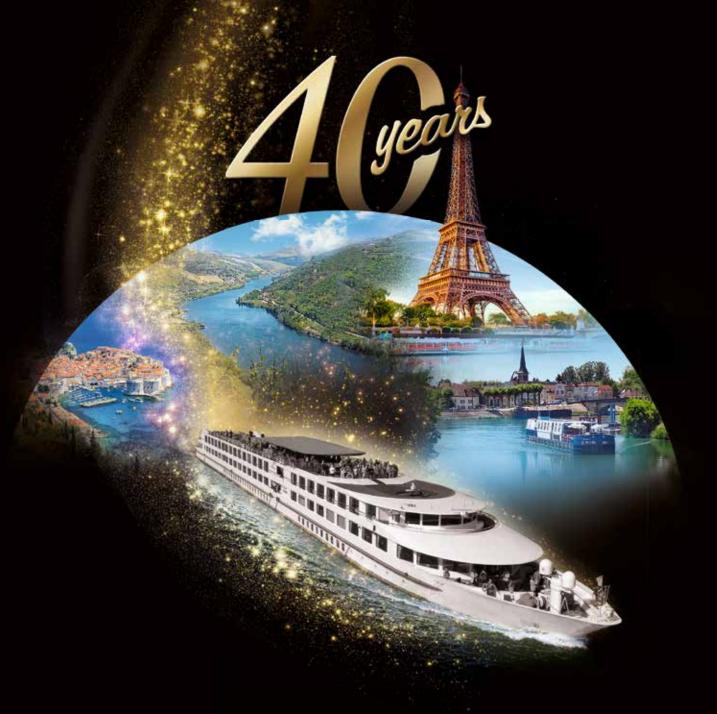
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# **RIVER CRUISING: THE DIFFERENCE**

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, and relax and enjoy the trip.

Come sail with CroisiEurope, and discover why river cruising is the new and most comfortable way to travel.

# **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.

#### WATER

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 control standards, and thus reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Onboard technology allows cruising that minimizes diesel consumption.

We have installed systems compatible with on-land electric mains.

#### **ELECTRICIT**

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.

#### WASTE AND CLEANING

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

Waste oils are saved and processed by specialists in port.

We use biodegradable and green cleaning products.

#### NOIS

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

#### MARKETING

## IMPRIM'VERT®

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

Reduction of waste by opting for re-useable packaging







# From Alsace Croisières to CroisiEurope...

# 1976: The adventure begins

Gérard Schmitter opened the Rhinland, a restaurant at the Plobsheim lake in Strasbourg. 1st May 1976: the company Alsace Croisières was founded. Chartering a ship belonging to the Strasbourg port authority, the "Strasbourg", a Strasbourg-Plobsheim link was set up, offering lunch and afternoon dances: France's first river cruising company had just been born.



# **1982:** The first ship

Gérard Schmitter acquired his first ship, the aptly named "Alsace I". The first-born

sailed between Lauterbourg and Plobsheim, and offered evening dances. The ship could carry almost 600 people a day. Success was immediate and the company developed quickly, soon offering proper cruises to Rudesheim in Germany.

# **1984:** The first cabins ships

By now Alsace Croisières was offering cruises lasting several days, from Strasbourg to the Lorelei, with overnight stays in hotels. These cruises were popular with the public, but Gérard Schmitter and his wife Janine, who worked with him, did not think the hotels were a good idea.

And this was how the first cabin ships made their appearance in the Alsatian fleet. The "MS Hansi", the "MS Kléber" and the "MS Petite France" offered longer cruises, making it possible to extend the trips to the Rhine and its tributaries – as well as to the inland waterways of Holland.

# **1986:** The first "prestige" category ship

Always mindful of its passengers' comfort, Alsace Croisières acquired its first "Prestige" category ship: the "MS Kellermann".

The new flagship was inaugurated with great pomp. Built to a new design, offered 48 cabins with all modern conveniences, and tourists rushed to sign up for cruises on the Rhine and its tributaries.

# **1990:** First cruises on the Danube

Out of a wish to satisfy the new expectations of tourists, who were by now looking for more original destinations, Alsace Croisières decided to launch its now famous cruises on the "Beautiful Blue Danube". Each year, a new ship was built: the "MS Sainte Odile" was for Rhine cruises, whilst the "MS Princesse Sissi", the "MS La Bohème" and the "MS Symphonie" sailed the Danube.

# **1995:** First cruises on the Rhône and the Saône

Alsace Croisières now returned to French waters and offered tourists a chance to sail down the Rhône and the Saône.

On February 25<sup>th</sup> 1995, the "MS Camargue" began its maiden cruise on the Rhône, sailing from Chalon to Martigues.

# 1997: Goodbye "Alsace Croisières"

On August 14<sup>th</sup> that year, the trade name CroisiEurope replaced Alsace Croisières in order to bring it into line with the company's new European dimension. The siren was topped by a star, for a more up-to-date image.



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# 1998: Conquering Paris!

That year, the "MS Douce France" made its maiden voyage between Honfleur and Paris. The new CroisiEurope cruises along the Seine and its meanders were a great success.

# **2000:** The Elbe and the Pô join the CroisiEurope offer

The company continued to develop in Southern Europe with the first cruises on the Pô in Italy, and in Northern Europe on the Elbe in Bohemia. By now, the CroisiEurope fleet numbered 14 ships. The most recent, the "MS Michelangelo", measured 110-meter metres in length, was 11-meter wide and offered 80 cabins.



# **2002:** Europe at a rate of knots

Barely a year after the opening of its Lyon office, CroisiEurope opened a branch in the sun, in Nice and it was soon followed by a Brussels office to develop its network of branches.

At the same time, the cruise company was expanding its offer and its first cruises in Portugal delighted the tourists. CroisiEurope unveiled its newly redeveloped river terminal in Strasbourg.

# **2004:** The conquest of the East

CroisiEurope continued its conquest eastwards with two long cruises, one of 11 days on the Blue Danube, from Passau to the Black Sea, and the other a 9-day cruise in the heart of Hungary on the Tisza.

Two more ships were also on order: the saga continues!

# **2005:** CroisiEurope develops the North/South axis

The 24<sup>th</sup> vessel in the fleet, the "MS La Belle de Cadix" was inaugurated. CroisiEurope endeavoured to develop the North/South axis in Europe by launching its first cruises in Spain on the Guadiana and the Guadalquivir between Spain and Portugal, as well as in Northern Europe, with a cruise from Berlin to the Islands of the Baltic Sea. The company received an Award as the best French exporter to Portugal. This prize recognises the quality, dynamism and economic performance of French companies.

# **2007:** The adventure continues!

CroisiEurope will not be resting on its laurels, but pursuing its bold climb to the summit. New destinations are already being scheduled and its experts are working to offer you the very best in cruising!

In 2007, you will be able to discover Croatia, the Dalmatian coast and its islands. The cruises on the Danube will be taking on a new dimension: you will be able to cruise from Vienna to Istanbul and gaze in wonder at the Bosphorus, one of the most beautiful views in the world!

# **2010:** Cruising Corsica on board a yacht

This year's newest edition is named Galatéia, and has a delightful charm and a retro style typical to boats from long ago. This motored sailboat made a surprise entry into the cruises offered as the "CroisiYacht". Three crew members and eight passengers...the ideal way to leave port in Nice and discover beautiful Corsica.

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, our new, general public Internet site is launched to make choosing and reserving cruises even easier.

This year, CroisiEurope wins the "2009 Best River Cruise and River Tourism" award, handed out in Malaga, Spain in February.

# Opening up to the world

Far-away voyages adorn the pages of the CroisiVoyages section in our brochure.

The Volga is added to the "Great Rivers, Great Civilizations" catalog. CroisiEurope charters several Russian ships and proposes 11- to 12-day cruises between Moscow and Saint Petersburg and back again.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAF

Continuing its humanitarian causes, CroisiEurope teams with UNICEF to promote the education of children in Africa.

# **2012:** MS Gérard Schmitter: Paying our respects to our late founder

A wave of emotion and sadness engulfed the CroisiEurope family when its patriarch and founder, Gérard Schmitter, passed away on February 28th at the age of 76. His business, that he conceived and developed with passion, has over 1,000 employees today. This great visionary left us before the christening of his namesake, the "MS Gérard Schmitter", on April 10th in Strasbourg. This riverboat has three 110-meter (361-feet) by 11.4-meter (37-feet) decks, 87 double-occupancy cabins, automatic rudder, water treatment system, and a HI-FOG fire protection system. Born from more than 20 years' experience in naval construction, it stands out mostly for its modern and comfortable décor and large picture windows in the cabins. This model of comfort and security will cruise the historical and romantic Rhine, the river that helped bring initial success to our business.

This year, CroisiEurope is nominated as one of the "Best River Companies in Spain" and wins the "Prix du Tourisme" for the "MS La Belle de Cadix".

# Ancient Greece, the Mekong and Brahmaputra Rivers

CroisiMer proposes an 8-day summer cruise on the doorstep of ancient Greece, in the Cyclades on board the "MS La Belle de l'Adriatique".

We also launch a new cruise on the Mekong, from Cambodia to Vietnam (or the other way) on board the "RV Indochine".

# **2013:** Discovering France through its canals: This year's big surprise

Being so close to nature and breathing the air in the heart of the most beautiful regions of France... CroisiEurope expands our offers by launching canal cruises on the barge "Jeanine". This Freycinet-style barge was entirely renovated and redecorated by our team of experts and posed a new challenge to our company as we continue to demonstrate our superior skills within the cruise line profession.

Our cozy barge is 39-meter (128 feet) long and 5-meter (16 feet) wide, and will explore canals within Alsace and Burgundy. It has 12 cabins that can accommodate 24 passengers, and includes a Jacuzzi and bicycles on board–everything to entice a new type of clientele looking for intimacy and authenticity. It becomes a great success and three new canal cruise barges are planned for 2014.

# New Horizons

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The "MS Cyrano de Bergerac" is christened in the spring and joins the "MS Princesse d'Aquitaine" on the highly demanded Gironde River circuit. It becomes our 29<sup>th</sup> ship.

In the fall, our sea cruise ship, the "MS La Belle de l'Adriatique" sets off for Cyprus and the Holy Land to discover these ancient civilizations.

And after the success of CroisiMusique and CroisiRando, here comes CroisiGolf: an 8-day package combining the pleasures of a cruise on the "MS La Belle de Cadix" and golf in Spain and Portugal.

# 2014: Exploring exotic destinations

Myanmar becomes CroisiVoyages' newest destination with a stupendous cruise on the Irrawaddy River. Two boats, the "RV Kalaw" and the "RV Orient" belonging to the company Pandaw, bring travelers to the heart of the golden pagodas. And for those hoping to see wildlife, we offer a Safari- Cruise in southern Africa, in the heart of Kruger National Park and on the Chobe River, one of the most beautiful natural reserves in the world.

# 41 ships throughout the world

In our quest to develop our business on the international level, CroisiEurope purchases a Mekong riverboat company and acquires four intimate, colonial-style ships:

the "RV Indochine", "RV Lan Diep", "RV Tioum Tou 1" and "RV Tioum Tou 2"—all having from 10 to 24 cabins.











# **DESTINATIONS TO CRUISE**



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The Upper Loire Gascony Champagne Provence Burgundy Alsace Paris and the Saint-Martin Canal



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Mekong Peru Volga



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Croatia and Montenegro Naples

# 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:

#### SPRING

In February and March, enjoy mini-breaks in Paris, join the Venetian Carnaval 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 color 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 are in full, fragrant summer bloom and fruit.

#### 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.

# 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 day along Danube, we offer a unique variety of cruises and destinations suited to your task.



## 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 give 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.



## DRINKS ALL INCLUSIVE

On most cruises, we provide free beverages with every meal, including mineral water, fruit juice, tea, coffee, and a large selection of house wine and beer. Drinks served at the bar are included in the full price of some cruises as well.



# FRENCH CUISINE, EUROPEAN FLAIR

The heart and soul of CroisiEurope is European – and international. Other cruise lines may offer good food. With CroisiEurope, you'll cruise the rivers of Europe aboard your own French restaurant.



## EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL FEELING

We have a dedicated and knowledgeable staff of almost 1,000 people, speaking English and many of them speak other major European languages whose conviviality, attentiveness and professionalism ensures that your voyage will be comfortable and pleasurable.

# **YOUR CONTACTS**



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# **THE CROISIEUROPE FLEET**

# FRENCH CANALS / HOTEL BARGES JEANINE Burgundy Image: Apacity: 12 double cabins Renovated in 2013 ANNE-MARIE Provence ANNE-MARIE Provence

Capacity: 12 double cabins Built in 2014

**MS BOTTICELLI** 

French balconies Capacity: 75 double cabins Length: 110 m

2004 (renovated in 2010)

**MS CAMARGUE** 

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Capacity: 54 double cabins Length: 90 m 2015

**Category: Premium** 

LOIRE

**MS LOIRE PRINCESSE** 

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Capacity: 12 double cabins Built in 2014

# SEINE MS SEINE PRINCESS

Capacity: 67 double cabins Length: 110 m 2002 (renovated in 2010) **Category: Premium** 

# GARONNE DORDOGNE

#### MS CYRANO DE BERGERAC

3-deck ship - French balconies Capacity: 87 double cabins Length: 110 m 2013

Category: Premium

### MS PRINCESSE D'AQUITAINE

Capacity: 69 double cabins Length: 110 m 2001 (renovated in 2011)

# DOURO





3-deck ship - French balconies Capacity: 66 double cabins Length: 75 m 2015 Category: Premium



Capacity: 48 double cabins Length: 110 m

**Category: Premium** 



3-deck ship - French balconies Capacity: 71 double cabins Length: 75 m 2003 (renovated in 2014)

### MS FERNAO DE MAGALHAES

3-deck ship - French balconies Capacity: 88 double cabins Length: 110 m 2005 (renovated in 2010) **Category: Premium** 

LAST TO DESCRIPTION

Capacity: 12 double cabins Built in 2016

**MS FRANCE** 

Capacity: 78 double cabins Length: 110 m 2001 (renovated in 2010)

**MS MISTRAL** 

Capacity: 78 double cabins Length: 110 m 1999 (renovated in 2007)

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**MS LA BELLE DE CADIX** 

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3-deck ship Capacity: 71 double cabins Length: 75 m 2003 (renovated in 2011)

#### DÉBORAH Loire



## **MS RENOIR**



Capacity: 78 double cabins Length: 110 m 1999 (renovated in 2011)



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Capacity: 78 double cabins Length: 110 m 2000 (renovated in 2011)

#### MS VASCO DA GAMA



3-deck ship Capacity: 71 double cabins Length: 75 m 2002 (renovated in 2014)

### **MS LAFAYETTE**



#### **MS GÉRARD SCHMITTER**



3-deck ship - French balconies Capacity: 88 double cabins Length: 110 m 2012

Category: Premium

#### **MS LEONARD DE VINCI**



Capacity: 72 double cabins Length: 110 m 2003 (renovated in 2011)

### **MS SYMPHONIE**



Capacity: 79 double cabins Length: 110 m 2010

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**RV TOUM TIOU II** 

3-deck ship - Balconies Capacity: 14 double cabins Length: 38 m 2008

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#### **MS VIVALDI** AL ALLER

Length: 90 m 2014

**Category: Premium** 



Capacity: 44 double cabins

3-deck ship - French balconies Capacity: 88 double cabins Length: 110 m 2009

**Category: Premium** 

## **MS MODIGLIANI**



Capacity: 78 double cabins Length: 110 m 2001 (renovated in 2011)

### **MS MONET**



Capacity: 78 double cabins Length: 110 m 1999 (renovated in 2007)

## **MS EUROPE**

# STREET, A

3-deck ship - French balconies Capacity: 90 double cabins Length: 110 m 2006 (renovated in 2011)

## **MS VICTOR HUGO**



Capacity: 48 double cabins Length: 82 m 2000 (renovated in 2010)

## **MS LA BOHÈME**



Capacity: 80 double cabins Length: 110 m 1995 (renovated in 2011)

**RV LAN-DIEP** 

3-deck ship - Balconies

Capacity: 22 double cabins Length: 50 m 2007

**RV INDOCHINE II** 

CARLES TRAILE

#### **MS BEETHOVEN** 12

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3-deck ship - French balconies Capacity: 90 double cabins Length: 110 m 2004 (renovated in 2010)

### **MS MONA LISA**



Capacity: 48 double cabins Length: 110 m 2000 (renovated in 2010)

## **MS DOUCE FRANCE**



ELBE

**MS ELBE PRINCESSE** 

Capacity: 79 double cabins Length: 110 m 1997 (renovated in 2011)

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# **RV INDOCHINE**

3-deck ship - Balconies Capacity: 24 double cabins Length: 51 m 2008

# **RV TOUM TIOU I**



3-deck ship - Balconies Capacity: 10 double cabins Length: 38 m 2002

## NEW **Category: Premium MS LA BELLE DE**



4-deck ship - French balconies Capacity: 100 double cabins Length: 110 m 2007

Category: Premium











3-deck ship - Balconies Capacity: 30 double cabins Length: 65 m 2016

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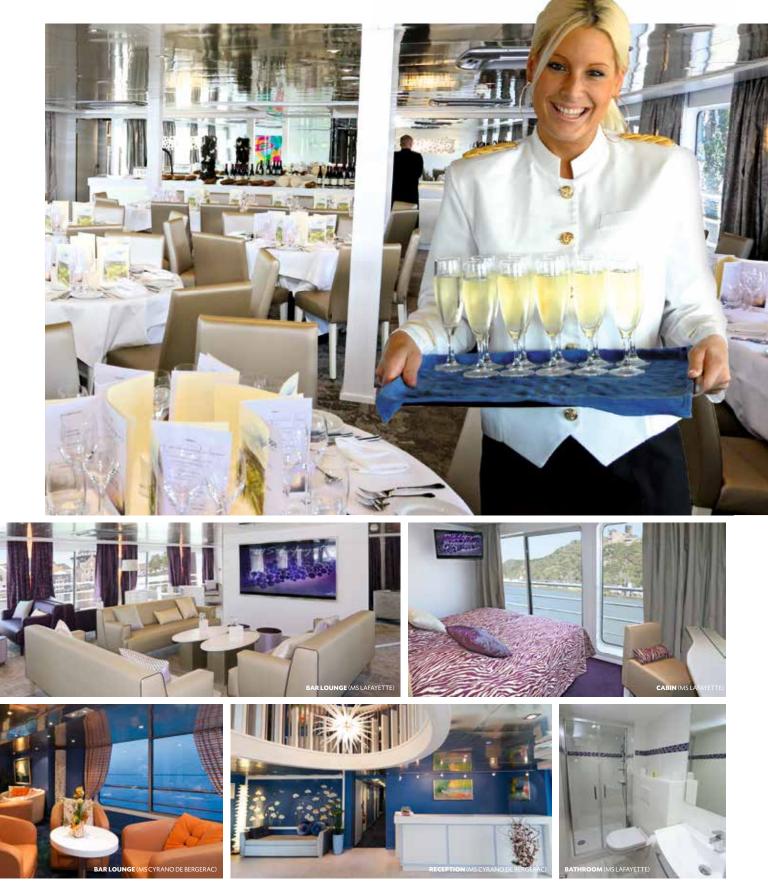






# **PREMIUM SHIPS CATEGORY**

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



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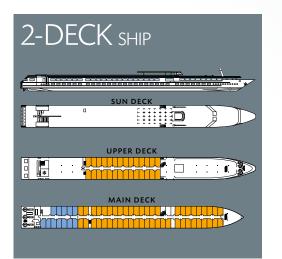
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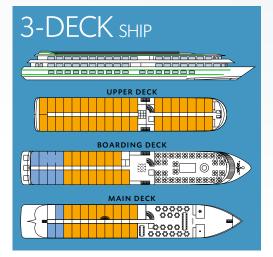
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# **NEW GENERATION PREMIUM SHIPS**

MS GÉRARD SCHMITTER MS CYRANO DE BERGERAC MS VIVALDI - MS LA BELLE DE L'ADRIATIQUE MS LAFAYETTE - MS CAMARGUE MS SEINE PRINCESS - MS GIL EANES MS LOIRE PRINCESSE MS LA BELLE DE CADIX MS ELBE PRINCESSE

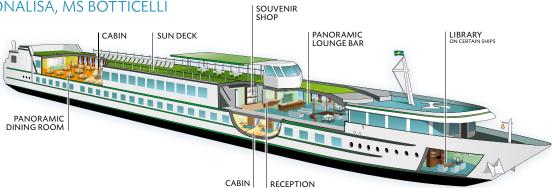
- 🚫 Spacious en-suite cabins
- 🔇 Sun deck with deckchairs
- 💦 Wifi
- 👌 Boutique
- 🔀 **Bar Lounge** with dance floor
- 💫 Refined and elegant atmosphere





# **OTHER SHIPS**

2-DECK SHIPS : MS PRINCESSE D'AQUITAINE, MS MISTRAL, MS VAN GOGH, MS RENOIR, MS MICHELANGELO, MS MONET, MS FRANCE, MS LEONARD DE VINCI, MS LA BOHÈME, MS SYMPHONIE, MS MODIGLIANI, MS VISTOR HUGO, MS MONALISA, MS BOTTICELLI **3-DECK SHIPS :** MS EUROPE, MS VASCO DE GAMA, MS FERNAO DE MAGALHAES, MS INFANTE DON HENRIQUE, MS BEETHOVEN



# **OUR NEW 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 ayyably the rest way to relax and enjoy life.





Built	2013 (canal barge Jeanine) 2014 (canal barges Anne-Marie, Madeleine, Raymonde) 2016 (canal barges Danièle and Déborah)				
Length	40 m				
Width	5,70 m				
Passengers	22-24 passengers and 6 crew members (11-12 cabins)				
Equipments	Each cabin has a window and is equipped with private en-suite facilities (shower and WC), TV, radio, telephone (for internal calls only), safe				
	Independant airconditioning				
	Central heating				
	WIFI				
	Bicycles available onboard				
Facilities	Well-equipped sun deck with parasols and lounge chairs, and Jacuzzi - Dining room - Spacious lounge area with bar				

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





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ANNE-MARIE (Provence), MADELEINE (Alsace), RAYMONDE (Champagne/Paris), DANIÈLE (Gascony) AND DÉBORAH (Upper Loire) 110 108 106 104 102 111 107 105 101 109 103 TERRACE BAR KITCHEN હુ 201 SALON RESTAURANT

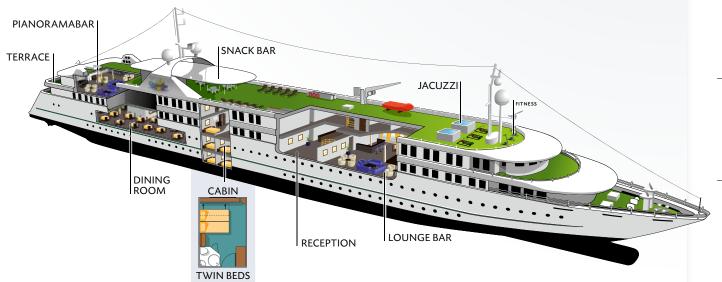
# **COASTAL CRUISES**

# 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.



Built in	2007	ACLESS SHACK BAR POPPOPPOP
Length	110 m	- 2 - 2
Width	12,80 m	SUNDECK
Passengers	198 passengers and 48 crew members (99 cabins)	PIANO BAR         Mage           1         400           400         490           400 </td
Certifed	Bureau VERITAS	UPPER DECK 29 cabins with windows
Equipments	All cabins are equipped with shower and toilet, hairdryer, satellite TV, radio, safe, Central heating or air-conditioning, Internet connexion and phone Wifi	38         35         35         35         35         35         35         35         35         35         35         35         36         36         36         37         0
	Anti-swell stabilizer	BOARDING DECK 22 cabins with windows
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	Cabin equipped for disabled	MAIN DECK 25 cabins with portholes
Facilities	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	1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 100
		FIRST DECK 24 cabins with portholes

Smaller cabins Cabin for person with reduced mobility Single cabin Staff cabin 📝 Stairs

# **MEKONG RIVER PREMIUM SHIP**

# **RV INDOCHINE**

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



# RV INDOCHINE II Premium ship

**NEW FOR 2016** 

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



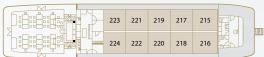
# PLAN OF THE RV INDOCHINE

Built in	2008				
Dimensions	ength : 51 meters - Width : 11 meters				
Draft	1,6 meters				
Speed	12 knots				
Capacity	24 - 48 passengers <b>Upper deck</b> : 10 cabins <b>Main deck</b> : 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	RV Indochina's 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.				

