral and spa waters were discovered and exploited by soldiers of the Roman legions. Inspired by the healing qualities of the waters (with temperatures from 100°F/38°C to 154°F/68°C), they named this place Ad Aquas Herculi Sacras (the Holy Water of Hercules). According to legend, the mighty Hercules, after bathing in the thermal spring waters, saw an increase in his powers. After a coffee stop, we'll continue to Orsova. There, we'll visit the Roman Catholic cathedral, built in quite an unusual and non-conformist style, whose interior was painted in water colours by artist Gabriel Popa.

CRUISE REF. BTU\_PP, page 130.

### **■** BELGRADE

LENGTH: 4 hours

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 sitting 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 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 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.

CRUISES REF. BTU\_PP/BUE\_PP/DSA/LIT\_PP/ SDA/TBD\_PP/TUL\_PP, pages 128 to 130 and 133.

### ■ 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.

CRUISE REF. LIT\_PP, page 128.

### **■** 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, 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, completed 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 boat.

CRUISES REF. BUC\_PP/LIT\_PP/PAV\_PP/PUC\_PP/ TUL\_PP/ WBB/WBB\_RAN, pages 128, 129, 131, 132 and 163.

### ■ BRATISLAVA AND ST MARTIN'S CATHEDRAL

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave on foot for a guided tour of Bratislava and St Martin's Cathedral. Our walking tour will take us past the main historical monuments in the old town. We'll then hop on our coach headed to St Martin's Cathedral. Its massive tower is capped by a replica of the Hungarian Crown resting on a gilded pillow. The coronations of 11 kings and queens plus 8 of their consorts occurred in this "coronation church" in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Inside, you'll be amazed at the beautiful wood carvings and the many paintings on display, such as one of the Last Supper. It is also inside these very walls that the Missa Solemnis by Beethoven was performed for the first time. We'll return on board after our tour.

In case the cathedral is closed, we'll visit the Primate's Palace instead.

CRUISE REF. VBV\_PP page 132.

### ■ BUCHAREST (full day)

LENGTH: 9 hours

We'll leave on our guided day-trip to discover the Romanian capital of Bucharest. The city has suffered greatly from its communist past but from the year 2000, due to a significant economic growth, the city has continuously modernized. We'll start off with a panoramic tour of the city for an overview of the various monuments of the capital. We'll head to a restaurant for a typical Romanian lunch with traditional music and folklore dancing. Then, our coach will take us to the Eco-museum where we'll learn about the habitats of the different regions of Romania and their specific handcrafts. We'll finish our tour with the Palace of Parliament and the Orthodox Church.

CRUISES REF. LIT\_PP/TBD\_PP/TUL\_PP, pages 128 and 129.

### ■ BUCHAREST (half day)

LENGTH: 5.25 hours

We'll set out by coach for our guided tour of Bucharest, starting off with a panoramic tour of the city for an overview of its various monuments. We'll then head to the Eco-museum where we'll learn about he habitats of the different regions of Romania and their specific handcrafts. We'll finish up our tour with the Palace of Parliament and the Orthodox Church.

CRUISE REF. BUE\_PP, page 129.

### **■ BUDAPEST**

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave for a guided panoramic tour of Budapest, known as the Pearl of the Danube, First, we'll cross the famous Chain Bridge heading for the Buda Hills. We'll go up to the Castle quarter followed by the Fisherman's Bastion, built in neo-Roman style in 1902, from where we'll enjoy a fantastic panoramic view of the city and the Danube. Behind the Bastion, we'll find Matthias Church, the oldest church in the city, founded in 1015 by Saint Stephen, King of Hungary. The church was the scene of several coronations, including the one of Emperor Franz Joseph and his wife "Sisi". We'll then cross the plains of Pest and drive past Heroes' Square whose central monument, depicting Prince Arpad and the chieftains of seven Magyar tribes, was built for the millennium of Hungary. We'll continue past the famous Szechenyi Thermal Baths, the Zoo and Botanical Garden - a true wonder of architecture Vajdahunyad Castle and more. We'll then drive up the renowned Andrassy Avenue and past St. Stephen's Basilica whose construction began in 1851 and was only completed in 1905. We'll follow the river all the way to the famous Hungarian Parliament Building overlooking the Danube with its white silhouette in Byzantine and Neo-Gothic styles.

CRUISES REF. BTU\_PP/BUC\_PP/BUS\_PP/BUT/LIT\_PP/PAC\_PP/PAV\_PP/PUC\_PP/SBU\_PP/TBU/TUL\_PP/WBB/WBB\_RAN, pages 128 to 133, 143 and 163.

## ■ BUDAPEST AND THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach for a panoramic tour of the city. We'll cross the plains of Pest and drive past Heroes' Square, the famous Szechenyi Thermal Baths, the Zoo and Botanical Garden - a true wonder of architecture - Vajdahunyad Castle and more. We'll then drive up the renowned Andrassy Avenue and past St. Stephen's Basilica before following the river all the way to the white silhouette of the Parliament Building overlooking the Danube. Designed in Gothic Revival style, the Parliament took 17 years to build, with construction ending in 1902. Today, it houses the Holy Crown of Hungary, the coronation crown used by the Kingdom of Hungary for most of its existence. The building is also home to the National Assembly which has met there since its opening. You'll be blown away by the spacious rooms, sumptuous frescoes, stained-glass windows and sculptures inside the building as much as its impressive limestone façade.

Just as for every institutional building, the Hungarian Parliament may have to close without notice.

CRUISE REF. VBV\_PP page 132.

### **■ BUDAPEST BY NIGHT**

LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll explore Budapest by night from the comfort of our coach. Our guide will tell us all about the turbulent but incredibly rich past of this charming city known as the "Heart of Europe" as we drive past monuments bearing witness to a succession of dynasties and civilizations.

CRUISES REF. BTU\_PP/BUT/PAC\_PP/PUC\_PP/SBU/TBU, pages 129, 130, 133 and 143.

### ■ 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!

CRUISES REF. BUC\_PP/BUS\_PP/LIT\_PP/PAC\_PP/ PUC\_PP/SBU\_PP/WBB/WBB\_BIK/WBB\_RAN, pages 128, 131, 143, 163 and 165.

### **■** CONSTANTA (full day)

LENGTH: 9.25 hours

We'll leave by coach for Constanta, founded by the Greeks in the 7th 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 3rd century. Then, we'll discover an architectural melting pot including the Roman mosque (outsides 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 (outsides 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 4000ha, is the largest in Europe. After a wine-tasting session, we'll return on board.

CRUISE REF. BUE\_PP, page 129.

### **■** 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 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 abbev.

CRUISES REF. BUC\_PP/BUS\_PP/WBB\_RAN, pages 132, 143 and 163.

### **■** GÖDÖLLÖ PALACE

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach with our guides for the Royal Palace of Gödöllö, one of the most important and largest Hungarian Baroque palaces, commissioned by Count Antal Grassalkovich I. The castle is mainly famous for having been one of the favorite residences of Empress Sisi, who loved to get away from the Vienna court life in Gödöllö. We'll visit the Empress's apartments with their original decorations, including a majority of objects and wallpapers in purple, her favourite colour. We'll also see the Castle's church (behind a glass screen), Joseph I's wardrobe, the Minor Coronation Hall, Franz Joseph's office and

CRUISES REF. BTU\_PP/BUT/PUC\_PP/TBU, pages 129, 130 and 133.

## ■ HORTOBAGY NATIONAL PARK LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll set out by coach to visit Hortobagy National Park, created in 1973 and located on the Great Plain of Hungary: the Puszta. Hortobagy is the largest European natural grassland, covering 82,000ha, and has been added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1999. Aboard a charabanc, a traditional horse-drawn carriage with wooden benches, we'll discover the breathtaking landscapes and unusual fauna of the Puszta. In the world's biggest steppe, we'll have the opportunity to observe Racka sheep with their spiralshaped horns, Mangalica pigs with their curly coats and Hungarian Grey cattle with their long, curved horns, as well as rare species of birds. We'll have the chance to attend a traditional equestrian show while tasting "palinka" (type of fruit brandy) and some "pogacsa" (small savoury buns) as well as mineral water, sheltered from the sun under a thatched roof. The Csikós, mounted horse-herdsmen of Hungary dressed in traditional blue attire, will invite us to take part in their "games of skill and ability". After the visit, enjoy some free time near the famous Nine-holed Bridge of Hortobagy.

CRUISES REF. BUT/TBU, page 133.



## **OUR EXCURSIONS**

### **■ ILOK**

### LENGTH: 2.5 hours

We'll set out for a guided tour of llok, a small fortified town famous for its vineyards. Tangible proofs of life from the Neolithic era and the Middle-Ages up to the present day keep flourishing in the old town. We'll get to admire many vestiges from the Roman period as well as a wealth of heritage from the Middle-Ages, including the remains of St. Peter's Basilica, dating from the 13th century, and the fortress' walls, built by Nikola llochki in the 15th century. We'll visit llok's medieval centre with the Church and Monastery of St. John of Capistrano, built during the reign of the Duke of Ugrin in the 14th century. Then, we'll visit the Castle of Odescalchi where a museum portrays the town's cultural and historical heritage. We'll enjoy a tasting of some local products before we return on board.

CRUISES REF. BTU\_PP/DSA/SDA, pages 130 and 133.

### ■ KOPACKI RIT NATURE PARK AND OSIJEK

LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll start off our guided tour with Osijek, located in the East of the historical Croatian region of Slavonia. 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. Finally, we'll head to Kopacki Rit Nature Park, located northwest of the confluence of the Drava and the Danube at the border with Serbia. It is one of the largest protected wetlands in Europe, a part of it being strictly protected as a bird reserve. We may be lucky enough to see some of the 260 species of birds that nest in this area.

CRUISES REF. DSA/SDA, page 133.

## ■ LAKE BALATON EXTENDED VISIT

LENGTH: 2 days/1 night

We'll leave by coach from Sisak for Varaždin, the centre of Varaždin County, located about 50 miles north of Zagreb. Viewed as one of the tourist hot spots in Northern Croatia, the city centre, often compared to Vienna, was miraculously saved from the conflicts of the 20th century. Within the Old Town area, we'll see well-preserved palaces, important public buildings, Baroque, Rococo, Classicist and Secessionist houses and villas, as well as one of the oldest city halls in Europe. We'll have lunch at a local restaurant and then continue to Lake Balaton, the largest lake in Central Europe, also called the

Hungarian sea by the locals. The lake is 50 miles long, with silky green-yellow water and mud that is frequently used for body treatments. We'll visit the popular resort town of Balatonfüred. We'll have dinner and spend the night at a hotel. Breakfast will be served at the hotel before we leave for a guided tour of the village of Tihany to explore its historic, architectural, and natural treasures. The first nature preservation area in Hungary was developed there in 1952. On the hill overlooking the town, we'll find the two-towered Benedictine Abbey, with one of the best views over Lake Balaton. In the crypt under the abbey lies the tomb of King Andrew I, founder of the abbey. After our tour, we'll leave by coach to Budapest, stopping for lunch along the way.

CRUISES REF. DSA/SDA, page 133.

### **■ LONJSKO POLJE**

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll set out by coach for Lonjsko Polje Nature Park, the largest protected wetland in both Croatia and the entire Danube basin, where we'll be able to admire migratory birds. Then, we'll move on to Krapje to attend a short introductive film about this particular region. We'll stop off in the small village of Cigoc to visit a typical local house with its stork's nests. The visit will end with a tasting of local products in an authentic Slavonia farmhouse.

CRUISES REF. DSA/SDA, page 133.

### **■ MELK ABBEY**

LENGTH: 1.75 hours

We'll set out by coach for Melk Abbey, overlooking 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.

CRUISES REF. BUC\_PP/BUS\_PP/LIT\_PP/PAC\_PP/PAV\_PP/PUC\_PP/SBU\_PP/TUL\_PP/WBB/WBB\_RAN, pages 128 to 130, 143 and 163.

### ■ NOVI SAD AND SREMSKI KARLOVCI

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set out by coach for Novi Sad. We'll visit the city centre with its baroque buildings spread out around ancient fortifications. We'll get the chance to visit the Episcopal Church as well as an orthodox church before continuing up the main street to Freedom Square where we'll find the Town Hall, built in 1895. We'll finish with a panoramic tour up the main boulevards of Novi Sad before heading to the little village of Sremski Karlovci. We'll visit the Cathedral of St. Nicholas, built in typical baroque style in 1758, and the first ever secondary school of Serbia, dating from the end of the 18th century, which

houses a library storing around 18,000 books. We'll take time to admire one of the most well-known monuments, the Four Lions Fountain, built in 1799 to celebrate the town's first ever waterworks.

CRUISES REF. BUE/BUT/DSA/LIT\_PP/SDA/TBU/TUL\_PP, pages 128, 130 and 133.

## NOVI SAD AND THE KRUSEDOL MONASTERY LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach from Belgrade or Novi Sad for the mountain of Fruška Gora. Take advantage of the 16 Orthodox monasteries around you to soak up Serbian art, combining Byzantine and Baroque architecture. Our excursion will begin with a visit to Krušedol Monastery, founded in the 16th century, adorned with magnificent paintings from the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Our coach will then take us to the Capital of the autonomous region of Vojvodina and second largest town in Serbia by the size of its population, Novi Sad. We'll visit the city centre with its baroque buildings spread out around ancient fortifications. We'll get the chance to visit the Episcopal Church as well as an orthodox church before continuing up the main street to Freedom Square where we'll find the Town Hall, built in 1895. The coach will be waiting for us to finish the visit with a panoramic tour up the main boulevards leading to the boat

CRUISES REF. BTU\_PP/TBD\_PP, pages 129 and 130.

### **■ 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.

CRUISES REF. BUS\_PP/SBU\_PP/SVN\_PP/VNS\_PP, pages 143 and 145.

### 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 Coathedral 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.

CRUISES REF. BTU\_PP/BUE\_PP/TBD\_PP, pages 129 and 130.

### **■ OPUSZTASZER PARK**

### LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll leave by coach for Ópusztaszer National Heritage Park. We'll set out to the Rotunda which holds the impressive painting "Arrival of the Hungarians". Afterwards, we'll move on to the open-air ethnographic museum with its typical farms from the Szeged region, a windmill, a primary school and more. We'll enjoy some free time before returning to the boat.

CRUISES REF. BUT/TBU, page 133.

### **■ PÉCS**

### LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll set out by coach to visit Pécs in Southern Hungary. We'll begin with a visit of the city on foot, starting with Sts. Peter and Paul's Cathedral Basilica, whose Roman foundations date from the 4th 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. We'll have the opportunity to see the Basilica's treasure and crypt. The visit will continue with the Early Christian Necropolis, dating from the 4th-century foundation of the Roman town "Sopianae". The site has been part of the UNESCO World Heritage List since 2000. Afterwards we'll continue towards the city centre stopping in front of the Djami. In the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 the Turkish occupation in 1868 and the mosque became once again a Catholic church, while keeping the aspect of a Turkish mosque. We'll enjoy some free time downtown before returning to the boat by coach.

CRUISES REF. BTU\_PP/BUT/TBU, pages 130 and 133.

### ■ PUSZTA (full day)

### LENGTH: 7.5 hours

We'll set out by coach then aboard a charabanc to discover the Hungarian plain called the Puszta. We'll get the chance to attend a traditional equestrian show while tasting "palinka" (type of fruit brandy) and some "pogacsa" (small savoury buns). We'll enjoy a lunch of specialities in a traditional tavern animated by Hungarian musicians. After lunch, we'll visit the village of Kecskemét on foot and return to the boat in the afternoon.

CRUISES REF. PAV\_PP/PUC\_PP, pages 129 and 131.

### ■ PUSZTA (half day)

### 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 boat by coach.

CRUISES REF. BTU\_PP/LIT\_PP/TUL\_PP/WBB/WBB\_BIK/WBB\_RAN, pages 128, 130, 131, 163 and 165.

### **■ 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.

CRUISES REF. BUS\_PP/SBU\_PP/SVN\_PP/VNS\_PP, pages 143 and 145.

### **■ 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.

CRUISES REF. BUS\_PP/SBU\_PP/SVN\_PP/VNS\_PP, pages 143 and 145.

### 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. 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 multicoloured stained-glass windows and more. We'll end our visit with a tasting of a local pastry and wine. Enjoy some free time before returning on board.

CRUISES REF. BUE\_PP/LIT\_PP/TUL\_PP, pages 128 and 129.

## 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 Époque 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.

CRUISE REF. TBD PP, page 129.

### **■ 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, located 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 14th-century murals bear witness to the exceptional skills of the artists belonging to the Tarnovo Artistic School. We'll discover the 13th-century St. Michael the Archangel Chapel which houses 14th-century paintings showing exceptional artistic technique. Our excursion will continue with a visit to the Medieval Fortified Town of Cherven, offering magnificent panoramic views.

CRUISE REF. LIT\_PP, page 128.

## SLAVONIA

## LENGTH: 6 hours We'll leave by coac

We'll leave by coach for our excursion to Slavonia. We'll first visit the town of Pozega, renowned for its wine and food. This historical town groups together various monuments and fine examples of Baroque architecture such as the Plague Column as well as the Holy Trinity Square and Church. Enjoy some free time strolling down the streets before we continue to the eco-ethno village of Stara Kapela which has managed to preserve its houses, traditional farms and crafts. We'll be greeted by the villagers and enjoy a tasting of local specialities. The village has been entirely renovated according to the traditions

and using materials from the region itself, restoring each house to its original appearance. Thanks to the Eko-Etno Selo association, which launched the renovation of Stara Kapela, a large amount of old furniture and tools has been bought so that everyone can get an idea of what life used to be like. No cars nor phone signal are to be found in Stara Kapela whose very concept is to suggest a different lifestyle. Far from the usual rush and stress of urban life, we'll experience cohabitation and harmony with nature and traditional values. In Stara Kapela, we'll live an authentic and unforgettable throwback.

CRUISE REF. SDA, page 133.

### **■ SZEGED**

### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll set out by coach for a guided tour of Szeged, starting with Szechenyi Square, one of the finest and largest in the city, with numerous statues of famous Hungarians. We'll see the neo-Baroque City Hall dating from 1799, before heading for the statue-filled pedestrian streets. Our coach will then take us to the Votive Church and Cathedral of Our Lady of Hungary, whose construction started at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century following the great flood of 1879 in order to commemorate the rebirth of the city. Next, we'll head for the Synagogue, built at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century in Moorish Revival style. Its impressive dimensions make it the largest synagogue in Hungary after the Dohány Street Synagogue in Budapest. Our visit will end at the University's musical clock.

CRUISES REF. BUT/TBU, page 133.

### SZENTENDRE AND SKANZEN

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach for Szentendre. Enjoy a stroll past many 18th-century monuments as we amble down the cobbled streets of this charming, colourful town. Szentendre owes its rich heritage and Mediterranean atmosphere to the Dalmatian Serbs and Greeks who moved there in the 14th century. The town is known for its seven churches, including the Orthodox Transfiguration Church, its many museums as well as its contemporary art exhibitions and galleries. Afterwards, we'll go to the Skanzen Open-air museum of ethnography where we'll see a full replica of an average 19th-century town.

CRUISE PUC\_PP, page 129.

## ■ TASTING AT A WINE CELLAR IN TOKAJ

### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll set out by coach to the Tokaj vineyard and the Hetszőlő domain. We'll discover the charming village of Tokaj where we'll learn more about the town's history, and then head to the Rákóczi cellar for a tasting of some of the wines with an oenologist. Enjoy some free time before returning to the boat at your own pace.

CRUISES REF. BUT/TBU, page 133.

### **■ THE 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 program 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.

CRUISES REF. BUE\_PP/LIT\_PP/TBD\_PP/TUL\_PP, pages 128 and 129.

## ■ THE 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.

CRUISES REF. BUC\_PP/BUS\_PP/PAV\_PP/PUC\_PP/WBB/WBB\_RAN, pages 129, 131, 132, 143 and 163.

## **OUR EXCURSIONS**

## ■ THE IMPERIAL CRYPT AND THE PRUNKSAAL IN VIENNA

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach with our guides to visit the Imperial Crypt, located beneath the Capuchin Church. Most Habsburgs have been laid to rest here since 1633, including Franz Joseph I (1916), Empress Elisabeth of Austria, known affectionately as "Sisi", and her son Rudolf. We'll then move on to the Prunksaal. This baroque stateroom is part of the Austrian National Library and displays, on two levels, close to 200,000 books, 16,000 of which belong to Eugene of Savoy's private collection.

CRUISE REF. VBV\_PP page 132.

## ■ THE IMPERIAL CRYPT IN VIENNA

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave by coach to visit the Imperial Crypt, located beneath the Capuchin Church. The crypt is the main place of entombment for the House of Habsburg 145 Habsburg royalty, including 12 emperors and 18 empresses, have been laid to rest there since 1633. We'll see the magnificent double sarcophagus of Maria Theresia and her husband, Emperor Franz I, crafted by Balthasar Ferdinand Moll. Franz Joseph I was the last emperor buried in the royal vault in 1916, alongside Empress Elisabeth of Austria, known affectionately as "Sisi", and her son Rudolf. Burials still take place in the Imperial Crypt to this day. This visit will bring us right to the epicentre of the elaborate Austrian Empire and its celebrated history.

CRUISE REF. PUC\_PP, page 129.

### **■ THROUGH VOJVODINA**

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll set out by coach with our guides to discover the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina. This province was successively dominated by numerous invaders coming from all over Eastern Europe before finally being attached to Serbia. More than 16 Orthodox monasteries are spread around the hamlet of Iriski Venac, a great opportunity to soak up Serbian art, combining Byzantine and Baroque architecture. Our excursion will begin with a visit to Krušedol Monastery, founded in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, adorned with magnificent 18th-century paintings. We'll then move on to Sremski Karlovci, a small peaceful town of 9,000 inhabitants on the banks of the Danube. In the 17th century, once the Turkish were no longer a threat, the city became the Serbian cultural centre in the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the headquarters of the Serbian Orthodox Patriarchate. The city's cultural influence extended with the creation of the first Serbian high school in the 17th and 19th centuries where the greatest writers and theologians met. We'll walk through this romantic city and see the Cathedral, built in the 18th century, and its many pieces of Serbian Religious Art that evoke the city's past glory.

CRUISES REF. DSA/SDA, page 133.

### ■ 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 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 Arbanassi, located 4km 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.

CRUISES REF. BUE\_PP/TBD\_PP, page 129.

### ■ 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 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. 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.

CRUISES REF. BUC\_PP/BUS\_PP/LIT\_PP/PAC\_PP/ PAV\_PP/PUC\_PP/SBU\_PP/TUL\_PP/WBB/ WBB\_RAN, pages 128 to 132, 143 and 163.

### **■ VIENNA BY NIGHT**

LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll set out on a panoramic coach tour through Vienna by night. This two-thousand-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 Habsburgs' winter residence, as well as the Augustinian Church where Franz Joseph and Sisi's wedding took place.

CRUISES REF. BUC\_PP/BUS\_PP/PAC\_PP/PAV\_PP/PUC\_PP/SBU\_PP, pages 129 to 132 and 143.

### ■ 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.

CRUISES REF. BUC\_PP/BUS\_PP/LIT\_PP/TUL\_PP/WBB/WBB\_BIK/WBB\_RAN, pages 128, 131, 132, 143, 163 and 165.