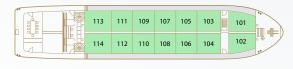
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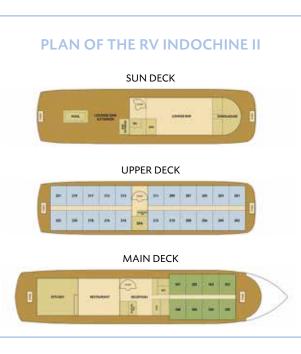


MAIN DECK



# PLAN OF THE RV INDOCHINE II (PREMIUM SHIP)

Built in	2016
Dimensions	Length : 65 meters - Largeur : 13 meters
Draft	1,6 meter
Speed	12 knots
Capacity	30 - 60 passengers <b>Upper deck</b> : 8 cabins <b>Main deck</b> : 22 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.



# **PERU RIVER SHIP**

# AMAZON DISCOVERY







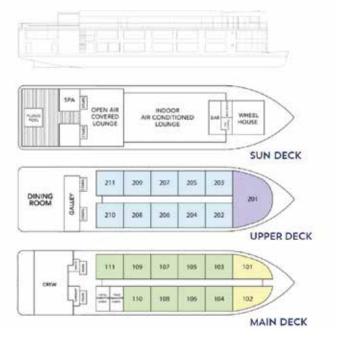


BUILT IN	2015
DIMENSIONS	Length: 51.50m Width: 12m
NUMBER OF CABINS	Upper deck: 11 cabins Main deck: 11 cabins
CAPACITY	44 passengers
FLAG	Peruvian
SERVICES	Air-conditioned restaurant • outdoor salon air-conditioned bar/salon • bar • small pool • spa fitness machines on the sun deck • laundry

Amazonia Suite: Upper Deck (1 suite - 597.40 Sq. Feet/55.50 Sq. Meters)

Estuary Suite: Main Deck (2 suites - 252.95 Sq. Feet/23.50 Sq. Meters) Flora Stateroom: Upper Deck (10 Staterooms - 236.81 Sq. Feet/22 Sq. Meters)

Fauna Stateroom: Main Deck (9 Staterooms - 236.81 Sq. Feet/22 Sq. Meters)



# **VOLGA RIVER SHIPS**

# THREE SHIPS, THREE LEVELS OF COMFORT



## "3-ANCHOR" SHIP

Perfectly adapted to river cruising, our standard ships welcome up to 270 passengers in pleasurable comfort. A vast range of activities is offered in the ship's bar, conference room and lounge.

The spacious upper deck provides great views and unimpeded movement to everyone.

# "4-ANCHOR" SHIP

A perfectly sized ship welcoming no more than 160 passengers, our superior ship offers excellent comfort in a friendly atmosphere.

The large sun deck provides full view of the magnificent landscape as it rolls by.

# **"5-ANCHOR" SHIP**

The Rostropovich can accommodate up to 220 passengers and is one of the most luxurious ships in Russia. Its first-rate amenities include spacious cabins (many with private balconies), tastefully decorated lounges and a convenient elevator.

Cruise within the heart of modern and traditional Russia surrounded by top comfort and quality.













FRENCH CANALS

FRANCE

# CUISINE



# FRENCH CUISINE, EUROPEAN 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. Our chefs have worked alongside such Michelin-starred greats as Paul Bocuse and Marc Haeberlin; CroisiEurope's head chef, Alain Bohn, was recently nominated as a member of the Maîtres Cuisiniers de France. This esteemed French association, created 50 years ago,

includes only 250 chefs worldwide.



# BUFFET BREAKFAST

Your day will start with an impressive self-serve 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.

# INCLUSIVE BEVERAGES

On all cruises, from April to October, all beverages are unlimited and complimentary, including mineral and sparkling water, juices, 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 on the wine list).

# **LIFE ON BOARD**



# 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 lounge? 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 et LANGUAGES

We have a dedicated and knowledgeable staff of almost 1,000 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.

# FRENCH CANALS

# CRUISING THE BEAUTIFUL WATERWAYS OF FRANCE

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# FRENCH CANALS

# WELCOME ON BOARD!

# RAYMONDE

MONDE

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

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 her 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 dedicated to take care of you and every need
- A capacity of 24 passengers, the ideal size for a group of friends or family
- High standard **French cuisine** using local produce
- Brand new barge
- A pleasant setting with maximum comfort and designer décor

# **NEW FOR 2016**



#### 7 - DAY CRUISE

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. BNV AIPP/NVB AIPP (opposite direction)

# Discover the Loire Canal LOIRE In the heart of France, charming cities reveal their secrets

DAY 1 Paris · BRIARE Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation

#### DAY 2 BRIARE · LERE Excursion proposed: • Visit of Briare and the museum

conservatory Afternoon spent cruising

#### DAY 3 LERE

#### MENETREOL-SOUS-SANCERRE

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

#### Afternoon spent cruising DAY 4 MENETREOL-SOUS-SANCERRE CHAPELLE MONTLINARD

#### Excursion proposed:

- Visit of Pouilly-sur-Loire
- Afternoon spent cruising

#### CHAPELLE MONTLINARD DAY 5 MARSEILLES-LES-AUBIGNY

Excursion proposed: Tour of La Charité-sur-Loire and an authentic farm Afternoon spent cruising

Gala dinner

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

- Excursions proposed:
- Visit to the Fontmorigny Abbey
- Visit Apremont-sur-Allier
- and its floral garden
- Romantic tour of Nevers with lantern Afternoon spent cruising
- **NEVERS** · Paris

DAY 7 Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on page 41.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate. Please note: Your passport must be valid for six months beyond the last day of your travels. **NB:** 2015 PRE-CRUISE PROGRAM, subject to changes. Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. NVB\_AIPP.

# **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

Transfers included on day 1 and 7 from and to Paris

#### UNIQUE ITINERARY:

- 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

#### ALL MEALS INCLUDED

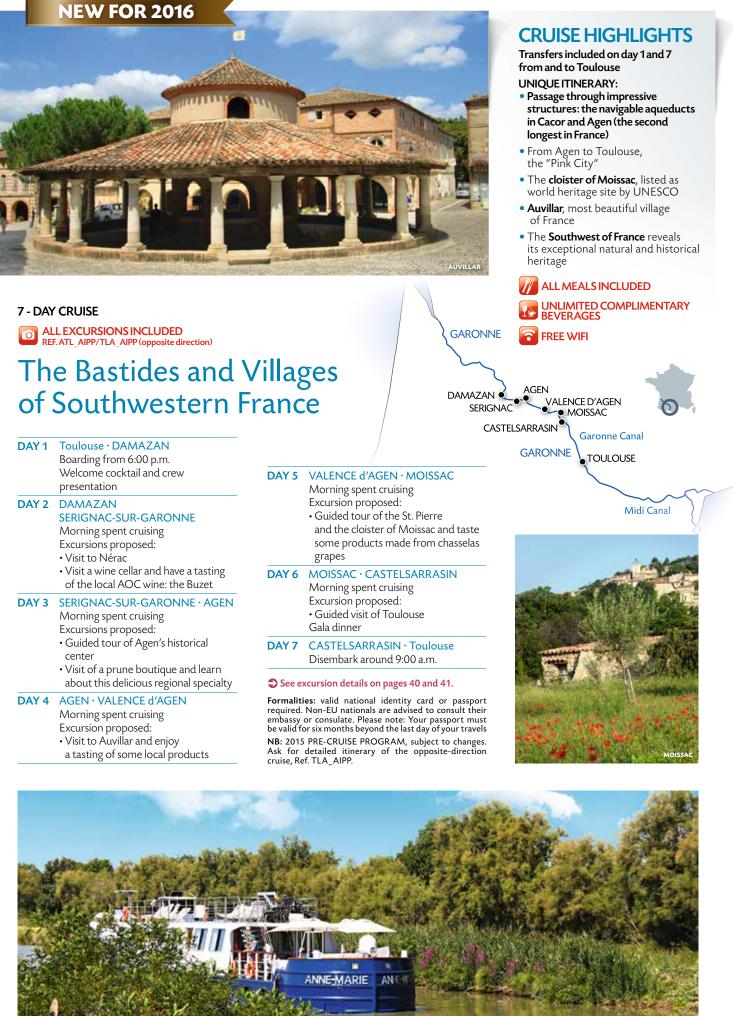
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BRIARE LERE MENETREOL-SOUS-SANCERRE La Venelle CHAPELLE MONTLINARD MARSEILLES-LES-AUBIGNY La Vauvise • NEVERS LOIRE







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#### 7 - DAY CRUISE

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. ECP\_AIPP/PCE\_AIPP (opposite direction)

# Cruise on the Marne-Rhine canal from Epernay to Paris coast

- DAY 1 Paris · EPERNAY
  - Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation

#### DAY 2 EPERNAY · DORMANS

- Excursions proposed:
- Hautvilliers and the famous
- Champagne route
- Visit of a major Champagne house
- Afternoon spent cruising

#### DAY 3 DORMANS · CHÂTEAU-THIERRY

- Excursions proposed:
- Visit of Reims, guided tour of the historic center and its cathedral
- Afternoon spent cruising

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

- Excursion proposed: • Visit to the Jean de la Fontaine
- Museum<sup>(1)</sup>
- Afternoon spent cruising

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

- Excursion proposed:
  - Visit of the charming town of Meaux followed by Brie de Meaux exhibition room with a tasting session of this cheese

#### DAY 6 LAGNY-SUR-MARNE · PARIS

Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided visit of Paris and its major sites Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 PARIS

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 40 and 41.

Formalities: you must have a valid identity card or passport valid for the duration of the holiday. Passengers from outside the EU should contact their Embassy or Consulate to ensure any essential paperwork is obtained before travelling.

**NB:** for navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary. Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. PCE\_AIPP.

 (1) Depending on the mooring point of the ship, a transfer by coach may be arranged on board. A 20 € per person supplement will be payable on the spot.

## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

Transfer included on day 1 from Paris Excursions during the cruise :

#### Reims

- Hautvillers, birthplace of Champagne,
- Château-Thierry and the Jean de la Fontaine Museum,
- **Meaux,** with its historic and gastronomic heritage
- **Paris,** a new and original visit of the capital city

#### ALL MEALS INCLUDED

UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES

THIERRY

LES-DEUX-JUMEAUX

ST-IFAN-

CHATEAU DORMANS

Marne

EPERNAY

MEAUX

LAGNY-









#### 7 - DAY CRUISE

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED (O) REF. AVF\_AIPP/SVA\_AIPP (opposite direction)

# **Cruise in Provence** from Arles to Sète

#### DAY 1 ARLES

Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation

#### DAY 2 **ARLES · GALLICIAN**

Excursion proposed: • Tour of Arles Afternoon spent cruising

# DAY 3 GALLICIAN · AIGUES-MORTES

- Excursions proposed:
- Guided tour of the Camargue Visit of the its fortified church
- of Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer Afternoon spent cruising

## DAY 4 AIGUES-MORTES

#### PALAVAS-LES-FLOTS

- Excursions proposed:
- Tour of Aigues-Mortes<sup>(1)</sup>
- Visit the salt museum
- of Aigues-Mortes
- Afternoon spent cruising

#### DAY 5 PALAVAS-LES-FLOTES · SETE<sup>(2)</sup>

- Excursion proposed:
  - Tour to discover a manade and the life of its herders during a visit by wagon
  - Afternoon spent cruising

#### DAY 6 SETE<sup>(2)</sup>

- Excursions proposed:
- Morning: visit of the Étang
- De Thau Museum
  - Afternoon: tour of Sète's historical downtown area Gala dinner

SETE · Arles DAY 7

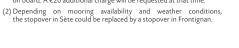
Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on page 41.

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NB: Example itinerary only and subject to change due to availability of stops or passage through locks. Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. SVA\_AIPP.

(1) According to where the ship is moored, coach transfer will be organized on board. A  $\in$  20 additional charge will be requested at that time.









Transfer included on day 7 to Arles Excursions during the cruise : • Arles and olive oil production

**CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS** 

- The beauty of the Camargue
- The fortified city of Aigues-Mortes and the salt marshes
- A traditional Camargue experience with a manade
- Étang De Thau and its oyster farms
- The magnificent island of Sète

ALL MEALS INCLUDED UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES **FREE WIFI** 

RHÔNE GALLICIAN ARLES

AIGUES-MORTES Rhône to Sète Canal PALAVAS-LES-FLOTS SÈTE .



#### 7 - DAY CRUISE

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED
 REF. SLD\_AIPP/DSL\_AIPP (opposite direction)

# Get away from it all on an emotional journey from Saône-et-Loire to the Côte d'Or

DAY 1 Dijon · SAINT-LEGER-SUR-DHEUNE Boarding from 6.00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation

#### DAY 2 SAINT-LEGER-SUR-DHEUNE SANTENAY · CHAGNY Excursions proposed:

- Hike to the Cirque du Bout du
- Monde, a Natura 2000 natural site
- Walk to the center of Santenay and wine tasting session Afternoon spent cruising
- DAY 3 CHAGNY · CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE
  - Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed:
    - Walking tour of Chalon-sur-Saône and tasting of local specialities from Burgundy

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

Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Saint-Jean-de-Losne

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

The whole day is spent cruising toward Petit-Ouges. Arrival late in the afternoon

#### DAY 6 PETIT-OUGES · DIJON

Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Excursion along the Burgundy Grands Crus Wine Route Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 DIJON

Disembark around 9.00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on page 40.

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

**NB:** CroisiEurope and the ship's Captain reserve the right to modify the cruising itinerary to ensure the safe navigation of the vessel. The program may be subject to modification depending on availability at ports of call or passing through the locks. Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. DSL\_AIPP.

# **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

Transfer included on day 1 from Dijon DISCOVER:

- The **Burgundy** Grands Crus Wine Route
- Saint-Jean-de-Losne, biggest marina in Europe
- **Chalon-sur-Saône**, city of art and history and birthplace of photography
- The Cirque du Bout du Monde and mont de Sène, natural sites
- Wine tasting session in **Santenay**

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BEVERAGES







**CENTRAL EUROPE** 

**THEME CRUISES** 



#### 7 - DAY CRUISE

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. DBC AIPP/BDJ AIPP (opposite direction)

### Cruise along the Burgundy Canal & the canals from the Rhône to the Rhine

DAY 1 DIJON

Boarding from 6.00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation

#### DAY 2 **DIJON · PETIT-OUGES**

Excursions proposed:

- Set off on the Grands Crus wine route with a visit of the Clos de Vougeot Château • Take a ramble to follow the "Circuit
- of the Three Wash-houses"<sup>(1)</sup>

#### DAY 3 **PETIT-OUGES**

SAINT-JEAN-DE-LOSNE The whole day is spent cruising toward

Saint-Jean-de-Losne. Arrival late in the afternoon

#### DAY 4 SAINT-JEAN-DE-LOSNE · DOLE

Excursion proposed: • Visit of Saint-Jean-de-Losne, its Gothic-style Church of St John the Baptist and the City Hal Afternoon spent cruising

#### DAY 5 **DOLE · RANCHOT**

Excursion proposed: Trail of the Perched Cat Afternoon spent cruising

#### **RANCHOT · BESANCON** DAY 6

Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: Visit of the Saline-Royale Gala dinner

**BESANCON** · Dijon DAY 7 Disembark around 9.00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on page 40.

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(1) The discovery Circuit of the Three Washhouses is not guided.





BEVERAGES

**CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS** Transfer included on day 7 to Dijon

• The charming country village

• Saint-Jean-de-Losne and its monuments telling the story of

• Dole, hilltop city and birthplace of

• La Saline Royale (Royal Salt works), listed by UNESCO as a World

UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

**DISCOVER:** 

of Petit-Ouges

Louis Pasteu

Heritage Site

its prestigious past



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#### 7 - DAY CRUISE

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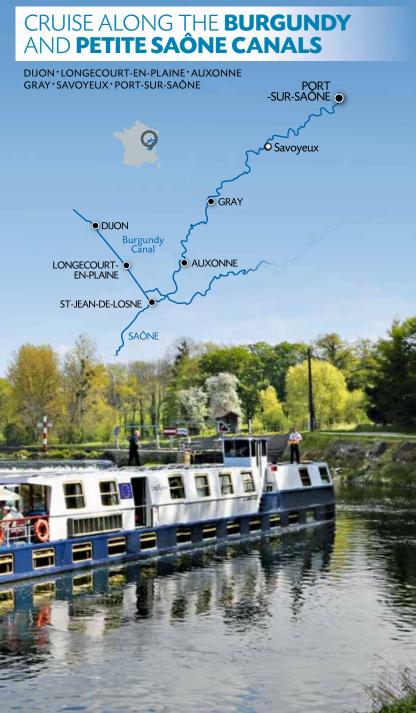
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#### 7 - DAY CRUISE

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED
 REF. DPS\_AIPP/PJN\_AIPP (opposite direction)





#### 7 - DAY CRUISE

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED 101 **REF.SXO AIPP** 

### Cruise on the Marne-Rhine Canal from Strasbourg to Lagarde

DAY 1	STRASBOURG Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Excursion proposed: • Visit of the Old Strasbourg by panoramic boat
DAY 2	<ul> <li>STRASBOURG • WALTENHEIM</li> <li>Morning spent cruising</li> <li>Excursions proposed:</li> <li>Hike along the hops footpath in Wingersheim and beer tasting</li> <li>Dinner at a restaurant in Waltenheim to taste a local specialty: "tarte flambée"</li> </ul>
DAY 3	WALTENHEIM · SAVERNE Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit of Haut-Barr Château
DAY 4	SAVERNE • LUTZELBOURG Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of Saverne • Walk to Lutzelbourg Château
DAY 5	LUTZELBOURG • Arzviller Inclined Plane • XOUAXANGE Excursion proposed: • Passage through the Arzviller inclined plane and visit of the cristal workshop Afternoon spent cruising
DAY 6	XOUAXANGE · LAGARDE Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit to Sarrebourg that will take us on Chagall trail Gala dinner
DAY 7	LAGARDE · Strasbourg Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

Transfers included on day 1 and 7 from and to Strasbourg DON'T MISS OUT ON:

- Strasbourg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- For nature lovers, a nature reserve
- The Arzviller inclined plane, an exceptional structure
- The beautiful scenery of the Zorn Valley and the Vosges Mountains BUT ALSO:
- A walk through the hops fields in Wingersheim
- The Haut-Barr Château
- Saverne, a small and particularly charming town
- Lutzelbourg Château
- Marc Chagall's unique stained glass window in **Sarrebourg**

#### ALL MEALS INCLUDED

UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES **FREE WIFI** 

#### 7 - DAY CRUISE

CO ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. XOS\_AIPP

### A cruise along the Marne-Rhine Canal from Lagarde to Strasbourg

DAY 1	<b>Strasbourg · LAGARDE</b> Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
DAY 2	LAGARDE · XOUAXANGE Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit to Sarrebourg that will take us on Chagall trail
DAY 3	XOUAXANGE · LUTZELBOURG Inclined Plain at Arzviller Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Passage through the Arzviller inclined plane and visit of the cristal workshop
DAY 4	LUTZELBOURG · SAVERNE Excursions proposed: • Set off on foot to marvel at Lutzelbourg Château • Visit of the Haut-Barr Château
DAY 5	SAVERNE • WALTENHEIM Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of Saverne Afternoon spent cruising • Dinner at a restaurant in Waltenheim to taste a local specialty: "tarte flambée"
DAY 6	WALTENHEIM · STRASBOURG Excursion proposed: • Hiking tour along the hops trail in Wingersheim Afternoon spent cruising Gala dinner
DAY 7	STRASBOURG Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on page 40.

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Transfer included on day 1 from Paris DISCOVER:

- Belleau and the Aisne-Marne
- American Cemetery
- The Battlefields of the Marne and the Museum of the Great War
- An out-of-the-ordinary visit to Paris and Les Invalides

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES

Marne

EPERNAY

TOURS SUR MARNE

CHALONS-EN

CHAMPAGNE

**FREE WIFI** ନ

MEAUX

LAGNY-SUR-MARNE

ST-JEAN-

LES-DEUX-JUMEAUX

• PARIS

CHARENTON

7 - DAY CRUISE

CO ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. ECP\_WWAIPP

### The Great War, Cruise on the Marne Canal from Epernay to Paris

DAY 1 Paris · EPERNAY Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation

#### **EPERNAY · DORMANS** DAY 2

Visit the Underground Citadel in a small train, passing through underground rooms and passages. Lunch in a local restaurant before discovering Verdun and the still scarred and pockmarked earth of its battlefields. The tour will begin with a visit to Fort Douaumont to continue on to the Douaumont ossuary. Then visit to the "Tranchée des Baïonnettes" (bayonet trench).

DAY 3 DORMANS · CHÂTEAU-THIERRY Set off on a discovery tour with commentary of the village of Hautvillers, which was the birthplace of Champagne. Next comes a visit to a major Champagne house followed by a tasting session.

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

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Visit of the Remembrance Museum of Belleau. We'll then continue on to visit the Aisne-Marne Cemetery where are laid 2,289 soldiers who fell during fighting around Chateau-Thierry in the summer of 1918.

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

Tour to the Battlefields of the Marne, discovering the site where one of the most important battles of the First World War was fought. Visit the Museum of the Great War, consisting of approximately 50,000 objects and documents allowing visitors to appreciate the worldwide dimensions of the conflict. It houses one of the most unique collections in Europe and proposes an innovative vision of the Great War through modern techniques.



#### DAY 6 LAGNY-SUR-MARNE · PARIS

Guided tour of Paris by coach and on foot. During the day, you'll be able to see some of the most amazing sites like the Louvre and the Madeleine Church. We'll visit "Les Invalides" and the "Musée de l'Armée", which retraces history from 1871 to 1945, including the two World Wars.

#### DAY 7 PARIS

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

NB: for navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary.





#### 4 - DAY CRUISE · OFF SEASON PROGRAM

### **Prestigious Paris** & and its major must-see sites

#### DAY 1 PARIS

Boarding from 6.00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Traditional Titi Parisian show

#### DAY 2 PARIS and the famous sites

- Excursions proposed:
- Guided visit of Paris
- Covered walkways in Paris
- Afternoon spent cruising

#### DAY 3 PARIS and the Saint Germain des Prés district

- Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Saint Germain
- des Prés district
- Afternoon spent cruising
- Gala dinner

#### DAY 4 PARIS

Disembark around 9.00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on page 41.

Formalities: you must have a valid identity card or pass-port valid for the duration of the holiday. Passengers from outside the EU should contact their Embassy or Consulate to ensure any essential paperwork is obtained before travelling before travelling.

NB: CroisiEurope and the ship's captain reserve the right to modify the cruising itinerary to ensure the safe naviga-tion of the vessel. The order of the visits may be reversed in order to ensure the best organisation of your cruise.



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### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

DISCOVER:

- Panoramic tour of **the capital city** and visit of the covered walkways still with their original charm
- Visit the famous Saint Germain des Prés district, with a rich past where history and creativity are the very essence of this legendary place





### OUR EXCURSIONS

## FRENCH CANALS

### Alsace

#### **BOAT TOUR OF STRASBOURG** LENGTH: 2.5 hours

Set off by coach for the pier in the town centre of Strasbourg where you board a glass-covered boat, which takes you to the famous district of the Petite France. You will glide past the Tanners the Petite France. You will glide past the Tanners Quarter, the Covered Bridges and the Panoramic Terrace on the Vauban Dam. The cruise continues through the German Quarter. Have the chance then you see European Parliament Building and the Human Rights Building where the European Court of Human Rights is located.

CRUISES REF. SXO\_AIPP/XOS\_AIPP, page 37.

#### HAUT-BARR CHÂTEAU LENGTH: 2.5 hours

With your guide, take the opportunity to discover the wonderful Haut-Barr Château which has been listed as a historic monument since 1874. Returning to the boat, you will stop off at the Chappe Tower, an ancient telegraph, where there is an interactive display on the ancestry of all means of telecommunication.

CRUISES REF. SXO\_AIPP/XOS\_AIPP, page 37.

#### 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 discover the secrets of glassblowing through a guided tour. Afterward, you'll have some free time to browse through the gift store.

CRUISES REF. SXO\_AIPP/XOS\_AIPP, page 37.

#### LUTZELBOURG CHÂTEAU LENGTH: 1.5 hours

Lutzelbourg deserves its reputation as the most beautiful village on the French canal banks. Enjoy a walk to the Château.

CRUISES REF. SXO\_AIPP/XOS\_AIPP, page 37.

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

Set off by coach and head for Sarrebourg. During the guided visit of the town, you are able to admire monuments like the cinema, built in 1912, the library and the Custine Hotel. You can also admire the square and the Chapel of the Cordeliers, in the heart of which can be found a quite unique stained glass window by Marc Chagal

CRUISES REF. SXO\_AIPP/XOS\_AIPP, page 37.

#### **SAVERNE**

LENGTH: 2 hours

A guided visit of Saverne, a town off the beaten track of the usual tourist haunts, despite its multitude of places to see and admire. 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 12<sup>th</sup> century and the former convent of the Récollets founded in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. CUISES REF. SXO\_AIPP/XOS\_AIPP, page 37.

#### THE HOPS TRAIL **IN WALTENHEIM** LENGTH: 2 hours

Set off by coach to Wingersheim for a walking tour along the Hops Trail (must be reserved in advance through your travel agent before the cruise commences). Once at the town hall, you will board a converted trailer pulled by a tractor so that you can visit the village as well as travel along the Hops Trail. At the end of the visit, you can join in a tasting of some of the beer.

CRUISES REF. SXO\_AIPP/XOS\_AIPP, page 37.

### Burgundy

#### 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<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. The guided visit continues to the centre of the town where there is a wine tasting session to try some wine from the Côte Chalonnaise.

CRUISES REF. SLD\_AIPP/DSL\_AIPP, page 34.

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#### LENGTH: 2 hours

Discover Dole, city of Louis Pasteur, in the company of your guide as you follow the "trail of the Perched Cat". This is a reference to the author Marcel Aymé, creator of this famous tales, who spent his childhood years in Dole. During the tour, you will discover many historic monuments, which have made Dole a town of Art and History. Afterwards, there is free time.

CRUISES REF. DBC\_AIPP/BDJ\_AIPP, page 35.

#### PETIT-OUGES LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll arrive in Petit-Ouges 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 and relive the time before running water and electricity via the "Three Wash-house Path".

CRUISES REF. DBC\_AIPP/BDJ\_AIPP, page 35.

#### SAINT-JEAN-DE-LOSNE

#### LENGTH: 2.5 hours

This city is today the capital of barging in France, lying at the heart of the French waterways and canal system in southern Burgundy. You also visit the Gare d'Eau (or Water Station), the Church of St John the Baptist and the Batellerie Museum (also known as the Sailors' House). Your visit of the town ends at the Hotel de Ville where you have the chance to taste some local specialities. Afterwards there is free time.

CRUISES REF. SLD\_AIPP/DSL\_AIPP/BDC\_AIPP/ BDJ\_AIPP, pages 34 and 35.

#### THE GRANDS CRUS WINE ROUTE LENGTH: 4 hours

In the afternoon, set off on the Grands Crus Wine Route and where there is a visit of the du Clos de Vougeot Château. The journey continues to the Marsannay Château (or similar) for a wine tasting complete with explanatory commentary. Finally you visit an ancient gallery where you can see the history of Marsannay depicted in pictures. CRUISES REF. SLD\_AIPP/DSL\_AIPP/BDC\_AIPP/ BDJ\_AIPP, pages 34 and 35.

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

#### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

Departure by bus and we then set off on foot from Nolay, for a walk to the Cirque du Bout du Monde, a natural site part of Natura 2000 a European network of nature protection areas, in order to admire the imposing chalk cliffs carved out by the river Cozanne which create a cirque where a 25-meter high waterfall was formed. We continue by bus to Mont de Sène, or the Mountain of the Three Crosses, an ancient Celtic religious. We then return by bus to Santenay through following the wine trail.

CRUISES REF. SLD\_AIPP/DSL\_AIPP, page 34.

#### WINE TASTING IN SANTENAY LENGTH: 1 hour

Set off from the ship with the purser and walk to the centre of Santenay, a charming little wine-producing village, with a priceless historic heritage. You will be welcomed by a wine producer of the village. Learn more about the wine making process and then enjoy a wine tasting session of . 3 wines.

CRUISES REF. SLD\_AIPP/DSL\_AIPP, page 34.

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

#### LENGTH: 5 hours

Meet with your guide and set off by coach for an excursion along the famous tourist Champagne route, where you will discover the splendid rolling vineyards in the region. There will be a discovery tour with commentary of the village of Hautvillers, birthplace of Champagne. Next you will visit a major Champagne house followed by a tasting of champagne.

CRUISES REF. ECP\_AIPP/PCE\_AIPP, page 32.

#### MEAUX AND CHEESE TASTING LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll take a coach to Meaux and then have a guided tour of the Episcopal Palace and the Brie de Meaux exhibit hall with a certified guide. Then, we'll enjoy a film explaining 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? You'll have a bit of free time before returning to the boat.

CRUISES REF. ECP\_AIPP/PCE\_AIPP, page 32.

#### REIMS

#### **LENGTH: 5 hours**

We'll leave by coach to Reims, known as the "City of Coronations". We'll enjoy a guided tour on foot and discover the Place Royale, Place Du Forum (Roman forum) and the Place de l'Hôtel de Ville, etc. 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 32.

#### THE JEAN DE LA FONTAINE **MUSEUM AND CHÂTEAU-THIERRY** LENGTH: 2.5 hour

Meet with the guide at the quayside and set off on foot for the town centre. Visit the Museum devoted to Jean de la Fontaine. The tour then continues through the town of Château-Thierry passing the Château walls and the Hotel Dieu where Jean de la Fontaine also once lived.

CRUISES REF. ECP\_AI PP/PCE\_AIPP, page 32.

### Gascony

#### AGEN

#### **LENGTH: 3 hours**

We'll set out on foot for a guided tour of Agen's historical center. We'll walk along the charming medieval streets and head for St. Caprais Cathedral. We'll stop for some time at the Place des Laitiers, the site of an ancient Roman forum. At the end of our tour, we'll have a tasting of Agen dried prunes, the authentic local specialty. The visit will be brighten up by a video projection. CRUISES REF. ATL\_AI PP/TLA\_AIPP, page 31.

#### AUVILLAR AND TASTING LENGTH: 3 hours

Departure by coach with your guide to visit Auvillar, voted one of the most beautiful villages in France. We'll stop in the market square to admire its circular corn exchange. Our visit will be followed by a tasting of local products. The visit will be brighten up by the visit of earthenware and shipping museums.

CRUISES REF. ATL\_AI PP/TLA\_AIPP, page 31.

#### MOISSAC ABBEY **AND CLOISTER** LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave by coach. At the end of our tour, we'll enjoy a tasting of products made from chasselas grapes, an exceptional fruit cultivated with respect for the soil and the natural environment. Lastly, the coach will take you to the top of the belvedere, where you'll have a marvelous view of Moissac and the Tarn and Garonne rivers.

CRUISES REF. ATL\_AI PP/TLA\_AIPP, page 31.

#### NERAC LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll leave by coach with our tour guide. We'll discover the port, the "old bridge" and the vestiges of Henry IV's Château. We'll continue on to Barbaste and have a look at the fortified mill and then go past the 13th century bastide in Vianne. Our visit will finish up at a vineyard in the Albret region, where you'll be able to enjoy some Buzet wine.

CRUISES REF. ATL\_AI PP/TLA\_AIPP, page 31.

#### LENGTH: 5 hours

You'll leave by coach with your guide. Discover the "Pink City", one of France's finest examples of Romanesque architecture, which was built with rosy-red brick and is graced by an elegant spire and octagonal tower. We'll continue with the visit of the "Maison de Violette" to discover the delicious products made from violets - candies, chocolate, jams, sugar, liquors, teas, etc.

CRUISES REF. ATL\_AI PP/TLA\_AIPP, page 31.

### Paris & the Canal Saint-Martin

#### PARIS AND ITS COVERED WALKWAYS **LENGTH: 4 hours**

Guided visit of Paris. This tour of the city will bring you to some of the most important sites in the capital: the Place de la Republique, the grand boulevards, the Palais Garnier, the Madeleine Church, the Place Vendôme, 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.

Afterward, we'll return to the ship by coach.

CRUISES REF. PAM/ECP\_AIPP/PCE\_AIPP, pages 32 and 39.

#### SAINT-GERMAIN-DES-PRES LENGTH: 3 hours

Leave by coach from the Trocadero for Saint-Germain-des-Pres following the Voie Triomphale. We'll pass the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs Elysées and the Place de la Concorde. Closer to the Odeon, we'll discover many of the famous participants of the French Revolution, including Danton, Marat, and Dr. Guillotin.

After our visit, we'll return to the ship by coach.

CRUISE REF. PAM, page 39.

### Provence

#### AIGUES-MORTES AND THE **SALINS DU MIDI SALTWORKS LENGTH: 3 hours**

Meet with your guide and set off for a guided visit of Aigues-Mortes. This old walled town, has a prestigious heritage, situated in the middle of marshlands in one of the loveliest natural settings in Provence. You will board a tourist train which will take you on a 90-minute journey through the salt tables, with a stop at the Museum of Salt. CRUISES REF. AVF\_AIPP/SVA\_AIPP, page 33.

#### ARLES AND VISIT OF **AN OLIVE OIL PRODUCTION SITE** LENGTH: 4 hours

Depart by foot for the guided tour of Arles. For 2000 years Arles has maintained an outstanding architectural heritage making it a genuine open-air museum. Then, depart by coach towards Tarascon to the Grand Servan domain, producing famous Provencal olive oil. The owners will explain the cultivation and production of the yellow gold of Provence, olive oil. After this discovery, you will have the opportunity to taste the products of the estate. Returning by bus.

CRUISES REF. AVF\_AIPP/SVA\_AIPP, page 33.

#### 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 33.

#### **ETANG DE THAU LENGTH: 2 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 33.

#### SÈTE LENGTH: 4 hours

Meet with your guide and set off on a guided visit of Sète. In the middle of the Languedoc coastline lies Sète, an island connected to the mainland. Sète is quite a unique town, criss-crossed with canals and little alleyways. After the visit, we leave the town centre and head for Mont Saint-Clair from where there are stunning views, and you can see the Saint-Clair Cross and Notre Dame de la Salette Chapel.

CRUISES REF. AVF\_AIPP/SVA\_AIPP, page 33.

#### THE CAMARGUE

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Set off on a panoramic guided tour. You can admire the rivers, marshland and lakes, the pink flamingos, bulls and the famous white Camargue horses. A stop is planned in les Saintes-Mariesde-la-Mer, renowned as a pilgrimage centre for gypsies from all over Europe.

CRUISES REF. AVF\_AIPP/SVA\_AIPP, page 33.

#### THE ROYAL SALTWORKS **LENGTH: 4 hours**

Transfer by coach to Arc-et-Senans. With audioguide you discover La Saline-Royale (or 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. AVF\_AIPP/SVA\_AIPP, page 33.

### The Upper Loire

#### **DUCAL PALACE** AND CATHEDRAL IN NEVERS, **PLUS TASTING**

#### 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.

CRUISES REF. NVB\_AIPP/BNV\_AIPP, page 30.

#### FONTMORIGNY ABBEY AND **APREMONT-SUR-ALLIER** LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll leave for the Fontmorigny Abbey, a privately-owned 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 Apremont-sur-Allier, classified as one of the most beautiful villages in France, and its floral gardens.

CRUISES REF. NVB\_AIPP/BNV\_AIPP, page 30.

#### LA CHARITÉ-SUR-LOIRE AND **THE FERME DES BARREAUX** LENGTH: 3.75 hours

We'll leave for La Charité-sur-Loire and begin our visit with the Sainte-Croix-Notre-Dame church, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site as part of the Way of St. James. We'll then head to the Benedictine gardens and the ruins of the Church of Saint-Laurent. We'll then head to the Ferme des Barreaux, where you'll be able to taste locals products.

CRUISES REF. NVB\_AIPP/BNV\_AIPP, page 30.

#### MUSEUM CONSERVATORY AND **TOURIST TRAIN**

#### 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 in front of the city hall and the Trousse Barrière Château. We'll then head to the Museum Conservatory and discover the history of the Loire and its canals.

CRUISES REF. NVB\_AIPP/BNV AI\_PP, page 30.

#### NIGHTTIME STROLL THROUGH **NEVERS WITH LANTERNS**

#### LENGTH: 2.25 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. NVB\_AIPP/BNV AI\_PP, page 30.

#### POUILLY SUR LOIRE LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll leave for the picturesque town of Pouillysur-Loire, where we'll visit the Tour de Pouilly-Fumé: a wine-tourism center. We'll visit the vineyard and stop in a cellar for a tasting. CRUISES REF. NVB\_AIPP/BNV AI\_PP, page 30.

#### SANCERRE AND A GOAT FARM

#### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll leave for Sancerre and have a tour of the city on foot and its typical small streets of this once medieval city. You'll be able to visit the Tour des Fiefs on your own (192 steps). We'll then head to the goat farm, where we'll be able to sample its trademark cheeses and the local Sancerre wine. CRUISES REF. NVB\_AIPP/BNV AI\_PP, page 30.

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### **REASONS** TO CRUISE **ON THE LOIRE**

- An exclusive itinerary
- A specially designed vessel for this particular waterway
- Rich cultural, historic and natural heritage

### THE ADVANTAGES OF BOOKING WITH CROISIEUROPE

- Exclusive cruise-world premiere
- A highly technical feat combining the authenticity of a paddle riverboat with a comfort of modern ship

### **SHIPS**

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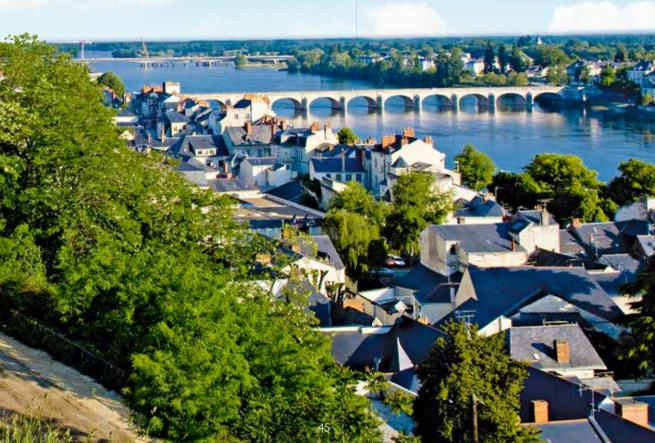
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### **BICYCLE PROGRAM**

- **NEW FOR 2016**
- Biking Cruise Program along the Loire River / See page 47





#### 6 - DAY CRUISE

### The Loire, a royal legacy

#### DAY 1 NANTES

Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Excursion proposed: • Enjoy a cruise on the Erdre

#### DAY 2 NANTES · SAINT-NAZAIRE

- Excursions proposed:
- Guided visit of Nantes
- Discover Saint-Nazaire
- and its shipyard<sup>(1)</sup>
- Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 3 SAINT-NAZAIRE · ANCENIS

- Morning spent cruising
- Excursions proposed:
- Discover the Muscadet Wine Route
- Visit the cellars and taste the lovely white wine
- Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 4 ANCENIS · ANGERS

- Morning spent cruising Excursions proposed:
- Visit the town of Angers
  Visit the fortress from the
- 13<sup>th</sup> century
- Evening of entertainment provided by our crew

#### DAY 5 BOUCHEMAINE · THE LOIRE CHÂTEAUX · ANCENIS Excursions proposed:

- Visit the Loire Valley châteaux
- Stroll through the famous gardens
- of the Villandry Château
- Visit of the Ussé Château
- Gala dinner

#### DAY 6 NANTES

Disembark around 10:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on page 49.

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NB: CroisiEurope and the ship's captain reserve the right to modify the cruising itinerary to ensure the safe navigation of the vessel. This cruise can be affected by the tide and the arrival times at ports of call may be subject to change.

(1) Reservation in advance is essential - see with your agency. Each passenger will be asked to produce a valid passport or identity card in order to gain access to the shipyard.