### ■ ZAGREB (full day)

LENGTH: 9 hours

We'll set out by coach for Zagreb. The Croatian capital is the combination of two medieval towns which for centuries developed on two hills facing each other. These two cities, Gradec and Kaptol, were surrounded by walls and towers, some of their vestiges having survived throughout history. In the 17th and 18th centuries, the two towns merged and were renamed Zagreb. The city was then renovated in Baroque style. The old timber houses were destroyed and replaced with luxurious palaces, churches and convents. Our panoramic tour will take us past the Croatian National Theatre, the Art Pavilion, the Academy of Sciences and Arts, the Secession style university library and more. Then, we'll continue with a walk in the steep streets of the historic centre. We'll have lunch at a restaurant in the city where we'll have the opportunity to try local specialities.

CRUISES REF. DSA/SDA, page 133.



## "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 snack will be provided during the tour.

CRUISES REF. BUE\_PP/LIT\_PP/TBD\_PP/TUL\_PP, pages 128 to 130.

## ■ BUCHAREST: THE LEGENDS OF DRACULA (full day)

I FNGTH: 9 hours

We'll leave the ship for a full-day excursion chasing the legends of Draculal We'll head for Bucharest, but first we'll stop off at one of the most mysterious sites involved in the legend: Lake Snagov. Snagov Monastery stands on an island in the lake, and it is where Vlad Dracula's remains are said to be buried. Vald's morbid and violent reputation inspired Bram Stoker's famous novel. We'll continue to Bucharest for lunch. We'll visit the city by foot in the afternoon to discover the unique architectural wonders it holds.

CRUISES REF. LIT\_PP/TBD\_PP/TUL\_PP, pages 128 and 129.

### **■ BUDAPEST BY BIKE**

LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll set out to explore Budapest by bike. We'll see all the important sights of the city on an easy-paced ride, cycling through the historical centre of Hungarian culture. We'll pass in front of the basilica, Liberty Square, the Hungarian Parliament Building, the City Park, Vajdahunyad Castle, Heroes Square, and many other of the legendary sites in Budapest.

CRUISES REF. BUC\_PP/BUS\_PP/LIT\_PP/PAC\_PP/ PAV\_PP/PUC\_PP/SBU\_PP/WBB, pages 128 to 132 and 143.

### ■ 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 13th 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!

CRUISES REF. BUS\_PP/LIT\_PP/PAC\_PP/PAV\_PP/ SBU\_PP/TUL\_PP/VBV\_PP/WBB, pages 128, 130 to 132 and 143.





## ■ HIKING IN BRATISLAVA: THE LITTLE CARPATHIANS

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave by coach from Devínska Nová Ves for a hike in the Little Carpathians Protected Landscape Area, including the geographically rich Sandberg expanse. From Devin Castle, we'll take in the splendid view of Bratislava.

CRUISES REF. BUC\_PP/BUS\_PP/LIT\_PP/PAV\_PP/ PUC\_PP/SBU\_PP/TUL\_PP/WBB, pages 128 to 132 and 143.

## ■ HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDE THROUGH VIENNA

LENGTH: 1.5 hours

We'll be transferred to the centre 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

CRUISES REF. BUS\_PP/LIT\_PP/PAC\_PP/SBU\_PP/TUL\_PP, pages 128, 130 and 143.

## ■ NOVI SAD 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 engineering, 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 hike.

CRUISE REF. LIT\_PP, page 128.

## ■ ONBOARD WALTZING VIENNESE LESSONS

LENGTH: 1.5 hours

Come to the lounge and learn to waltz with traditionally costumed dancers, who will also entertain us with a show. Our English word, "waltz," comes from the German word "Walzen," meaning to roll or dance. Although waltzing began as a "peasant dance," it became popular in the 18th century royal courts of Vienna, spreading across Europe like wildfire. At the end of the evening, you'll be waltzing better than any Matilda on the dance floor.

CRUISES REF. BUC\_PP/BUS\_PP/PAC\_PP/ PAV\_PP/PUC\_PP/SBU\_PP, pages 130 to 132.

### OSIJEK BY BIKE

LENGTH: 2 hours

Discover the fourth largest city in Croatia from the seat of a bikel 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 in front of the cathedral before returning to the ship.

CRUISES REF. BUE\_PP/TBD\_PP, pages 129 and 130.

## ■ THE DANUBE DELTA 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.

CRUISES REF. BUE\_PP/LIT\_PP/TBD\_PP/TUL\_PP, pages 128 and 129.

## ■ THE 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 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.

CRUISES REF. BUC\_PP/BUS\_PP/LIT\_PP/PAC\_PP/ PAV\_PP/PUC\_PP/SBU\_PP/TUL\_PP/WBB, pages 128 to 132, and 143.

# MULTI RIVER CRUISES







REF. ACV PP/ACV AIPP • 11 - DAY CRUISE

# Cruise along the north-south axis From Amsterdam to Avignon

### DAY1 AMSTERDAM

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

• Tour Amsterdam on board a canal boat

### DAY 2 AMSTERDAM

**AM:** Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Amsterdam and the diamond district

 DISCOVERY: Guided bike tour in Amsterdam

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Haarlem

 DISCOVERY: Guided bike tour of Haarlem and the sand dunes along the flower route

## DAY 3 AMSTERDAM • WESEL DÜSSELDORF

AM: Cruise towards Wesel

**PM:** Excursion for both packages:

Guided tour of the open-air museum in Arnhem

## DAY 4 DÜSSELDORF • COLOGNE KÖNIGSWINTER • KOBLENZ

AM: Excursion for both packages:
• Guided tour of Cologne

PM: Cruise towards Koblenz

### DAY 5 KOBLENZ • MAINZ • WORMS

AM: Cruise towards Mainz PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Mainz and the Gutenberg Museum<sup>(1)</sup>

 DISCOVERY: Touring the Rhineland vineyards

### DAY 6 STRASBOURG • BASEL

AM: Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Strasbourg

**PM:** Cruise towards Basel

Gala dinner

### DAY 7 BASEL • Coach transfer to Besançon • CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE

AM: Disembark in Basel

Coach transfer to Besançon

Excursion proposed:
• Guided walking tour of Besançon

Coach transfer to Chalon-sur-Saône

PM: Boarding at 5:30 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

Cruise towards Lyon

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### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Secret and unique locations in Amsterdam
- Haarlem, picturesque Dutch town
- Mainz and the German vineyards
- Strasbourg, European capital
- Besancon
- · Lyon and its peculiar "traboules"
- Avignon and the Papal Palace with its private apartments





**TOURNON** 



ALL INCLUSIVE on board



RHÔNE

AVIGNON

ARLES

### DAY 8 LYON • TOURNON

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Lyon

• DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Lyon

**PM:** Cruise towards Tournon

### DAY 9 TOURNON • ARLES

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Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Tournon

• DISCOVERY: The "Cité du Chocolat"

in Tain l'Hermitage.

PM: Cruise towards Arles

### DAY 10 ARLES • AVIGNON

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Arles

• **DISCOVERY:** Hiking in the Alpilles Mountains to the Baux-de-Provence

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Avignon and the Papal Palace

 DISCOVERY: Hike along the Pont du Gard and visit to the museum Gala dinner

### DAY 11 AVIGNON

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 99 to 101, 112, 113

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.





Exceptional cruise combining the Rhine, the Moselle and the Seine

### **EXCURSIONS**

- Mainz and the Gutenberg Museum
- · The Palace of Versailles, true symbol of French history
- Honfleur, birthplace of the Impressionist movement







**ALL INCLUSIVE** 

REF. SPH PP/SPH AIPP • 9 - DAY CRUISE

# The romantic Rhine, the Moselle valley and the Seine From Strasbourg to Honfleur

**STRASBOURG** 

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

DAY 2 MAINZ • KOBLENZ (The Romantic Rhine valley)

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Mainz and the Gutenberg Museum

• DISCOVERY: Touring the Rhineland vinevards

PM: Cruise towards Koblenz

**KOBLENZ • COCHEM • TRIER** DAY 3 (The Moselle valley)

Cruise towards Cochem

AM: PM: Excursions proposed: CLASSIC: Guided tour of the castle in Cochem

• DISCOVERY: Hike on the Apolloweg trail

DAY 4 TRIER (The Moselle valley)

AM: Cruise towards Trier PM:

Excursion for both packages:

DAY 5

AM: Coach transfer to Trier and train to Paris

Free time in Paris PM:

(depending on arrival time) Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

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

DAY 6 PARIS • VERNON

AM: Cruise along the Seine PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of the Palace of Versailles(1)

• DISCOVERY: Bike tour through the Palace of Versailles gardens

DAY 7 **VERNON • ROUEN • HONFLEUR** 

AM: Cruise towards Rouen PM: Excursion for both packages: • Guided tour of Rouen

Gala dinner

DAY 8 **HONFLEUR** 

AM: Excursion for both packages:

· Honfleur and Pont l'Évêque

PM: Excursions proposed: • CLASSIC: The Côte Fleurie

and tasting of Calvados

 DISCOVERY: Hike across the cliffs of Étretat, the Côte d'Albâtre

DAY 9 **HONFLEUR** 

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 52, 53, 113, 114 and 115.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy o r consulate.

(1) Must be reserved in advance through your travel agency. Valid for a minimum of 25 participants. Closed on Mondays - replaced by a visit of the Château de Malmaison.







# Journey through four Nort

### REF. BUS PP/BUS AIPP • 13 - DAY TRANS-EUROPEAN CRUISE

### From Budapest to Strasbourg

#### DAY 1 **BUDAPEST**

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

• Traditional folk evening

#### DAY 2 **BUDAPEST**

Excursions proposed: AM:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Budapest • DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Budapest

PM: Free time to discover Esztergom on your own Cruise towards Vienna

#### **BUDAPEST • VIENNA** DAY 3

AM: Cruise towards Vienna PM: Excursion for both packages:

• The Hofburg and the Sisi Museum

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Discover Vienna by night

• DISCOVERY: Onboard waltzing lessons

#### ΠΔΥ Δ VIENNA

AM: Excursions proposed:

**FRANCE** 

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of the Schönbrunn Palace and Vienna

• DISCOVERY: The high art of Viennese living: music and Viennese cafes

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

Excursion for both packages: Viennese music concert<sup>(1-2)</sup>

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#### DAY 5 MELK • PASSAU

Excursions for both packages:

AM: • Guided tour of Dürnstein

PM: Visit Melk Abbev Cruise towards Passau

#### DAY 6 **PASSAU**

AM: Discover Passau with your hostess PM: Cruise towards Regensburg

#### DAY 7 **REGENSBURG • HILPOLTSTEIN**

Excursion for both packages: • Guided tour of Regensburg

Cruise towards Hilpoltstein PM:

#### DAY 8 **HILPOLTSTEIN • NUREMBERG BAMBERG**

Excursion for both packages: AM:

• Guided tour of Nuremberg

PM: Cruise towards Bambera

#### DAY 9 **BAMBERG • ROTHENBURG**

AM: Cruise towards Schweinfurt PM: Excursion for both packages:

Guided tour of Rothenburg

### WÜRZBURG • WERTHEIM

Excursion for both packages: • Guided tour of Würzburg

PM: Cruise towards Wertheim

#### DAY 11 WERTHEIM • MILTENBERG **ASCHAFFENBURG**

Discover Miltenberg with your hostess AM: Cruise towards Aschaffenburg PM:

### DAY 12 ASCHAFFENBURG • FRANKFURT MAINZ

AM: Cruise towards Frankfurt Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Frankfurt

• DISCOVERY: Panoramic tour of

Frankfurt and ascent of the Main Tower Cruise towards Mainz

PM: Gala dinner

#### DAY 13 MAINZ • STRASBOURG

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

See excursion details on pages 99 to 101, 112 to 115 and 134 to 139.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

(1) Not included in the packages.

(2) Subject to availability.





**FRANKFURT** MAIN BAMBERG WÜRZBURG MÜHLHAUSEN MAINZ Nuremberg KITZINGEN Miltenberg Rothenburg **STRASBOURG** REGENSBURG **DANUBE** PASSAU **DANUBE** 

ESZTERGOM

**BUDAPEST HUNGARY** 

**AUSTRIA** 

VIENNA

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A unique cruise combining history, tradition and culture, a passionate encounter

### **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, 2000 years of history







**ALL INCLUSIVE** on board

# hern European countries

REF. SBU PP/SBU AIPP • 13-DAY TRANS-EUROPEAN CRUISE

## From Strasbourg to Budapest

### **STRASBOURG**

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

Cruise towards Mainz

#### DAY 2 MAINZ - FRANKFURT

AM: Discover Mainz with your hostess Cruise towards Frankfurt

РΜ٠ 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 AM:

PM: Cruise towards Wertheim

Free time to discover the city on your own

#### WERTHEIM • WÜRZBURG • KITZINGEN DAY 4

AM: Cruise towards Karlstadt PM: Excursion for both packages: • Guided tour of Würzburg

Cruise towards Kitzingen

#### DAY 5 KITZINGEN • Rothenburg • BAMBERG

AM: Cruise towards Volkach PM: Excursion for both packages:

 Guided tour of Rothenburg Cruise towards Bamberg

#### **BAMBERG • NUREMBERG** DAY 6 MÜLHAUSEN

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Cruise towards Nurembera PM: Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Nuremberg Cruise towards Mülhausen

#### DAY 7 MÜLHAUSEN • REGENSBURG

AM: Cruise towards Kelheim PM: Excursion for both packages: • Guided tour of Regensburg

#### **REGENSBURG • PASSAU** DAY 8

AM: Cruise towards Passau

PM: Discover Passau with your hostess

#### DAY 9 PASSAU • MELK • VIENNA

AM: Cruise towards Melk

Excursion for both packages:

Visit Melk Abbev

PM: Cruise towards Dürnstein

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

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Discover Vienna by night

• DISCOVERY: Onboard waltzing lessons

### DAY 10 VIENNA • ESZTERGOM

Excursions proposed: AM:

> • CLASSIC: Guided tour of the Schönbrunn Palace and Vienna

• DISCOVERY: The high art of Viennese

living: music and Viennese cafes

Free time or horse-drawn carriage PM:

ride through Vienna<sup>(1)</sup> Cruise towards Esztergom

Gala dinner

### DAY 11 ESZTERGOM • BUDAPEST

AM: Free time to discover Esztergom

on your own

PM: Cruise towards Budapest Excursion for both packages:

· Discover Budapest by night

### DAY 12 BUDAPEST

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Budapest

• DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Budapest

рм. Free time or guided visit of the Gellert baths and spa<sup>(1)</sup>

Excursion for both packages:

• Traditional folk evening

### DAY 13 BUDAPEST

Disembark at 9:00 p.m.

See excursion details on pages 99, 112 to 115 and 132

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(1) Not included in the packages. (2) Subject to availability.



# From Budapest

to Berlin

Prolong your vacation (ref. BUS\_PP/BUS\_ AIPP) with an extended cruise along four majestic rivers.

Discover a treasure trove of delights across Hungary, Austria, Germany, the Netherlands and France.





# Journey between charming Holland

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PM:

PM:

REF. ABU PP/ABU AIPP • 19 - DAY CRUISE

## From Amsterdam to Budapest

**AMSTERDAM** DAY 1

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

Tour Amsterdam on board a canal boat

DAY 2 **AMSTERDAM** 

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Amsterdam and visit to a diamond merchant

**DISCOVERY**: Bike tour of Amsterdam PM: Excursion for both packages:

 The Keukenhof floral gardens<sup>(1)</sup> Free evening or stroll around the Red Light District<sup>(2)</sup>

DAY 3 **AMSTERDAM • NIJMEGEN** KREFELD(3)

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Visit to the Kröller Müller Museum<sup>(4)</sup>

 DISCOVERY: Bike ride through the Hoge Veluwe National Park

Cruise towards Krefeld<sup>(3)</sup> PM:

DAY 4 **KREFELD • COLOGNE** KÖNIGSWINTER

AM: Cruise towards Cologne Free time or stroll through

the old town with your hostess PM: Cruise towards Königswinter

AM: PM: Cruise towards Rüdesheim Excursion for both packages: • Tour of Rüdesheim by tourist train, wine tasting and visit to the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments Free evening in the Drosselgasse

KÖNIGSWINTER • RÜDESHEIM

DAY 6 RÜDESHEIM SPEYER or MANNHEIM

AM: Cruise towards Mannheim PM: Excursion for both packages: • Guided tour of Heidelberg

Gala dinner

DAY 7 **STRASBOURG** 

DAY 5

PM:

Disembark at 9:00 a.m. Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Strasbourg PM: Lunch in a restaurant

Free time in the city Boarding and cruise towards Mainz

DAY 8 MAINZ • FRANKFURT

AM: 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 9 MILTENBERG • WERTHEIM

AM: Discover Miltenberg with your hostess Cruise towards Wertheim

PM: Free time to discover Wertheim on your own AMSTERDAM DAY 10 WERTHEIM • WÜRZBURG KITZINGEN Cruise towards Karlstadt AM: HOLLAND (REFELD PM: Excursion for both packages: Guided tour of Würzburg GERMANY KÖNIGSWINTER BELGIUM FRANKFURT BAMBERG Wertheim KITZINGEN MÜHLHAUSEN MANNHEIM • RÜDESHEIM CZECH. REPUBLIC O Nuremberg SPEYER / DANUBE STRASBOURG REGENSBI IRG FRANCE MELK RHINE VIENNA ESZTERGOM **AUSTRIA** BUDAPEST HUNGARY

#### DAY 11 KITZINGEN • ROTHENBURG **BAMBERG**

Cruise towards Volkach Excursion for both packages: Guided tour of Rothenburg

DAY 12 **BAMBERG • NUREMBERG** 

MÜHLHAUSEN Cruise towards Nuremberg

PM: Excursion for both packages: Guided tour of Nuremberg

MÜHLHAUSEN • REGENSBURG **DAY 13** 

Cruise towards Kelheim AM: PM: Excursion for both packages: • Guided tour of Regensburg

DAY 14 **REGENSBURG • PASSAU** 

Cruise towards Passau

AM: PM: Discover Passau with your hostess

**DAY 15** PASSAU • MELK • VIENNA

Excursion for both packages:

Visit Melk Abbey

Cruise towards Dürnstein

Free time in the city

Cruise towards Vienna

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Discover Vienna by night

• DISCOVERY: Onboard waltzing lessons

### VIENNA • ESZTERGOM

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Guided tour of

the Schönbrunn Palace and Vienna

 DISCOVERY: The high art of Viennese living: music

and Viennese cafes Free time or horse-drawn carriage ride

PM: through Vienna<sup>(5)</sup>

Gala dinner

**DAY 17 ESZTERGOM • BUDAPEST** 

Discover Esztergom on your own AM: PM: Cruise towards Budapest Excursion for both packages:

Discover Budapest by night

**BUDAPEST DAY 18** AM:

PM:

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Budapest

• **DISCOVERY:** Bike tour of Budapest

Free time or guided visit

of the Gellert baths and spa<sup>(5)</sup> Excursion for both packages: • Traditional folk evening

DAY 19 BUDAPEST

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 99 to 101, 112 to 115 and 134 to 139.



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

- Amsterdam, the "Venice of the North" and its legendary canals
- The Keukenhof floral gardens
- · The historic city of Cologne
- Heidelberg and charming Rüdesheim
- Frankfurt and its impressive Main Tower
- Melk Abbey, a true wonder of Baroque architecture
- Vienna and the heritage of the House of Habsburg
- · Budapest, 2000 years of history







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# and stunning Hungary

REF. BUA PP/BUA AIPP • 18 - DAY CRUISE

## From Budapest to Amsterdam

DAY 1 **BUDAPEST** 

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

Traditional folk evening

DAY 2 **BUDAPEST** 

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Budapest AM: • DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Budapest

PM: Free time to discover Esztergom on

your own

. Cruise towards Vienna

**BUDAPEST • VIENNA** DAY 3 AM:

Cruise towards Vienna PM: Excursion for both packages:

• The Hofburg and the Sisi Museum Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Discover Vienna by night

 DISCOVERY: Onboard waltzing lessons

DAY 4 **VIENNA** 

PM:

Excursions proposed: AM:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of the Schönbrunn Palace and Vienna

DISCOVERY:

The high art of Viennese living: music and Viennese cafes Free time or horse-drawn carriage

ride through Vienna<sup>(5)</sup> Excursion for both packages:

Viennese music concert<sup>(5)</sup>

DAY 5 MELK • PASSAU

Excursions for both packages:

· Guided tour of Dürnstein PM: Visit Melk Abbey Cruise towards Passau

DAY 6

Discover Passau with your hostess Cruise towards Regensburg PM:

DAY 7 **REGENSBURG • HILPOLTSTEIN** Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Regensburg

PM: Cruise towards Hilpoltstein

**HILPOLTSTEIN • NUREMBERG** DAY 8 **BAMBERG** 

AM: Excursion for both packages:

 Guided tour of Nuremberg PM: Cruise towards Bamberg

DAY 9 **BAMBERG • ROTHENBURG** 

Cruise towards Schweinfurt PM: Excursion for both packages:

Guided tour of Rothenburg

DAY 10 WÜRZBURG • WERTHEIM

Excursion for both packages: Guided tour of Würzburg PM: Cruise towards Wertheim

**DAY 11** WERTHEIM • MILTENBERG **ASCHAFFENBURG** 

AM: Discover Miltenberg with your hostess PM: Cruise towards Aschaffenburg

**DAY 12 ASCHAFFENBURG • FRANKFURT** MAINZ

AM: Cruise towards Frankfurt Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Frankfurt

• DISCOVERY: Panoramic tour of Frankfurt and ascent of the Main Tower

PM: Cruise towards Mainz Discover the city with your hostess

Gala dinner

DAY 13 MAINZ • STRASBOURG

AM: Cruise towards Strasbourg PM: Disembark

Excursion proposed:

· Guided tour of Strasbourg Boarding, introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

Excursion for both packages: · Canal boat tour through Strasbourg

STRASBOURG • RÜDESHEIM DAY 14 AM: Cruise towards Rüdesheim

PM: 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 **RÜDESHEIM • COLOGNE** DÜSSELDORF

AM: Cruise towards Cologne PM: Discover Cologne with your hostess

Cruise towards Düsseldorf

Gala dinner

**DÜSSELDORF • AMSTERDAM** DAY 16

Cruise towards Amsterdam PM: Excursion for both packages:

· Tour Amsterdam on board a canal boat

**DAY 17 AMSTERDAM** 

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Amsterdam and visit to a diamond merchant

• DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Amsterdam

PM: Excursion for both packages:

 The Keukenhof floral gardens<sup>(1)</sup> Free evening or stroll around the Red Light District(2)

DAY 18 AMSTERDAM

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 112 to 115 and 134 to 139.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

(1) Open from March 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Other months, visit of Volendam and Zaanse Schans.

(2) Transfer by coach as a supplement, to book and pay for on board

Depending on mooring availability, the stopover in Krefeld could be replaced by a stopover in Duisburg.

 Except on Mondays: visit of the Netherlands Open Air Museum

in Arnhem.

(5) Not included in the packages(6) Subject to availability.