#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

Cruise the Loire on board a paddle rivership DISCOVER:

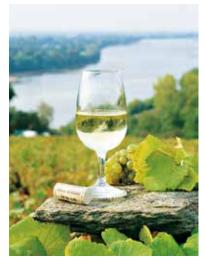
- Landscapes and the Loire Valley châteaux
- Nantes an authentic journey through time
- The Saint-Nazaire shipyard
- Angers, capital of historic Anjou (flowered coast)
- The **wines of the Loire** (the Muscadet region)

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

BUNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES









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LOIRE

Villandry Azay-le-Rideau

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### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### DISCOVER

GUÉRANDE

ST-NAZAIRE

- Saumur and the Cadre Noir
- Nantes a real journey through time
- Saint-Nazaire, a town on the sea
- Guérande and the salt marshes
- Angers, capital of the Anjou region
- The wines of the Loire (the Muscadet wine route)

ALL MEALS INCLUDED UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES **FREE WIFI** 

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#### 8 - DAY CRUISE

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** 10 **REF.NHN PP** 

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED **REF. NHN AIPP** 

### The Loire, a royal river

#### DAY 1 NANTES

Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Excursion proposed: • Enjoy a cruise on the Erdre

#### DAY 2 NANTES · SAINT-NAZAIRE

Excursion proposed: Guided visit of Nantes and the Dukes of Brittany Château Afternoon spent cruising Evening of entertainment

#### SAINT-NAZAIRE · ANCENIS DAY 3

- Excursions proposed: Discover Saint-Nazaire
- and its shipyard<sup>(1)</sup>
- OR: Guided visit of Guérande and the salt marshes Afternoon spent cruising Evening of entertainment

#### **ANCENIS · BOUCHEMAINE** DAY 4

- Excursions proposed:
- Discover the Muscadet Wine Route
- Tour to La Chapelle Heulin
- · Visit the Cassemichère Château and its cellars (or similar) followed by a wine tasting session Afternoon spent cruising

#### DAY 5 ANGERS

- Excursions proposed:
- Tour of the town of Angers and its fortress
- Visit to the Cadre Noir<sup>(2)</sup> and the town of Saumur
- Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 6 BOUCHEMAINE

- THE LOIRE CHÂTEAUX
- Excursions proposed:
- Visit of the Loire Valley châteaux
- Enjoy a stroll through the famous gardens of the Villandry Château Visit of the Ussé Château
- Evening of entertainment

#### **BOUCHEMAINE · ANCENIS** DAY 7 NANTES

Excursion proposed: Discover the Angevine Corniche Afternoon spent cruising Gala dinner

#### DAY 8 NANTES

Disembark around 10:00 a.m

#### See excursion details on page 49.

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- (1) Reservation in advance is essential see with your agency. Each passenger will be asked to produce a valid passport or identity card in order to gain access to the shipyard.
- (2) 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.

### **NEW FOR 2016**

### Biking Cruise Program along the Loire River

#### 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

#### NANTES • SAINT-NAZAIRE • ANCENIS • BOUCHEMAINE • ANCENIS • NANTES

Your Loire Valley Cruise Biking is like no other vacation you have taken before. Experience the luxury of cruising mixed with the thrill of biking all as you travel through the beautiful scenic routes of France. Your trip begins and end in Nantes and takes you all over the Loire Valley region both on land and on water. As you sit atop your bicycle during the day, enjoying the feel of the open air, visit the rustic seaside towns, and feel the medieval and Renaissance air that still abounds there. Stop for wine tastings in the French vineyards. Travel through ancient chateaux, including one of such beauty it helped inspire Disney Castles, and stroll through the world famous gardens of Villandry. At night and on cruising days, enjoy the comforts of the luxury cruiser as it takes you gently down the French riverside.



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REF. PNB\_PP • **15 - DAY CRUISE** /See page 105 **Seine/Loire/Bordeaux combined cruise** A scenic and culturally enriching route passing through some of the most treasured towns and sites

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### OUR EXCURSIONS

#### **THE LOIRE**



### ANGERS

Angers was the capital of the historical Anjou province and is distinguished not only by its legacy, but also by its modern nature. Angers, particularly rich during the Renaissance, was home to the House of Plantagenet. The immense walls of the famous Château d'Angers contain the extraordinary Apocalypse Tapestry. We'll visit the 13<sup>th</sup> century castle and discover the Apocalypse Tapestry, part of one of the most important collections of medieval tapestries in the world. Lastly, we'll visit La Doutre, a village-like neighborhood in the heart of the city. CRUISES REF. NSN\_PP/NHN\_PP/PNB\_PP, pages 46, 47 and 105.

#### GUÉRANDE AND ITS SALT MARSHES LENGTH: 4 hours

Leave for Guérande, where we'll begin with a guided tour. 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, you'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 47.

#### **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. We'll visit the île Feydeau and its exceptional buildings dating back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century, and then on to the quays. After, you'll discover the shopping districts created in the 18<sup>th</sup> 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. NSN\_PP/NHN\_PP/PNB\_PP, pages 46, 47 and 105.

#### SAINT-NAZAIRE RESERVATION IN ADVANCE IS ESSENTIAL -

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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 designed especially for understanding the complexity of constructing these veritable modern floating palaces, you'll discover the immensity of this site, the stunning logistics, and the high technology put in place to build the ships.

CRUISES REF. NSN\_PP/NHN\_PP/PNB\_PP, pages 46, 47 and 105.

### SAUMUR AND THE CADRE NOIR LENGTH: 5 hours

In 2011, UNESCO added the Equitation in the French tradition and the Cadre Noir to its Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity as a school of horseback riding that 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. Will continue our visit with a walk through the fortified city of Saumur, dominate by its château.

CRUISE REF. NHN\_PP, page 47.

#### THE ANGEVINE CORNICHE 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 Angevine Corniche, admiring the picturesque villages and several viewpoints along the Loire.

CRUISE REF. NHN\_PP, page 47.

#### THE LOIRE VALLEY CHÂTEAUX LENGTH: 11 hours We'll leave by coach for the Azay-le-Rideau Château.

We ineave by coach for the Azay-le-Rideau Chateau. 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. Afterward, 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. NSN\_PP/NHN\_PP/PNB\_PP, pages 46, 47 and 105.

#### THE MUSCADET REGION LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll pass through several villages that are testimony to the strong winegrowing identity in the region. Transfer to Clisson, a charming medieval city with 15<sup>th</sup> century vestiges and a slight Italian feel. We'll continue toward La Chapelle Heulin and stop at the Cassemichère Château (or similar site). This exceptional site invites you to discover its historyfilled vineyards, visit its cellars and taste the dry, light, fruity and aromatic wine. Return on board. CRUISES REF. NSN\_PP/NHN\_PP/PNB\_PP, pages 46, 47 and 105.

#### TOURIST CRUISE ON THE ERDRE RIVER LENGTH: 2.75 hours

Transfer by coach to the Bateaux Nantais dock. At approximately 8:00 p.m., 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. NSN\_PP/NHN\_PP, pages 46 and 47.

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### **REASONS** TO CRUISE THE SEINE

- Paris, the French capital and its many different cultural sights and tourist attractions
- Discover the beautiful landscapes of the **Seine Valley** with its wide open spaces and vibrant towns
- Normandy and its traditions
- The Seine, a great source of inspiration to the **Impressionist painters**
- Important historic places: the Palace of Versailles, Rouen, the Landing Beaches

### THE **ADVANTAGES** OF BOOKING WITH CROISIEUROPE

- A River cruise from Paris all the way to Normandy Coast, including exclusive mooring in Honfleur
- Moor just a step away from the **Eiffel Tower**!
- See **Paris** lit up at night from the comfort of your ship
- Largest choice of itineraries and lengths

### **SHIPS**

- MS BOTTICELLI
- MS RENOIR
- MS FRANCE
- MS SEINE PRINCESS Premium ship



#### 8 - DAY CRUISE

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** (O **REF. PCN** ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED 

### The romantic Seine Valley

DAY 1	PARIS Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation "Paris by night" cruise
DAY 2	PARIS Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of Paris • Afternoon free to stroll around Paris at your leisure • Cabaret evening in Paris
DAY 3	VERNON Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit the Claude Monet Foundation in Giverny and Monet's huge workshop Evening of entertainment
DAY 4	DUCLAIR Excursion proposed: • Tour to discover the Abbeys Trail Afternoon spent cruising
DAY 5 OR:	HONFLEUR Excursions proposed: • Visit of Honfleur • Discover the "Côte Fleurie" (Flowered Coast) • Full day guided tour to the Landing Beaches
DAY 6	(lunch included) <sup>(1)</sup> <b>ROUEN</b> Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Tour of Rouen Evening of entertainment
DAY 7	ROUEN • LES ANDELYS Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visiting the Martainville Château Gala dinner
DAY 8	PARIS Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### DISCOVER:

- Paris and its legendary places
- The Landing Beaches
- Honfleur its fishing port and St. Catherine's Church
- Martainville Château, museum of Norman arts and traditions

#### Abbeys Trail

- The house of Claude Monet in Giverny (REF. PCN)
- The Alabaster Coast, natural heritage (REF. SIP)
- Rouen, capital of Normandy (REF. SIP)

#### ALL MEALS INCLUDED UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES **FREE WIFI**



	the senie valley
DAY 1	PARIS Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Evening of entertainment
DAY 2	PARIS • LES ANDELYS • HONFLEUR Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit the Martainville Château
DAY 3 OR:	HONFLEUR Excursions proposed: • Guided walking tour of Honfleur • Discover the "Côte d'Albâtre" (Alabaster Coast) • Full day guided tour to the Landing Beaches (lunch included) <sup>(1)</sup>
DAY 4	
DAY 5	ROUEN • PARIS Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Paris "Paris by night" cruise
DAY 6	PARIS

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 56 and 57.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate. NB: for navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary. (1) Reservation in advance is essential - see with your agency. Each passenger will be asked to produce a valid passport or identity card in order to gain access to the shipyard.

• Paris and its legendary places The Versailles Château<sup>(1)</sup> The Abbeys Trail

(flowered coast) The Landing Beaches

Honfleur and the "Côte Fleurie"

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

DISCOVER:



#### 7 - DAY CRUISE



### The winding Seine Valley

DAY 1	<b>PARIS</b> Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
DAY 2	PARIS Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of Paris • Afternoon free to stroll around Paris at your leisure "Paris by night" cruise
DAY 3	PARIS • LES ANDELYS or VERNON Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of the Versailles Château <sup>(1)</sup>
DAY 4	LES ANDELYS or VERNON • ROUEN Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Rouen
DAY 5	ROUEN • DUCLAIR Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour on the Abbeys Trail
DAY 6 OR:	HONFLEUR Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of Honfleur and its fishing port • Discover the "Côte Fleurie" (Flowred Coast) • Full day guided tour to the Landing Beaches (lunch included) <sup>(2)</sup>
DAY 7	HONFLEUR Disembark around 9:00 a m



#### UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES **FREE WIFI** DUCLAIR HONFLEUR ROUEN LES ANDELYS CALVADOS 7 - DAY CRUISE **VERNON OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** (O **REF. HON SEINE** ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED **REF. HON AIPP** The Seine Valley and its winding river HONFLEUR DAY 1 Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation DAY 2 **HONFLEUR · DUCLAIR** Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of Honfleur and its fishing port Discover the "Côte Fleurie" (Flowered Coast) OR: • Full day guided tour to the Landing Beaches (lunch included)<sup>(2)</sup> DAY 3 **DUCLAIR · ROUEN** Excursion proposed: • Guided tour on the "Abbeys Trail" Afternoon spent cruising DAY 4 **ROUEN · VERNON** Excursion proposed: Guided visit of Rouen Afternoon spent cruising Gala dinner DAY 5 VERNON · PARIS Excursion proposed: Guided tour of the Versailles Château<sup>(1)</sup> Afternoon spent cruising DAY 6 PARIS Excursion proposed: · Guided tour exploring the legendary parts of Paris Afternoon free to stroll around Paris at your leisure DAY 7 PARIS Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 56 and 57.

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NB: for navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary.

(1) Available for a minimum of 35 persons otherwise this excursion will be replaced by the visit of Malmaison Château. The Malmaison Château is closed on Tuesday, so if the stop falls on a Tuesday, the optional guided tour will be at Auvers-sur-Oise Château.

(2) Reservation in advance is essential - see with your agency.



#### DISCOVER:

- Versailles Château<sup>(1)</sup>, a dazzling royal residence
- Honfleur and its incomparable charm
- The Landing Beaches
- The "Côte Fleurie" (Flowered Coast) and its string of seaside resorts
- Rouen, recognized Town of Art and History

ALL MEALS INCLUDED UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES



#### 5 - DAY CRUISE



# From Paris to the Norman coast

DAY 1	PARIS Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation "Paris by night" cruise
DAY 2	PARIS • VERNON Excursion proposed: • Sightseeing tour to the Versailles Château <sup>(1)</sup> Afternoon spent cruising
DAY 3	VERNON • ROUEN • DUCLAIR Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of the old town of Rouen Gala dinner
	DUCLAIR • HONFLEUR Excursions proposed: • Sightseeing tour of Honfleur
OR:	<ul> <li>Full day guided tour to the Landing Beaches (lunch included)<sup>(2)</sup></li> </ul>
DAY 5	HONFLEUR Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### 5 - DAY CRUISE

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DAY 1	HONFLEUR Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
DAY 2	HONFLEUR • DUCLAIR Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of Honfleur • Discover the "Côte Fleurie" (Flowered Coast)
DAY 3	DUCLAIR • ROUEN Excursions proposed: • Guided tour on the Abbeys Trail • Visit of Rouen Afternoon spent cruising
DAY 4	MANTES-LA-JOLIE • POISSY • PARIS Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of the Versailles Château <sup>(1)</sup> Afternoon spent cruising Gala dinner
DAY 5	PARIS Disembark around 9:00 a.m.



#### See excursion details on pages 56 and 57.

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**NB:** for navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary.

(1) Available for a minimum of 35 persons otherwise this excursion will be replaced by the visit of Malmaison Château. The Malmaison Château is closed on Tuesday, so if the stop falls on a Tuesday, the optional guided tour will be at Auvers-sur-Oise Château.

(2) Reservation in advance is essential - see with your agency.

Honfleur and its incomparable charm
 The "Côte Fleurie" (Flowered Coast) and its string of seaside resorts
 Paris, the City of Light

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

BEVERAGES (REF. SEN)

**FREE WIFI** 

UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY

DISCOVER: • Rouen, a historic city



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### The valley of the Seine

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Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation

#### DAY 2 PARIS · LES ANDELYS · ROUEN Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit to the Martainville Château

#### DAY 3 ROUEN · HONFLEUR

- Excursions proposed:
  - Guided tour of Honfleur on foot
  - Discover the "Côte Fleurie" (Flowered Coast)

#### DAY 4 HONFLEUR · DUCLAIR · VERNON

- Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Rouen on foot
- Afternoon spent cruising
- Gala dinner
- DAY 5 PARIS

Disembark around 10:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 56 and 57.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

NB: for navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary. This cruise is subject to tidal influences and arrivals times at the ports of call may be modified.

#### 4 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. PAB

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. PAB

### Short break in Paris

DAY 1	PARIS Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Evening of entertainment
DAY 2	<ul> <li>PARIS, renowned sights and mythical attractions</li> <li>LA DEFENSE</li> <li>Excursion proposed: <ul> <li>Panoramic guided visit of Paris</li> <li>Free afternoon to stroll around Paris at your own pace</li> <li>In December, enjoy the many Christmas festivities</li> <li>and attractions in the city</li> <li>Evening of entertainment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
DAY 3	PARIS and old Montmartre with a "Paris by night" cruise Excursion proposed: • Guided visit of old Montmartre "Paris by night" cruise Gala dinner
DAY 4	PARIS Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 56 and 57.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

NB: for reasons of navigational safety, the captain and crew of the boat alone may decide to modify the cruise itinerary. This cruise is subject to tidal influences and arrivals times at the ports of call may be modified.



### OUR EXCURSIONS

#### THE SEINE VALLEY

#### AUDIO TOUR OF AUVERS SUR OISE CHÂTEAU LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave by coach with our host/hostess for a visit to the Auvers Château. This multimedia tour traces the lives of the great master painters who left their mark on the town's history: Daubigny, Pissarro, Cézanne, Monet, and Van Gogh. You'll make your way through the different rooms of the Château, all with reconstructed decor and atmospheres reminiscent of the Impressionists' favorite themes. There are more than 500 paintings set to motion, visual and sound effects, popular music and songs of the time, extracts from old films, photo archives, clothing and other objects from that period. The Château als bastemporary exhibitions, a restaurant with a terrace for hot days, a tree-filled park and French formal gardens, a unique collection of irises, cultural and festive events, floral art and painting workshops. We'll return on board by coach at the end of the morning.

CRUISES REF. PAF/PAR/HOP/HON/IMP, pages 53, 54 and 155.

#### CABARET EVENING IN PARIS LENGTH: 3.5 hours

You will leave by coach toward the prestigious cabaret "Nouvelle Eve" at the bottom of the Montmartre butte to enjoy a Parisian "revue". During the show you will enjoy the famous French Cancan and have a half bottle of champagne offered. You will return to the boat by coach at the end of the show.

#### CRUISE REF. PCN, page 52.

### CLAUDE MONET FOUNDATION

#### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

You will leave the boat by coach to travel to the home of Claude Monet. You will be free to explore the house which is home to Monet's private collection of Japanese prints. You will also discover the famous garden with its riot of flowers.

CRUISES REF. PCN/IMP, pages 52 and 155.

#### HONFLEUR

#### LENGTH: 1.5 hours

We'll meet up with our guide and set off on the tour on foot. Honfleur, the cradle of Impressionism, is located at the mouth of the Seine as it flows into the English Channel. Untouched by the passage of time, this small port has kept the landmarks of its rich past, making it today one of the most visited towns in France. We'll begin our tour at the Vieux Bassin, one of the most charming sites in the city. The narrow houses squeezed against each other are quite a unique sight. 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 17<sup>th</sup> century Salt Halls, 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 15<sup>th</sup> and beginning of the 16<sup>th</sup> centuries–only to be partially burned down again during the Wars of Religion. We'll return to our ship on foot.

CRUISES REF. HON/HOP/IMP/PAF/PAR/PCN/SEN/ SIP/SPH\_PP/HTS\_PP/LMS\_PP, pages 52 to 55, 101, 104 and 155.

#### THE MALMAISON CHÂTEAU LENGTH: 3 hours

Guided tour to the Malmaison Château. Built during the 17th century, Joséphine acquired this castle in 1779. In 1800, it became the headquarters of the government and the place of professional meetings. The library restores the industrious atmosphere by which Bonaparte enjoyed to be surrounded. The council room is shaped like a military tent. Crops of receptions, dances and country-style games took place there. The musical lounge presents Josephine's troubadour" paintings and her well-known harp. Here, many paintings from these times are to be admired. After her divorce in 1809, Joséphine continued to live in her house, where she died in 1814. The Napoleonic museum was inaugurated in 1906; it is furnished, decorated, adorned with the paintings that Joséphine bought and loved. The fascination produced by this little castle comes from the charm and authenticity that have been preserved. The visit includes: transportation, guide, entrance to the castle.

CRUISES REF. PAF/PAR/HOP/HON/SPH\_PP/HTS\_PP/ PNB\_PP, pages 53, 54, 101 and 105.

### MARTAINVILLE CHÂTEAU LENGTH: 5 hours

Departure by coach with your courier. We will pass through Le Petit Andelys and by the St Sauveur church (16<sup>th</sup> century church which still has an organ from the period). After 40 minutes' travelling through different villages along the Andelle (river running through the valley), we arrive at Martainville Château. This Château was built at the end of the 15<sup>th</sup> century by Jacques Le Pelletier, and bought by the State in 1906, then turned into a museum in 1961. In 2 hours, learn about 500 years of rural Normandy history. Travel to the heart of Norman traditions (work costumes, headdresses, jewellery, cloths...), relive the past thanks to the objects from everyday life (copper pans, pottery, baskets...). Discover the largest collection of Upper Normandy furniture, the "FAMOUS NORMAN ARMOIRES". Transfer back to Rouen at the beginning of the evening.

CRUISES REF. SEN/SIP/PCN/LMS\_PP, pages 52, 55 and 104.

#### MONT SAINT-MICHEL (full day - lunch included) LENGTH: 12 hours

Departure by coach for Mont Saint-Michel. Guided visit of the abbey. The Mont was dedicated to Saint Michael in 708 when, according to legend, Saint Aubert was visited by the Archangel himself and instructed to build the monastery. After our visit, we'll leave by coach for Nantes.

#### CRUISE REF. PNB\_PP, page 105.

### MUSEUM MARMOTTAN 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. (Museum closed on Mondays, in this case, visit of the Parc de l'Orangerie).

CRUISE REF. IMP, page 155.

#### ON THE ABBEYS TRAIL LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We set off by coach from Duclair accompanied by your guides. The excursion begins with a visit of Jumièges Abbey. Built in 654 at the time Christianity arrived in the region and subsequently destroyed by the Vikings, the abbey was restored in the 11<sup>th</sup> 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 ruin in all of France". During our visit we also see the cloisters and the ruins of the Church of Saint Peter before we visit St Martin's abbey in Boscherville, which is one of the most prestigious Romanesque abbeys of the High-Normandy region. Nestling in the Seine Valley, on the edge of the Roumare Forest, Saint-Georges de Boscherville offers a visit objective and a walk in a rich site with a two-thousand-year-old past. We return to Duclair by coach where we rejoin the boat.

CRUISES REF. HOP/PAR/HON/PCN/SIP/IMP, pages 52 to 54 and 155.

#### THE VERSAILLES CHÂTEAU LENGTH: 3.5 hours

Departure by coach with your courier to visit the Versailles Château. Inscribed on the World Heritage List for thirty years, the Versailles Château constitutes one of the finest achievements of French art in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Louis XIII's former hunting lodge was transformed and enlarged by his son Louis XIV, who fixed the Court and government of France here in 1682. Until the French Revolution, one king followed another, each embellishing the Château in his turn. When you arrive, your guide will take you to visit the King's Grand Apartment. This seven-room enfilade was intended to serve as a Parade Apartment, that is to say for the sovereign's official business. This is why it was decorated with the most splendid riches and based on the model of Italian palaces of the time. During the daytime, it was open to all, French and foreigners, who came to see the king. Three evenings a week it was reserved for the Court. Then you will go through the Hall of Mirrors, known in the 17<sup>th</sup> century as the "Great Gallery" and which served daily as a place for passing through, waiting and meeting, frequented by courtesans. Completed by Mansart in 1687, 75m long, 10m wide, 12m high, it is lit by large windows which are matched by as many panels of mirror. You will finish the visit with the Queen's Apartments, where the Queen received the ladies of the Court when she rose in the morning and granted private audiences. After visiting the Château, you will still have a little free time to discover the fabulous formal French gardens created by André Le Notre for Louis XIV. Return to the boat by coach.