Discover a unique blend of nature and culture as you journey through iconic cities, sumptuous castles and gorgeous landscapes

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- · Berlin, emblematic capital
- · Potsdam and the gardens of the Sanssouci Palace
- · German authenticity in Madgeburg, Hanover and Bremen
- Amsterdam, the "Venice of the North" and its legendary canals
- Volendam and Zaanse Schans
- The Hague and its hidden courtyards







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REF. BMT PP/BMT AIPP • 18 - DAY CRUISE

# Eastern Germany and the Romantic Rhine From Berlin to Strasbourg

DAY 1

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

DAY 2 **BFRLIN** 

Excursion proposed: AM: · Guided tour of Berlin PM: Free time to discover Berlin

on your own Excursion proposed: · Discover Berlin by night

DAY 3 **BERLIN • POTSDAM BRANDENBURG** 

AM: Excursion proposed: • Visit of the Charlottenburg Palace

PM: Cruise towards Potsdam

Excursion proposed: • Potsdam and the gardens of the Sanssouci Palace

**BRANDENBURG • BURG** DAY 4 MAGDEBURG

AM: Cruise towards Burg PM: Excursions proposed: · Guided tour of Magdeburg

DAY 5 MAGDEBURG • CALVÖRDE **WOLFSBURG • ANDERTEN** 

AM: Cruise towards Calvörde PM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of the Autostadt

DAY 6 ANDERTEN • MINDEN • NIENBURG Cruise towards Hanover AM:

Excursion proposed: Guided tour of Hanover

PM: Cruise towards Minden and Nienburg

DAY 7 **NIENBURG • HOYA • BREMEN** 

Free time or transfer to downtown AM: Nienburg for a visit on your own PM: Cruise towards Hoya and Bremen

BREMEN • OLDENBURG • DÖRPEN DAY 8

AM: Excursion proposed: • Guided tour on foot of Bremen

PM: Cruise towards Oldenburg Free time to discover Oldenburg on your own

Cruise towards Dörpen

**DÖRPEN • PAPENBURG** DAY 9 GRONINGEN

AM: Cruise towards Papenburg Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of the Meyer Werft

shipyard

Cruise towards Groningen PM:

### DAY 10 GRONINGEN • AMSTERDAM

Day spent cruising towards Amsterdam Arrival in the evening

#### DAY 11 **AMSTERDAM**

Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of Amsterdam PM: • Guided tour of Volendam and Zaanse Schans

#### DAY 12 **AMSTERDAM**

Disembark at 9:00 a.m. AM: Free time in Amsterdam PM: Free time in Amsterdam Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Excursion proposed:

Canal boat tour through Amsterdam by night

#### DAY 13 **AMSTERDAM**

Excursions for both packages: • Visit to the Rijkmuseum

AM: PM: • The Hague and its hidden courtyards

Free evening or stroll around the Red Light District<sup>(1)</sup>

#### DAY 14 **AMSTERDAM • NIJMEGEN** KREFELD(2)

Excursion proposed: AM: • Visit to the Kröller Müller Museum(3)

PM: Cruise towards Krefeld<sup>(2)</sup>

#### DAY 15 **KREFELD • COLOGNE** KÖNIGSWINTER

AM: Cruise towards Cologne

PM: Discover Cologne with your hostess Cruise towards Königswinter

### DAY 16 KÖNIGSWINTER • RÜDESHEIM

AM: Cruise towards Rüdesheim PM:

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 17 RÜDESHEIM • SPEYER or MANNHFIM

Cruise towards Mannheim AM: PM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Heidelberg

Cruise towards Strasbourg

### DAY 18 STRASBOURG

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 112 to 115 and 134 to 139. Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

(1) Transfer by coach as a supplement, to book and pay for on board. (2) Depending on mooring availability, the stopover in Krefeld could be replaced by a stopover in Duisbourg.

(3) Except on Mondays: visit of the Netherlands Open Air Museum





REF. TBS PP/TBS AIPP • 21 - DAY TRANS-EUROPEAN CRUISE

# A contrast of cultures across Central Europe From Tulcea to Strasbourg

DAY 1 TULCEA (Romania)

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

TULCEA • SULINA • CRISAN DAY 2

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: The Danube Delta

• DISCOVER: The Danube Delta on a speed boat

PM: Cruise towards Oltenita

#### DAY 3 **OLTENITA**

Full-day excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Bucharest

• DISCOVERY: Chasing the legends of Dracula in Bucharest

### RUSE (Bulgaria)

Full-day excursion for both packages:

· Discover Veliko Tarnovo and Arbanassi

DAY 5

Excursion for both packages: AM:

· Guided tour of Ruse

PM: Cruise towards Serbia

#### DAY 6 THE IRON GATES

Day spent cruising, passing through the Iron Gates

#### DAY 7 BELGRADE • NOVI SAD (Serbia)

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Belgrade

• DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Belgrade

PM: Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Novi Sad

#### DAY 8 OSIJEK • MOHACS (Hungary)

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Osijek

• DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Osijek

PM: Cruise towards Budapest Gala dinner

### DAY 9 BUDAPEST

Full-day excursion for both packages:

• The wild Puszta plain

Excursion for both packages:

· Traditional folk evening

### DAY 10 BUDAPEST

AM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Budapest

• DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Budapest

Free time to discover Esztergom on vour own

#### **BUDAPEST • VIENNA** DAY 11

AM: Cruise towards Vienna PM:

Excursion for both packages:

• The Hofburg and the Sisi Museum Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Discover Vienna by night

• DISCOVERY: Onboard waltzing lessons

### DAY 12 VIENNA

AM:

PM:

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of the Schönbrunn Palace and Vienna

• DISCOVERY: The high art of Viennese living: music and Viennese cafes

рм. Free afternoon or horse-drawn carriage ride through Vienna(1) Excursion for both packages:

• Viennese music concert(1-2)

### DAY 13 MELK • PASSAU

Cruise towards Melk

Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Dürnstein

Excursion for both packages:

Visit Melk Abbey

#### DAY 14 PASSAU

PM:

Discover Passau with your hostess AM: PM:

Cruise towards Regensburg

#### DAY 15 **REGENSBURG • HILPOLTSTEIN**

Excursion for both packages: AM:

• Guided tour of Regensburg

PM: Cruise towards Hilpoltstein

### DAY 16 HILPOLTSTEIN • NUREMBERG **BAMBERG**

AM: Excursion for both packages:

· Guided tour of Nuremberg

PM: Cruise towards Bamberg

#### DAY 17 **BAMBERG • ROTHENBURG**

AM: Cruise towards Schweinfurt PM: Excursion for both packages: the heart of Central Europe **EXCURSIONS:** • The Danube Delta, the largest and best

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS Join us on a passionate cruise combining history, traditions and culture through

preserved of all European deltas • Bucharest, the surprising Romanian

• Authentic Bulgaria with Veliko Tarnovo and the charming town of Ruse

 Rich cultural and architectural heritage in the Serbian towns of Belgrade and Novi Sad

• Unique and romantic Budapest

Authentic Vienna

• The charming medieval towns of Rothenburg, Nuremberg and Regensburg

• Frankfurt, combining tradition and modernity









DAY 18 WÜRZBURG • WERTHEIM

Excursion for both packages: Guided tour of Würzburg

Cruise towards Wertheim PM:

### DAY 19 WERTHEIM • MILTENBERG ASCHAFFENBURG

ΔM· Discover Miltenberg with your hostess PM: Cruise towards Aschaffenburg

### DAY 20 ASCHAFFENBURG • FRANKFURT MAIN7

AM: Cruise towards Frankfurt

Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Frankfurt

• DISCOVERY: Panoramic tour of

Frankfurt and ascent of the Main Tower

Cruise towards Mainz

PM: Gala dinner

#### DAY 21 MAINZ • STRASBOURG

Disembark at 2:00 p.m.

See excursion details on pages 112 to 115 and 134 to 139.

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(1) Not included in the packages (2) Subject to availability





From the Rhine to the Danube, journey through authenticity and a diversity of peoples and cultures

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Miltenberg, the pearl of the Main
- Travel back in time in Würzburg
- Rothenburg and its medieval authenticity
- Soak up German history in Nuremberg





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REF. VNS\_PP/VNS\_AIPP/SVN\_PP/SVN\_AIPP (opposite direction) • 9 - DAY CRUISE

# The Danube and the Romantic Rhine From Vienna to Strasbourg

### DAY 1

Boarding at 4:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail Cruise towards Passau

#### DAY 2 VIENNA • PASSAU

AM: Cruise towards Passau PM: Free time to discover Passau on your own or with your hostess Cruise towards Regensburg

#### DAY 3 **PASSAU • REGENSBURG NUREMBERG**

AM: Cruise towards Regensburg PM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Regensburg Cruise towards Nuremberg

#### **NUREMBERG • ROTHENBURG** DAY 4 BAMBERG

AM: Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Nuremberg PM: Cruise towards Bamberg

### **BAMBERG • ROTHENBURG** WÜRZBURG

AM: Cruise towards Schweinfurt PM: Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Rothenburg

#### DAY 6 WÜRZBURG • WERTHEIM

Excursion proposed: Guided tour of Würzburg PM: Cruise towards Wertheim

#### DAY 7 WERTHEIM • MILTENBERG ASCHAFFENBURG

Free time to discover Miltenberg AM: on vour own

PM: Cruise towards Aschaffenburg

#### DAY 8 ASCHAFFENBURG • FRANKFURT MAINZ

AM: Cruise towards Frankfurt

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Frankfurt and ascent of the Main Tower

PM: Cruise towards Mainz Discover Mainz with your hostess

Gala dinner

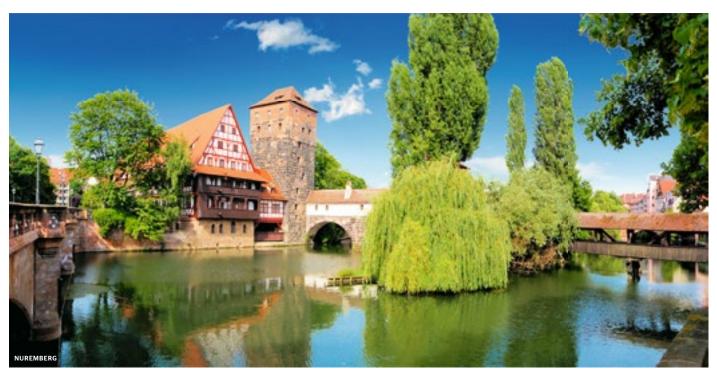


### MAINZ • STRASBOURG Disembark at 2:00 p.m.

### See excursion details on pages 112 to 115 and 134 to 139.

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**NB:** Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. SVN\_PP/SVN\_AIPP.





Journey through a variety of cultures, landscapes and natural sites along 3 rivers

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- · Miltenberg, the pearl of the Main
- The authentic charms of Würzburg and Rothenburg
- Soak up German history in Nuremberg
- The Prunksaal, architectural masterpiece inside Vienna's baroque library
- The famous Parliament Building in Budapest
- St. Martin's Cathedral in Bratislava, better known as the coronation church





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REF. SVV PP/SVV AIPP • 13 - DAY CRUISE

# Diversity along the Danube, the Main and the Rhine From Strasbourg to Vienna

DAY1 STRASBOURG

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

DAY 2 MAIN 7 • FRANKFURT

**AM:** Discover Mainz with your hostess

Cruise towards Frankfurt

PM: Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Frankfurt

and ascent of the Main Tower

DAY 3 MILTENBERG • WERTHEIM

AM: Free time to discover Miltenberg

on your own

PM: Cruise towards Wertheim

Free time to discover Wertheim

on your own

DAY 4 WERTHEIM • WÜRZBURG

**AM:** Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Würzburg PM: Cruise towards Schweinfurt

DAY 5 SCHWEINFURT • ROTHENBURG BAMBERG

AM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Rothenburg

PM: Cruise towards Bamberg

DAY 6 BAMBERG • NUREMBERG MÜHLHAUSEN

**AM:** Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Nuremberg

PM: Cruise towards Mühlhausen

DAY 7 MÜHLHAUSEN • REGENSBURG

**AM:** Cruise towards Kelheim

PM: Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Regensburg

DAY 8 REGENSBURG • PASSAU

AM: Discover Passau with your hostess

**PM:** Cruise towards Vienna

DAY 9 VIENNA

AM: Disembark

Free time in Vienna

PM: Free time in Vienna

Boarding, introduction of the crew

and welcome cocktail

DAY 10 VIENNA

AM: Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of the Schönbrunn

Palace and Vienna

PM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of the Capuchin Crypt

and the Prunksaal

OR: Full-day excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of Vienna and backstage visit of the Konzerthaus<sup>(1)</sup> DAY 11 BUDAPEST

AM: Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Budapest and the

Parliament(2)

PM: Free time or guided visit of the Gellert

baths and spa<sup>(3)</sup>

DAY 12 BRATISLAVA

**AM:** Cruise towards Bratislava **PM:** Excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of the old town and St Martin's Cathedral<sup>(4)</sup>

and St Martin's Cathedral<sup>(4)</sup>
Gala dinner

DAY 13 VIENNA

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 112 to 115 and 134 to 139.

**Formalities:** Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

(1) In case the Konzerthaus is booked for shows or closed, we'll visit the Musikverein or the Opera instead. (2) Just as for every institutional building, the Hungarian Parliament

may have to close without notice.

(3) Not included.

(4) In case the cathedral is closed, we'll visit the Primate's Palace instead



# THEMED CRUISES

### **COMING IN 2020**

# The Oberammergau Passion Play

Since 1634, the inhabitants of the village of Oberammergau have performed this passion play on an open-air stage for over 1,000 spectators every ten years.

In 2020, CroisiEurope offers the opportunity to combine a cruise on the Danube from Passau to Budapest (or opposite direction) with this exceptional show.

### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

- CroisiEurope has reserved the best seats for the spectacular Passion Play
- 3-day pre or post-cruise program on the Danube (REF. PAC\_PP/BUC\_PP)
- Coach transfer between Passau, Oberammergau and Munich (or opposite direction)
- 2 nights at a 3-star hotel in Oberammergau or surroundings







Discover Alsace, an authentic and gourmet region

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- · Eguisheim, listed as one of the most beautiful villages in France
- Munster, at the heart of the Vosges Mountains







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# Grape harvest cruise in picturesque Alsace

REF. SBS/SBS AIPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE Round trip 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 AM:

Optional river boat tour (subject to availability)

PM: Cruise towards Breisach

#### DAY 3 BREISACH • Munster • Riquewihr • Ribeauvillé

Guided tours of Eguisheim and Munster AM:

PM: Lunch at a local rural inn

Discover the Alsatian wine trail with your hostess

Traditional folk evening



BREISACH



#### DAY 4 **BREISACH • STRASBOURG**

Day-trip along the Wine Route and through Colmar Lunch in Kintzheim (or surroundings) Gala dinner

#### **STRASBOURG** DAY 5

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 112 to 115.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.





Onboard lectures by professionals from the wine world

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- · Tastings at local producers'
- Discover the great vineyards:
   Burgundy, Beaujolais, Côtes du Rhône,
   Côtes du Vivarais, Châteauneufdu-Pape and Cassis





INCLUSIVE on board

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

ref. MVC\_PP/MVC\_AIPP • 6 - DAY OENOLOGICAL CRUISE From Martigues to Chalon-sur-Saône

### DAY 1 MARTIGUES(1)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

### DAY 2 MARTIGUES • AVIGNON (Cassis)

AM: Wine-tasting in the Cassis area at one of the best local

producers'

PM: Cruise towards Avignon

## DAY 3 AVIGNON • CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE • VIVIERS (Côtes du Vivarais and Châteauneuf-du-Pape)

AM: Excursion proposed:

 Tour of Châteauneuf-du-Pape which produces the most prestigious name in Mediterranean wine, followed by a wine-tasting session

PM: Excursion proposed:

• Set off through the Ardèche Gorges for a tour of the Vivarais vineyards, followed by a wine-tasting session

### DAY 4 VIVIERS • TAIN L'HERMITAGE (Côtes du Rhône)

AM: Cruise towards Tain L'Hermitage

Onboard lecture by an expert in oenology followed by a game to win a gastronomic cruise (valid for 1 person) on the Rhine Arrival in Tain L'Hermitage and wine-tasting session

PM: Cruise through the Rhône valley and its renowned vineyards

## DAY 5 MÂCON • CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE (Burgundy - Beaujolais)

AM: Excursions proposed:

- Visit the Beaujolais vineyards
- Visit the famous Georges Duboeuf "Hameau du Vin" (wine village)

PM: Excursion through the Burgundy vineyards:

 Visit one of the best wine-growers in the area to taste some of the vintages

Gala dinner

### DAY 6 CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

### See excursion details on pages 67 and 68.

**Formalities:** Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

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







An immersive journey to discover the most famous Belgian beers

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Brussels and its innumerable riches
- Ghent, the historic heart of Flanders
- Bruges, a true open-air museum





INCLUSIVE on board

REF. BUO\_BIER/BUO\_BIAIPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE

## Beer themed round trip from Brussels

DAY1 BRUSSELS

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

DAY 2 BRUSSELS • ANTWERP

AM:

Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Brussels and the Maison des Brasseurs

with beer tasting **PM:** Excursions proposed:

Guided tour of the Duvel and Het

Anker breweries Discover Antwerp with your hostess

DAY 3 GHENT • LOVENDEGEM • BRUGES

AM: Excursions proposed:

 Guided tours of the Malheur and Dilewyns breweries with beer tasting Excursions proposed:

PM: • Guided tour of the Huyghe Brewery,

famous for the Delirium Tremens
• Guided tour of Ghent

DAY 4 BRUGES • OSTEND

AM: Excursions proposed:

• Guided tours of the Bourgogne des Flandres brewery and Bruges

PM: Cruise towards Ostend

DAY 5 OSTEND • Brussels

Disembark at 9:00 a.m. Transfer to Brussels by coach

**Formalities:** Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

**NB:** 2018 pre-program subject to changes. Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation







# French gastronomy on a cruise

REF. LLY/LLY AIPP • 5 - DAY GASTRONOMIC CRUISE Round cruise from Lyon

#### DAY 1 LYON

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

#### DAY 2 I YON • TAIN I 'HERMITAGE

AM: Cruise through the Rhône Valley and its renowned vineyards

PM: 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

AM: Cruise towards Vienne

Excursion proposed:

· Guided walking tour of Vienne

PM: Cruise towards Lyon

Excursion proposed: Guided tour of Lyon.

Stop off in front of Paul Bocuse's restaurant

Gastronomic dinner at the "Abbaye de Collonges"(1)

#### COLLONGES AU MONT D'OR • MÂCON • BELLEVILLE DAY 4

LYON

AM: Free time to discover Mâcon on your own

PM: Excursion proposed:

• Tour of the Beaujolais vineyards and wine tasting

in the "Hameau du Vin"

Gala dinner

#### LYON DAY 5

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

### See excursion details on pages 67 and 69.

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



### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

**Explore the purest French culinary** tradition on our gastronomic journeys

- · Dinner at the Abbey of Collonges, Paul Bocuse's temple of gastronomic excellence (REF. LLY)
- Discover the fine Côtes Rôtie and Saint Joseph vineyards (REF. LLY)
- Wine-tasting in a cellar of Tain L'Hermitage (REF. LLY)
- Vienne, ancient Roman city (REF. LLY)
- Lyon and its peculiar "traboules" (RFF.LLY)
- Wine-tasting in the Beaujolais vineyards (REF. LLY)
- Discover the cuisine of Marc Haeberlin and wines with Serge Dubs, one of the best sommeliers in the world (REF. GAS)







**ALL INCLUSIVE** 

### REF. GAS/GAS AIPP • 4 - DAY GASTRONOMIC CRUISE

Round cruise from Strasbourg



#### DAY 1 STRASBOURG • RHINAU

Boarding at 3:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

### **TYPICAL DINNER MENU**

Savory cappuccino with escargots from the Niederrott farm Slice of herb kugelhopf Bass filet with piquillo pepper Jumbo crayfish ravioli and asparagus tips Auge valley veal tenderloin and a variety of vegetables Saint Marcellin cheese with truffles Vacherin with red berry soup

#### DAY 2 **RHINAU • BREISACH**

AM: Cruise towards Breisach PM: Excursion proposed:

• The Alsatian Wine Trail

Dinner by Marc Haeberlin<sup>(1)</sup>, 3 Michelin-starred Chef of the Auberge de l'III in Illhaeusern

### **BREISACH • STRASBOURG**

Onboard wine tasting with Serge Dubs(1), a fine wine AM: connoisseur named the World's Best Sommelier in 1989

Discover Breisach with your hostess

Gala dinner

PM:

### TYPICAL DINNER MENU

Slice of duck liver sautéed with King of the Pippins apples Red mullet with scallop slices in an Albertine sauce Mojito sorbet with white rum, lime and fresh mint Chicken in a potato crust Selection of cheeses with Espelette jelly Deep dark chocolate dome

### **STRASBOURG**

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

### See excursion details on pages 112 and 115.

(1) If the chef and/or sommelier scheduled for this cruise are not able to respect this commitment, they each guarantee to choose a well-renowned and distinguished replacement



Fortified castles, terraced vineyards, steep gorges, towns and villages rich with history await your discovery

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- The legendary Rhine in Flames
- · Sample history, art and culture in Strasbourg, Rüdesheim and Heidelberg







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The magic of the Rhine in Flames

### REF. RFL/RFL AIPP • 5 - DAY FESTIVE CRUISE Round cruise from Strasbourg

### **STRASBOURG**

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

Excursion for both packages:

• Canal boat tour through Strasbourg by night (subject to availability)

#### DAY 2 RÜDESHEIM

AM: Cruise towards Rüdesheim

PM: 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 • KOBLENZ, the Rhine in Flames show

AM: Cruise towards Koblenz

PM: Discover Koblenz with your hostess

From Trechtingshausen to Rüdesheim, the Romantic Rhine

bursts into flames in a spectacular show

and magical atmosphere

#### DAY 4 **RÜDESHEIM • MANNHEIM** AM: Cruise towards Mannheim PM: Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Heidelberg

Gala dinner

#### DAY 5 **STRASBOURG**

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.





### REF. KFL/KFL AIPP • 5 - DAY FESTIVE CRUISE Round cruise from Strasbourg

#### DAY 1 **STRASBOURG**

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

Excursion for both packages:

• Canal boat tour through Strasbourg by night (subject to availability)

#### DAY 2 RÜDESHEIM

Cruise towards Rüdesheim AM:

PM: 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

### RÜDESHEIM • BOPPARD, the Rhine in Flames show

AM: Cruise towards Boppard

PM: Discover Boppard with your hostess

From Boppard to Koblenz, the Romantic Rhine bursts into flames in a spectacular show and magical atmosphere

#### DAY 4 MANNHEIM • Heidelberg

AM: Cruise towards Heidelberg PM:

Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Heidelberg

#### Gala dinner DAY 5 STRASBOURG

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 112 to 115.

# HIKING AND BIKING



# HIKING

The rivers often flow through the middle of valleys lined with remarkably beautiful hills. It therefore makes sense to combine the tranquility of a laid-back cruise with energetic discovery hikes.

The point of a hiking cruise is not

to beat any world records, but to get up close and personal with the unique landscape by offering an invigorating trek. Day-long hikes can be offered on certain cruises. And so travel companions aren't left behind, we will also include guided tours and excursions as options: that's our

Hikers are led by one or more certified mountain guides. We'll also provide an onboard presentation about the history and flora to be found along the way. Each hiking cruise has been pre-tested by a renowned French hiking club.

The French believe that

"non-hiker" program.

1 day of hiking = 8 days of health!

### THE LEVELS OF DIFFICULTY

The activities proposed are two- to fivehour hikes having varying altitude differences according to the destination.

The lengths mentioned in the program are for informational purposes only and do not include the time needed for breaks and stops. You do not have to be a seasoned hiker to participate, but you must be physically fit and rested if you would like to take full advantage of your cruise.

### **LEVELS**

**EASY** MODERATE

DIFFICULT

**VERY EASY** 

VERY DIFFICULT



### YOUR EOUIPMENT

**BACKPACK**It is essential to bring a backpack in which you can put what is necessary for a hike: sweater, raincoat, picnic, flask of water and solar protection.

You should take a good-sized and sturdy bag with padded braces and a strong and waterproof fabric. There will be no porterage.

First of all, good shoes should not hurt you and should be comfortable. You should try your shoes and use them a little before leaving, it is important that you feel comfortable wearing them.

Without taking into consideration the difficulty of the hike, the sole should always be

of a good quality, that is to say that they should be well sewed and not slippery on a wet or damaged ground. You should prefer ankle boots with softened soles in order to avoid malleolus, back and joints traumatisms.

### **CLOTHES**

The equipment for a hike should necessarily include:

- more or less warm underclothes depending on the planned hike,
  light quick-drying trousers,
  warm sweater or fleece jacket,
  cape for the rain or raincoat,

- hat or cap.
- thin gloves and a beanie for the beginning and the end of the season.

### **EQUIPMENT**

Do not forget to bring:

- sunscreen. small personal first-aid kit (refer to following paragraph),
- flask

- tollet, paper,
   folding knife,
   telescopic sticks for those who are used to use them.

Your guide will have a first-aid kit for each hike. It is yet compulsory to bring a personal first-aid kit, different according to the destination, which will at least include • plastic strip,

- "Second skin" type plasters,
- insect repellent,

eye drops,
 and your personal medication if you undergo

REF. NAP RAN/NAP RAIPP • 8 - DAY ROUND CRUISE FROM NAPLES

# Hiking in Southern Italy

NAPLES • The Aeolian islands • MILAZZO • MESSINA • VIBO MARINA • Calabria • SALERNO • The Amalfi Coast • NAPLES Capri • Anacapri • NAPLES



### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

### Hikers' program:

- Energetic tour of Pompeii
- Energetic tour of Pompeii
   Length: 4 hours, including 2 hours hiking,
   1.8 miles/3 km, no altitude difference
   Urban hikes through the
   Spaccanapoli neighbourhood
   and the underground ruins in Naples
   Length: 4 hours, including 3 hours hiking,
   1.8 miles/3 km and 121 steps
   Mount Etna and the Sartorius Mounts
   Length: 5.5 hours, including 1.5 hours hiking,
   1.25 miles/2 km and 131-164 ft/40-50 m
- 1.25 miles/2 km and 131-164 ft/40-50 m
- From Capo Vaticano along a path through the Mediterranean landscapes Length: 4 hours, including 1.5 hours hiking,
- 1.5 miles/3 km and 82 ft/25 m elevation gain

  Trail from the village of Maiori to Minori
  Length: 4 hours, including 1.5 hours hiking,
  1.5 miles/3 km and 820 ft/250 m
  elevation gain

Level: •••

### Non-hikers' program:

- Pompei, memories of the past
- Naples, the soul of Italy
  Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe
- **Tropea**, the pearl of Calabria
- Sorrento and the Amalfi Coast For both packages:

Capri and Anacapri

REF. DRD PP/DRD AIPP • 8 - DAY ROUND CRUISE FROM DUBROVNIK

# Hiking in Croatia and Montenegro

DUBROVNIK • MLJET • KORCULA • SIBENIK • TROGIR • SPLIT • VIS • HVAR • KOTOR • DUBROVNIK



### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

### Hikers' program:

- Dubrovink
   Length: 2.5 to 3 hours, 3 miles/5 km and 1310 ft/400 m elevation gain

   Mijet National Park
   Length: 2.5 hours, 2.5 miles/4 km and 328 ft/100 m elevation gain

   Hiking in Hober Park
   Length: 4 hours, 6 miles/10 km and 984 ft/300 m elevation gain
- Korcula Island and Krka National Park Length: 4.5 hours, 5 miles/8 km and 820 ft/250 m elevation gain
- Hvar Island Length: 4.5 hours, 7.5 miles/12 km and 1509 ft/460 m elevation gain
  Kotor and Lovcen National Park Length: 3.5 hours, 5 miles/8 km and 2788 ft/850m elevation gain

### Non-hikers' program:

- Dubrovnik, the pearl of the Adriatic
- Korcula and its museum
- · Sibenik and the Krka falls
- · Hvar and Kotor

For both packages:

Trogir and Split

### REF. ROP PP/ROP AIPP • 8 - DAY ROUND CRUISE FROM PORTO

# Hiking in the Douro valley

PORTO • REGUA • PINHAO • VEGA DE TERON • BARCA D'ALVA • SENHORA DA RIBEIRA • FERRADOSA • BITETOS • PORTO



### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

### Hikers' program:

- Through Alvão Nature Park
  Length: 2.5 to 3 hours, 4.5 miles/7 km
  and 1049 ft/320 m elevation gain
- "Vultures' Cliff" Length: 3 hours, 5 miles/8 km and 1739 ft/530 m elevation gain
- Through the vines in São João da Pesqueira
   Length: 4 hours, 9 miles/14 km and 1640 ft/500 m elevation loss
- Along the banks of the Douro to its estuary Length: 2 to 2.5 hours, 5 miles/8 km, no altitude difference

Level: 9 0 0 0

### Non-hikers' program:

- Vila Real and the formal gardens at the Mateus Palace
- The Porto Wine Route
- Figueira de Castelo Rodriguo, one of the 12 historic villages in Portugal

### For both packages:

• Porto and Salamanca

# REF. ROB/ROB\_AIPP • 6 - DAY ROUND CRUISE FROM BORDEAUX HIKING IN the Bordeaux region

BORDEAUX • LIBOURNE(1) • Saint-Emilion • PAUILLAC(1) • BLAYE • BORDEAUX



### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

### Hikers' program:

- Saint-Laurent-des-Combes and Saint-Emilion with wine tasting Length: 2 to 2.5 hours, 5.6 miles/9 km and 490 ft/150 m elevation gain
- Along the St. Seurinoise loop Length: 2.5 to 3 hours, 6.8 miles/11 km, no altitude difference
- Through the Bourg region and guided tour of the Blaye citadel Length: 3 hours, 6.2 miles/10 km and 490 ft/150 m elevation gain
- Original hike through the secret Bordeaux Length: 2.5 to 3 hours, 4.3 miles/7 km, no altitude difference

Level: 🔴 🔴 🗬 🗬

### Non-hikers' program:

- Saint-Emilion and Bordeaux
- The Médoc, a prestigious terroir
- Blaye and the Route de la Corniche

(1) Depending on mooring availability, the stopover in Pauillac may be replaced by Cussac-Fort-Médoc and Libourne by Bourg. In this event, the order of the visits could be altered. REF. LON/LON AIPP • 6 - DAY ROUND CRUISE FROM LYON

# Hiking through the Rhône valley

LYON • CHAVANAY • AVIGNON • ARLES • VIVIERS • VIENNE • LYON



### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

### Hikers' program:

- The Pilat Mountain Range
  Length: 2.75 hours, 4.5 miles/7 km
  and 656 ft/200 m elevation gain
  The Alpilles and the Baux de Provence
- Length: 2 to 2.5 hours, 3 miles/5 km and 820 ft/250 m elevation gain
- The Ardèche Gorges nature reserve Length: 2 hours, 3.5 miles/6 km and 820 ft/250 m elevation gain

Level: 🔴 🔴 🔘 🔘

### Non-hikers' program:

- Chavanay and wine tasting
- The Baux de Provence, jewel of the Alpilles
- The Madeleine Cave

### For both packages:

• The wild Camargue, Avignon, Viviers and Vienne

REF. SBA RAN/SBA RAIPP • 8 - DAY ROUND CRUISE FROM STRASBOURG

# Hiking in France, Germany and Switzerland

STRASBOURG • BASEL • BREISACH • RHINAU • STRASBOURG



### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

### Hikers' program:

- The foothills of Blauenberg or along the French-Swiss border Length: 2 to 3 hours, 5.5 to 6.15 miles/ 8.5 to 10 km and 393 to 656 ft/150 to 200 m
- elevation gain Through the Kaiserstuhl hills Length: 7 hours, including 4.5 hours of hiking, 8.6 miles/14 km and 855 ft/270 m
- Bernstein and Ortenbourg Castles Length: 3 hours, 6.2 miles/10 km and 1082 ft/300 m elevation loss
- Urban hike through Strasbourg Length: 4 hours, 5 miles/8 km, no altitude difference

Level:

### Non-hikers' program:

- The Rhine Falls
- Breisach and the old Strasbourg
- The Alsatian Wine Route

REF. WBB RAN/WBB RAIPP • 8 - DAY ROUND CRUISE FROM VIENNA

# Hiking along the Danube

VIENNA • MELK • DÜRNSTEIN • BRATISLAVA • KALOCSA • BUDAPEST **ESZTERGOM • VIENNA** 



### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

### Hikers' program:

- The Wachau Valley Length: 4 hours, 7.4 miles/12.5 km and 1310 ft/400 m elevation gain
- The Little Carpathians **Mountain Range**
- Length: 2.5 hours, 3.7 miles/6 km and 820 ft/250 m elevation gain **Through Budapest** Length: 4.5 hours, 9.3 miles/15 km and 328 ft/100 m elevation loss
- **Visegrad Fortress**
- Visegrau Fol Hess
   Length: 2 hours, 3.7 miles/6 km and 820 ft/250 m elevation gain
   Discovery tour of Vienna
   Length: 3 to 4 hours, 3.7 miles/6 km and 1115 ft/340 m elevation gain

Level: 🔴 🍎 🔘 🔘 🔘

### Non-hikers' program:

- Dürnstein, Bratislava and Budapest
- The Hofburg in **Vienna**

### For both packages:

• Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna, Melk Abbey and the wild Puszta plain

# BIKING

### Doubling the fun on our themed cruises!

By combining rest and relaxation with active exploration, our Cruise and Bike package is a perfect way to experience Europe's waterways. Join us for serene bike discovery tours on customized routes designed by biking specialists for maximum sightseeing.

During your vacation, the ship cruises while you bike. No need to pack up your belongings every day, since you'll return to your cabins every evening. If you want to skip a day's tour, no problem! Take a break on the ship and enjoy the view of the riverbanks from the sun deck.

Where we bike: on payed roads or bike paths. We will not go on mountain bike routes.

Technical and maintenance assistance: our bike guides will ensure that your bike tours take place under the best conditions by providing their assistance throughout the entire

Coordination: a GPS as well as detailed maps and overviews will be provided every day, and we will be available to go over any points or questions onboard about each trip.

Departures are guaranteed for a minimum of 8 participants.

### **LEVELS**

**VERY EASY EASY** MODERATE **DIFFICULT** VERY DIFFICULT

So come take a breath of fresh air and recharge your batteries!



### YOUR EQUIPMENT

We provide unisex hybrid bikes that can be used by both men and women (flat handlebars), similar or equivalent to the Fuji nandiebaris, similar or equivalent to the Huji Absolute 1.1 disc, weighing a maximum of 10kg for optimal comfort. Disc brakes for better stopping ability and avoiding skidding during rain. Pouch for accessories (camera, windbreaker, etc.). Please do not carry large items with you.

Helmets will be provided and are compulsory. You are free to bring your own if you do not choose to use ours.

First of all, good shoes should not hurt you and should be comfortable. You should try your shoes and use them a little before leaving, it is important that you feel comfortable wearing them.

If you choose to bring your own cycling shoes, please bring your own pedals along so our guides can attach them to your bike.

**BACKPACK** A small backpack that can hold a raincoat and sunscreen is recommended.

### **CLOTHES**

The equipment for a cycling trip should necessarily include:
• more or less warm underclothes depending

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   \*raincoat or windbreaker,
   \*cycling shorts or trousers,
   \*adapted cycling attire (clothes, gloves, shoes,

### **EQUIPMENT**

Do not forget to bring: • sunglasses,

- sunscreen,
- small personnal first-aid kit (refer to following paragraph),
- folding knife.

### **PHARMACY**

Your guide will have a first-aid kit for each hike. It is yet compulsory to bring a personal first-aid kit, different according to the destination, which will at least include:
• plastic strip,
• "second skin" type plasters,

- analgesic
- insect repellent,
- eye drops, and your personal medication if you undergo

# Biking through the Loire

NANTES • SAINT-NAZAIRE • ANCENIS • BOUCHEMAINE • The Châteaux of the Loire Valley • BOUCHEMAINE • ANCENIS • NANTES



### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

Bucolic landscapes, picturesque villages and grand châteaux await you on this extraordinary and unique bike trip

### DISCOVER:

- The Saint-Nazaire shipyard museum
- Guérande and its salt marshes
- The Châteaux of the Loire Valley
- Saumur<sup>(1)</sup>
- The Château de la Mulonnière and wine tasting

Level:







**ALL INCLUSIVE** on board

(1) Guided visits do not guarantee that you will see the riders and horses at work during the visit, particularly if the Cadre Noir de Saumur is away, or during competitions.

## REF. BOA\_BIK/BOA\_BIKAIP • 8 - DAY ROUND CRUISE FROM BORDEAUX Biking in the Bordeaux region

BORDEAUX • PAUILLAC(1) • The Gironde Estuary • BLAYE • LIBOURNE(1) • Saint-Emilion • LIBOURNE(1) • CADILLAC BORDEAUX • The Arcachon Bay • BORDEAUX



### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

An original way to discover the Gironde

### DISCOVER:

- The Médoc Vineyards
- The Sauternes and Blaye estates
- Saint-Emilion
- The Sauve-Majeure Abbey
- Bordeaux
- The Arcachon Bay

Level:







(1) Depending on mooring availability, the stopover in Pauillac may be replaced by Cussac-Fort-Médoc and Libourne by Bourg. In this event, the order of the visits could be altered.

REF. LSR BIK/LSR BIKAIP • 8 - DAY ROUND CRUISE FROM LYON

# Biking from Burgundy to Provence

LYON • MÂCON • VIENNE • ARLES • AVIGNON • VIVIERS • TOURNON • LYON



## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

Explore the beautiful landscapes of Burgundy on this exciting bike tour

### DISCOVER:

- The Baux de Provence village
- The Lubéron
- The fabulous Gorges du Doux
- The Alpilles and the Pilat Mountain Range Nature Parks

Level:







ALL INCLUSIVE on board



# Biking along the Danube

VIENNA • MELK • DÜRNSTEIN • BRATISLAVA • KALOCSA • BUDAPEST • ESZTERGOM • VIENNA



### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

Discover the most beautiful bike paths along the Danube while taking advantage of the convenience and comfort of a cruise

### DISCOVER:

- Melk Abbey and Dürnstein
- Bratislava and the Devin Castle
- The wild Puszta plain
- Budapest, between historic vestiges and modernity
- The bucolic landscapes around Esztergom
- Vienna and its folklore

Level:







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REF. BCA BIK/ACB BIK/BCA BIKAIP/ACB BIKAIP • 9 - DAY CRUISE FROM BASEL TO AMSTERDAM Biking along the Rhine

BASEL • BREISACH • STRASBOURG • MAINZ • KOBLENZ • COLOGNE • DÜSSELDORF • XANTEN • NIJMEGEN • AMSTERDAM



### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

Basel is the starting gate to a spectacular tour through the Rhine Valley where charming villages, romantic scenery and exciting legends meet

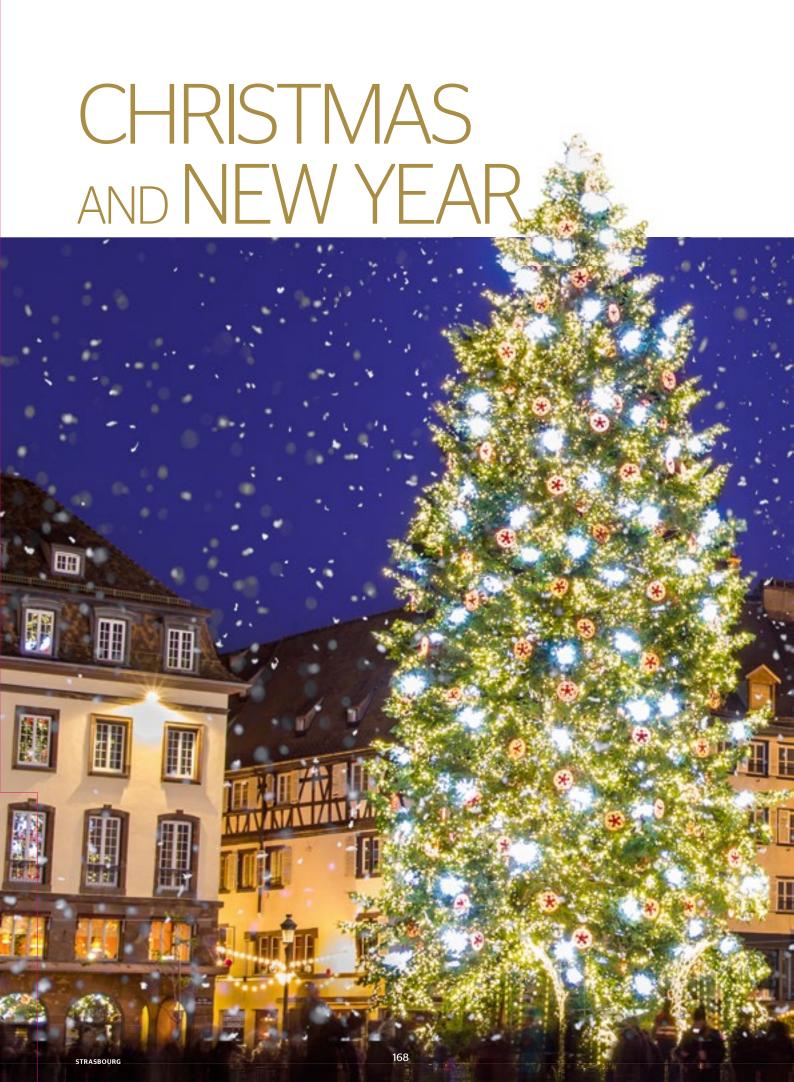
### DISCOVER:

- Colmar and its old town
- The Alsatian Wine Route and tasting of Crémant d'Alsace
- Biking through Strasbourg
- Koblenz and Cologne, between ancient architecture and modernity
- The Netherlands Open Air Museum in Arnhem
- Vibrant Amsterdam and its famous canals





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For 500 years, the Alsace region has been at the heart of the Christmas season with its famous Christmas

- The colourful Christmas markets in Strasbourg
- The potter villages and show at the Royal Palace of Kirrwiller (REF. MNA)
- Taste the local wines on the Alsatian Wine Route (REF. MNO)





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REF. MNA/MNA XMASPP • 4 - DAY STAY

# Christmas in Alsace and show at the Royal Palace

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 STRASBOURG • The Potter Villages • Kirrwiller,

Show at the Royal Palace(1) Full-day excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of the potter villages in Northern Alsace AM:

Lunch and dancing at the Royal Palace in Kirrwiller PM:

• Show at the Music Hall Theatre

DAY 3 STRASBOURG, the Capital of Christmas

Full-day excursion proposed:

AM: • Panoramic tour of Strasbourg and guided tour

of the old town with its Christmas markets

PM: Free time to discover Strasbourg on your own

• Marvel at the Christmas lights throughout the city

with your hostess

**STRASBOURG** 

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

(1) Valid only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For other days of the week, please ask your travel agent (additionnal fees).



REF. MNO/MNO XMASPP • 4 - DAY STAY

# hristmas markets in Alsace

DAY 1 **STRASBOURG** 

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 STRASBOURG • Colmar, the Alsatian Wine Route

Full-day excursion proposed: AM.

• The Alsatian Wine Route with wine tasting at a cellar

 Guided tour of Colmar and its beautiful Christmas decorations

DAY 3 **STRASBOURG** 

PM:

Full-day excursion proposed:

• Panoramic tour of Strasbourg and guided tour AM: of the old town with its Christmas markets

Free time to discover Strasbourg on your own PM. • Marvel at the Christmas lights throughout the city

with your hostess

**STRASBOURG** DAY 4

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.



See excursion details on page 186.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passeport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their



Authentic Christmas markets in Alsace and the Black Forest

- Freiburg Christmas Market, one of the most beautiful in Germany (REF. MNC)
- Immersive journey through Christmas Spirit and traditions at the ecomuseum of Alsace (REF. MNC)
- The Christmas markets in Strasbourg, Nuremberg ("Christmas City") and Rüdesheim (REF. MNN)





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REF. MNC/MNC XMASPP • 4 - DAY CRUISE

# Christmas in Alsace and the Black Forest

DAY 1 STRASBOURG

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 STRASBOURG • BREISACH • Freiburg and the Black

forest • BREISACH AM: Cruise towards Breisach

PM: Excursion proposed:

Discover the Black Forest and the Christmas Market

DAY 3 BREISACH • Colmar • Ecomuseum of Alsace • BREISACH

Full-day excursion proposed:

AM: · Discover Colmar and its magical Christmas market

PM: · Visit of the Ecomuseum of Alsace

DAY 4 **STRASBOURG** 

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

### REF. MNN/MNN XMASPP • 4 - DAY CRUISE

# Christmas markets in Strasbourg, Rüdesheim and Nüremberg

**STRASBOURG** 

Boarding at 11:00 a.m.

Discover the old Strasbourg and its Christmas Markets

with your hostess

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 ST GOARSHAUSEN • RÜDESHEIM

AM: Cruise towards Rüdesheim

PM: Free time to discover the Christmas market in Rüdesheim

Gala dinner

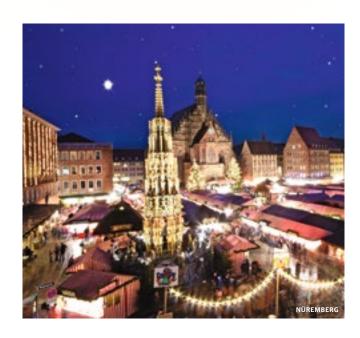
DAY 3 RÜDESHEIM • MAINZ • Nuremberg(1) • STRASBOURG

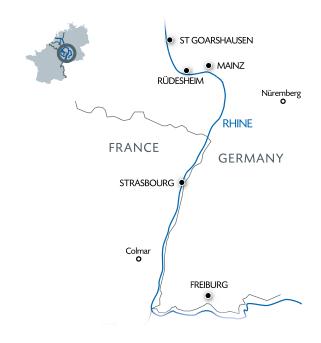
Full-day excursion proposed: Transfer by coach to Nuremberg

AM: • Nuremberg and its famous Christmas Market PM:

**STRASBOURG** DAY 4

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.







Discover the romantic Rhine valley and the celebrated Rock of the Lorelei (REE NOL)

Christmas Eve dinner (including wine)

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- The Christmas Markets in Strasbourg
- Rüdesheim and the Drosselgasse
- Braubach and its famous Marksburg
   Château (REE NOL)
- Mainz and its picturesque histori centre (REF. NOW)
- Midnight Mass in Speyer<sup>(1)</sup> (REF. NOL) or Boppard<sup>(1)</sup> (REF. NOW)







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## Christmas on the romantic Rhine

### REF. NOL/NOL XMASPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE

### DAY 1 STRASBOURG

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

AM: Cruise towards Braubach

PM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided visit of Marksburg Château "Christmas Carols"-themed evening

### DAY 3 RÜDESHEIM • SPEYER or WORMS

AM: Free time or excursion proposed:

• Visit of the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments

in Rüdesheim

PM: Cruise towards Speyer

Christmas Eve dinner

Midnight Mass celebrated in Speyer or Worms  $^{\!\scriptscriptstyle{(1)}}$ 

### DAY 4 SPEYER • STRASBOURG

Day spent cruising on the Upper Rhine towards Strasbourg

Gala dinner

### DAY 5 STRASBOURG

Disembark at 10:00 a.m.