CRUISES REF. PAF/PAR/HOP/HON/SPH\_PP/ HTS\_PP/PNB\_PP, pages 53, 54, 101 and 105.

#### PANORAMIC GUIDED TOUR **OF PARIS** LENGTH: 3.5 hours

Departure by coach with a guide to discover the mythical sites of the capital. Since it was founded by Lutèce 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, outlining sumptuous perspectives. Paris has a reputation for taste and elegance that it owes largely to its couturiers, perfumers and jewellers; it is also the city of festivities, theatre, famous cabarets, and the sparkle and sequins of its famous revues. The coach will take you past Bercy, the F. Mitterrand National Library, the Bastille, the Marais, the Latin Quarter, St Germain, 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. Return to the boat at Quai de Grenelle.

CRUISES REF. PAR/HON/PCN/SIP/PAB, pages 52, 53 and 55.

#### 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 55.

#### ROUEN

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll leave on foot for a guided tour of Rouen. The historic center of the city 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. The exceptionally complex Notre-Dame Cathedral is renowned for the juxtaposition of all the Gothic periods - especially on Juxtaposition of all the Gothic periods - especially on the facade, which Monet painted time and again, reflecting its glory in different lights. Destroyed during the Viking invasions in 841 and, partially, in 1944, by allied bombardments, the cathedral continues to be a perpetually evolving structure. We'll then head to the market place where Joan of Arc was burned alive for heresy in 1431. A large cross outside of the Church of Saint Joan of Arc marks the exact spot. The Gros-Horloge, or Great Clock, is one of the most emblematic monuments in the city. The Gothic belfry has housed the communal bells and clock of the city since its construction at the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> century. The current archway and the double sided clock faces were rebuilt between 1527 and 1529. The clock was restored in 1997, and again in 2003. We'll return to our ship on foot at the end of the afternoon.

CRUISES REF. SEN/PAF/HOP/PAR/HON/PCN/SIP/ SPH\_PP/HTS\_PP/PNB\_PP, pages 52 to 55,101 and 155.

#### ROUEN BY NIGHT LENGTH: 2 hours

In the evening, walking guided tour, of the old city by night, the former capital of Normandy, the historic neighbourhoods, the "Place du Vieux Marché" where Joan of Arc was burnt at the stake. Back to the boat.

CRUISE REF. LMS\_PP, page 104.

#### ROUEN - ON THE FOOTSTEPS **OF THE IMPRESSIONISTS** LENGTH: 3 hour

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 has 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, though, and will be replaced by a visit to the Musée Eugène Boudin in Honfleur (stopover on Day 6).

CRUISE REF. IMP, page 155.

#### THE CÔTE D'ALBATRE

#### LENGTH: 4.5 hours

Leave Honfleur by coach for the excursion to the Côte d'Albatre, 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. Marvel at the beauty of the Côte d'Albatre and the diversity of its plant and animal life. First stop at Etretat. Once a fishing village, Etretat transformed itself into a seaside resort in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and became a place of inspiration for artists (Gustave Courbet, Eugène Boudin and Claude Monet), writers (Gustave Flaubert and Guy de Maupassant, Maurice Leblanc) and famous people (J. Michelet, F. Faure, the Queens



of Spain, J. Bonaparte...). Etretat was the holiday spot of numerous famous opera composers and singers of the 19th century who had villas there or stayed there regularly in a comic-opera decor. The town has several remarkable chateaus, manor houses and villas, such as the Manoir de la Salamandre (a house admired by tourists and located in the main street near the hall), The Clos Lupin and the Château des Aygues which were the seaside residences of the Spanish queens Marie Christian et Isabelle II. Continue by coach to Fécamp. Be charmed by this town labelled "Town and country of art and history" and known for its Benedictine liqueur. The history of Fécamp mainly rests on that of its port founded around the 11<sup>th</sup> century, with the intention of promoting naval construction and fishing. From the 19th century to the middle of the 20th century, Fécamp has significant cod fishing activity and momentarily surpassed Saint-Malo as the major French cod fishing port. Nowadays, pleasure boating has taken over from fishing. The abbey church of Sainte-Trinité, the palace of the dukes of Normandy and the rich collections of the museum of Terre Neuvas are witnesses to its prestigious history. Return by coach to Honfleur.

CRUISES REF. SIP/IMP, pages 52 and 155.

#### THE CÔTE FLEURIE LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure from the boat by coach with the guide. First stop at Deauville the most glamour coastal French city. Discover the casino (exterior view). Continuation by coach for the delightful setting of Breuil castle, where you will visit a distillery and get the chance to taste Calvados.

CRUISES REF. PCN/PAF/PAR/SEN/HOP/ HON/SPH\_PP/HTS\_PP/LMS\_PP, pages 52 to 55, 101 and 104.

#### THE LANDINGS BEACHE (full day - lunch included departing from Honfleur) RESERVATION IN ADVANCE IS ESSENTIAL -SEE WITH YOUR AGENCY

LENGTH: 10 hours

Depart from Honfleur by coach for a day trip to the landing beaches. Arrival at Pointe du Hoć, which was the scene of one of the landings on June 6, 1944. Visit. Then pass through Omaha Beach, Colleville sur Mer and its American cemetery. Lunch. In the afternoon continue to Arromanches, site of the famous battle, its artificial port installed to allow the invasion of land troops and their equipment. Stop at Arromanches 360° in its circular room you can watch the film: The Price of Liberty combining archived footage filmed in June 1944 by war correspondents, with current shots on the same site. Back to Honfleur via Gold Beach, Juno Beach (Gray sur mer- Courseulles sur Mer - St Aubin sur Mer), Sword Beach (Ouistreham Lion sur Mer - Luc sur mer). Arrive in Honfleur in the early evening.

CRUISES REF. PAF/PAR/PCN/HON/SIP/SPH\_PP/ HTS\_PP/PNB\_PP, pages 52 to 54, 101 and 105.

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# THE BORDEAUX REGION

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### GIRONDE COGNAC PAUILLAC BLAYE BOURG LIBOURNE ST-EMILION ARCACHON BAY DORDOGNE BORDEAUX CADILLAC GARONNE Π ii II 17.94 T T 雷 1 1 T 1

### THE BORDEAUX REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- Natural areas where Mother Nature puts on a show
- Bordeaux Wine Country: almost 300,000 acres of vines, 60 AOC appellations and 8,000 wine producers
- An important seaside destination: **the Gironde is the Land** of varied waterways: with 126 km of beaches, the largest estuary in Europe and the two biggest lakes in France
- An exceptionally rich and varied heritage: with the second largest number of listed buildings and monuments in France (just behind the IIe de France)
- A family-friendly destination with a wide range of activities

### THE **ADVANTAGES** OF BOOKING WITH CROISIEUROPE

- Europe largest river cruise line
- Centrally located docking
- The option to combine this trip with a cruise on the Seine or the Loire
- Themed cruises: cruises for wine lovers, for ramblers and gastronomic cruises

### SHIPS

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- MS PRINCESSE D'AQUITAINE
- MS CYRANO DE BERGERAC
  - Premium ship



#### 8 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. BOA ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. BOA\_AIPP

# Discover an exceptional region

DAY 1	BORDEAUX Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
DAY 2	BORDEAUX · PAUILLAC Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit the Médoc, a renowned red wines region <sup>(3)</sup>
DAY 3	PAUILLAC • GIRONDE ESTUARY • BLAYE Morning spent cruising Excursions proposed: • Discover the Corniche, or cliff route and the Blaye citadel
DAY 4	BLAYE • LIBOURNE or BOURG <sup>(2)</sup> • SAINT-EMILION Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit of Saint-Emilion and its underground monuments
DAY 5	BLAYE • LIBOURNE or BOURG <sup>(2)</sup> • SAINT-EMILION Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided visits of Roquetaillade Château and to Cadillac
DAY 6	CADILLAC • BORDEAUX Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Bordeaux Gala dinner
DAY 7	BORDEAUX • THE ARCACHON BAY <sup>(1)</sup> or COGNAC <sup>(1)</sup> • BORDEAUX Excursions proposed: • Full day to the heart of the Arcachon Bay (lunch included) and its oyster centre and museum
OR:	<ul> <li>Full day to Cognac (lunch included) with a tasting session</li> <li>Visit of a major Cognac house and Cognac museum of Arts</li> </ul>
DAY 8	BORDEAUX Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### CULTURAL DIVERSITY:

- Pauillac and the Médoc
- The medieval city of Blaye
- Saint-Emilion, a medieval city
- The Roquetaillade Château
- Cadillac, a listed historic monument
- **Bordeaux,** listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- The Arcachon Bay and the dune of Pilat, the highest in Europe (REF. BOA)
- Discover the largest area of AOC vineyards in the world

#### ALL MEALS INCLUDED

BUNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES

**FREE WIFI** 

#### 7 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. BOP

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### The Gironde Estuary and the Dordogne and Garonne rivers

DAY 1	BORDEAUX Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
DAY 2	BORDEAUX • PAUILLAC Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit the Médoc, a renowned red wines region <sup>(3)</sup>
DAY 3	PAUILLAC • GIRONDE ESTUARY • BLAYE Morning spent cruising Excursions proposed: • Discover the Corniche or cliff route and the Blaye citadel • Visit the Blaye citadel
DAY 4	BLAYE • LIBOURNE or BOURG <sup>(2)</sup> • SAINT-EMILION Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit Saint-Emilion Evening of entertainment provided by our crew
DAY 5	LIBOURNE or BOURG <sup>(2)</sup> · CADILLAC Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided visits of Roquetaillade Château and to Cadillac
DAY 6	CADILLAC • BORDEAUX Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Bordeaux Gala dinner
DAY 7	BORDEAUX Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 62 and 63.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

NB: please note that CroisiEurope and the ship's captain reserve the right to modify the cruising itinerary to ensure the safe navigation of the vessel. This cruise is dependent on the sea and tides and arrivals at stopovers may have to be adjusted accordingly. (1) This excursion is subject to a minimum of 35 participants. Alcohol can damage your health. Please drink in moderation.

(2) Depending on docking availability, stopover in Libourne may be replaced by Bourg. In this event, order of excursions could be altered.

(3) Reservation in advance is essential - see with your agency.



#### 6 - DAY CRUISE



### Discover the great Bordeaux wines

DAY 1	BORDEAUX Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Evening of entertainment
DAY 2	BORDEAUX • PAUILLAC Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit the Médoc, a renowned red wines region <sup>(2)</sup> Evening of entertainment
DAY 3	PAUILLAC • GIRONDE ESTUARY • BLAYE Morning spent cruising Excursions proposed: • Discover the Corniche, or cliff route and the Blaye citadel Evening of entertainment
DAY 4	BLAYE • BOURG <sup>(1)</sup> or LIBOURNE • SAINT-EMILION Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Saint-Emilion Gala dinner
DAY 5	BOURG <sup>(1)</sup> or LIBOURNE • BORDEAUX Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Bordeaux Evening of entertainment provided by our crew
DAY 6	BORDEAUX Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### DISCOVER:

- Pauillac and the Médoc
- Cruise to the Gironde Estuary
- The medieval city of **Blaye** and its renowned wines
- **Saint-Emilion,** the history of a medieval city
- Bordeaux, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site

#### ALL MEALS INCLUDED

UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES

#### FREE WIFI

COGNAC GIRONDE PAUILLAC • BLAYE BOURG • ST ÉMILION • BORDEAUX CADILLAC • CADILLAC

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5 - DAY CRUISE

# The exceptional region of Bordeaux

DAY 1 BORDEAUX Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Bordeaux by night DAY 2 BORDEAUX · PAUILLAC · THE MEDOC Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: Visit the Médoc, a renowned red wines region<sup>(2)</sup> Evening of entertainment provided by our crew DAY 3 PAUILLAC · BLAYE · BOURG<sup>(1)</sup> or LIBOURNE Excursions proposed: • Discover the Corniche, or cliff route and the Blaye citadel Evening of entertainment BOURG<sup>(1)</sup> or LIBOURNE · SAINT-EMILION DAY 4 BORDEAUX Morning spent cruising

• Visit Saint-Emilion Gala dinner

DAY 5 BORDEAUX

Disembark around 11:00 a.m.



#### See excursion details on pages 62 and 63.

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**NB:** please note that CroisiEurope and the ship's captain reserve the right to modify the cruising itinerary to ensure the safe navigation of the vessel. This cruise is dependent on the sea and tides and arrivals at stopovers may have to be adjusted accordingly.

(1) Depending on tide, the stopover in Cadillac might be replaced by Libourne or Bourg.

(2) Reservation in advance is essential - see with your agency.

### OUR EXCURSIONS

#### THE BORDEAUX REGION



#### BORDEAUX LENGTH: 2 hours

Departure by coach for the optional 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. Departure by coach for a panoramic tour of the city, taking in all the main monuments, followed by a walking tour of 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/PNB\_PP, pages 60, 61 and 105.

#### BORDEAUX BY NIGHT LENGTH: 2 hours

Departure by coach for the optional 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. Departure by coach for a panoramic tour of the city, taking in all the main monuments, followed by a walking tour of 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. BOE/BOQ, pages 61 and 157.

#### COGNAC (full day - lunch included) LENGTH: 12.5 hours

Arriving in Cognac in the morning, guided tour by tourist train and visit of a cognac merchants followed by a wine tasting session. After lunch, visit the Cognac Museum of Arts.

CRUISE REF. PNB\_PP, page 105.

#### COGNAC (lunch included) LENGTH: 11 hours

Depart by coach from Bordeaux and head for Cognac, a town full of art and history. Visit a major Cognac house, followed by a tasting session. Lunch is provided in a local restaurant before a tour of the town by tourist train, complete with commentary, along the roads and quaysides, passing monuments and Cognac's public gardens. Next you will visit Cognac Museum of Arts (closed on Mondays), where you will learn about the enthralling adventure of the "Liqueur of the Gods" with much information about vine growing and harvesting, wine production, distilling, barrel making, the wine and Cognac, trade, the glass industry and also packaging design – a modern addition. On Mondays, there will be a guided visit of the chateau of Cognac, birthplace of French king, François I. A historic building dating from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> centuries, the chateau is a wonderful blend of the history of both Cognac and France. The visit is followed by a tasting session in Baron Otard's cognac cellars. Return by coach to Bordeaux.

CRUISE REF. BOA, page 60.

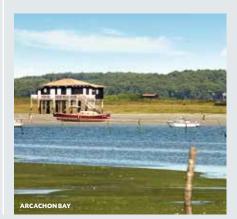
#### DAY TRIP IN THE ARCACHON BAY (lunch included) LENGTH: 10.5 hours

Departure by coach from Bordeaux for the Arcachon Bay. We will begin the tour with a visit of the oyster centre and museum situated at Larros Port. A modern, interactive scenography will help you to discover oyster farming and the history of the oyster. We will have lunch in a local restaurant. Then back on the road to Arcachon, for a boat trip on the Bassin d'Arcachon. You be able to see the Bird Island, the famous "Cabanes tchanquées" houses on stilts and the the oyster beds. We will then go to the Great Dune of Pilat, at 107-meter the highest sand dune in Europe. The view from the top is awe-inspiring. Return to Bordeaux at the end of the day. **CRUISE REF. BOA. page 60.** 

#### SAINT-EMILION AND WINE TASTING LENGTH: 3 hours

Departure by coach from Libourne for the excursion to Saint-Emilion. Guided tour of the underground monuments in Saint-Emilion village. Your guide will present the history of the medieval town. You will then see an exceptional troglodytic site: the cave of the monk Emilion founder of the town, Trinity Chapel built in his honour and the catacombs. Finally, undoubtedly the most original monument, the Monolithic church. Hewn entirely in the limestone, it is the biggest in Europe. You will then depart for a visit of a family-owned winegrowing estate, where you will be welcomed by the owner, who will explain the stages of the winemaking process in Saint-Emilion. A wine-tasting session with commentary will complete the visit. Return to Libourne by coach.

CRUISES REF. BOA/BOE/BOP/BOQ/BOS/PNB\_PP, pages 60, 61, 105 and 157.





#### THE CORNICHE ROAD AND THE BLAYE CITADEL LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure by coach for the optional excursion: the Corniche road. Narrow and picturesque, it runs alongside the Dordogne and then opens out onto the Gironde Estuary. You will see pleasant gardens, old fishermen's houses, remarkable houses nestling in the cliffside and the famous "carrelets", the curious fishermen's cabins perched above the the curious inshermen's cabins perched above the water. Unusual scenery with a mixture of river, stone and vineyards. There will be a short stop in Bourg, a delightful village built on a rocky outcrop surrounded by medieval ramparts. After that, return to Blaye to visit the Citadel. Imposing and majestic and listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site it overlooks the Gironde estuary and offers a splendid panorama of the river. Return to the boat.

CRUISES REF. BOA/BOP/BOS/BOQ/PNB\_PP, pages 60, 61 and 105.

#### THE MÉDOC CASTLE ROAD **RESERVATION IN ADVANCE IS ESSENTIAL -SEE WITH YOUR AGENCY** LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure by coach from Pauillac to discover the Médoc, prestigious wine-growing region. A corner of the world that produces the most prestigious red wines on the planet, tightly wedged between an ocean and an estuary. A mild, humid microclimate which has been favourable to the development of the vines. We will go through most of the Médoc appellations (Saint Julien, Margaux, Haut-Médoc...). On the famous Châteaux Road, we will stop in one of them to taste the famous wine of the region. On the way you will see the major names of Laffitte-Rothschild, Latour and Mouton Rothschild châteaux. Return to the boat at the end of the afternoon.

CRUISES REF. BOA/BOP/BOQ/BOS/BOE/PNB\_PP, pages 60, 61, 105 and 157.

#### THE ROQUETAILLADE CHÂTEAU **AND CADILLAC** LENGTH: 4.5 hours

Departure by coach for Roquetaillade Château. This magnificent and prestigious medieval castle is listed as a 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries historic monument. You will see its medieval keeps, the first Renaissance chimneys in the region (1600), but above all the unique 19<sup>th</sup> century interiors, a masterpiece by Viollet-le-Duc, today classified as a historic monument. We then move to a vineyard of the "Sauternais" where we enjoy a tasting of the famous Sauternes wine. Return to Cadillac and guided tour of the town. Situated on the right bank of the Garonne, the Grailly family, lords of Cadillac, founded this "bastide" (walled town) where the Duke of Epernon was building his sumptuous castle. See its listed gates and ramparts, its arcaded central square, its old houses, its 15<sup>th</sup> century church. Return to the boat by coach.

CRUISES REF. BOA/BOE/BOP/PNB\_PP, pages 60, 105 and 157.

#### ■ THE ROUTE DES CHÂTEAUX: **GRANDS CRUS**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

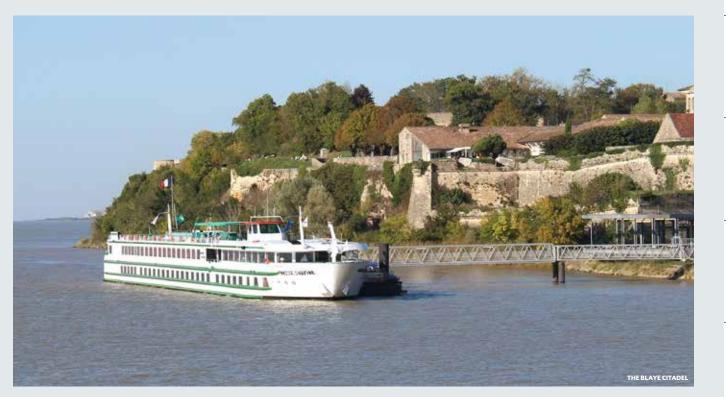
We'll leave by coach to travel along the Route des Châteaux - grouping together the prestigious grands crus of the Bordeaux region. This exceptional route covers the most prestigious among the Bordeaux Grands Crus Classés and includes many splendid castles as well. We'll meet a wine-grower, learn about their passionate profession, and enjoy a tasting at the end of the tour. We'll then have some free time in Saint-Emilion, before we return on board for dinner.

CRUISE REF. BOE, page 157.

#### THE SAUTERNE VINEYARDS LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure for a tour around the Sauternais (Sauternes wine-producing) area. Sauternais wines, known and respected all over the world, have their greatness conferred on them by the ancestral know-how of wine-growers who bring the best out of a unique terroir (unique set of vine-growing conditions). During the course of this tour, we will invite you to discover these vineyards from characteristic landscape viewpoints. Tasting of a Château cru classé (classified growth). Back on board in time for lunch.

CRUISE REF. BOE, page 157.



## FRANCE

# THE RHÔNE AND THE SAÔNE

CHRISTMAS ND NEW YEAR



### **REASONS** TO CRUISE THE RHÔNE

- Discover an ever-evolving landscape between **Burgundy** and the gates of **Provence**
- World Heritage UNESCO: Lyon Old Quarter, the Pope's Palace in Avignon, the Camargue National Park, the Donzere Pass, the Alpilles Mountains, etc.
- Our cruises travel through awe-inspiring landscapes and prestigious lands
- Discover French prestigious vineyards: Beaujolais and Burgundy, between Chalon and Macon, and other the Cotes 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)
- Themed cruises: for wine lovers and gastronomic cruises
- Cruises for ramblers, a perfect way to discover preserved **natural landscapes**

### **SHIPS**

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- MS MISTRAL
- MS CAMARGUE NEW
   Premium ship



- Discover the many faces of this region
- Provencal folk evening on board

ALL MEALS INCLUDED UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES **FREE WIFI** 

SAÔNE

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LYON

VIENNE

RHÔNE

AVIGNON

ARLES

#### 8 - DAY CRUISE

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ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED 10 REF. LSR AIPP

### From the Saône to the Rhône

#### DAY 1 LYON

Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 2 LYON · MACON

Excursion proposed: • Guided visit of Lyon Afternoon spent cruising Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 3 MACON · VIENNE

Excursion proposed: Visit of the Abbey at Cluny Afternoon spent cruising Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 4 VIENNE · ARLES Excursion proposed: Guided visit of Vienne

Afternoon spent cruising Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 5 ARLES

Excursions proposed: Guided tour of Arles and visit of an olive production site

 Discover the Camargue and free time in the village of Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer

#### DAY 6 **ARLES · AVIGNON · VIVIERS**

- Excursions proposed:
  - Guided tour of the city of Popes
  - and its Palace
  - Visit of Viviers
- Afternoon spent cruising

#### DAY 7 VIVIERS · TOURNON · LYON

- Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed:
- Tour in the city of Tournon with a tasting of regional products and wines
- Gala dinner
- LYON DAY 8
  - Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 70 and 71.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport com-pulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

**NB:** please note that CroisiEurope and the ship's captain reserve the right to modify the cruising itinerary to ensure the safe navigation of the vessel.