### REF. NOW/NOW\_XMASPP • 4 - DAY CRUISE

### DAY 1 STRASBOURG

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 • BOPPARD

AM: Cruise towards Rüdesheim Excursion proposed:

Visit of the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments

Christmas Eve dinner

Midnight Mass celebrated in Boppard(1)

### DAY 3 BOPPARD • MAINZ

AM: Cruise towards Mainz

PM: Discover the historic centre and the cathedral of Mainz

with your hostess Gala dinner

### DAY 4 STRASBOURG

Cruise towards Strasbourg Disembark at 3:00 p.m.





### See excursion details on page 186.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passeport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

(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 only valid for a minimum of 30 passengers.



### REF. NOB\_PP/NOB\_XMASPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE

# Rhineland and Dutch Christmas

DAY 1 **STRASBOURG** 

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

Cruise towards Cologne AM: PM:

Free time or excursion proposed: · Guided tour of Cologne

Christmas Eve dinner

Midnight Mass celebrated in Cologne<sup>(1)</sup>

### **COLOGNE • AMSTERDAM**

Day spent cruising towards Amsterdam

Gala dinner

#### DAY 4 **AMSTERDAM**

Excursions proposed:

AM: • Visit of Volendam and Zaanse Schans PM:

• Guided tour of Amsterdam

#### DAY 5 **AMSTERDAM**

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 186





### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

- and the celebrated Rock of the Lorelei (RFF, NOB)
- Christmas in the Grands Crus land of Bordeaux (REF. BON)
- Christmas Eve dinner (including wine)

- The Christmas Markets in Strasbourg
- Cologne, one of the oldest cities in Germany (REF. NOB)
- Amsterdam, the "Venice of the North" (REF. NOB)
- Midnight Mass in Cologne<sup>(1)</sup> (REF. NOB) or Pauillac<sup>(1-2)</sup> (REF. BON)
  The Médoc and the Grands Crus Wine
- Saint-Emilion, Blaye and the Route de la Corniche Fleurie (REF. BON)
- Bordeaux by night (REF. BON)







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REF. BON/BON XMASPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE

# Christmas in the Bordeaux region

DAY 1 **BORDEAUX • PAUILLAC** 

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 PAUILLAC(2) • The Médoc • BLAYE • BORDEAUX

AM: Excursion proposed:

• The Grands Crus Wine Route of the Médoc(3)

Cruise towards Blaye

PM: 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 AM:

PM: Onboard activities

Gala dinner

#### DAY 4 LIBOURNE<sup>(2)</sup> • Saint-Emilion • BORDEAUX

Excursion proposed: AM:

• Guided tour of Saint-Emilion and wine-tasting session

PM: Cruise towards Bordeaux Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour through Bordeaux by night

### **BORDEAUX**

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 187.



Formalities: Valid national identity card or passeport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

NB: The cruise schedule may vary according to tides and arrival times at ports of call may be subject to change.

(1) Midnight Mass will be held in German (REF. NOB) or in French (REF. BON) 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 only valid for a minimum of 30 passengers.
(2) Depending on docking availability, the stopover in Pauillac may be replaced by Cussac-Fort-Médoc and Libourne 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.



- Exclusive to CroisiEurope: Celebrate Christmas on the Loire (REF. NLO\_PP)
- Christmas Magic on the Rhône (REF. NLP PP)
- Christmas Eve dinner (including wine)

#### EXCURSIONS:

- Nantes, historic capital of Brittany (REF. NLO\_PP)
- The Châteaux of the Loire valley (REF. NLO\_PP)
- Saint-Nazaire and the Escal'Atlantic (REF. NLO PP)
- The Muscadet region (REF. NLO\_PP)
- Midnight Mass<sup>(2)</sup> in Ancenis
   (REF NI O PP) or I von (REF NI P PP)
- Lyon, city of lights (REF. NLP\_PP)
- Renowned nougat from Montélimar (REF. NLP\_PP)







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### REF. NLO\_PP/NLO\_XMASPP • 6 - DAY CRUISE

# Christmas on the Loire

DAY 1 NANTES

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 NANTES • SAINT-NAZAIRE

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Nantes and the Castle of the Dukes of Brittany

PM: • The Saint-Nazaire shipyard and the Escal'Atlantic<sup>(1)</sup>

"Christmas Tales"-themed evening

DAY 3 SAINT-NAZAIRE • ANCENIS

AM: Cruise towards Ancenis
PM: Excursion proposed:
• The Muscadet Wine Route

Christmas Eve dinner Midnight Mass celebrated in Ancenis<sup>(2)</sup>

DAY 4 ANCENIS • Angers • BOUCHEMAINE<sup>(3)</sup>

AM: Cruise towards Bouchemaine
PM: Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Angers

DAY 5 BOUCHEMAINE<sup>(3)</sup> • The Châteaux of the Loire valley NANTES

Full-day excursion proposed:

· Visit the Châteaux of the Loire valley

Gala dinner

DAY 6 NANTES

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 187.

# Bouchemaine ANCENIS ANGERS LOIRE NANTES SAUMUR

### **NEW FOR 2018**

REF. NLP PP/NLP XMASPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE

# Christmas in Provence and the Rhône Valley

DAY 1 LYON

Boarding at 3:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 LYON • VIVIERS

AM: Cruise towards Viviers PM: Excursions proposed:

• Guided tour on foot of Viviers

· Visit to a nougat confectioner and tasting in Montélimar

DAY 3 VIVIERS • AVIGNON
AM: Cruise towards Avignon

PM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Avignon and the Papal Palace

Gala dinner

DAY 4 LYON

AM: Cruise towards Lyon
PM: Excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of Lyon Christmas Eve dinner

Midnight Mass celebrated in Lyon<sup>(2)</sup>

### DAY 5 LYON

Disembark at 11:00 a.m.

Optional additional night on board. Half-board including: dinner, accommodation, and breakfast.

See excursion details on page 188.



AVIGNON

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passeport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

NB: The cruise schedule may vary according to tides and arrival times at ports of call may be subject to change.

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

(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 only valid for a minimum of 30 passengers.

(3) Depending on mooring availability, the stopover in Bouchemaine could be replaced by a stopover in Chalonnes-sur-Loire



# Christmas in the Seine Valley

### REF. NPA/NPA XMASPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE

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 AM:

PM: Excursion proposed:

· Visit of the Martainville Château Christmas Eve dinner

Midnight Mass celebrated in Rouen<sup>(1)</sup>

DAY 3 ROUEN • DUCLAIR • Honfleur(2) • ROUEN

AM: Cruise towards Duclair Excursion proposed: · Guided tour of Honfleur

рм. Cruise towards Rouen

DAY 4 **ROUEN** 

Excursion proposed: AM:

• Guided tour of Rouen PM:

Cruise towards Paris

Gala dinner

DAY 5 **PARIS** 

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 188.



### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Celebrate Christmas along the Seine (REF. NPA) or the Elbe (REF. BMD\_PP)
- Christmas Eve dinner (including wine)

#### **FXCURSIONS:**

- Martainville Château and the Museum of Norman Tradition and Art (REF. NPA)
- Honfleur, a charming maritime town<sup>(2)</sup>
   (REF. NPA)
- and gastronomical capital (REF. NPA)
- Midnight Mass<sup>(1)</sup> in Rouen (REF. NPA) or Dresden (REF. BMD\_PP)
- Eastern Germany as you've never experienced before: Christmas markets in Berlin, Magdeburg
- Closing symphony with the music of Johann Sebastian Bach at the Dresden Frauenkirche (REF. BMD\_PP)







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# Christmas on the Elbe

### REF. BMD\_PP/BMD\_XMASPP • 7 - DAY CRUISE

**BERLIN** 

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 **BERLIN** • Cecilienhof Palace

Excursion proposed: AM:

Berlin and its Christmas Market

PM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Cecilienhof Palace

DAY 3 MAGDEBURG

AM: Cruise towards Magdeburg PM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Magdeburg

Free time around the Christmas Market

DAY 4 **WITTENBERG** 

AM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Wittenberg

PM: Cruise towards Meissen

Gala dinner

DAY 5 **MEISSEN • DRESDEN** 

Excursion proposed: AM:

· Meissen and its Christmas Market

PM: Cruise towards Dresden

Christmas Eve dinner

Midnight Mass celebrated in Dresden<sup>(1)</sup>

DAY 6

AM: Opportunity to attend Christmas Day services

at the Frauenkirche

PM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Dresden

Closing symphony with the music of Johann Sebastian Bach

at the Frauenkirche

**DRESDEN** 

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 122.

(1) To book and pay on board. The order of the visits on this excursion may be reversed to ensure the

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

NB: The cruise schedule may vary according to tides and arrival times at ports of call may be subject to change.

(1) Midnight Mass will be held in French (REF. NPA) 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 only valid for a minimum of 30 passengers.



- through Central Europe
- Revel in Christmas Magic along the Danube
- · Christmas Eve dinner (including wine)

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- "Magic of Advent" Christmas Market
- Budapest, "the Pearl of the Danube", and Bratislava (REF. NVI\_PP)
- The Schönbrunn Palace (REF. NVI\_PP)
- Midnight Mass in Budapest<sup>(1)</sup>







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REF. MVI\_PP/MVI\_XMASPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE

# Christmas markets in Vienna, Budapest and Bratislava

VIENNA (Austria)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 VIENNA • BUDAPEST (Hungary)

AM: Excursion proposed:

Vienna and its Christmas Market

PM: Cruise towards Budapest

DAY 3 **BUDAPEST** 

AM: Excursion proposed:

· Budapest and its Christmas Market

PM: Free time to discover Budapest on your own

DAY 4 **BRATISLAVA** (Slovakia)

Cruise towards Bratislava AM: PM: Excursion proposed:

· Bratislava and its Christmas Market

Gala dinner

Cruise towards Vienna

DAY 5 VIFNNA

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

### REF. NVI\_PP/NVI\_XMASPP • 6 - DAY CRUISE

# hristmas on the Danube

VIENNA (Austria)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 **VIENNA** 

Excursions proposed:

 Guided tour of the Schönbrunn Palace Vienna and its Christmas Market PM:

VIENNA • BUDAPEST (Hungary)

Day spent cruising towards Budapest

Christmas Eve dinner Midnight Mass in Budapest(1)

DAY 4 BUDAPEST

AM: Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Budapest

Free time to discover the city on your own

Cruise towards Bratislava

DAY 5 **BRATISLAVA** (Slovakia)

AM: Cruise towards Bratislava Excursion proposed: PM:

· Guided tour of Bratislava

Gala dinner

DAY 6 **VIENNA** 

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

(1) 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 only valid for a minimum of 30 passengers.





See excursion details on page 187.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passeport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate



REF. NOV/NOV\_XMASPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE

# nristmas in Venice

DAY 1 VENICE

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 **VENICE • CHIOGGIA • VENICE** 

AM: Cruise towards Chioggia

Free time to discover the city on your own

Excursion proposed: · Guided tour of Padua

VENICE • Burano • Murano • VENICE DAY 3

Excursions proposed:

• The Lagoon islands of Burano and Murano AM. PM:

• Guided tour of the Doge's Palace and St. Mark's square

Christmas Eve dinner

Midnight Mass celebrated in Venice(1)

**VENICE** DAY 4

Full day on your own in Venice

Gala dinner

DAY 5 **VENICE** 

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.



### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Romantic Christmas Eve in Venice
- The golden glow of Seville (REF. NAD)
- Christmas Eve dinner (including wine)

### **EXCURSIONS:**

- Padua, town of St Anthony
- The Venetian Lagoon islands (REF. NOV)
- The Doge's Palace (REF. NOV)
- Midnight Mass in Venice<sup>(1)</sup> (REF. NOV) or El Puerto de Santa Maria<sup>(1)</sup> (REF. NAD)
- Cadiz and the Osborne Bodega
- Jerez, renowned for its wine
- The ancient Caliphate city of Córdoba (REF. NAD)







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### REF. NAD/NAD XMASPP • 6 - DAY CRUISE

# **Andalusian Christmas**

DAY 1 **SEVILLE** 

Boarding at 5:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

**SEVILLE • CADIZ** DAY 2 AM:

Excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of Seville PM: Cruise towards Cádiz

CADIZ • EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA DAY 3

Excursion proposed: AM:

• Guided tour of Cádiz

Cruise towards El Puerto de Santa Maria

PM: Excursion proposed:

• Tour of 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 AM:

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Jerez

PM: Cruise towards Seville Gala dinner

DAY 5 SEVILLE • Córdoba • SEVILLE

Full-day excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of Córdoba Free time to discover the city on your own

#### **SEVILLE** DAY 6

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.



### See excursion details on page 189.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passeport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate. (1) Midnight Mass will be held in Italian (REF. NOV) or Spanish (REF. NAD) 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 only valid for a minimum of 30 passengers.



- A short gateway for an original New Year's Eve along the Rhine
- New Year's Eve dinner (including wine and a glass of Champagne)

- Rüdesheim and its Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments
- A traditional evening in a riverside
- Heidelberg, a symbol of German Romanticism (REF. ZAA)
- Speyer and its Roman Cathedral (REF. ZAA)







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# New Year on the Rhine:

### REF. REG/REG\_NYEAPP • 3 - DAY CRUISE

DAY 1 **STRASBOURG** 

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 The Lorelei Rock • RÜDESHEIM

AM: Cruise along the romantic Rhine Valley towards Rüdesheim

PM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments

New Year's Eve dinner

DAY 3 **RÜDESHEIM • STRASBOURG** Cruise towards Strasbourg AM: PM: Disembark at 3:00 p.m.

Optional additional night on board. Half board including: dinner, accommodation, and breakfast

### REF. ZAA/ZAA NYEAPP • 4 - DAY CRUISE

DAY 1 **STRASBOURG** 

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

**SANKT GOAR • RÜDESHEIM** 

AM: Cruise along the romantic Rhine Valley towards Rüdesheim

PM: Excursions proposed:

• Guided tour of the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments

• Traditional evening in a riverside restaurant

Cruise towards Mannheim

DAY 3 MANNHEIM • Heidelberg • SPEYER

Excursion proposed:

AM: Guided tour of Heidelberg

PM: Guided tour of Speyer Cruise towards Strasbourg

New Year's Eve dinner

DAY 4 **STRASBOURG** 

Disembark at 11:00 a.m.

Optional additional night on board. Half board including: dinner, accommodation,



See excursion details on page 186.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passeport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.



- A festive cruise along the romantic Rhine Valley
- New Year's Eve dinner (including wine and a glass of Champagne)

- Rüdesheim and its Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments
- Heidelberg, a true symbol of German Romanticism (REF. RES)







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# round cruises from Strasbourg



# REF. RES/RES\_NYEAPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE

DAY 1 **STRASBOURG** 

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

Day spent cruising towards Koblenz

Gala dinner

DAY 3 **KOBLENZ • RÜDESHEIM** AM: Discover Koblenz with your hostess

Cruise towards Rüdesheim

Excursions proposed:

• Guided tour of the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments

• Traditional evening in a riverside restaurant

DAY 4 **RÜDESHEIM • MANNHEIM** Cruise towards Mannheim AM: PM: Excursions proposed:

• Guided tour of Heidelberg

New Year's Eve dinner

DAY 5 MANNHEIM • STRASBOURG Cruise towards Strasbourg AM: PM: Disembark at 3:00 p.m.

Optional additional night on board. Half board including: dinner, accommodation,

# REF. REA/REA NYEAPP • 7 - DAY CRUISE

**STRASBOURG** DAY 1

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

STRASBOURG • COCHEM DAY 2

Day spent cruising towards Cochem

DAY 3 **COCHEM • BERNKASTEL** 

AM: Cruise towards Bernkastel

Free time to stroll through Bernkastel PM: Gala dinner

DAY 4 **BERNKASTEL • KOBLENZ** 

AM: Cruise towards Koblenz

PM:

PM:

Discover Koblenz with your hostess DAY 5 **KOBLENZ • RÜDESHEIM** 

AM: Cruise towards Rüdesheim

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments

New Year's Eve dinner

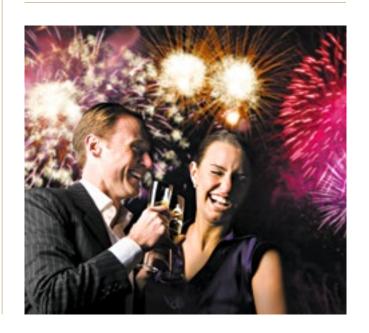
DAY 6 **RÜDESHEIM • MANNHEIM or SPEYER** 

AM: Cruise towards Mannheim or Speyer PM: Discover Speyer with your hostess

MANNHEIM or SPEYER • STRASBOURG

Cruise towards Strasbourg

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.





- The romantic Rhine Valley, its castles and the Lorelei Rock
- and a glass of Champagne)

- Amsterdam by night
- Cologne and the High Cathedral of St. Peter
- Rüdesheim and its Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments
- Heidelberg and its famous castle







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REF. ACS PP/ACS NYEAPP • 6 - DAY CRUISE

# New Year cruise from Amsterdam to Strasbourg

DAY 1

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 • NIJMEGEN • KREFELD(1)

AM: Cruise towards Nijmegen

Free time to discover the city on your own

PM: Cruise towards Krefeld

KREFELD(1) • COLOGNE • KÖNIGSWINTER DAY 3

AM: Cruise towards Cologne

PM: Discover Cologne with your hostess Cruise towards Königswinter

DAY 4 KÖNIGSWINTER • RÜDESHEIM AM. Cruise towards Rüdesheim PM: Free time or excursion proposed:

• Tour of Rüdesheim by tourist train

and visit to the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments

New Year's Eve dinner

DAY 5 **RÜDESHEIM • MANNHEIM** AM: Cruise towards Mannheim

PM: Excursion proposed:

· Guided tour of Heidelberg

Gala dinner



DAY 6 **MANNHEIM • STRASBOURG** Cruise towards Strasbourg AM. PM: Disembark at 3:00 p.m.

# See excursion details on page 186.

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(1) Depending on mooring availability, the stopover in Krefeld could be replaced by a stopover in





- Discover three iconic capitals along the Danube
- New Year's Eve dinner (including wine and a glass of Champagne)

- Imperial Vienna and the Schönbrunn Palace
- Budapest, "the Pearl of the Danube"
- Bratislava and its Baroque and Art Nouveau style buildings







ALL INCLUSIVE on board

REF. NDA\_PP/NDA\_NYEAPP • 6 - DAY CRUISE

# New year round cruise from Vienna

VIENNA (Austria)

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 **VIENNA** 

Excursions proposed:

 Guided tour of the Schönbrunn Palace AM:

 Guided tour of Vienna PM:

VIENNA • BUDAPEST (Hungary) DAY 3

Day spent cruising towards Budapest

DAY 4 **BUDAPEST** 

Excursion proposed: AM:

• Guided tour of Budapest

PM: Free time to discover Budapest on your own

Cruise towards Bratislava New Year's Eve dinner



DAY 5 **BRATISLAVA** (Slovakia) AM: Cruise towards Bratislava PM:

Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Bratislava

Gala dinner

VIENNA DAY 6

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 187.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passeport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.





- 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)

### **EXCURSIONS**

- Rouen, Normandy's cultural, historical, and gastronomical capital (REF. RPA)
- Honfleur and the Côte Fleurie (REF. RPA)
- Paris and its famous sights (REF. RPA)
- Bordeaux by night (REF. BOR)
- The Médoc and the Grands Crus Wine Route (REF. BOR)
- Saint-Emilion, Blaye and the Route de la Corniche Fleurie (REF. BOR)







ALL INCLUSIVE

# REF. RPA/RPA NYEAPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE

# New Year on the Seine

DAY 1 PARIS

Boarding at 5:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 ROUEN

AM: Cruise towards Rouen

PM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Rouen

DAY 3 ROUEN • DUCLAIR • Honfleur(1) • ROUEN

Full-day excursion proposed:

• Honfleur and the Côte Fleurie

Gala dinner

DAY 4 PARIS

AM: Cruise towards Paris PM: Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour of Paris New Year's Eve dinner

DAY 5 PARIS

Disembark at 10:00 a.m.





REF. BOR/BOR\_NYEAPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE

# New Year in the Bordeaux region

### DAY 1 BORDEAUX

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

Excursion proposed:

• Guided tour through Bordeaux by night

DAY 2 BORDEAUX • PAUILLAC(1) • Le Médoc

AM: Cruise towards Pauillac PM: Excursion proposed:

• The Grands Crus Wine Route of the Médoc(2)

DAY 3 PAUILLAC(1) • BLAYE • LIBOURNE(1)

AM: Cruise towards Blaye

Excursion proposed:

• The Route de la Corniche Fleurie and the Blaye Citadel

PM: Cruise towards Libourne

Gala dinner

# DAY 4 LIBOURNE<sup>(1)</sup> • Saint-Emilion • BORDEAUX

AM: Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Saint-Emilion

PM: Cruise towards Bordeaux

New Year's Eve dinner

# DAY 5 BORDEAUX

Disembark at 11:00 a.m.

(1) Depending on docking availability, the stopover in Pauillac may be replaced by Cussac-Fort-Médoc and Libourne by Bourg. In this event, the order of the visits could be altered.

(2) This excursion must be booked in advance through your travel agency.



See excursion details on pages 187 and 188.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passeport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.



# REF. DMB PP/DMB NYEAPP • 7 - DAY CRUISE

# New Year's Eve on the Elbe

DAY 1 DRESDEN

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 DRESDEN

AM: Excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of Dresden Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of the Semper Opera House<sup>(1)</sup>

DAY 3 MEISSEN • WITTENBERG

AM: Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Meissen

Free time to stroll around the winter market

PM: Cruise towards Wittenberg

DAY 4 WITTENBERG • MAGDEBURG

AM: Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Wittenberg

PM: Cruise towards Magdeburg

Gala dinner

DAY 5 MAGDEBURG • BERLIN

AM: Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Magdeburg

PM: Cruise towards Berlin

DAY 6 BERLIN TEGEL

Excursions proposed:

AM: • Guided tour of the Charlottenburg Palace

PM: • Panoramic tour of Berlin

New Year's Eve dinner

DAY 7 BERLIN TEGEL

Disembark at 11:00 a.m.

Optional additional night on board. Half board including: dinner, accommodation, and breakfast.



# **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Celebrate New Year's Eve in the Rhône Valley (REF. LNA)
- Cruise between Dresden and Berlin as you discover the treasures of old Germany (RFF DMR PP)
- New Year's Eve dinner (including wine and a glass of Champagne)

# **EXCURSIONS:**

- Arles and its exceptional heritage (REF. LNA)
- Avignon and the Papal Palace (REF. LNA)
- Lyon, the Capital of Lights (REF. LNA)
- Dresden and the Semper Opera House (REF. DMB\_PP)
- Wittenberg, birthplace of Luther (REF. DMB\_PP)
- Berlin, city of a thousand faces (REF. DMB\_PP)



ALL INCLUSIVE on board

# REF. LNA/LNA NYEAPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE

# New Year in Provence

DAY1 LYON

Boarding at 3:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 ARLES

AM: Cruise towards Arles

PM: Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Arles

DAY 3 ARLES • AVIGNON

AM: Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Avignon and the Papal Palace

PM: Cruise towards Vienne

Gala dinner

DAY 4 VIENNE • LYON

Excursions proposed:

Guided tour of VienneGuided tour of Lyon

New Year's Eve dinner

DAY 5 LYON

AM:

PM:

Disembark at 11:00 a.m.