The unspoiled the Ardèche Gorges
Avignon, the city of the Popes

DISCOVER:

Beaujolais vineyards



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#### 6 - DAY CRUISE



### A trip to admire the beautiful scenery of the Rhône Valley

DAY 1	LYON Boarding from 3:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Evening of entertainment
DAY 2	AVIGNON · ARLES Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Avignon
DAY 3	ARLES • PORT-SAINT-LOUIS • MARTIGUES <sup>(1)</sup> Excursion proposed: • Discover the Camargue Free time in the delightful town of Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer Afternoon spent cruising
DAY 4 OR:	Free time in Avignon Excursions proposed: • Excursion to Les Baux de Provence
DAY 5	<ul> <li>Discover the Ardèche Gorges and the Pont d'Arc cavern<sup>(3)</sup></li> <li>VIVIERS · TAIN L'HERMITAGE</li> <li>Morning spent cruising</li> <li>Excursion proposed:</li> <li>Discover the Vercors and visit of a wine cellar</li> <li>with a wine tasting</li> <li>Gala dinner</li> </ul>
DAY 6	TAIN L'HERMITAGE • LYON Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### DISCOVER:

- Avignon and the City of Popes
- The Camargue: wild and unique
- Les Baux-de-Provence: jewel of the Alpilles and one of the "most beautiful villages in France" (REF. LMX)
- The Ardèche Gorges, the most beautiful canyon in Europe
- The Vercors Plateau, regional nature preserve
- Arles and its exceptional heritage (REF. LYL)

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

BUNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES



#### 5 - DAY CRUISE

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. LYL\_AIPP

### The magic of the **Provençal Rhône and the Camargue**

DAY 1	LYON
	Boarding from 4:00 p.m.
	Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
	Evening of entertainment
DAY 2	ARLES <sup>(2)</sup>
	Morning spent cruising
	Excursions proposed:
	Discover the Camargue
	Free time in the village of Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer
	• Guided tour of Arles
DAY 3	AVIGNON · VIVIERS
	Excursions proposed:
	<ul> <li>Guided tour of Avignon, the City of the Popes</li> </ul>
	• Discover the Ardèche Gorges and the Pont d'Arc cavern <sup>(3)</sup>
DAY 4	VIVIERS · TAIN L'HERMITAGE · The Vercors
	Morning spent cruising
	Excursion proposed:
	<ul> <li>Excursion to the Vercors and visit of a wine cellar</li> </ul>
	with a wine tasting
DAY 5	
	Disembark around 9:00 a.m.



#### See excursion details on pages 70 and 71.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate. NB: please note that CroisiEurope and the ship's captain reserve the right to modify the cruising itinerary to ensure the safe navigation of the vessel. (1) Depending on the availability of mooring points, the stop at Martigues may be replaced by a stop at Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône.

(2) Could be replaced by a stop in Avignon, depending on the Lock schedule.

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAF



#### 4 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS
 REF. ROD\_AVI
 ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED
 REF. ROD\_AVAIPP

### The Camargue and the wild Rhône

#### DAY 1 Lyon · AVIGNON

Meeting from 6:00 p.m. in front of the "Brasserie Georges" Welcome cocktail and crew presentation

#### DAY 2 AVIGNON · VIVIERS

- Excursions proposed:
- Guided tour of Avignon and its palace
  Discover the Ardèche Gorges

#### DAY 3 VIVIERS · TAIN L'HERMITAGE

- Morning spent cruising
- Excursion proposed:
- Excursion to the Vercors and visit of a wine cellar with a wine tasting
- Gala dinner

#### DAY 4 TAIN L'HERMITAGE · VIENNE · LYON

- Morning spent cruising Disembark around 2:00 p.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 70 and 71.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate. NB: for navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary. (1) Depending on availabilities of the mooring port, the stopover in Martigues might be replaced by Port Saint Louis du Rhône.



#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

Ref ROD\_AVI: transfer included on day 1 from Lyon DISCOVER:

- The Ardèche Gorges, unspoilt nature
- (REF. ROD\_AVI)
- The Vercors Plateau (REF. ROD\_AVI)
- Avignon and the Pope's Palace
- The wild Camargue (REF. LMA\_PP)

# ALL MEALS INCLUDED UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES FREE WIFI

3 - DAY CRUISE

- O ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. LMA\_AIPP

### **Escape to Provence**

#### DAY 1 LYON

Boarding from 3:00 p.m.
Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 2 AVIGNON · ARLES

Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Avignon Gala dinner

#### DAY 3 ARLES · PORT-SAINT-LOUIS · MARTIGUES<sup>(1)</sup>

- Excursions proposed:
- Sightseeing tour of the Camargue
  - Free time in the village of Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer
- Disembark around 4:00 a.m.





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### OUR EXCURSIONS

#### THE RHÔNE



#### ARLES LENGTH: 2 hours

Departure on foot for the guided tour of Arles. Arles with its two thousand years of history has preserved an exceptional monumental heritage, making the city a veritable open-air museum. Welcome to one of the most important tourist and cultural sites in France. During the course of this guided tour you will see the Roman Amphitheatre (the "Arènes"), the Ancient Roman Theatre, Place St Trophime with its cloister and church, which 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. Free time. Return to the boat on foot. CRUISES REF. LYL/CHA\_PP/ACA\_PP, pages 67, 68 and 100.

#### ARLES AND VISIT OF AN OLIVE OIL PRODUCTION SITE LENGTH: 4 hours

Depart by foot for the guided tour of Arles. For two thousand years Arles has maintained an outstanding architectural heritage making it a genuine open-air museum. Welcome to this tourist and cultural mecca. During this tour you will see the Roman Amphitheatre (the Arena), the Roman Theatre, St Trophimus square with its cloister and church on the Arles route; one of three routes leading to Santiago de Compostela. We will



continue our tour through the Place du Forum, and finally, the Roman baths of Constantine. Then, depart by coach towards Tarascon to the Grand Servan domain, producing famous Provencal olive oil. At the foot of Montagnette in an 18<sup>th</sup> century. Provençal country house, where the estate owners have planted a large orchard of 150,000 trees. You will visit the estate sitting on straw bales in trailers pulled by tractors. The owners will explain the cultivation and production of the yellow gold of Provence, olive oil. After this discovery, you will have the opportunity to taste the products of the estate. Return to Arles by bus.

#### CRUISE REF. LSR, page 66.

#### AVIGNON AND THE POPE'S PALACE LENGTH: 3 hours

You will set out on foot for the guided tour of the old town of Avignon, surrounded by ramparts pierced with 7 doors. Discover the Pope's Palace, classed as a world heritage site by UNESCO, a gothic fortress decorated with frescos from the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the Rocher des Doms, the cathedral Notre Dame des Doms. Enjoy some free time in the city before returnning to the boat on foot.

CRUISES REF. ANT\_PP/LSR/ROD\_AVI/LYL/ LMA\_PP/LMX/CHA\_PP/ACA\_PP/LMS\_PP, pages 66 to 69, 100 and 104.

#### BESANÇON (guided visit of Besançon with coach transfers included) LENGTH: 8 hours

Besançon is a charming city renowned for its architecture and history. We'll take a guided walking tour to discover historical landmarks: Granvelle Palace, Castan Square, La Porte Noire, St. Jean Cathedral... Besançon is also famous for its citadel, designed by Vauban and is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

CRUISE REF. ACA\_PP, page 100.

#### 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. CMM, page 157.

#### 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. CMM, page 157.

#### CLUNY ABBEY

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

You will leave the boat in Macon by coach to travel to the abbey. Your guide will show you around this ancient Benedictine abbey. This church, with its uncommon dimensions in terms of Romanesque art, was completed under the abbacy of Pierre the Venerable and consecrated in 1130. Its principal architect was Hézelon de Liège. The origin of its construction is said to be a monk's dream. Return on board in Macon.

CRUISE REF. LSR, page 66.

#### LYON

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

This winkling city will reveal itself to you during a guided visit by coach and on foot. Lyon is the most archeological site behind Roma and the second largest preserved sector from the Renaissance time behind Venice. It is also the canuts, numerous

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museums and an exceptional cuisine, reknown worldwide. During the guided tour you will discover the Fourvière Basilica and the old town with the beautiful Saint Jean district.

CRUISES REF. ANT\_PP/LSR/CHA\_PP/LLY/ACA\_PP/ LMS\_PP, pages 66, 67, 100, 104 and 158.

#### TAIN L'HERMITAGE, **WINE TASTING** LENGTH: 1.5 hours

You will visit a wine cellar and taste various fruity, refined, robust wines which make the fame of this region.

CRUISES REF. CMM/LLY, pages 157 and 158.

#### THE ARDÈCHE GORGES & THE PONT D'ARC CAVERN

#### (Reservation in advance is essential - see with your agency) LENGTH: 4 hours

Situated in the heart of Ardèche, you will visit the Pont d'Arc Cavern, the largest decorated cave replica in the world features an extraordinary collection of paintings, drawings, and engravings reproduced from the Chauvet Cave, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You will then follow the road of the Gorges, which will give you the chance to see the wonderful views all along the river course. From the numerous panoramic viewpoints, you will have the opportunity to admire the magnificient panoramas that make the fame of this region. The road will go on through beautiful natural views like Le Pont d'Arc, a 3 natural arch of 34-meter. After a photo break to Vallon Pont d'Arc, the tour continues to the suprising Madeleine Cave.

CRUISES REF. ROD\_AVI/LYL/ANT\_PP/CHA\_PP/ LMX/LMS\_PP, pages 66 to 69 and 104.

#### THE BAUX DE PROVENCE LENGTH: 4 hours

Discover Les Baux de Provence, one of the most beautilful village of France, from which you will enjoy a great view of Arles, and the Camargue and the Alpilles. The excursion will end with the discovery of Fontvieille, immortalized by the Moulin of Alphonse Daudet. (outside view). Journey by coach.

CRUISES REF. LMX/LMS\_PP, pages 68 and 104.

#### THE BEAUJOLAIS VINEYARDS AND VISITED OF "THE HAMEAU DU VIN"

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure by coach with your guides from Montmerle to see the Beaujolais vineyards, which cover 22,500 ha. You will cross a number of charming little wine-growing villages before reaching Romanèche-Thorins to visit the "Hameau du vin", à museum unique in Europe. The museum contains a collection of the oldest and rarest objects, covering 2000 years of history of the vine and winegrowing. You will also discover the processes of wine production and vinification today with a visit of the cellars, where the wine ages in oak barrels. Set in the midst of the Beaujolais vineyards, you will discover through displays, automated puppet theatre and 3-D films the wine-growers' know-how and skills; you will also have the opportunity to walk through the "Oenoparc" where you will be bewitched by the aromas and scents of a surprising garden. A perfect place for wine and vine-lovers with its 30,000 m<sup>2</sup> and 25 exhibition halls. Before leaving the "Hameau du Vin", you will, of course, have the opportunity to participate in a wine-tasting session to discover the subtleties of the region's wines. Return to the boat at Trevoux.

CRUISES REF. ANT\_PP/LLY, pages 67 and 158.

#### THE BEAUJOLAIS VINEYARDS **AND WINE TASTING** LENGTH: 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 Dubeouf. After this multisensory experience, the Beaujolais will no longer be a mystery! We'll return on board in Trévoux.

CRUISE REF. CMM, page 157.

#### THE BURGUNDY VINEYARDS AND VISITED OF THE HOSPICES **DE BEAUNE**

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure by coach from Tournus with your guides to discover the Burgundy vineyards. You will drive over the "côte de Beaune" and go through numerous wine-growing villages: Pommard, whose wines were already appreciated by kings Henry IV and Louis XV; Puligny; Montrachet and many more. You will then go on to the town of Beaune to visit its famous Hospices, which were originally a hospital founded by the Duke of Burgundy for the poor. The Hospices de Beaune would be frequented by the needy from the Middle Ages to the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and the Sisters of the Hospices provided care without respite and for centuries were the very essence of the Hôtel-Dieu. You will also see the Hospices museum, which houses a collection of some 5,000 objects, of which the most famous is the Last Judgment Polyptych by Rogier van der Weyden. One of the particularities of the Hospices is their wine-growing estate; thanks to donations made throughout their history, the Hospices own over 60 ha of vineyards. Most of the plots are situated in zones with prestigious appellations. The tour will finish of course with a chance to taste these famous wines. Return to the boat at Chalons sur Saône.

CRUISE REF. CHA\_PP, page 67.

#### 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 recognized 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. Afterwards, we'll return on board in Tournus.

CRUISE REF. CMM, page 157.

#### THE CAMARGUE

LENGTH: 4 hour

Excursion by coach to explore the Camargue with its fauna and flora, typical of the Basse Camargue and the banks of the Grand Rhône. You will then come to the delightful village of Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, famed for its gypsy gatherings, where you will enjoy some free time

CRUISES REF. LMX/ANT\_PP/LYL/LSR/CHA\_PP/ LMS\_PP, pages 66 to 68 and 104.

## THE VERCORS

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure by coach from La Voulte to Die. A veritable natural citadel of 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. Stop at the cellars of Die Jaillance. It is a love story between men and the vine. Wine tasting. Continue by coach for a panoramic view of the Rousset Pass. It is situated in the heart of the Vercors and reaches an altitude of over 1400-meter. The belvedere is at 1245-meter and from this point of view the scenery is outstanding: arid escarpments, road with hairpin bends down the hill, which accentuates the overall impression of depth. Continue to Vassieux-en-Vercors, La Chapelle-en-Vercors and Pont-en-Royans. See the suspended houses at Pont-en-Royans. These houses with their daring architecture have a history as long as that of the perched village, which was built in the 15th century to encourage the timber trade in the region. Move on to Romans-sur-Isère well known for its shoe industry, then return by coach to Tain l'Hermitage where the boat awaits us.

CRUISES REF. ROD\_AVI/LYL/CHA\_PP/LMX/ LMS\_PP, pages 67 to 69 and 104.

#### 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 vines reflect their terroir: rugged and warm-hearted. After our tour, we'll return on board in Saint-Etienne-des-Sorts. CRUISE REF. CMM, page 157.

#### TOURNON LENGTH: 3 hours

We are welcomed to Tournon, in the heart of the Rhône Valley, at the gates of Provence and all its heady perfumes. We begin our visit on foot passing all the main tourist attractions of the town, including the historic monuments and shopping areas, etc. We stop at the Château Museum, where we have



the opportunity to view the permanent collection tracing the history of the navigation of the Rhône. This imposing castle was built on a high granite rock overlooking the town and was the domain of the barony of the Counts of Tournon. Beneath the castle, there is a pleasant walk along the streets and alleys of the historic centre which transport us back through time to the Middle Ages. We conclude our visit with a tasting of regional products and wines. We return on foot (at our own pace) to the boat. CRUISES REF. LSR/ACA\_PP, pages 66 and 100.

#### VIENNE

LENGTH: 2 hours

Meet the guides for the guided walking tour of Vienne, during which you will discover this Roman city rich in vestiges. The history of Vienne goes back more than 2000 years. The city is indissociable from the river Rhône 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 in about 40-50 AD, it is considered as one of the largest in the Roman empire, with its 130 meter diameter; as for its capacity at the time, it is estimated at 13,000 spectators. Restored in 1938, it was returned to its original function and is now a venue for artistic events. The tour continues with the Temple of Augustus and Livia (exterior). Named thus since the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, this temple, dedicated to Rome and Augustus, stood in a sacred area on the forum. 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 19<sup>th</sup> century thanks to the intervention of Prosper Mérimée. Finally, to complete the tour, you will see the Cathedral of St Maurice (exterior), which has been listed as a historic monument since 1840. Return to the boat on foot. CRUISES REF. ROD\_AVI/LSR/LMX/CHA\_PP/LLY, pages 66 to 69 and 158.

#### VIVIERS

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

You will leave the boat on foot for the guided tour of Viviers. The third largest protected sector in the Rhône Alpes regions, residence of bishops since the Vth 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 facade, the Tower of St Michael, the great seminary, the Belvedere with an unobstructed view of Viviers at night. Return to the boat on foot. CRUISES REF. LYL/LSR, pages 66 and 68.

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## Verona O Padua O VENICE CHIOGGIA POLESELLA TAGLO DIPO O Ferrara

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## **REASONS** TO VISIT VENICE

- The **towns in the Lagoon**, listed by UNESCO as World Heritage Sites
- The Venice carnival with traditional highly-coloured costumes

## THE **ADVANTAGES** OF BOOKING WITH CROISIEUROPE

- The freedom to explore the city independently or join in the many different visits on offer
- Exceptional value for money
- Exceptional mooring in Venice
- Discover the lagoon waterways onboard your ship

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## 2016 EVENTS IN VENICE

**Carnival**: from January 30<sup>th</sup> to February 9<sup>th</sup> **Fiesta del Redentore** : 3<sup>rd</sup> week-end of July **Fiesta de la Madonna della Salute** : November 21<sup>st</sup> Information given by tourist boards, subject to changes.





#### 7 - DAY CRUISE

## Venice, the Lagoon islands Chioggia - Padua - Verona - Ferrara Bologna - Venice

DAY 1 VENICE Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation **VENICE · MAZZORBO · BURANO** DAY 2 VENICE Excursions proposed: • Visit of the Doge's Palace Visit the islands of Murano and Burano in the Lagoon VENICE · CHIOGGIA (or nearby) DAY 3 TAGLIO DI PO Morning spent cruising Excursions proposed: • Guided visit of Padua and the famous "Santo" Basilica dedicated to Saint Anthony (closed on Sundays) OR: • Free time to visit the magnificent 19th century Café Pedrocchi, one of the largest cafes in the world

#### DAY 4 TAGLIO DI PO · POLESELLA

Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit to Bologna, an authentic medieval city Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 5 POLESELLA · TAGLIO DI PO CHIOGGIA (or nearby) Excursion proposed: • Visit of Ferrara to Verona (If you haven't booked the tour, a coach transfer is planned from Porto Levante to reach Chioggia)

#### DAY 6 CHIOGGIA (or nearby) · VENICE

- Excursions proposed: • Visit of the Castello quarter in search of the secret Venice
- Free time to explore Venice independently on foot or take an optional gondola trip (booking and settlement on board) Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 VENICE

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 78 and 79.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate. Please note that for this cruise passport information are required at least one month prior the departure.

**NB:** for navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary.



## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### DISCOVER:

- The Doge's Palace and St Mark's square in Venice
- The Castello quarter renowned as Venice's ancient centre
- **Bologna,** famous for its arcades or porticos and balconies
- Ferrara, listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO
- Padua, St Antoine's town
- Verona, Romeo and Juliet's town

#### ALL MEALS INCLUDED

UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES

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#### 6 - DAY CRUISE

## ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. VSI\_AIPP

# Venice, the Lagoon and the Po Delta in Italy

DAY 1	VENICE Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
DAY 2	VENICE · CHIOGGIA · PADUA · TAGLIO DI PO POLESELLA Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided visit of Padua and the famous "Santo" Basilica dedicated to Saint Anthony (closed on Sundays) Evening of entertainment
DAY 3	POLESELLA · FERRARA · VERONA · TAGLIO DI PO Excursions proposed: • Guided visit of Ferrara • Visit Verona city of Romeo and Juliet fame
DAY 4	TAGLIO DI PO • CHIOGGIA (or nearby) • VENICEExcursions proposed:• Departure by coach to Chioggia <sup>(1)</sup> Free time to stroll around by yourself• Guided tour of the Doge's Palace <sup>(2)</sup>
DAY 5	VENICE • MAZZORBO • Burano and Murano • VENICE Free time to explore Venice independently on foot or perhaps take a gondola trip Excursion proposed: • Visit the islands of Murano and Burano in the Lagoon Gala dinner
DAY 6	VENICE Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### DISCOVER:

- Padua, dedicated to St Anthony
- The captivating Lagoon islands of **Murano** and **Burano**
- The **Doge's Palace** and **St Mark's square** in Venice
- Handcraft manufactory of gondola and mask, Venetian symbols (REF. VEN)

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

- Ferrara, a medieval fortress town (REF. VSI)
- Verona, Romeo and Juliet's town (REF. VSI)

UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES



#### 5 - DAY CRUISE OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. VEN

# Short break in Venice

DAY 1	VENICE Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
DAY 2	VENICE • MAZZORBO • BURANO • VENICE Excursions proposed: • Visit of the Doge's Palace • Visit the islands of Murano and Burano in the Lagoon
DAY 3	VENICE Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of a handcraft manufactory of gondola and visit of a factory of mask Free time to explore Venice
DAY 4	VENICE · CHIOGGIA (or nearby) <sup>(1)</sup> · VENICE Excursions proposed: • Time to discover Chioggia on your own • Guided visit of Padua and the famous "Santo" Basilica

 Guided visit of Padua and the famous "Santo" Basilica dedicated to Saint Anthony (closed on Sundays) Gala dinner

#### DAY 5 VENICE

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.



#### See excursion details on pages 78 and 79.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate. Please note that for this cruise passport information are required at least one month prior the departure.

NB: for navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary. (1) According to Venetian authorities, passengers can not stay on board during navigation between Chioggia and Taglio di Po nor the opposite direction.

(2) If the boat is not moored at the 7 Martyrs, a transfer by vaporetto will be organized by CroisiEurope (payable on board).