Optional additional night on board. Half board including: dinner, accommodation, and breakfast.



See excursion details on pages 122 et 188.



- Celebrate New Year's Eve on the most prestigious French river
- New Year's Eve dinner (including wine and a glass of Champagne)

- Nantes, the historic capital of Brittany
- Saint-Nazaire and the Escal'Atlantic
- The Muscadet region
- Day-trip to the Châteaux
- Angers and its village-like district







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REF. RLO\_PP/RLO\_NYEAPP • 6 - DAY CRUISE

# Royal New Year cruise on the Loire

DAY 1 NANTES

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

NANTES • Saint-Nazaire • NANTES DAY 2

Excursions proposed:

AM: Guided tour of Nantes and the Castle of the Dukes of Brittany PM:

• The Saint-Nazaire shipyard and the Escal'Atlantic<sup>(1)</sup>

DAY 3 **NANTES • ANCENIS** 

AM: Cruise towards Ancenis PM: Excursion proposed:

• The Muscadet Wine Route

DAY 4 ANCENIS • The Châteaux of the Loire valley • BOUCHEMAINE<sup>(2)</sup>

Full-day excursion proposed:

· Visit the Châteaux of the Loire Valley

New Year's Eve dinner

DAY 5 BOUCHEMAINE<sup>(2)</sup> • Angers • NANTES

AM: Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Angers

Cruise towards Nantes

Gala dinner

DAY 6 **NANTES** 

Disembark at 10:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 187.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passeport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

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

(2) Depending on mooring availability, the stopover in Bouchemaine could be replaced by a stopover





- A magical New Year's Eve in Seville (REF. NAA) or Venice (REF. REW)
- New Year's Eve dinner (including wine and a glass of Champagne)

- The luminous city of Seville and its prestigious past (REF. NAA)
- Jerez, renowned for its wines
- Córdoba and its Mosque-Cathedral (REF. NAA)
- Venice and the islands of Burano and Murano (REF. REW)
- The Doge's Palace (REF. REW)







ALL INCLUSIVE on board

# REF. NAA/NAA NYEAPP • 6 - DAY CRUISE

# Andalusian New Year

DAY 1 SEVILLE

Boarding at 5:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 SEVILLE • CADIZ

AM: Excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of Seville PM: Cruise towards Cádiz

DAY 3 CADIZ • EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA

Excursions proposed:

AM: · Guided tour of Cádiz

PM: • Guided visit of the Osborne Bodega and wine-tasting

EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA • Jerez • SEVILLE DAY 4

AM: Excursion proposed:

 Guided tour of Jerez PM: Cruise towards Seville

New Year's Eve dinner

DAY 5 SEVILLE • Córdoba • SEVILLE Excursion proposed: AM:

Guided tour of Córdoba

рм. Free time to discover Córdoba on your own

**SEVILLE** DAY 6

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

# Córdoba SEVILLE \_ **GUADALQUIVIR SPAIN** O Jerez EL PUERTO . DE SANTA MARIA **CADIZ**

# REF. REW/REW NYEAPP • 5 - DAY CRUISE

# New Year in Venice

DAY 1

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 **VENICE • CHIOGGIA • VENICE** 

AM: Cruise towards Chioggia

Free time to discover the city on your own

PM: Excursion proposed: Guided tour of Padua

DAY 3 **VENICE** • Burano • Murano • VENICE

Excursions proposed:

• The Lagoon islands of Burano and Murano AM:

PM: • Guided tour of 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

Disembark at 11:00 a.m.

Optional additional night on board. Half board including: dinner, accommodation, and breakfast



See excursion details on page 189.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passeport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or

# THE RHINE

# ■ 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 center, 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.

CRUISE REF. ACS\_PP, page 180.

# ■ AMSTERDAM & ITS DIAMONDS MERCHANTS

# 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 Rieker Windmill, built in 1636 to help drain water out of the surrounding land. We'll then head to the Diamond District to observe how the talented cutters facet the raw diamonds into the jewels we buy. Our guide will explain in detail how a diamond is valued. After our tour, you'll be able to spend some time browsing the shop. 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!

CRUISE REF. NOB, page 173.

# ■ CHRISTMAS MARKET IN COLMAR AND THE ECOMUSEUM OF ALSACE

# LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll leave for Colmar with our hostess. 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. We'll enjoy lunch in town or its surroundings. Afterwards, we'll continue our trip towards Ungersheim. 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.

CRUISE REF. MNC page 171.

# ■ COLMAR AND THE WINE ROUTE 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!

CRUISE REF. MNO, page 170.

# **■ 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.

CRUISE REF. NOB, page 173.

# ■ HEIDELBERG

# LENGTH: 4.25 hours

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.

CRUISES REF. ACS\_PP/RES/ZAA, pages 178 to 180.

# **■ MARKSBURG CHÂTEAU**

### LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll set off by coach for a guided tour of the Marksburg. The castle was built in the 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

CRUISE REF. NOL, page 172.

# NUREMBERG

# LENGTH: 12 hours (including 7 hours transportation)

We'll set off for Nuremberg, arriving late in the morning and have lunch in a restaurant. Our guide will take us to the famous Nuremberg Christmas market, one of the most beautiful in Europe and probably the largest in the world. Towards 4:00 p.m., we'll hop back on our coach and head for Germersheim.

CRUISE REF. MNN, page 171.

# ■ POTTER 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.

CRUISE REF. MNA, page 170.

# **■** 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. We'll then take a stroll down the Drosselgasse, famous for its "guinguettes". Enjoy some free time before returning on board.

CRUISES REF. ACS\_PP/NOL/NOW/REA/REG/ RES/ZAA, pages 172 and 179 to 181.

# **■ STRASBOURG**

# LENGTH: 9 hours

We'll set out for a panoramic tour of Strasbourg starting with the German Quarter and its university, library, theatre and the Palais du Rhin. We'll then move on to the Parc de l'Orangerie and the European Institutions district before we continue on foot

through the Old Strasbourg and the Petite France district where tanners used to work. We'll finish up

our tour with the Cathedral Square and lunch in a restaurant. Enjoy some free time before turning on board.

CRUISES REF. MNA/MNO, page 170.

# ■ 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.

CRUISES REF. MNN/NOB/NOL/NOW, pages 171 to 173.

# ■ THE CHRISTMAS MARKET IN FREIBURG

# LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll leave from Breisach for 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 afternoon.

CRUISE REF. MNC, page 171.

# ■ 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 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 wooden shoes in the Netherlands

CRUISE REF. NOB, page 173.



### **■ BRATISLAVA**

### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll start our visit with a panoramic guided tour of the city taking us to the Bratislava Castle. 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.

For cruises REF. MVI\_PP/NVI\_PP, free time to enjoy the Christmas Market.

CRUISES REF. MVI\_PP/NDA\_PP/NVI\_PP, pages 176 and 181.

# **■ BUDAPEST**

## LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave for a panoramic guided tour of Budapest. We'll start off by crossing the famous Chain 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 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

Gothic styles.
For cruises REF. MVI\_PP/NVI\_PP, we'll finish up at

Vörösmarty Square where we'll discover one of the oldest, richest and most spectacular of all the Christmas Markets in Budapest.

CRUISES REF. NVI\_PP/MVI\_PP/NDA\_PP, pages 176 and 181.

# **■ THE 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.

CRUISES REF. NVI\_PP/NDA\_PP, pages 176 and 181.

### **■ 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.

For cruises REF. MVI\_PP/NVI\_PP, free time to discover the traditional "Magic of Advent" Christmas Market.

CRUISES REF. MVI\_PP/NDA\_PP/NVI\_PP, pages 176 and 181.



# 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. We'll return to the boat by coach.

CRUISES REF. BON/BOR, pages 173 and 182.

# ■ PAUILLAC AND THE GRANDS CRUS WINE ROUTE OF THE MEDOC

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach from Pauillac for our trip along the Grands Crus Wine Route of the Médoc, a prestigious winegrowing 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

CRUISES REF. BON/BOR, pages 173 and 182.

# **■ SAINT-EMILION**

# LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set out for a guided tour of the underground monuments in Saint-Emilion, 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-Emilion. A commented wine-tasting session will complete the visit.

CRUISES REF. BON/BOR, pages 173 and 182.

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# ■ 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. We'll return to the boat by coach.

CRUISES REF. BON/BOR, pages 173 and 182.



# 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. We'll visit La Doutre, a village-like district in the heart of the city.

CRUISES REF. NLO\_PP/RLO\_PP, pages 174 and 184.

# **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 18th-century buildings, and continue 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 transport you back in time.

CRUISES REF. NLO\_PP/RLO\_PP, pages 174 and 184.

# ■ SAINT-NAZAIRE

# 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. 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, today 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.

CRUISES REF. NLO\_PP/RLO\_PP, pages 174 and 184.

# ■ 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

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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 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 wine 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 England and France.

CRUISES REF. NLO\_PP/RLO\_PP, pages 174 and 184.

# **■ 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 continue towards La Chapelle Heulin and stop at the Cassemichere 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.

CRUISES REF. NLO\_PP/RLO\_PP, pages 174 and 184.

# 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.

CRUISE REF. LNA, page 183.

# 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

CRUISES REF. NLP\_PP/LNA, pages 174 and 183.

# 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.

CRUISES REF. LNA/ NLP\_PP, pages 174 and 183.



# 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

CRUISE REF. LNA, page 183.

# **VIVIERS AND MONTELIMAR**

### 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.

CRUISE REF. NLP\_PP, page 174.

# THE SEINE

# **■ HONFLEUR**

# LENGTH: 4 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.

CRUISE REF. NPA, page 175.

# **■ HONFLEUR** & THE CÔTE FLEURIE

# LENGTH: 9 hours

We'll leave by coach 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

CRUISE REF. RPA, page 182.

# **■ 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 16th-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"

CRUISE REF. NPA, page 175.

# PARIS

# LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll set out for a guided 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

CRUISE REF. RPA, page 182.

# 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.) built both in honour of the Saint as well as the heroine celebrated by the French on the second Sunday in May.

CRUISES REF. NPA/RPA, pages 175 and 182.

# THE GUADALQUIVIR

# TIL GOADALQOIVIN

# **■** CADIZ

### LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set out for a panoramic tour followed by a walking tour of Cádiz, including the 17<sup>th</sup>-century Castillo de San Sebastián, the La Vina district, a traditional Spanish neighbourhood, and the cathedral.

CRUISES REF. NAA/NAD, pages 177 and 185.

# ■ CORDOBA (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.

CRUISES REF. NAA/NAD, pages 177 and 185.

# **■** 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 12th century.

CRUISES REF. NAA/NAD, pages 177 and 185.

# **■ 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.

CRUISES REF. NAA/NAD, pages 177 and 185.

# ■ 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.

CRUISES REF. NAA/NAD, pages 177 and 185.



# **THE PO**

# ■ 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.

CRUISES REF. NOV/REW, pages 177 and 185.

# **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.

CRUISES REF. NOV/REW, pages 177 and 185.

# ■ 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 9<sup>th</sup> century until the Republic fell in 1797. Although there are no longer any traces of the 9<sup>th</sup> century Byzantine structures, the Palace as we see it today, richly decorated outside and inside, dates from the 14<sup>th</sup> century and is viewed by many as the finest in the world. We'll go to the top of the famous Golden Staircase to admire the paintings of Tintoretto and Veronese, walk through the Council Chamber and out onto the balcony with its fantastic view. We'll cross the famous decorated Bridge of Sighs leading to the prison. Known as the image of the destiny that awaited the prisoners, the bridge has nowadays more romantic connotations.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

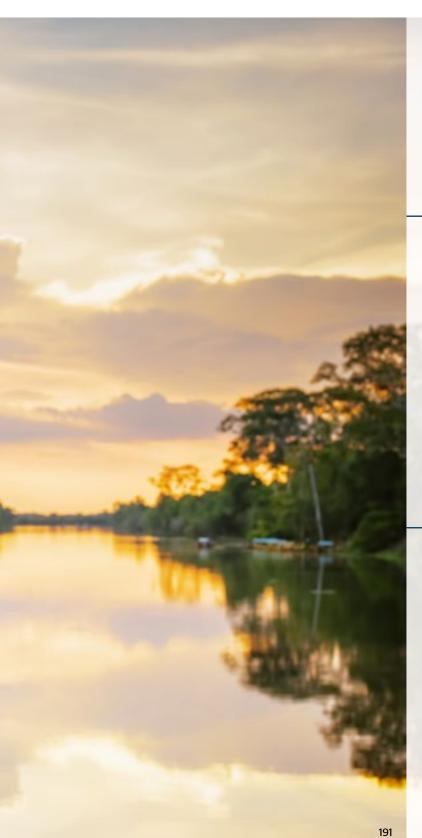
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REF. 11A CLPP/11A LCPP • 9 - DAY ITINERARY

# Southern Africa: travel to the ends of the earth

DAY 1 JOHANNESBURG

Program depends on time of arrival

PM: Excursion proposed:

Discover Soweto

Night spent at the hotel



DAY 2 JOHANNESBURG • KASANE CRUISING ON THE AFRICAN DREAM

**AM:** Flight from Johannesburg to Kasane, Botswana

Boarding our luxury ship

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

PM: First nature and wildlife cruise along the Kasai Channel

DAY 3 CRUISING ON THE AFRICAN DREAM

AM: Excursion proposed:

• Jeep safari through the Chobe National Park

PM: Cruise to the Zambezi River

Excursion proposed:

• Water safari in search of the larger animals

DAY 4 CRUISING ON THE AFRICAN DREAM

Day spent cruising to Kabulabula through the Chobe National Park, discovering the richest pockets of wildlife in Africa

DAY 5 CHOBE RIVER • SEDUDU ISLAND • ARRIVAL AT LODGE

AM: Disembark

Excursion proposed:

Water safari to catch a glimpse of the major wild animals

PM: Lunch in our floating restaurant in the middle of the river

Arrival and settling into the lodge

DAY 6 IMPALILA ISLAND

AM: Excursion proposed:

• Visit to a local school and meet the teachers and students

PM: Free time to take part in the activities at the lodge

or relax by the pool

DAY 7 IMPALILA ISLAND

AM: Excursion proposed:

• Visit an authentic village and meet the locals

PM: Activities delving into local customs

DAY 8 VICTORIA FALLS

AM: Coach transfer to Victoria Falls

Lunch cruise

**PM:** Excursion proposed:

Tour on foot of the falls in Zimbabwe
 "Down" distributed by the falls in Zimbabwe

"Boma" dinner with traditional dance and music



Embark on a unique cruise along the most beautiful bends of the Chobe and Zambezi Rivers

CroisiEurope's luxurious and comfortable lodge and ship provide an intimate look at the nature to be found

# **EXCURSIONS:**

- Land and water safaris for an up-close experience of the region and ecosystem
- The grandness of Victoria Falls
- Discover authentic traditional cuisine and age-old customs
- Meet locals face-to-face







ALL INCLUSIVE on board & at the lodge

### DAY 9 **VICTORIA FALLS**

Optional excursion proposed: AM:

• Helicopter ride over Victoria Falls

End of our services

See excursion details on page 195.

The itinerary and the order of the visits can change depending on the weather.







Extend your stay in Southern Africa at the Cape of Good Hope

### **EXCURSIONS:**

The Cape of Good Hope:

- 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
- Tasting of South-African wines at a reputable estate
- Meet-up with the penguin colony near Simon's Town



REF. 14F\_CLPP/14F\_LCPP • 3 - DAY EXTENDED STAY

# Stay at the Cape of Good Hope

# DAY 1 CAPE TOWN

Program depends on time of arrival

Excursions proposed:

AM: • Panoramic tour of Cape Town • Ascent of Table Mountain

# DAY 2 ROBBEN ISLAND • GROOT CONSTANTIA WINE ESTATE

Excursions proposed:

AM: • Guided tour of Robben IslandPM: • Guided tour of the Groot Cons

Guided tour of the Groot Constantia Wine Estate

and wine tasting

# DAY 3 THE CAPE PENINSULA

Excursions proposed:

AM: • Ride along Chapman's Peak Drive to the Cape

of Good Hope peninsula

**PM:** • Discover the penguin colony near Simon's Town

# DAY 4 CAPE TOWN • JOHANNESBURG

AM: Transfer to the airport and flight to Johannesburg

Join up the rest of the safari-cruise group





# SOUTHERN AFRICA INFORMATION

# **Formalities**

Passengers should contact their Embassy or Consulate to ensure any essential paperwork is obtained before travelling.

# **Health Formalities**

This type of tour/cruise is not recommended for persons with reduced mobility. 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-to-date: Tetanus, Polio, Hepatitis A and B, Diphtheria and Typhoid.

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.). Consultation with your attending physician regarding antimalarial treatment and yellow fever vaccine is recommended.

# Currency

Onboard the African Dream, it's possible to pay in cash (US dollars or euros) or with a major bank card

Before your departure, we suggest changing cash into US dollars as the currency will be accepted in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe.

South Africa: the rand (ZAR)

1€ = 15ZAR\*

Botswana: the pula (BWP)

1€ = 12 BWP\*

Namibia: the Namibian dollar (NAD)

1€ = 15NAD\*

Zimbabwe: Zimbabwean bond notes, pegged equally against the US dollar

1€ = 1,10USD\*
\*April 2017 rates.

# Climate

In Johannesburg, temperatures are never excessive due to its altitude (1,752 m./5,751 ft.). 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 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.

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# SOUTHERN AFRICA EXCURSIONS

# Core program

# **■ SOWETO**

We'll depart by coach towards Soweto, which came to the world's attention in 1976 with the Soweto Uprising, when mass protests erupted over the government's policy to enforce education in the Afrikaans language rather than English. It has been estimated that one-third of Johannesburg's population lives in Soweto. All eleven of South . Africa's official languages are spoken here. It is a community of extremes: on the one hand there is abject poverty, and on the other hand there is extraordinary wealth in the suburbs such as Diepkloof Extension and Selection Park. We'll have lunch before setting out on a panoramic tour to discover Freedom Park and the unique atmosphere in this well-known neighbourhood. We'll have dinner and spend the night at a four-star hotel.

# **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 upclose experiences with wildlife.

# **■ IMPALILA ISLAND**

These two days will be dedicated to discovering the culture and traditions of the area. We'll visit a local school to meet students and teachers, leading to unique moments of sharing and exchange. We'll then visit a rebuilt traditional village, an opportunity to learn more about the Namibian houses, the everyday life and living together of the indigenous population and more. Join us for some activities delving into local customs at the lodge to deepen your insight into this culture.

# **■ 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".

# **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 (subject to

favourable weather conditions). We'll have dinner and spend the night at our 4-star hotel.

# ■ 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, given by one of its former prisoners. 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. We'll have dinner and spend the night at the hotel.

# **■ THE CAPE PENINSULA**

We'll set out for the legendary Cape of Good Hope Peninsula. 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. We'll have dinner and spend the night at the hotel.





REF. 1R3 PP/1H3 PP (opposite direction) • 11 - DAY ITINERARY

# From the Angkor temples to the Mekong Delta

# DAY 1 SIEM REAP • ANGKOR

Program depends on time of arrival Lunch in your 4-star hotel

Excursions proposed:

- Visit the Senteurs d'Angkor perfume workshop
- Visit the Artisans d'Angkor workshops

Night spent at the hotel

# DAY 2 SIEM REAP • ANGKOR

Excursions proposed:

AM: • Banteay Srei and Ta Prohm temples

PM: • Tour of Angkor Thom including the Bayon Mountain Temple, the Terrace of the Elephants and that of the Leper King

• Phare Circus Show and dinner at a local restaurant

Stroll through the Angkor Night Market

Night spent at the hotel

# DAY 3 SIEM REAP • TONLE LAKE

**AM:** Excursion proposed:

The Angkor Wat temple

PM: Boarding, introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

# DAY 4 TONLE LAKE • KAMPONG CHHNANG KAMPONG TRALACH

AM: Cruise through Tonlé Lake

PM: Excursion proposed:

• Visit of Kampong Chhnang and tasting of local products

# DAY 5 KAMPONG TRALACH • KOH CHEN • PHNOM PENH

Excursions proposed:

AM: • The Wat Kampong Tralach Leu pagoda

PM: • Tour of Koh Chen with villagers specialized in silver

and copper smithing, visit of the school

Cruise towards Phnom Penh

• Tuk-tuk ride through the city

Apsara dance performance on board

# DAY 6 PHNOM PENH

Excursions proposed:

AM: • The Royal Palace and its Silver Pagoda

• The National Museum

**PM:** • Tuol Svay Prey S21, former detention centre

Free time at the local market

# DAY 7 CHAU DOC • SA DEC (Vietnam)

AM: Cruise towards Chau Doc

PM: Excursions proposed:

Visit to a fish farm aboard small boatsNui Sam Hill: Phat Thay Tay An pagoda

and Ba Chua Xu temple

# DAY 8 SA DEC • VINH LONG • CAI BE

Excursions proposed:

AM: • The local market and Huynh Thuy Lê's former home

in Sa Dec

PM: • Visit to a brickyard and a fruit tree nursery

• Discover a handcraft manufactory producing puffed rice,

rice cakes and rice wine

# **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

Join us on a spectacular cruise through Asia and build memories that will last a lifetime

- Navigation through the gorgeous Chao Gao Canal
- Personalized service from a CroisiEurope tour guide throughout your journey
- Drinks included with meals

# **EXCURSIONS:**

- 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





# DAY 9 MY THO • HÔ-CHI-MINH CITY (Saigon)

AM: Excursion proposed:

Visit to a honey bee farm with tastings of honey tea
 and evotic fruit

and exotic fruit

PM: 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

PM: • Tour of the Cu Chi Tunnels Farewell cocktail and dinner

# DAY 11 HÔ-CHI-MINH CITY

AM: Disembark

Excursion proposed:

 Tour of Cholon, the local Chinatown, and visit to a lacquerware factory

PM: Lunch in town before the end of our journey

See excursion details on page 199.





# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Extend your vacation to Hanoi and beautiful Ha Long Bay

• Drinks included with meals

# **EXCURSIONS:**

- Discover Hanoi, the historic heart of the nation
- Junk cruise across Ha Long Bay with its breathtaking scenery
- Tuk-tuk ride through the "36 streets" of the Old Quarter
- Vietnamese cooking class



**ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED** 

REF. 1R6 PP • 4 - DAY EXTENDED STAY

# Hanoi and Ha Long Bay

DAY 11 **HÔ-CHI-MINH CITY • HANOI** 

PM: Transfer to the airport

Flight to Hanoi

Dinner and accommodation at a five-star 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 your hotel

DAY 13 HANOI • HA LONG BAY

AM: Transfer to Ha Long Bay

Boarding a junk, welcome cocktail and lunch

PM: Cruise through mythical Ha Long Bay

Night spent on board

### DAY 14 HA LONG BAY • HANOI

AM: Tai Chi class on the deck

• Visit one of the most beautiful caves of Ha Long Bay

Brunch and disembark at 11:00 a.m.

Transfer to Hanoi

PM: Stop off in Dinh Bang

Light dinner before the end of our journey

See excursion details on page 199.





# MEKONG AND HA LONG BAY INFORMATION

A river cruise in Asia is a spectacular, unforgettable experience tinged with adventure.

# **Formalities**

Passengers should contact their Embassy or Consulate to ensure any essential paperwork is obtained before travelling.

# Health formalities

This type of tour/cruise is not recommended for persons with reduced mobility. 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-to-date: Tetanus, Polio, Hepatitis A and B, Diphtheria and Typhoid. An antimalarial treatment is recommended. Please consult your doctor before your travels.

# Currency

The currency aboard our ships is the US Dollar (preferably in small denominations).

# Climate

The dry season lasts from December to April, but the atmosphere remains humid (77°F/25°C to 95°F/35°C). During the green season which runs from May to October, there are frequent but short rainstorms which usually occur towards the end of the afternoon.

For Northern Vietnam extended stays, from December to March, the weather can be chilly - even cold in Hanoi and in Ha Long bay. A fleece jacket or a windbreaker is recommended.

# Time difference

You can consult www.worldtimezone.com to see the time difference between your home and your destination.

# **Tips**

Tips are expected for tour guides, drivers, porters, etc. Tips are included for the crew on the ship for the entire cruise and for the guides and drivers for the 3 days in Siem Reap. They are not included for the guides, drivers, local boat captains, etc., during the 9-day cruise, nor the 4-day extended stay.

# Plugs and voltage

220 volts - please bring the appropriate adapters and converters

# Food and meals

All meals are provided on this tour. Fresh products such as fish, fruits and vegetables are prepared on board. Buffet service for breakfast and lunch. Table service for dinner. Asian and Western cuisine.

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# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

# **MEKONG**

The itinerary, ports of call and visits are subject to modification by the ship owner and/or our representatives on the spot. The excursions may be amended or completed in the reverse order if it is deemed necessary. The ship's captain reserves the right to modify the cruising itinerary to ensure the safe navigation of the vessel.

Depending on the water level on Tonlé Lake, crossing will be done either on the ship, by high-speed boat, or by coach.

The banks of the river on which we travel can be very steep and slippery depending on the water levels.

The green season is an interesting and very busy period. We can see farmers at work in the paddy fields with buffalos - lush landscapes and less frequented sites.

# HA LONG BAY EXTENDED TOUR

You'll be cruising on a modern, highly comfortable junk that is a replica of an original. The sails are mostly decorative and are raised only once for show during the cruise. There will be a variety of nationalities and passengers from other tour operators on board.

Over 200 junks cruise Ha Long Bay on any given day.

Certain sites such as Sung Sot Cave have heavy, daily tourist traffic. The cruise on Ha Long Bay can be cancelled in the event of bad conditions.

The weather can be unpredictable depending on the season—but under the sun, drizzle or fog, the bay still remains one of the most magnificent in the world.



# MEKONG AND HA LONG BAY EXCURSIONS

# Core program

# **■ SIEM REAP**

### · Arts and crafts in Angkor

We'll visit the "Senteurs d'Angkor" perfume workshop. We'll discover weaving of sugar palm leaves as well as the manufacture of soaps and candles, and the preparation of aromatic spices. We'll then continue on to visit the workshops of "Artisans d'Angkor", where young Cambodians are trained in the art of traditional wood carving and stonework based on long-standing Khmer artisanal traditions.

# • The Jewels of Angkor

We'll leave for an early visit of Banteay Srei, a 10th-century Cambodian temple dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva and widely praised as the "Jewel of Khmer Art". Rediscovered among the vines of the forest in 1914, it is the only temple carved in hard red sandstone in the Angkor region. We'll then visit the Ta Prohm temple, built in the late 12th century and which remains as it was found centuries later with trees growing out of the ruins. We'll enjoy a nice lunch before exploring Angkor Thom, a vast architectural complex which can be accessed through five gates. At its centre is the monumental Bayon Mountain Temple, famous for its towers and its 172 smiling Buddha faces. We'll also see the Terrace of the Elephants and Terrace of the Leper King. We'll end our afternoon tour with the Phare Circus Show and its exceptional acrobats and artists, finishing up with dinner in the city and a stroll through the night market.

### Angkor Wat temple

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 on Tonlé Lake. 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'll visit the beautiful Vihara of the Wat Kampong Tralach Leu pagoda. We'll cross through the village of Kampong Tralach by oxcart to reach the pagoda on a small path running perpendicular to the river amidst a magnificent landscape of rice fields. The Vihara dates back to the beginning of the last century and has many magnificent wall paintings. Completely isolated in the middle of the rice fields, the pagoda is quite unassuming and does not receive many visitors. Its isolation makes it a truly magnificent spot. We'll then visit the small village of Koh Chen, where the inhabitants are experts in silver and copper smithing. The ornaments and decorations used during traditional ceremonies in the pagoda or for weddings are made there. We'll visit the school of the village. Once we reach Phom Penh, we'll get on a tuk-tuk for a tour around Phnom Penh's most beautiful buildings.

# **■ PHNOM PENH**

Founded in 1434, the capital of Cambodia retains much of its colonial charm thanks to the rehabilitation of part of its architectural heritage. We'll visit the Silver Pagoda whose name derives from the more than 5,000 silver tiles covering its floor, and the Royal Palace, the symbolic heart of the nation and one of the finest examples of Cambodian architecture inspired by classical Khmer style. We'll then visit the 1917 National Museum built by the French following traditional Khmer architectural style. We'll have lunch at a local restaurant before we visit the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum. First known as Tuol Svay Prey, this former high school was turned into S21 - a detention, torture and execution centre - by the Khmer Rouge during the civil war. Following our tour, enjoy some free time in the market overflowing with all types of businesses.



# CHAU DOC

This town, located on the border between Cambodia and Vietnam, became part of Vietnamese territory some 300 years ago. In the heart of a gigantic grid of rice fields, the city of Chau Doc is draped along the Hâu River (a branch of the Mekong River) and the floating farms overspill into the waters. It is a very prosperous town that developed around fishing and farming. Inside the town, you can still see a few colonial buildings with their old-fashioned charm. The surrounding market is the vibrant heart of the city and offers a multitude of colors. We'll be transferred by boat to visit a fish farm. We'll visit the top of Nui Sam Mountain. On our way back to downtown Chau Doc, we'll visit the Phat Thay Tay An Pagoda and Ba Chua Xu Temple.

# ■ SA DEC AND CAI BE

We'll set out for a panoramic tour of Sa Dec where a few colonial mansions still remain. We'll discover the local market and visit the former home of Huynh Thuy Lê, who was French novelist Marguerite Duras' lover (Duras spent part of her childhood in Sa Dec). Famous for its horticulture, Sa Dec was known as the 'Garden of Cochin-China' in colonial tim es. We'll then set off in boats through the orchards that lead to Cai Be. We'll tour a brickyard and admire the work of potters, as well as visit a fruit tree nursery on the island of Binh Hoa Phuoc. We'll also discover the local traditional craft of puffed rice, rice wafer paper for making spring rolls and rice wine, produced by the unique family business of the Delta's economy.

# **■ MY THO**

We'll visit the islands close to My Tho. It is known for its many vegetable gardens and fruit orchards. The climate is hot and pleasant all year long. The surrounding countryside includes one of the most luxuriant gardens in Vietnam with coconut, banana, mango and longan trees. We'll board a sampan and discover the canals maze. We'll then visit a honey bee farm before tasting honey tea and exotic fruit.

# HÔ-CHI-MINH CITY (Saigon)

# • Full da

We'll set out for a guided tour of Hô-Chi-Minh City, originally named Saigon, which has a prominent history going back hundreds of years. It is the main port of Vietnam. Our tour of the city will take us past such sites as the Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office. We'll have lunch on board before leaving by coach for the Cu Chi tunnels, former hiding spot for Viet Cong soldiers. It serves today as a reminder of the everyday life during the Vietnam War for both soldiers and civilians. We'll learn all about their clever survival techniques.

### Morning

We'll discover Cholon. Known as the local Chinatown, Cholon is a major centre for Chinese trade in the capital city. We'll visit the market and the Thien Hau temple dedicated to the goddess of the sea. We'll then visit a traditional lacquerware factory before we enjoy lunch in town.

# **Extended Stay**

# ■ HANOI

We'll visit 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 then move on to the Temple of Literature which was home to Vietnam's first national university, the Imperial Academy, and is one of several temples in Vietnam dedicated to Confucius. The interior of the temple is divided into five impressive and unique courtyards, arranged south to north. The first courtyard can be reached through a monumental gate known as the Great Portico. After our morning tour, we'll have lunch before we discover the Old Quarter of the city by pedicab or electric car. The district is also known as "36 streets" in reference to the different guilds that lived there and concentrated their businesses along separate streets, still carrying their names. We'll finish up our day with a traditional water puppetry show and dinner at a local restaurant.

# **■ HA LONG BAY JUNK CRUISE**

We'll be transferred to Ha Long Bay (3.5 hours travel time) to board a 4-star junk and enjoy a welcome cocktail. We'll have lunch and start our cruise to discover the thousands of various limestone islands dotting the emerald-colored Bay. We'll then visit one of the most important grottos. We'll enjoy dinner and spend the night on board the junk. The next day, enjoy a Tai Chi class on the deck. We'll continue our cruise through the bay, discovering more of its extraordinary scenery and visiting one of the largest caves.





- Discover the dazzling splendours of Russia on board a 5-anchor ship
- An immersive journey in Russian culture with a wide range of onboard activities
- Personalized service from a CroisiEurope tour guide throughout your cruise

## **EXCURSIONS:**

- Moscow and the Kremlin
- Saint Petersburg and its historic centre listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Rural Russia with towns such as Goritsky and Mandrogi



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED WITH AUDIOGUIDS

REF. 8VX\_PP/8XV\_PP (opposite direction) • 8 - DAY CRUISE

# From Moscow to Saint Petersburg

DAY1 MOSCOW

Boarding at 2:00 p.m. Night spent on board

DAY 2 MOSCOW

AM: Excursions proposed:

• Panoramic tour of Moscow

• Visit to the Kremlin

PM: Excursions proposed:

• The Red Square and St. Basil's Cathedral

• The Gum State Department Store

Return to the boat, passing by the KGB Headquarters Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 3 UGLICH

AM: Cruise towards Uglich PM: Excursion proposed:

• Tour of Uglich, the Church of St Dmitry on the Blood

and the Cathedral of the Transfiguration

Dinner and traditional concert

DAY 4 GORITSKY

AM: Cruise towards Goritsky

PM: Excursion proposed:

Visit to the Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery

DAY 5 KIZHI

AM: Cruise towards Kizhi
Classical music concert
PM: Excursion proposed:

Tour of Kizhi

Dinner, concert and dancing



DAY 6 MANDROGI

AM: Free time to discover Mandrogi and its many attractions

PM: Lunch in the open

Captain's Dinner and gala evening

# DAY 7 SAINT PETERSBURG

Excursions proposed:

AM: • Panoramic tour of Saint Petersburg

Visit to the Peter and Paul Fortress and St. Isaac Cathedral

**PM:** • Visit to the State Hermitage Museum

# DAY 8 SAINT PETERSBURG

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 201.



# PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR VOLGA

# **Formalities**

Passengers should contact their Embassy or Consulate to ensure any essential paperwork is obtained before travelling.

# Health formalities

We would like to remind passengers with limited mobility that many of the visits and excursions are on foot.

There are no compulsory vaccinations required although inoculation against diphtheria is strongly recommended.

# Currency

The Rouble cannot be bought in advance and must be obtained on the spot. The Euro and US Dollar are both now more commonly found in

use. We recommend notes in small denominations. Credit cards are becoming more widely accepted. We do not recommend Travellers' Cheques.

# Climate

The whole of the country has a very distinct continental climate which is particularly cold in winter and hot in summer, with very short intermediate seasons. Spring arrives late, usually around the end of April in Moscow. It then becomes very sunny, temperatures rise very rapidly but it is still cold at night. In September, both in Moscow and in Saint Petersburg, pleasant warm days alternate with days that are already quite cold.

# **Tips**

Tips for the crew and on-board staff (sailors, crew, waiters and waitresses, chambermaids...) and guides are included.

# **Electricity**

220 volts - please bring the appropriate adapters and converters.

# Important information

Navigational obligations and weather conditions can disrupt the itinerary, and in certain cases, intermediate stops may be canceled. If this happens, CroisiEurope will do our best to find the best solution according to passenger expectations. 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.

# **Excursion information**

Moscow and Saint Petersburg can disturb the sequence of certain excursions.



# VOLGA EXCURSIONS

# **■** MOSCOW

# LENGTH: 5.5 hours

We'll visit the Kremlin, former residence of the tsars, and take a stroll around the Cathedral Square where we'll come across the most ancient monuments. We'll visit one of the cathedrals before we continue our tour passing by the Red Square, a space cleared by Ivan the Great and reorganized by Ivan the Terrible, which is now the historic and political centre of Russia. We'll then stop by the celebrated GUM State Department Store. Before we return to the boat, we'll pass by the Lubyanka (KGB Headquarters).

# **■** UGLICH

# LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll visit this historic town, first settled along the banks of the Volga River in 937. It is viewed as one of the most treasurable towns of the Golden Ring due to the number of buildings with ancient architecture. We'll visit the Uglich Kremlin and the Church of Saint Dmitry on the Blood with its red walls, snow-white moldings and bright blue domes. The church was constructed under Peter the Great on the site of Tsarevich Dmitry's death. We'll then visit the Transfiguration Cathedral, a large, green domed, yellow and white building constructed in the early 18th century. The inside is one large vault covered with both frescoes and painted icons

# **■** GORITSKY

# LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set out by coach to visit the Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery. This monastery was founded in the 14<sup>th</sup> century by monk Cyril of Beloozero, an exceptionally

pious monk who was appointed archimandrite of the Simonov Monastery in Moscow, an honorary title granted to the superiors of monasteries. This is one of the oldest monasteries in Russia and the largest in Northern Russia.

# **■** KIZHI

# LENGTH: 3 hours

Located at the heart of Lake Onega in the Republic of Karelia, Kizhi is one of Russia's must-see attractions. We'll visit the open-air museum that houses a collection of amazing wooden structures from the past, including old chapels and houses, windmills and granaries as well as barns and racks for drying crops. The gem of this collection is the 22-domed Transfiguration Church (currently being restored), covered with golden leaves and religious portraits.

# **■ MANDROGI**

# LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll stop in Mandrogi. Founded in 1996 by the side of the Svir, mid-way between Lake Ladoga and Lake Onega, Mandrogi is a tourist village built in pure Russian tradition to illustrate rural life in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Enjoy some free time to explore this village and its many tourist attractions such as colourful izbas, the Vodka Museum and traditional artisanal crafts. Enjoy a typical lunch while listening to some traditional music.

# **■ SAINT PETERSBURG**

# LENGTH: 7 hours

Enjoy a panoramic tour of Saint Petersburg including Nevsky Prospect, the city's main commercial street, the imposing Saint Isaac Cathedral and the Rostral Columns. We'll visit the Peter and Paul Fortress and its cathedral which has been the final resting place for all tsars since Peter the Great. We'll visit the historical centre of Saint Petersburg listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. We'll see several buildings making up this historical site including the State Hermitage Museum. the tsars' former Winter Palace.

Russian authorities can unexpectedly close certain sites or museums. If this occurs, we will propose an alternative.

Certain places we will visit have very high levels of security. The Kremlin, for example, is not only a tourist site, but the seat of the Russian government. We cannot be held liable for any unforeseen closings, but we will commit to doing our best to ensure comparable substitute

Frequent traffic jams in Moscow and Saint Petersburg can disturb the sequence of certain excursions



# COASTAL CRUISES







REF. DHD\_PP/DHD\_AIPP • 8 - DAY CRUISE

# Round cruise through Croatia and Montenegro

DAY 1 **DUBROVNIK** 

Boarding at 5:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 **DUBROVNIK** 

AM: Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Dubrovnik

PM: Free time to discover Dubrovnik on your own

DAY 3 MLJET • KORCULA

AM: Excursion for both packages:

• Guided tour of Mljet Island

PM: Excursions proposed:

• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Korcula

• DISCOVERY: Buggy safari from Korcula through gorgeous

landscapes and tasting of local products

DAY 4 **KORCULA • SIBENIK** 

AM: 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 AM:

Excursion for both packages:

Guided tour of Trogir

PM: Excursion for both packages: • CLASSIC: Guided tour of Split

DAY 6 SPLIT • HVAR • VIS

AM:

Excursions proposed:
• CLASSIC: Guided tour of Hvar

• DISCOVERY: Urban hike on Hvar island to the fortress

PM: Excursion proposed:

• DISCOVERY: Bike tour of Vis Island

Gala dinner





Dazzling landscapes and architectural diversity in the purest Veneto-Byzantine tradition

# **EXCURSIONS:**

- Heavenly setting on the islands of Mljet, Korcula, Vis and Hvar
- The most beautiful fortified towns in all of Dalmatia







ALL INCLUSIVE on board



DAY 8 **DUBROVNIK** 

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 208.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.







REF. CAT • 8 - DAY CRUISE

# Sicily and Malta

CATANIA • SYRACUSE • VALLETTA LICATA • CATANIA



# **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

Stunning landscapes and crystal-clear waters: join us on a unique journey along the coast of lovely Sicily all the way to Malta







ALL INCLUSIVE on board







Discover beautiful landscapes lapped by the splendid crystal-clear Ionian and Tyrrhenian Seas as we cruise through the famous Strait of Messina and the Aeolian Islands

An immersive journey through picturesque towns, exceptional archeological sites and enchanting local flavours in the South of Italy

### **FXCURSIONS:**

- Naples, Italy's most unlikely masterpiece
- Pompeii or Herculaneum
- Tindari and the Sanctuary of the Black Madonna
- Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe
- Taormina and its antique theatre
- Tropea, the very best of Calabria
- The Amalfi Coast
- Capri and its natural surroundings



REF. NAP PP/NAP AIPP • 8 - DAY CRUISE

# The Amalfi coast, Sicily and Calabria

NAPLES • The Aeolian islands • MESSINA (Sicily) • VIBO MARINA Calabria • SALERNO • The Amalfi Coast • Capri • NAPLES



# 3 THEMED CRUISES ON SPECIFIC DATES ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED • THEMED EVENTS

REF. NAP TRAPP/NAP TRAIPP

# The Season of Advent

**ITALIAN ARTS AND TRADITIONS** 



# **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

- · San Gregorio Armeno street in Naples
- · Museo di Capodimonte, among the most beautiful art galleries in Italy
- The State Archaeological Museum in Vibo Valentia
- "Luci d'artista" in Salerno, art and decorations in the city

REF. NAP\_GOUPP/NAP\_GAIPP

# Italian Gastronomy

VISITS AND LOCAL DELICACIES



# CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- The famous Pizza Napoletana in a traditional pizzeria
- Regional products in Calabria
  - The Cannolo Siciliano in Tindari

REF. NAP VALPP/NAP VAAIPP

La Dolce Vita: Valentine's Day, Italian Cinema and Songs

VISITS AND EMOTION



- Intrigue and romance in Naples
- Sorrento: backdrop to the classic film "Scandal in Sorrento" with Sophia Loren
- · Romantic stroll through the Gardens of Augustus in Capri
- Taormina Bay and the scenery from "The Big Blue"

# **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 - with several valuable paintings, including a triptych by Nikola Bozidarevic. 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.

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# **■ 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.

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# **■ 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. Its facade is decorated with beautiful fluted reliefs and statues, while the main door is framed by statues of Adam

and Eve and figures of lions. We'll also enjoy the exhibits in the town museum, a treasure of cultural and commercial milestones from prehistoric times to the present.

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# ■ KOTOR

# 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 - the reason its two towers are so different one from the other. We'll then visit the maritime museum in the Grgurina Palace and its collection showing the development of past maritime and cultural activities.

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### ■ MI JFT

### LENGTH: 3.25 hours

Mljet is definitely the most charming island in all of the Mediterranean. After a stroll down a hiking 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. The monastery sits proudly among the Aleppo pines, surrounded by sandy beaches.

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# ■ SIBENIK AND THE KRKA FALLS LENGTH: 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 Heritage site and built between 1433 and 1477 entirely out of stone. 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. A trail will get you as close as you can to the falls.

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### SPI IT

### 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. Diocletian chose to end his days in this palace after he abdicated in 305 AD. We'll also see the Temple of Jupiter and the Cathedral built on the site of the mausoleum.

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# **■ 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 listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. We'll discover the magnificent Cathedral of St. Lawrence with its surprising interior. Long considered one of the best spots to visit on the Dalmatian coast, Trogir is a treasure trove of delight. We'll also visit the Town Hall and the old town, still brimming with fully preserved monuments from the 13th to the 15th centuries.

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# "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. The trip gives a fascinating insight into the complex character of this tiny isle. Following our tour, we'll return to the ship.

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# **■ 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. We'll trek along wooden walkways and earthen and stone paths. The trail follows the waterfall formations. On the first part of the hike, 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. You'll see a large and clear natural pool with high waterfalls at one end and smaller cascades at the other. A wooden bridge will allow you to take in the sight from up close. Now you'll know why the falls are one of Croatia's most famous sites.

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# ■ KORCULA - BUGGY SAFARI

LENGTH: 5 hours

Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines and hold on to your hats! 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 briefing, you will enjoy buggy driving on gravel roads through gorgeous landscapes full of olive groves and vineyards. You'll be far from the

crowds and up close and personal with nature. 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.

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# ■ URBAN HIKE 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. Known as the "Croatian Saint Tropez," it has retained all of the charm of days gone by. Walking also takes you through the long history of this city, where every stone has its own story to tell. We'll hike all the way to the Spanish fortress overlooking the island, where you'll be able to bask in the spectacular landscape surrounding you. After we return to the port, enjoy some free time on your own before returning to the ship.

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# **■ CALABRIA, TROPEA**

LENGTH: 4 hours

Discover Calabria - the "toe of the boot" on the extreme southern tip of Italy - lapped by the splendid crystalclear Ionian and Tyrrhenian Seas. The Strait of Messina separates mainland Italy from Sicily. We'll visit Tropea, a seaside resort with impressive scenery. This stretch of coastline is known as Coast of the Gods. Already frequented during Roman times, it was the Normans, Angevins and Aragonese that made Tropea prosper. Enjoy a tasting of local products before we head back to the boat.

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# CAPRI & ANACAPRI

LENGTH: 7.75 hours

We'll leave Naples on a hydrofoil, the guickest way to get to the beautiful island of Capri. During our mini-cruise, you'll be able take in the magnificent scenery: staggering views and a bright blue sea. When we arrive on the island, we'll take a minibus to the village of Anacapri. We'll visit the Villa San Michele, a picture sque homestead perched on the mountainside looking down over the lower half of Capri. It was built by the Swedish doctor and writer Axel Munthe. From the villa's gardens you'll have a fantastic view of the city of Capri, the Gulf of Naples, and Mount Vesuvius. We'll get back on our minibus and head to Capri, the main city on the island. Here, you'll discover the Piazza Umberto I, nicknamed "the little theatre of the world". We'll have lunch in a local restaurant (included). Afterwards, enjoy some free time on your own to do some shopping or stroll through the Gardens of Augustus, offering splendid views of the sea and fantastic photographic vistas. The garden's tranquility and natural beauty is unrivalled. We'll take the funicular back to the Marina Grande and return to Naples by hydrofoil.