# OUR EXCURSIONS

#### ITALY



#### BOLOGNA **LENGTH: 5 hours**

The town of Bologna was founded on the site of the "Cultura Vilanoviana", home to a Neolithic civilisation in 2000 BC which was skilled in metalwork. The town was called "Felsina" by the Etruscans, then afterwards, The Romans named it "Bononia", from where its current name originates. At the fall of the Roman Empire, the town experienced a great decline and did not find its greatness again until the 11<sup>th</sup> century when Bologna became independent. This "renaissance" coincided with the foundation of the University of Bologna in 1088. Bologna today is famous for its many arcades (or porticos) and balconies, old brick palaces and numerous churches, the two medieval leaning towers and its 8km long wall.

We set off by coach from Polesella and head to Bologna. We begin our tour on foot, walking to the Piazza Maggiore, the heart of the town with the magnificent Fontana di Nettuno (Neptune's Fountain). We visit the Gothic Basilica di San Petronio, the largest and most important church in the town which houses the masterpieces of Jacopo della Quercia (sculptor, 1371-1438). Next we visit the Palazzo d' Accursio, before continuing with a guided walking tour of the town centre where we admire the Palazzo della Mercanzia and the leaning towers "Torre degli Asinelli and Garisenda". We then visit the Basilica di Santo Stefano, a historic, artistic and religious complex of buildings, and the Archiginnasio, the first permanent seat of the University with a beautiful amphitheatre (interior visit included). Free time then return by coach to the ship. CRUISE REF. VEB, page 76.

#### **FERRARA** LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure by coach from Polesella with your Sum for the town of Ferrara, which is about 5 km from the Po, in the eastern part of the Italian plain. Ferrara is the seat of the archbishopric and has a small university. The town was also



well-known for having been the residence of the famous Este dynasty as well as a flourishing

trading town, a fact reflected by its wide streets and impressive Renaissance palaces. The tour will take you through the town's medieval streets. You will visit the old Jewish ghetto, the Cathedral with its stunning Romanesque facade and the Castello Estense (exterior), built during the Renaissance and whose four towers dominate the town centre. You will take the coach again for a panoramic tour which will give you the chance to admire the Palazzo dei Diamanti, the Piazza Ariostea and the Palazzo Schifanoia (exterior). You will then have some free time before returning to the boat at Polesella.

CRUISES REF. VEB/VSI, pages 76 and 77.

#### GONDOLA MAKER AND MASK **MANUFACTURES** LENGTH: 4.25 hours

Our visit begins with the discovery of a workshop of the local craftsmen of the "city of the lagoon" We begin with a visit to a gondola maker, where we learn about the authentic methods of constructing this symbolic vessel of Venice. In the beginning, this symbolic vession of ventice. In transport used by every inhabitant of the island. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, there were more than 14,000 gondolas; however nowadays there are only around 400 or so. Next we visit a workshop where the famous Carnival masks are made. Here we discover the traditional methods of mask making as they are made entirely by hand. A symbol of Venice since 1271, they were originally black, but over the centuries, the shapes changed and colours were added. We walk back to our mooring point and return on board. CRUISE REF. VEN, page 77.

#### MURANO **AND BURANO ISLANDS** LENGTH: 4 hours

Aboard a small private boat, you will set out with a local guide who will pick you up aboard the Michelangelo. You will head for the island of Murano (which is one of the largest islands in the lagoon), famous for its glasswork (you will attend

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a demonstration at one of the largest glassworks). You will then move on to the island of Burano, famous for its lace. You will get some free time on this island.

CRUISES REF. VEB/VSI/VEN, pages 76 and 77.

### PADUA

LENGTH: 5 hours

Transfer by coach and guided tour on foot of the Saint Antoine of Padua city, well-known in Christianity because of its imposing basilic which holds the rof of Saint-Antoine. The "Treasure" presents reliquaries containing the whole tongue, the chin and the head's skin of the Saint, as well as three thorns from the Christ's crown and a fragment of the Cross. Guided visit of the city on foot. Free time.

CRUISES REF. VEB/VSI/VEN, pages 76 and 77.

#### PROMENADE ON THE CANALS **OF VENICE GONDOLA (to book** and pay on board) LENGTH: 0.5 hour

Depart on foot with your host towards the pier gondolas (10min). How more romantic can you discover Venice except by gondola? You will discover the Venetian canals in a different light and you walk along the high walls of the buildings of Venice. You will have the opportunity to admire the dexterity of the gondolier will make you navigate through the narrowest streets and on part of the Grand Canal.

CRUISES REF. VEB/VSI/VEN, pages 76 and 77.

#### THE CASTELLO QUARTER **IN VENICE** LENGTH: 3.5 hours

A walking tour of the "calli" will give you a chance to discover, not far from St Mark's Square, Venice's hidden masterpieces of architecture and painting Meet the guides on Seven Martyrs Quay. You will visit the inside of the Byzantine-style Santa Maria Formosa church, then the Church of the Miracles, a little gem of the Venetian Renaissance, and finally the Santi Giovanni e Paolo church, whose interior contains the impressive series of funerary

monuments of the Doges, the masterpieces of the heroes of the Republic and Renaissance sculptures. On the way back, you will be able to admire the Church of San Zaccaria (exterior), built in the Gothic and Renaissance styles and dedicated to St. Zacharias, father of John the Baptist, whose relics are kept in it. Then you will pass by the Santa Maria della Pieta Church (exterior), which was founded in 1346 and which was an orphanage for girls, and which became renowned throughout Europe for its music in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. Return to the boat on foot.

CRUISE REF. VEB, page 77.

#### VENICE AND THE DOGE'S PALACE

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

You will meet the guides on the boat. The tour will begin with a historical and artistic introduction to Venice with St Mark's Square, then you will be able to see St Mark's Cathedral (exterior). The Byzantine facades of the Cathedral (one of the most magnificent in the world) will immediately draw your attention. Originally, it was built in the 9<sup>th</sup> century to hold the body of St Mark, Patron Saint of Venice. Only a few traces of the original structure remain and the present day Cathedral dates from the 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. The exterior, with its domes, pinnacles and wooden horses, contrasts with the shining golden mosaics of the interior. 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 9th 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 considered by many as the finest in the world. A visit to the top of the famous Golden Staircase will enable you to admire the paintings of Tintoretto and Veronese, to walk through the Grand Council Chamber and out onto the balcony, with its fantastic view. You will walk over the famous decorated Bridge of Sighs, which leads to the prison. The bridge, known in the past as the image of the destiny that awaited the

prisoners, today has more romantic connotations. Return to the boat on foot.

CRUISES REF. VEB/VSI/VEN, pages 76 and 77.

#### VERONA

#### **LENGTH: 6 hours**

The important geographical position of Verona has always facilitated its trading role, and has transformed the city into a meeting place and a melting pot of various ethnic groups. The Romans made Verona an official Roman town in 49 BC, and carried out grandiose building works designed to last millennia, such as the amphitheatre known the world over as the "Arena", the Gavi Arch, the Borsari Gate. After the Roman and Christian periods, the Barbarians then the Franks took over. In the 12<sup>th</sup> century, Verona became a free commune and Herb Square, formerly the Roman forum, became a place for trading and business. But the most important period came under the Scaligeri Lords, who gave the city even greater prestige, with it becoming the capital of a great State under Cangrande. The Lords' Square has become an extension of the Prince's Square used for ceremonies and parades. With the Communal Palace was built the Captain's Palace and the Cangrande Palace next to the Gothic Scaligeri Arch. In 1405, at the end of the period of Scaligeri power, Verona became part of the Venetian Republic and later, in the 18th century was occupied by Napoleon's troops

Transfer by coach from Polesella to Verona. The excursion begins with a panoramic tour of the city: you will enter the city via the Pali Gate. You will see the Castelvecchio, a medieval castle dating from the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the Gavi Arch, the Borsari Gate dating from the Roman era and the Roman theatre. From the New Bridge, you will begin the walking tour with your guide and you will have the opportunity to admire Juliet's house (exterior), which, legend has it, inspired Shakespeare for his immortal tragedy Romeo and Juliet. You will then walk along Mazzini street to the Amphitheatre for a short visit of the inside. Free time. Return to the boat at Polesella by coach

CRUISES REF. VEB/VSI, pages 76 and 77.



# SPAIN

# ANDALUSIA FROM THE RIVERS



## **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
- Great gastronomy of very high quality

## THE **ADVANTAGES OF BOOKING WITH CROISIEUROPE**

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

## SHIP

**GUADIANA** 

CARMONA

• SEVILLE

ISLA MINIMA

**O** Jerez

CORDOBA

**GUADALQUIVIR** 

0 Granada

SANLUĆAR DE GUADIANA

EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA CADIZ

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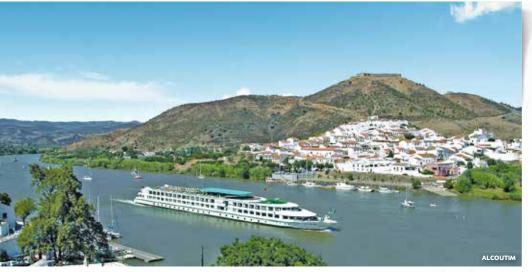
• MS LA BELLE DE CADIX - Premium ship

## **2016 EVENTS IN SPAIN**

Holy Week: from March 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Festival: from April 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>

Holy Week: from March 20th to 26th Carnival: from January 30th to February 9th DE BARRA Holy Week: from March 20th to 26th Information given by tourist boards, subject to changes.





## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

Unique vessel for coastal-river experience. 2 rivers 2 countries: Spain and Portugal DISCOVER:

- Journey to the heart of Spanish and Portuguese traditions
- Discover Andalusia and the Algarve
- Excursion to Granada
- Evening in a genuine Andalusian hacienda
- ALL MEALS INCLUDED

UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES

**FREE WIFI** 

#### 8 - DAY CRUISE

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** 101 REE SXS PP

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED 10 REF. SXS AIPP

# Cruise the Guadalquivir and Guadiana

#### DAY 1 SEVILLE

Boarding from 5:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation

#### DAY 2 **SEVILLE · CADIZ**

Excursion proposed: • Guided visit of Seville and its Cathedral, the Alcazar Palace, Royal Gardens, Maria Luisa Park Afternoon spent cruising Traditional folklore entertainment

#### DAY 3 CADIZ

- Excursions proposed:
- Guided tour of Jerez and visit to a "ganadería" (a property where
- bulls are raised)
- Guided tour of Cadiz
- and its Cathedral Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 4 ALCOUTIM · VILA REAL (Portugal)

Morning spent cruising Free time to discover Alcoutim at your own pace Excursion proposed: Visit of Faro Traditional folklore entertainment

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

Excursions proposed:

- Visit of the Osborne bodega followed by a wine tasting session
- Tour of this genuine Andalusian hacienda followed by an equestrian show
- Afternoon spent cruising

#### DAY 6 SEVILLE · Granada · SEVILLE

Excursion proposed: • Day spent to visit Granada and its Moorish monuments and palaces Afternoon spent cruising Evening of entertainment



#### SEVILLE DAY 8

DAY 7

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 84 and 85.

of Cordoba

Gala dinner

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate. Please note that for this cruise passport information are required at least one month prior the departure.

NB: for navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary.



**CENTRAL EUROPE** 

**THEME CRUISES** 



REF. SHF\_PP/SHF\_AIPP · 8 - DAY CRUISE

# Andalusia: tradition, gastronomy, and flamenco

#### DAY 1 SEVILLE

Boarding from 5:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation

#### DAY 2 SEVILLE · CADIZ

- Excursions proposed:
  - Guided visit of Seville on foot
  - Tour of Cadiz by night
  - Afternoon spent cruising

#### DAY 3 CADIZ · EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA

- Excursions proposed:
- Guided tour of Cadiz on foot
- Visit of Jerez and visit
- to a "ganadería"
- Traditional folklore entertainment
- DAY 4 EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA

#### ISLA MINIMA

- Excursion proposed:
- Visit the Osborne bodega
- and enjoy a tasting session
- Visit of a genuine Andalusian hacienda followed by a horse show in its private arena

#### DAY 5 ISLA MINIMA · SEVILLE

Excursion proposed: • Visit of a nature reserve and a tour with a forest guide (in July and August, the excursion to the nature reserve is replaced by the guided visit of the Rabida Monestery and the Harbour of the Caravels) Free time in Seville

#### DAY 6 SEVILLE

- Excursions proposed:
- Guided visit of Granada and its
- beautiful palaces
- Free time in the early afternoon in Granada
- Traditional folklore entertainment

#### DAY 7 SEVILLE · Cordoba

**FREE WIFI** 

- Excursion proposed:
  - Day devoted to an excursion to Cordoba

**CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS** 

Round trip Paris/Seville flight included

Seville, Cordoba, Granada, Cadiz
Tour of a bull-raising farm in Jerez
Observe migratory birds in a natural

Spend an evening in an authentic

Lunch in Granada and Cordoba

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES

Andalusian hacienda

Unique vessel for coastal-river experience. 2 rivers 2 countries:

Spain and Portugal

DISCOVER:

reserve

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Enjoy a "tapas" lunch in a local restaurant

#### DAY 8 SEVILLE

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 84 and 85.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate. Please note: Your passport must be valid for six months beyond the last day of your travels.

**NB:** for navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary.



## **NEW FOR 2016**

## Spain and Portugal: from Seville to Lisbon

REF. SVO\_PP/OVS\_PP (opposite direction) • 8-DAY TRIP INCLUDING 6-DAY CRUISE

SEVILLE • EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA • CADIZ • ALCOUTIM VILA REAL DE SAN ANTONIO (PORTUGAL) • LISBON

## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

INCLUDED:

- 2-night extended stay in Lisbon
- Visit the authentic Algarve region
- Discover Portugal's "City of Light"

# OUR EXCURSIONS

### **SPAIN**



#### AN EVENING IN **AN ANDALUSIAN HACIENDA** LENGTH: 1.5 hours

After dinner, we'll visit a typical Andalusian hacienda. You'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. SXS\_PP/SHF\_PP, pages 82 and 83.

#### CADIZ AND BODEGA LENGTH: 4.5 hours

Depart by foot to visit Cadiz, one of the oldest cities in Europe. This panoramic tour will allow you to enjoy the rich and historical culture of the city, but also to discover the beauty of its bay. Then we'll continue on towards Jerez, known world-wide as the cradle of flamenco music. Also revered for its sherries and fine horses, Jerez is a one-of-a-kind destination. We'll visit the famous Tio Pepe winery where we'll have an in-depth tour and taste one of the best wines under the Real Bodega de La Concha dome-a magnificent design by Gustave Eiffel. We'll return on board for dinner. CRUISES REF. SXS\_PP/SLP\_PP, pages 82 and 103.

#### **CADIZ AND ITS CATHEDRAL LENGTH: 3 hours**

Departure by coach for a panoramic tour of Cadiz. The old centre brings together the most characteristic areas of the city, including beautiful baroque churches and elegant mansions, many of which are adorned with painted facades of delicate pastel colours and ornate wrought iron balconies. Then we'll visit the cathedral whose construction lasted 116 years, which explains the diversity of styles. We'll return on board for dinner.

CRUISE REF. SXS\_PP, page 82.

#### CADIZ ON FOOT LENGTH: 2 hours

Depart on foot from the dock for a tour of Cadiz, one of the oldest cities in Europe. The old centre includes the most distinctive districts in the city; it has superb Baroque churches and elegant stately homes, a large number of which have painted facades in delicate pastel colours and wrought iron balconies. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Cristobal de Rojas built important monuments in this area by order of King Phillip II of Spain, to protect the town from attacks by sea. Admire the Castillo de Santa Catalina, the Castillo de San Sebastián and much more. Your visit continues in the direction of the Plaza de España, formerly the Plazuela del Carbón, which was extended to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the constitution. The square contains the Monument to the Constitution of 1812, created by the architect Modesto López Otero and the sculptor Aniceto Marinas. Your tour ends via the Plaza de las Flores. You will be enchanted by this blue and white city. Return to the boat at Cadiz.

CRUISE REF. SHF\_PP, page 83.

#### DAY TRIP TO CORDOBA (lunch included)

#### LENGTH: 10 hours

(Full day) - Tour by bus and on foot. A guided tour at the discovery of the three monotheist religions: you will visit the Mezquita, a vast mosque in the middle of which rises a cathedral. As you walk along the narrow streets, you will discover the former Jewish quarter and the 14<sup>th</sup> century synagogue, the only one in Andalusia. After lunch in a restaurant, enjoy some free time to succumb to the sensual charms of the city of the caliphs.

CRUISES REF. SXS\_PP/SHF\_PP/SLP\_PP, pages 82, 83 and 103.

#### **FARO**

LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure by coach from Vila Real to Faro. We start with a visit of the cathedral (outside only). Originally built as a church in the  $13^{th} - 14^{th}$ centuries, Saint Mary became a cathedral in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. A few elements still remain from the original church including the bell tower and 2 chapels at the crossing of the transept. You will then will move on to Tavira, a charming coastal town, 30km from Faro. Return to the boat by coach

CRUISES REF. SPH\_PP/HTS\_PP/STS/SNX pages 101 and 122

#### FLAMENCO EVENING IN CADIZ LENGTH: 2.5 hours

Departure accompanied by foot for a Flamenco show in Cadiz which will take you to the heart of the spanish traditions. During the show, a drink will be offer to you. Return to the boat by coach after the show.

CRUISE REF. SXS\_PP/SHF\_PP, pages 82 and 83.

#### **GRANADA** (full day with lunch included) LENGTH: 14.5 hours

You will travel to Granada by coach. Situated 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. On your arrival, you will begin your tour at the Alhambra, the literal translation of which is "the red",





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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 Cordoba, it is the most impressive evidence of the Islamic presence in Spain from the 8th to the 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. The tour continues with a visit to the Generalife, which was the summer residence of the Nasrid Emirs, and its marvellous 14th century gardens, where water was harnessed to refresh every courtyard and garden. Transfer to a restaurant in the centre for launch. In the afternoon, you can enjoy the delights of Granada at your own pace; visit the Albayzin district which offers a magnificent view of the Alhambra and the Sierra Nevada. This relaxing area was formerly the Gypsy quarter and is now somewhat bohemian. Ő, lose yourself in the adjacent streets of the historical centre. Return by coach.

CRUISES REF. SXS\_PP/SHF\_PP, pages 82 and 83.

#### JEREZ AND A GANADERIA LENGTH : 5 hours

Jerez de la Frontera and a bull ranch. A panoramic tour will enable you to see the Alcazar, the cathedral and the Salvador church. Your tour will continue with a visit to a "Ganadería" (a property where bulls are raised), the chance to learn about this living symbol of Spanish culture.

The tour consists of a visit by trailer towed by a tractor to the pastures where the fighting bulls graze. The idea is to 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. Visit to the property's bull ring. CRUISES REF. SXS\_PP/SHF\_PP/SLP\_PP, pages 82, 83 and 103.

# NATURE RESERVE AND BIRD-WATCHING SITE LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure by coach to a nature reserve, where you have a private tour with a forest guide. This excursion will be a total immersion into an entirely unspoiled naturel area, which has managed to preserved its very specific character. Then, we will go on to a bird-watching site, where you will get the chance to discover an amazing variety of bird species : waders, gulls, ducks, etc. (This visit is not avalaible in July and August). Instead, you will visit the Rabida Monastery.

CRUISE REF. SHF\_PP, page 83.

#### **OSBORNE BODEGA** LENGTH: 2 hours

Set off on foot with our host or hostess to visit the Osborne bodega. This Spanish family business is one of the oldest winery of the country with over 200 years of history and has been producing wines since 1772. The black Osborne bull was created in 1956 and is the Emblem of the winery. Currently, it is internationally recognized and certainly the Spanish most recognized symbol in the world. The tour will be followed by a wine tasting session. CRUISES REF. SXS\_PP/SHF\_PP, pages 82 and 83.

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LENGTH: 2.5 hours

Depart on foot for a guided tour of Seville. We will begin at the Plaza de España, a square decorated with azulejos and built especially for the Ibero-American Exposition of 1929. It is in the shape of a hemicycle of 200 metres in diameter, symbolising Spain welcoming its former colonies. It faces the Guadalquivir River, which represents the route towards the Atlantic Ocean and America. A single building runs the length of the rounded side. At the centre of the square is a fountain (designed by Valencian architect Vicente Traver). Canals run in a semi-circle between the centre and the palace. They are spanned by four bridges, representing the four ancient queens of Spain. The tour continues via the attractive Santa Cruz neighbourhood, with its courtyards full of flowers that are typical of Seville. A former Jewish district situated within the original walls, it is part of the city's historical heart and adjoins the most famous monuments of the Andalusian capital. A place of art and history, the district dates back to the Middle Ages and is brimming with legends, churches and palaces, witnesses of its past. Developed at the start of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, it is now one of the most emblematic districts of Seville, renowned above all for the charm of its steep alleyways and shady squares. The tour will finish with a visit to Seville Cathedral, one of the last built in the Gothic style. The building was constructed on the site of an Almohad mosque to demonstrate the prosperity of the Andalusian capital, which had become a great trading centre after the Reconquista. Return to the dock at the end of the morning.

CRUISES REF. SHF\_PP/SLP\_PP, pages 83 and 103.

#### SEVILLE AND THE ALCAZAR PALACE LENGTH: 4.5 hours

Tour by coach and on foot. A panoramic tour will enable you to see the Plaza de España constructed for the Ibero-American Exposition of 1929. You will visit the Santa Cruz district and the Alcazar Palace (closed on Mondays) built in the style of the Alhambra in Granada, stroll in the Palace gardens planted with orange trees, cypresses and palm trees. Then you will discover the cathedral which houses works by Goya and Murillo, and the tomb of Christopher Columbus.

CRUISE REF. SXS\_PP, page 82.