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# HERCULANEUM

LENGTH: 4 hours

Herculaneum's fate runs parallel to Pompeii. Destroyed by an earthquake in 62 AD, the subsequent eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD saw it submerged in a sea of mud that essentially fossilized the city. Uncovered in 1709, it is now listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll leave by coach to visit the ruins and get a good idea of how ancient Romans lived. The excellent state of preservation is due to the rapid invasion of the lava flow, which prevented the buildings from collapsing. This meant that even delicate items, such as furniture and clothing, were discovered remarkably well preserved. Mosaics, carved and painted frescoes marble fountains and sinks, exquisite tile floors, and beautifully carved statues can be found throughout

the city. Enjoy some free time on your own before returning to the ship in Naples

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## MOUNT ETNA AND TAORMINA I FNGTH- 9 hours

Mount Etna Volcano is one of the world's most active volcanoes and has been erupting for over several million years. The ascent of Etna is the highlight of a visit to Sicily, not only for the volcanic activity but also for the superb views. We'll leave for Mount Etna by coach and enjoy the twisting, turning, panoramic route as we cross through small villages on the way. When we reach 1 950 m/6397 ft., we'll take a walk together to visit the "Silvestri" craters and enjoy the desert moon atmosphere. We'll have lunch and then travel to Taormina. Idyllically perched on a rock high above the sea, Taormina incarnates the legendary beauty of Sicily. Taormina has endlessly winding medieval streets and tiny passages, each with its own secret. Taormina's history began with the Greeks, who founded and named the town in 358 BC. Throughout the centuries, a variety of civilizations - including the Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, French and Spanish - seized the city for its strategic position overlooking the sea and valley. Nowadays, visitors can still find fine examples of Taormina's golden times. The highlight of this visit will no doubt be the tour of the amphitheatre built in the third century BC by the Greeks and later expanded by the Romans. The world-famous view of Mount Etna and the sea beyond the theatre is breathtaking. Enjoy some free time on the famous Corso Umberto before returning to the ship in Messina.

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# ■ NAPLES AND SOLFATARA

LENGTH: 4 hours

Leaving from Naples, we'll head for Solfatara, a shallow volcanic crater near Pozzuoli in the Campi Flegrei volcanic area. This dormant volcano still emits iets of steam with sulfurous fumes. It was formed around 4000 years ago and last erupted in 1198 AD. The caldera is essentially at ground level and contains a large number of fumaroles and over 150 pools of boiling mud at last count. Before returning to the ship, we'll enjoy a panoramic tour of unforgettable Naples, where you'll be able to see Mergellina, Castel dell'Ovo and Via Caracciolo.

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# **■ POMPEII**

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach with our tour guide from Naples and enjoy the scenic 30-minute ride to Pompeii. A reminder of the violent forces that lie deep inside Mount Vesuvius, Pompeii is Europe's most compelling archaeological site and one of Italy's most visited tourist attractions. Like an open book, the ruins provide fascinating information on the art, customs, trades and everyday life of the past. Alongside the elegant villas belonging to the nobility and the luxurious residences of the middle class stand modest houses where several families lived. The houses still contain furniture, kitchenware, lamps, food of all kinds, grain mills, grindstones, and workshops for making cloth. Plaster casts of the volcano's victims are moving tributes to their

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# ■ THE AMALFI COAST **AND SORRENTO**

LENGTH: 6.5 hours

The Amalfi Coast is a captivating combination of great beauty and gripping drama: coastal mountains dotted with picturesque towns and Jush forests plunge into the sea. UNESCO had the entire area declared a World Heritage Site in 1997 for its unarguable beauty and uniqueness of its natural landscape. There are all sorts of scenery on this coast - from volcanoes to coves, valleys to mountains, fjords to cliffs, caverns to arches, and sandy beaches to rocky coasts. Writers, artists, heads of state, and actors often flock here for inspiration and tranquility. We'll visit Sorrento and its extraordinary gardens and landscapes and stop to admire the Sedile Dominova - a picturesque open loggia with expansive arches originally constructed in the  $16^{\text{th}}$  century. We'll enjoy a tasting of some local farm products (an assortment of bruschetta, mozzarella. Italian cold cuts, and Limoncello) before discovering one of the most charming tourist routes in the world along the Amalfi Coast.

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# **■ TINDARI**

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

Tindari was settled during the Bronze Age. The Greeks re-settled it in 396 BC, and it became a Roman city 60 years later. By the 19th century, the site was deserted, but the name was retained by a church, standing on the most elevated point where the city once stood. This is the Sanctuary of the Black Madonna of Tindari, and visitors come from around the world to see the legendary statue. Inside, the sculpture of the citron wood Virgin and Child is said to have reached Tindari in an attempt by the faithful to keep it safe from the 8th century Byzantine Iconoclast movement. You'll learn about the other legends surrounding the statue during our visit.

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# GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE CROISIEUROPE

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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.

The brochure, estimate, proposal, programme of the organiser are the preliminary information specified in article R211-5 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 R211-5 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.

# Article R211-3: Subject to the exclusions provided in the third and fourth paragraphs of article L.211-7, all offers and all sales of travel or stay services, shall result in the delivery of appropriate documents which comply with the rules defined by the present document.

In the event of the sale of air travel tickets or of tickets for travel on a regular airlines not accompanied by services connected to this transport, the seller shall provide the purchaser with one or several tickets of passage for the entire trip issued by the carrier or under his responsibility. In the case of transport on request, the name and address of the carrier on whose account the tickets are issued

The separate invoicing of the various parts of a same tour package does not exempt the seller from its duties under the regulatory provisions of this section.

Article R211-3-1: The exchanging of pre-contractual information or provision of the contractual terms are made in writing. They can be done by electronic means according to the validity and exercising terms specified in articles 1369-1 to 1369-11 of the civil code. The name or company name and address of the seller shall be mentioned, as well as an indication of his registration in the register, specified in a) of article L 141-3 or as needed, the name, address and indication of the registration of the federation or union mentioned in the second paragraph of article R 211-2

Article R211-4: Prior to the conclusion of the contract, the seller must communicate to the consumer, the information regarding the prices, the dates and the other elements constituting the services provided during the trip or stay

- 1. The destination, the means, the characteristics and the categories of transport used.
- The type of lodging, its location, its level of comfort and its main characteristics, its tourist certification and classification corresponding to the regulations or common practices of the country of destination.
- 3. The offered catering services.
- The description of the itinerary in the case of tours.
- The administrative and health-related formalities which must be carried out by citizens or inhabitants or another member country of the European Union or of a Country party to the European Economic Space, notably in the case of the crossing of borders, as well as the deadlines for accomplishing such formalities.
- 6. The visits, excursions and other services included in the package price, or available for a charge.
- The minimum or maximum size of the group required for the trip or stay to take place, as well as, if the execution of the trip or the stay is subject to a minimum number of participants, the deadline for informing the consumer in case of cancellation of the trip or stay; this date may not be set at less than twentyne days prior to the departure.
- $\boldsymbol{8.}\,$  The amount or percentage of the price to be paid as a deposit at the conclusion of the contract, as well as the payment schedule of the balance.
- The terms of revision of the prices such as provided for in the contract in application of article R.211-8 of the present decree.
- 10. The conditions of contractual cancellation.
- 11. The conditions of cancellation specified in articles R 211-9, R 211-10 and R 211-11.

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- 12. The information concerning the optional taking out of an insurance policy covering the consequences of certain cases of cancellation or of an assistance contract covering certain specific risks, notably the expenses for repatriation in the case of accident or illness.
- 13. When the contract includes aerial transport services, the information, for each flight section, specified in articles R 211-15 to R 211-18.

Article R211-5: The preliminary information provided to the consumer binds the seller, unless in providing this information the seller has expressly reserved the right to modify certain elements. The seller must, in this case, clearly indicate in which manner this modification can occur and on what elements.

In any case, any modifications to the preliminary information must be communicated to the consumer before the contract

Article R211-6: The contract concluded between the seller and the purchaser must be in writing and drawn up in duplicate of which one copy shall be handed over to the purchaser and signed by both parties. When the contract entered into by electronic means, articles 1369-1 to 1369-11 of the civil code are applied. The contract must include the following clauses:

- 1. The name and address of the seller, the respective guarantor and the insurance company as well as the name and address of the organiser
- 2. The destination or the destinations of the trip, and in the case of a split stay, the different periods and their dates.
- 3. The means, the characteristics and the categories of transport used, the dates and locations of departure and return.
- 4. The type of lodging, its location, its level of comfort and its main characteristics and its tourist classification according to the regulations or common practices of the country of destination.
- 5. Offered catering services.
- 6. The itinerary in the case of tours.
- The visits, sightseeing excursions, or other services included in the total price of the trip and of the stay.
- 8. The total price of the services invoiced as well as the indication of any possible revision of this invoicing provided for by article R211-8.
- 9. The indication, if appropriate, of fees or taxes related to certain services such as the landing, disembarkation or boarding taxes in ports and airports and stay taxes when such taxes are not included in the price of the service or services provided.
- 10. The schedule and terms of payment of the price; the last instalment made by the purchaser may not be lower than 30 % of the cost of the trip or stay and must be made at the moment when the travel documents enabling execution of the trip or stay are handed over.
- 11. The specific conditions requested by the purchaser and accepted by the seller.
- 12. The terms according to which the purchaser may file a claim against the seller for non-performance or poor performance of the contract. Such claims must be . addressed as quickly as possible, by any means allowing to receive a receipt confirmation for the seller and as needed, indicated in writing, be to the organiser of the trip and the provider of the services concerned.

- **13.** The deadline by which the purchaser must be informed in case of cancellation of the trip or the stay by the seller in the case whereby the execution of the trip or the stay subject to a minimum number of participants, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 7 of article R211-4.
- 14. The conditions of contractual cancellation.
- 15. The conditions of cancellation specified in articles R211-9, R211-10 and R211-11.
- 16. The details concerning the risks covered and the amount of the warranties taken out through the insurance policy covering the consequences of the civil and professional liability of the seller..
- 17. The indications concerning the insurance policy covering the consequences of certain cases of cancellation, taken out by the purchaser (policy number and name of the insurance company) as well as the indications concerning the assistance contract covering certain specific risks, notably the expenses for repatriation in case of accident or illness; in this case the seller must hand over a document specifying at least the risks covered and the risks excluded.
- 18. The deadline by which the seller must be notified by the purchaser if the purchaser transfers the contract.
- 19. The undertaking to provide to the purchaser, the following information at least 10 days prior to the date of the departure:
  - a) The name, address and telephone number of the local representative of the seller or, failing that, the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the local organization which may assist the consumer in case of difficulty, or failing that, the telephone number enabling the consumer to contact the seller in case of emergency.
  - b) For trips and stays of minors in foreign countries, a telephone number and an address at which the child or the person responsible for the child's stay in the foreign country may be directly contacted.
- **20.**The termination and penalty-free refund clause for the amounts paid by the buyer in the event of any failure to comply with the information duty specified in 13° of article R 211 - 4.
- 21. The undertaking to provide the buyer, in due time before the start of the trip or stay, with the departure

**Article R211-7:** The purchaser may transfer his contract to a transferee who meets the same conditions as the purchaser in order to carry out the trip or stay, as long as such contract has not vet come into force. Unless a stipulation more favorable to the transferor is made, the transferor must inform the seller of this decision by any means allowing to secure a receipt confirmation at least seven days before the trip. In the case of a cruise, this deadline is brought to 15 days. This transfer shall not be subject, in any case, to a prior authorization of the seller.

Article R211-8: When the contract contains an express option of revision of the price, within the limits provided for in Article L.211-12, it shall indicate the specific terms of calculation, both for an increase and for a decrease, of the variations of the prices, and notably the amount of the transport and related taxes, the currency or currencies which may have an influence on the price of the trip or stay, the share of the price to which the variation is applied. the exchange rate of the currency or currencies used as a reference when the price indicated in the contract is set.

Article L211-12: The prices that were stated in the contract are not reviewable unless it was expressly allowed to revise them either up or down, and determines the precise methods of calculation, only in order to take account of variations

- a) Costs of transports, especially related to fuel costs.
- b) Fees and taxes related to offered services such as landing taxes, embarkation or disembarkation at ports and airports.
- c) During the thirty day before the scheduled departure date, the price stated in the contract can't be increased.

**Article R211-9:** When, before the departure of the purchaser, the seller is forced to modify one of the essential elements of the contract, such as a significant rise in price and when he breaches the duty of information mentioned in 13° of article R 211 -4, the purchaser may, without filing any claims for any damage suffered, and after having been informed about it by the seller by any means allowing to secure a receipt confirmation;

- either terminate the contract and obtain without penalty the immediate reimbursement of the amounts paid,
- or accept the modification of the trip of substitution proposed by the seller; an endorsement to the contract

specifying the modifications made shall then be signed by the parties; any decrease in price shall be deducted from any amounts due by the purchaser, and if the payment already made by the purchaser exceeds the price of the modified service, the excess amount shall be reimbursed to the purchaser before the departure date.

Article R211-10: In the case provided for in Article L.211-14, when, before the departure of the purchaser, the seller cancels the trip or the stay, the seller shall inform the purchaser by any means allowing to secure a receipt confirmation; the purchaser, without filing any claims for any damages suffered, shall obtain from the seller the immediate reimbursement without penalties of the sums paid, the purchaser shall receive, in this case, an indemnity at least equal to the penalty which he would have borne if the cancellation had occurred by his own doing at the same date

The provisions of the present Article shall not under any circumstances constitute an impediment to any amicable contract through which the purchaser accepts a trip or stay of substitution proposed by the seller.

Article R211-11: When after the departure of the purchaser, the seller cannot supply a preponderant share of the

services provided for in the contract, representing a nonnegligible percentage of the price paid by the purchaser, he should immediately take the following steps without filing any claims for any damages suffered: - either propose services in replacement of the services

either propose services in replacement of the services planned, bearing any price increase, and if the services accepted by the purchaser are of lower quality, the seller shall reimburse him, immediately on the purchaser's return, the price difference.

or if the seller cannot propose any service in replacement or if these are refused by the purchaser for valid reasons, supply the purchaser, without any price increase, tickets for transport in order to enable the purchaser to return in conditions which may be found equivalent to the place of departure of another place accepted by the two parties. The provisions of this article are applicable to any failure to comply with the duty specified in 13° of article R 211-4. 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 November 2017 to December 2018

PRICES: Our prices are indicated in euro (€), pounds (£), US 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 January 2017 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 subjected to revision. Therefore, and pursuant to the statutory part of 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.AS web site, economic conditions or any other service provision mentioned in the programs.

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 30 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.

About the circuits of the brand CroisiVoyages that mention it, prices are set according to the number of participants and are therefore likely to be revised or passed on in full to customers.

All services charged on board the boats should be paid on board, before the clients get off.
Unless stated otherwise in the programme, for cruises

Unless stated otherwise in the programme, for cruises CroisiEurope and CroisiMer, prices are given as a rough guide and are guaranteed for a minimum of 25 people per excursion. If the minimum number of 25 people is not reached, a price adjustment may be applied on board ship when the excursion takes place, whether such excursion was purchased on board or in the context of an all-in

excursions price on booking.

**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 and CroisiMer) 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 these bears of the contract.

days after it has been sent.

For CroisiEurope and CroisiMer, 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 naid on booking.

For CroisiVoyages, 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€ excluding VAT 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 transfers: 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 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 canceled 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 us by 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 and maritime 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 cannot 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 are to be paid on site. For children aged 2 up to 10: 20% discount on the price of the cruise, excluding flight, taxes, additional charges and service fees. These discounts do not apply to cruises in Africa, on the Mekong, nor for CroisiVoyages services other than the Volga cruise: 30% discount on the price of the cruise, in triple- or quadruple-occupancy cabins excluding flight, taxes, additional charges and service fees. For tours in Africa, on the Mekong and CroisiVoyages in Asia, children under the age of 7 are not accepted for safety reasons.

**TRIPLE CABIN REDUCTION:** 30% discount on the price of the cruise will be given to the 3rd 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 and in Africa, nor to CroisiVoyages products other than for cruises on the Volga. The Volga cruises attract a 25% discount on the price of the cruise for the 3rd and 4th occupant of the triple-occupancy cabins excluding flight, taxes, additional charges and service fees.

**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 the year of the anniversary 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, cannot be combined with any other offer. These reductions do not apply neither to products of the brand CroisiMer or CroisiVoyages, nor to cruises on the Mekong and in Africa.

**SPECIAL FAMILY OFFERS:** These offers are applicable for a selection of cruises in Spain, Portugal and Italy (Venice) with departures in July and August. 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 offered by CroisiMer, nor on the Mekong and other tours and cruises provided by CroisiVoyages.

For CroisiMer 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 CroisiMer maritime and coastal cruises.

There is a preset quota of places eligible for the Special Family Offer on selected cruises.

If your cruise no longer has the Family Offer available, management 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.

**INDIVIDUAL CABIN:** For CroisiEurope river cruises and CroisiMer 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.

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 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.gouvfr 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 non-compliance, 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 RECORDED

**DELIVERY (SIGNED FOR ON 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.

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 returns to the client to inform of the necessary steps at the time of his journey. 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 CONTRAINDICATIONS:** 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.

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. We recommend 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.

**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 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 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 stated otherwise in the program, for cruises CroisiEurope and CroisiMer, prices are given as a rough guide and are guaranteed for a minimum of 25 people per excursion. If the minimum number of 25 people is not reached, a price adjustment may be applied on board ship when the excursion takes place, whether such excursion was purchased on board or in the context of an all-in excursions price on booking.

Excursions scheduled for the evening of or the morning after boarding are only guaranteed for customers who have paid the all-in excursion price (unless the minimum of 25 passengers is not reached. In this case, the special terms and conditions mentioned above shall be applied).

For the cruise on the Volga and the Mekong, the excursions booked on site, or mentioned in our programs are organized by local companies that are independent of CroisFurnee

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 CroisiVoyages 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, the company may not be held responsible for the loss, theft, pilferage of and/or damage to the passenger's property. Our crew is at your disposal for the handling of your 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 travels and cruises of CroisiVoyages, 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

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 us 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.

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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 the event of litigation between traders or commercial

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: The** ship owner 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 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 up to 21 days prior to departure in the event of insufficient bookings, the customer may not claim any indemnity in this specific case.

The minimum number of participants is set at: 80 passengers for the CroisiEurope and CroisiMer cruises on ships having a capacity between 120 and 200 passengers; a minimum of 50 passengers for ships having a capacity between 80 and 120 passengers; a minimum of 15 passengers for the barge cruise on the French canals; 130 passengers for the 4- and 5-anchor ships on the Volga River cruises; 150 passengers for the 3-anchor ships on the Volga River cruises; 40 passengers for the Mekong River cruises on board the RV INDOCHINE and 52 passengers on board the RV INDOCHINE II; 52 passengers for the cruises in Myanmar; 12 passengers for the Southern Africa cruises; 34 passengers for the Amazon cruises in Peru; 300 passengers for the cruises in China; and 25 travelers for the pre- or post-cruise 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.

As part of the programming CroisiVoyages, we reserve the right to the ships captains, cruise directors, leaders and representatives of premises CroisiVoyages 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

Should such modifications or cancellations of the voyage occur, Articles R 211-9 to R 211-11 of the Tourism Code shall apply

Code shall apply. Possible unforeseen circumstances (civil or religious festivals, sporting events, political demonstrations, strikes, breakdowns, traffic jams, changes by government authorities, or other legitimate 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 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, 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 reasonable 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 companies, 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. Airline companies recommend confirming the return flight. Passengers are liable for making the confirmation themselves within the given deadline.

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) Charter flights: Departures from other French cities organized by CroisiEurope on specially-chartered flights are guaranteed for a minimum of 80 passengers. If the minimum number of passengers is not reached, CroisiEurope can suggest a flight, train or bus to board the ship. This modification to your travel itinerary, if the stopover in other French cities is canceled, may take place up to 21 days before your departure.

d) Identity of transport companies: In accordance with order No. 2007-669 dated May 2, 2007 regarding the obligation to inform passengers of the identity of airline companies, the client is informed of the identity of 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.

e) Ticket: Travel tickets issued by airlines and railway companies, or their countermarks, are the only contract between them and the client. We accept no liability and the client is responsible for his/her travel ticket and hence must assume the consequences of its loss, theft or destruction.

f) Baggage: Baggage limits are generally 20 kg per person on regular flights and 15 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 apparatus, 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 baggage. No compensation shall be provided by CroisiEurope.

g) Flights only: the client may purchase travel tickets from CroisiEurope for flights only, meaning without cruise or tour services. In compliance with article L 211-7 a) of the French Tourism Code, this stand-alone service is excluded from the regime for selling trips and tours. In compliance with article L 211-17 of the same code, the travel agent shall only accept liability if it has personally admitted any fault. CroisiEurope shall not be liable for any failure to provide transport services, regardless of the reason (cancellation, delay, technical failure, modification of programs, etc.). Liability remains solely with the airline company. The conditions of use for transport tickets are available on the CroisiEurope website. For general and specific cancellation conditions, refer to the specific conditions of the airline company providing the transport services. They can be found either on their website or on request with our services. All claims must be lodged directly with the transport company named on the ticket. CroisiEurope shall apply prices set by airline companies on the date of the sale

**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.

**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 of his trip.

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:** In its capacity as organiser of cruises, both as owner and charterer, the obligations of CroisiEurope are defined by the combined provisions of the Tourism Code and those specifically and lawfully applicable to the navigation of the ship assigned to the cruise and, in the absence of such a law, to those of the Law of 15th June 1895, and to these terms and conditions with which the cruise passenger hereby states that he is fully cognisant. The responsibility of CroisiEurope may only be invoked for reasons pertaining to the ship's crew and to the ship. All anomalies shall be pointed out to the Purser. CroisiEurope may not be held responsible for any damage suffered by passengers on dry land: injuries, accidents, loss, irregularities, delays, lack of means of transport, etc. imputable to external companies such as airline companies, hotels, reception agencies, restaurateurs, suppliers, etc. All services thereto pertaining (transport, accommodation, transfers...) reserved in addition to the cruise do not fall under its responsibility. The limitation of CroisiEurope for bodily damage is SDR 60.000 (SDR: Special Drawing Rights: international currency) per passenger on boats of the fleet CroisiEurope according to the rules of the Strasbourg Convention (CLNI) on the limitation of liability of boat owners.

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 10,000,000 €, property damage and consequential damage to the tune of 3000,000€ professional liability up to 5,000,000€ (for all injury, damage and consequential).

**Professional civil liability insurance:** insurance policy no. 43884621

**Financial cover** provided by A.P.S.T. – 15, Avenue Carnot – 75017 Paris – France.

**REPATRIATION ASSISTANCE GUARANTEE:** Insurance including medical repatriation and people assistance is included in all our cruises at no extra cost. It is contract nr. 58224397 taken out with Mondial Assistance. For further information please enquire.

**OPTIONAL INSURANCE:** For your comfort and safety, we strongly suggest purchasing CroisiEurope's insurance for cancellations, damage to baggage, private civil liability abroad and trip interruptions taken out with Europ Assistance at a rate of 3.80% incl. taxes of the total amount of your travel costs. General and specific conditions of the contract nr. 58224398 will be provided to you when registering for the trip.

**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: Pursuant to the French Data Protection Act of 6 January 1978 and the provisions on the protection of personal data, the information given to CroisiEurope by its cocontractor is required to process his order and is essential to the management of service provisions. With the customer's consent, such data may also be used by CroisiEurope to send him its promotional or commercial offers, by electronic or postal mail. The co-contractor has the right of access to and rectification of all data which concern him, which he can exercise by writing to CroisiEurope, Marketing Department, 12 rue de la Division Leclerc, 67000 Strasbourg, France, specifying his surname, first name and address



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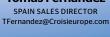


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