#### THE RABIDA MONASTERY AND HARBOUR OF THE CARAVELS LENGTH: 5 hours

Set off by coach for a guided visit of the Rabida Monastery. Christopher Columbus was welcomed here by Brother Juan Perez who gave him hospitality. This monastery was one of only two or three in the world where navigation based on the stars (Celestial Navigation) was studied. Christopher Columbus stopped here before he set off for America. Then you will visit the Harbour of the Caravels where you will be able to see the replicas of Christopher Columbus's ships, the Pinta, the Niña and the Santa Maria, with which he discovered America in 1492. Return on board. CRUISES REF. SHF\_PP/SLP\_PP, pages 83 and 103.



# PORTUGAL THE DOURO RIVER

CHRISTMAS ND NEW YEAR

# Braga Guimaraes Solar de Mateus O<sup>Vila</sup> Real ENTRI OS-RIC PINHAO RÉGUA PORTO DOURO FERRADOSA o Lamego FOLGOSA PORTO ANTIGUO VEGA DE TERON **O** Salamanca SENHORA DA RIBEIRA

## **REASONS** TO CRUISE THE DOURO VALLEY

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

## THE **ADVANTAGES** OF BOOKING WITH CROISIEUROPE

• Cruise through **Portugal** from the ocean to the **Spanish** border

## **SHIPS**

- MS VASCO DA GAMA
- MS FERNAO DE MAGALHAES
- MS INFANTE DON HENRIQUE
- MS GIL EANES NEW Premium ship

## 2016 EVENTS IN PORTUGAL

Saint-Jean Festival: June 24<sup>th</sup> Information given by tourist boards, subject to changes.



#### 8 - DAY CRUISE

## From Porto to Spain

#### DAY 1 PORTO

Boarding from 5:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Excursion proposed: • Discover Porto by night

#### DAY 2 PORTO

Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Porto followed by a visit of a wine cellar and a Porto tasting session Free afternoon to discover Porto at your own pace

Traditional folklore entertainment

#### DAY 3 PORTO · REGUA

Excursion proposed: • Visit of Braga Afternoon spent cruising Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 4 REGUA · VEGA DE TERON

Excursion proposed: • Visit Vila Real and the gardens of

- Solar de Mateus Afternoon spent cruising Traditional folklore entertainment
- DAY 5 BARCA D'ALVA
  - Excursion proposed: • Visit of Salamanca and lunch
  - in a local restaurant
- Evening of entertainment
  DAY 6 BARCA D'ALVA · FERRADOSA

#### PINHAO

Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Wines trail of Porto Free time in Pinhao Gala dinner

## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### DISCOVER:

- **Porto,** a city between vineyards and ocean
- Braga, the "Rome of Portugal"
- Vila Real and the gardens of Solar de Mateus
- Salamanca, a dazzling beauty
- The Porto wines trail and Lamego, an episcopal city
- ALL MEALS INCLUDED
- BUNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES



#### DAY 7 PINHAO · PORTO

Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Lamego Afternoon spent cruising

DAY 8 PORTO

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on page 93.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

**NB:** for navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary. The number of moorings on the Duoro is limited. Our boats may be moored side by side.





DOURO

**o** Salamanca

VEGA DE TERON

CHRISTMAS



PORTO

DISCOVER:

and the sea

PORTUGAL

REGUA

LEVERINHO FERRADOS

FOLGOSA BARCA D'ALVA

PINHAO

**CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS** 

• Porto, a city between vineyards

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. POF ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. POF\_AIPP

# Porto, the Douro Valley (Portugal) and Salamanca (Spain)

DAY 1 PORTO

6 - DAY CRUISE

Boarding from 5:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Discover Porto by night

#### DAY 2 PORTO · REGUA

Excursion proposed: • Guided visit of Porto and wine tasting Afternoon spent cruising Evening of entertainment provided by our crew

### DAY 3 REGUA · PINHAO

## VEGA DE TERON (Spain)

Excursion proposed: • Visit Vila Real and the gardens of Solar

de Mateus Afternoon spent cruising

Traditional folklore entertainment

#### DAY 4 BARCA D'ALVA

SENHORA DA RIBEIRA Excursion proposed: • Visit of Salamanca and lunch in a local restaurant Afternoon spent cruising Gala dinner

#### DAY 5 SENHORA DA RIBEIRA FERRADOSA · FOLGOSA LEVERINHO

Excursion proposed: • Wines trail of Porto Afternoon spent cruising Traditional folklore entertainment

#### DAY 6 LEVERINHO · PORTO

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on page 93.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate. NB: for navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary.





REF. POC PP/POC AIPP · 8 - DAY CRUISE

# The spirit of Portugal

#### DAY 1 PORTO

Boarding from 5:	:00 p.m.
Welcome cocktai	I and crew presentation

#### DAY 2 PORTO · REGUA Morning spent cruising Excursions proposed:

Guided tour of Lamego

### OR: • Enjoy a free time in Regua

#### DAY 3 REGUA • PINHAO • BARCA D'ALVA Excursion proposed: • Visit Vila Real and the gardens of Solar de Mateus Afternoon spent cruising

#### Traditional folklore entertainment DAY 4 BARCA D'ALVA · VEGA DE TERON SENHORA DE RIBEIRA

Excursion proposed: • Visit of Salamanca Afternoon spent cruising Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 5 SENHORA DE RIBEIRA FERRADOSA · FOLGOSA ENTRE-OS-RIOS Excursion proposed: • Wines trail of Porto

Afternoon spent cruising Gala dinner

#### DAY 6 ENTRE-OS-RIOS · PORTO

## Morning spent cruising

- Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Porto
- and wine tasting

## DAY 7 PORTO · AVEIRO · PORTO

- Free morning to discover Porto at our own pace
  - Excursion proposed:
  - Excursion in Aveiro, the "Venice
  - of Portugal"

#### DAY 8 PORTO

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on page 93.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

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

## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Lamego** and the most beautiful Baroque sanctuary in Portugal
- Solar de Mateus
- Salamanca, the inspiring Spanish university town
- The Port wines trail, the oldest wine-producing region in the world
- **Porto,** a coastal town full of culture and tradition
- Aveiro, known as the "Venice of Portugal"



BEVERAGES

**FREE WIFI** 







and Braga

**FREE WIFI** 

Guimaraes Vila Real

RÉGUA

PORTO ANTIGUO

Braga O

PORTO

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES

PORTUGAL

PINHAO

DOURO

AND NEW YEAR



#### 6 - DAY CRUISE

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** 10 **REF. POB** 

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED **REF. POB AIPP** 

# Porto and the Douro valley

#### DAY 1 PORTO

Boarding from 5:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Explore Porto by night

#### DAY 2 PORTO · REGUA

Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: Guided visit to Lamego

## DAY 3 REGUA · PINHAO

PORTO ANTIGO Excursion proposed: • Visit Vila Real and the gardens of Solar de Mateus Afternoon spent cruising Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 4 PORTO ANTIGO · PORTO

Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: Visit of Porto and wine tasting

#### DAY 5 PORTO · GUIMARAES · BRAGA PORTO

Free morning to discover Porto at your own pace Excursion proposed: • Excursion by coach to Guimaraes and Braga, the "Rome of Portugal" Gala dinner

Traditional folklore entertainment

#### PORTO DAY 6

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on page 93.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport com-pulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

NB: for navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary.





# OUR EXCURSIONS

## PORTUGAL



#### **AVEIRO** LENGTH: 2 hours

An afternoon excursion to Aveiro by coach. Often called the "Venice of Portugal", and known as the salt capital of Portugal, Aveiro is surrounded by salt flats, beaches and lagoons, and is dominated by the Central Canal that runs through the town. This little medieval town, built on a lagoon, expanded rapidly during the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries as a sea port, thanks to cod fishing. It is also a centre of baroque art with many buildings and monuments. Aveiro still has several boats with the prow in the shape of a half moon, called moliceiros. Nowadays, Aveiro and the surrounding area constitute a very significant industrial region where salt production and fishing are still important and where there are naval shipyards, engineering, iron and steel works, factories producing cellulose, porcelain and pottery. Its university is one of the most important in Portugal and there are also several further education establishments. Aveiro is a bright and friendly little town, with an art-nouveau style architecture, brightly coloured houses and charming little alleys where a stroll is highly recommended. Then you set off for Costa Nova, a typical little fishing village and former family-friendly resort which has now been restored. The resort is situated between the beaches on the Atlantic coast and the lagoon and is open onto the ria. Here there are lots of traditional multi-coloured, striped wooden houses lining the promenade which is also planted with palm trees. Return by coach to Porto and re-join the boat.

CRUISE REF. POC\_PP, page 90.

#### BRAGA

LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure towards Braga, nicknamed the "Portuguese Roma". Stop in the Plaça da Republica (city centre) surrounded by gardens. Visit of the magnificient cathedral from the 12<sup>th</sup> century and walk in the company of your guide through the streets with their diversified architectural styles. Discover the Arco de Porta Nova (arch), the Palacio Biscainho (palace) and the Paços do Conselho (town hall). Enjoy some free time. CRUISE REF. PPH\_PP, page 88.

#### BRAGA AND GUIMARAES LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure by coach for Guimaraes and Braga. You will start by visiting Guimaraes on foot. You will get the chance to discover the "cradle of Portugal" through a panoramic tour, during which you will see the cathedral, the old castle and the Ducs Palace. Enjoy then some free time in the historic centre to stroll around the streets while admiring the patrician houses that have been well preserved. The visit will go on with the city of Braga, nicknamed the "Portuguese Roma". Stop in the Plaça da Republica (city centre) surrounded by gardens. Visit of the magnificient cathedral from the 12<sup>th</sup> century and walk in the company of your guide through the streets with their diversified architectural styles. Discover the Arco de Porta Nova (arch), the Palacio Biscainho (palace) and the Paços do Conselho (town hall). Enjoy some free time.

CRUISE REF. POB, page 91.

#### **LAMEGO** LENGTH: 4 hours

You will leave Regua by coach for a guided tour of Lamego by coach and on foot. During this excursion, you will discover the Nossa Senhora dos Remedios sanctuary and the cathedral. CRUISES REF. PPH\_PP/POC\_PP/POB, pages 88, 90 and 91.

#### PORTO AND WINE TASTING LENGTH: 4 hours

During a guided tour of the city you will discover the Stock Exchange Building and the Sao Francisco Church. Visit of a wine cellar with a Porto wine tasting in the Vila Nova de Gaia, a town situated on the left bank of the Douro.

CRUISES REF. PPH\_PP/POF/POC\_PP/POB/SLP\_PP, pages 88 to 91 and 103.

#### **PORTO BY NIGHT** LENGTH: 1.5 hours

A unique opportunity to admire the city of Porto by night during a panoramic tour by bus. You will love the old, conserved districts of this city of immense character, classed 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. PPH\_PP/POF/POB/SLP\_PP, pages 88, 89, 91 and 103.

#### **SALAMANCA** LENGTH: 10.5 hours

Departure by coach towards Salamanca. Since 1988, the old city of Salamanca is classed as a world heritage site by UNESCO. Guided tour of the town: discover the ancient and the new cathedral and one of the older university of the world opened in 1218. Lunch in Salamanca. Free afternoon.

CRUISES REF. PPH\_PP/POF/SLP\_PP, pages 88, 89 and 103.

## VILA REAL AND CASA DE MATEUS

LENGTH: 4 hours

You will set out for Vila Real by coach, a pleasant little town set among the vineyards. You will tour this town and continue towards Mateus, a small town famous for the manor of the Counts of Vila Real than for the rosé wine produced on the property. You will visit the Manor Solar of Mateus and also have the opportunity to have a walk in its gardens.

CRUISES REF. PPH\_PP/POF/POC\_PP/POB/SLP\_PP, pages 88 to 91 and 103.

#### WINES TRAIL OF PORTO LENGTH: 4 hours

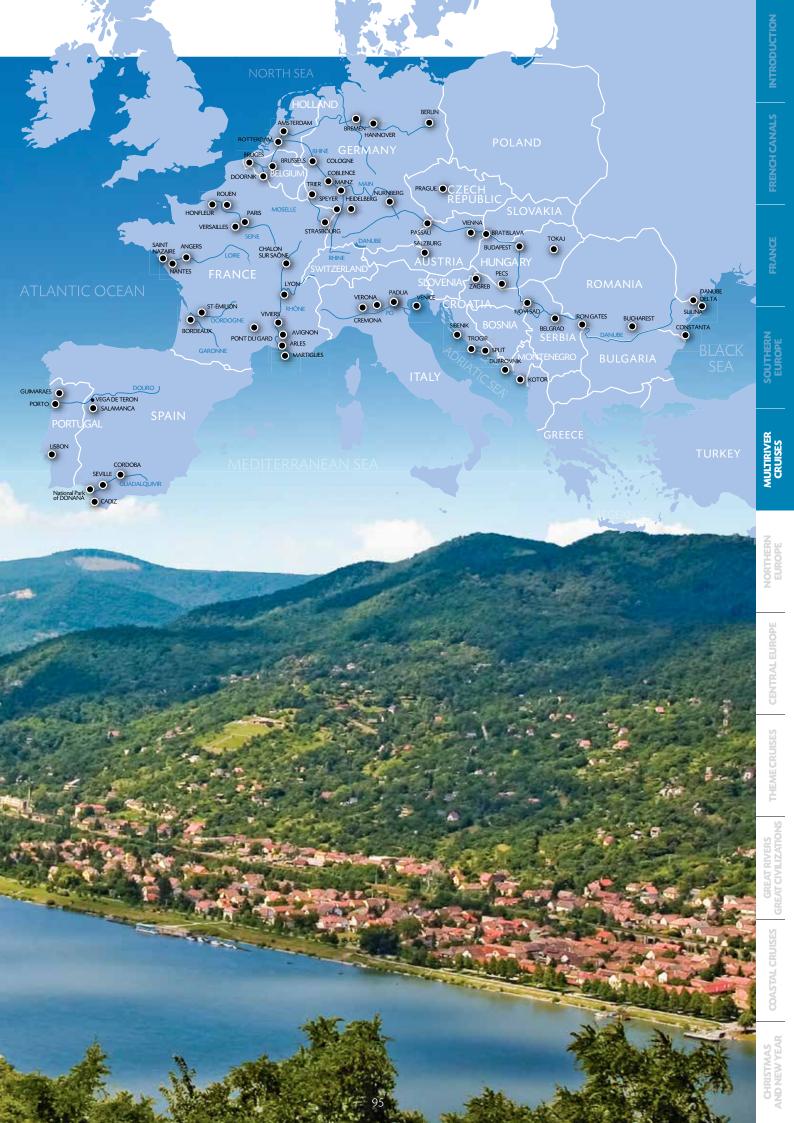
Departure by coach towards San Salvador do Mundo and Sao Joao da Pesqueira, two small towns set among the vineyards in the Rio Torto valley. In Sao Joao da Pesqueira, you will have the opportunity to explore the arcaded main square, the chapel and the white houses with their balconies. You will visit a quinta (wine cellar) to taste the famous Porto.

CRUISES REF. PPH\_PP/POF/POC\_PP/SLP\_PP, pages 88 to 90 and 103.



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The Seine, the Loire and Bordeaux in one combined cruise REF. PNB\_PP • 15 - DAY CRUISE

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# CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR



#### 13 - DAY CRUISE

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** 10 REF. SBU\_PP/BUS\_PP (opposite direction) ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED **REF.SBU AIPP/BUS AIPP** 

## Trans-European cruise

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#### STRASBOURG DAY 1

Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation

#### DAY 2 MAINZ · FRANKFURT Excursions proposed:

 Discovery of Mainz with our hostess • Guided tour of Frankfurt

#### DAY 3 MILTENBERG · WERTHEIM Visit Wertheim on your own Excursion proposed: Visit the peaceful Miltenberg with our hostess

#### DAY 4 WERTHEIM · WURZBURG **KITZINGEN**

Excursion proposed: Visit Wurzburg Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 5 **KITZINGEN · ROTHENBURG**

BAMBERG Excursion proposed: Guided tour to Rothenburg Afternoon spent cruising

#### **BAMBERG · NUREMBERG** DAY 6 **MUHLHAUSEN**

Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: Visit of Nuremberg Evening of entertainment provided by our crew

#### MUHLHAUSEN · REGENSBURG DAY 7

Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: Visit of Regensburg

#### DAY 8 **REGENSBURG · PASSAU**

Excursion proposed: • Visit Passau on your own Afternoon spent cruising Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 9 **PASSAU · MELK · VIENNA**

- Excursions proposed:
- · Discover the Benedictine Abbey of Melk
  - Visit Dürnstein on your own
- Tour of the illuminated sights of Vienna

- DAY 10 VIENNA · ESZTERGOM
  - Excursion proposed: Visit of the Schœnbrunn Palace and part of Vienna Gala dinner

**ALL MEALS INCLUDED** 

**FREE WIFI** 

UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES

#### DAY 11 ESZTERGOM · BUDAPEST

Free visit of Esztergom

#### Excursion proposed:

Visit Budapest by night

## DAY 12 BUDAPEST

- Excursions proposed: • Tour of Budapest
- Traditional folk evening in Budapest

#### DAY 13 BUDAPEST Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 128, 148, 150 and 151.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

NB: for navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reasons and passenger sarety, the the cruise itinerary if necessary. Ask for detailed itine-rary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. BUS\_PP. Cruise details on request.







## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### DISCOVER AMAZING CITIES AND SITES, SUCH AS:

- Amsterdam, Keukenhof gardens, the historic city of Cologne, Rüdesheim and Heidelberg
- Frankfurt, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, the Abbey of Melk, Vienna, Schænbrunn Palace and Budapest

ALL MEALS INCLUDED
UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY
BEVERAGES
FREE WIFI

#### 19 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. ABU PP/BUA PP (opposite direction) CONTRACTOR ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. ABU AIPP (opposite direction)

# From Amsterdam to Budapest

#### DAY 6 RUDESHEIM DAY 1 AMSTERDAM Boarding from 6:00 p.m. SPEYER or MANNHEIM Excursion proposed: Morning spent cruising • Discover the city from a river boat Excursion proposed: Welcome cocktail and crew Visit Heidelberg Gala dinner presentation AMSTERDAM STRASBOURG DAY 2 DAY 7 Excursions proposed: Excursion proposed: Guided tour of Amsterdam Guided visit of Strasbourg • Visit to the Keukenhof gardens<sup>(3)</sup> MAINZ · FRANKFURT DAY 8 • Volendam and the Zaanse Schans OR: Excursions proposed: • Trip to the city center for a stroll • Tour of Mainz with our hostess around the Red Light District<sup>(4)</sup> • Guided tour of Frankfurt **AMSTERDAM · NIJMEGEN** DAY 3 DAY 9 MILTENBERG · WERTHEIM **KREFELD**<sup>(2)</sup> Visit Wertheim on your own Excursion proposed: Excursion proposed: • Kröller Müller museum<sup>(1)</sup> Visit Miltenberg with our hostess Afternoon spent cruising DAY 10 WERTHEIM · WURZBURG **KREFELD** · COLOGNE DAY 4 KITZINGEN **KŒNIGSWINTER** Excursion proposed: Morning spent cruising • Guided tour of Wurzburg Excursion proposed: Evening of entertainment Visit the old parts DAY 11 KITZINGEN · ROTHENBURG of Cologne with our hostess BAMBERG DAY 5 **KŒNIGSWINTER · RUDESHEIM** Excursion proposed: Morning spent cruising • Guided tour of Rothenburg Excursions proposed: Afternoon spent cruising Guided tour of Rüdesheim DAY 12 BAMBERG · NUREMBERG • Free evening in the Drosselgasse **MUHLHAUSEN** Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided visit of Nuremberg Evening of entertainment provided NUMEGEN by our crew RHINE REFELD COLOGNE GERMANY HOLLAND KÆNIGSWINTER RANKFURT MAIN WURZBURG BAMBERG MAINZ MUHLHAUSEN CZECH. REPUBLIC O Nurnberg Rothen SPEYER Itenberg DANUB STRASBOURG RATISBONNE FRANCE PASSAL MELK RHIN VIENNA ERZTERGOM AUSTRIA 98

## DAY 13 MUHLHAUSEN · REGENSBURG

Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit of Regensburg

#### DAY 14 REGENSBURG · PASSAU

Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit Passau with our hostess Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 15 PASSAU · MELK · VIENNA

Explore Dürstein on your own Excursions proposed:

- Visit the Benedictine Abbey of Melk
- Tour of the illuminated sights
- of Vienna

#### DAY 16 VIENNA · ESZTERGOM

Excursion proposed: • Visit the Schœnbrunn Palace

#### Gala dinner

DAY 17 ESZTERGOM · BUDAPEST

#### Free discovery of Esztergom Excursion proposed: • Visit of Budapest by night

#### DAY 18 BUDAPEST

Excursions proposed:

- Sightseeing tour of Budapest
- Traditional folk evening in Budapest

DAY 19 BUDAPEST

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

## See excursion details on pages 116 and 117, 128 and 129, 148, 150 and 151.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate. Please note: Your passport must be valid for six months beyond the last day of your travels.

NB: for navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary. Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. BUA\_PP. Cruise details on request.

(1) Except on Mondays: optional visit of the Dutch open air museum of Arnhem.

(2) Depending on piers availabilities, the stopover at Krefeld can be replaced with a stopover at Duisbourg.

(3) Open from mid-March to mid-May.

(4) To book and pay on board.

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#### 15 - DAY CRUISE

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** 10 **REF. AMV PP** 

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED [0] RFE AMV AIPP

# From Amsterdam to Vienna

#### DAY 1 AMSTERDAM

Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Excursions proposed: Canal boat tour at night

#### DAY 2 AMSTERDAM

- Excursions proposed: Guided tour of Amsterdam
- Visit to the Keukenhof gardens(1)
- Visit Volendam and the Zaanse
- Schans

OR:

- Optional tour to the famous Red Light District<sup>(2)</sup>
- DAY 3 **AMSTERDAM · NIJMEGEN** KREFELD<sup>(3)</sup> Excursion proposed:
  - Visit the Kröller Müller museum<sup>(4)</sup>

- DAY 4 **KREFELD · COLOGNE KŒNIGSWINTER** Excursion proposed: • Visit of Cologne with our hostess **KŒNIGSWINTER · RUDESHEIM** DAY 5 Excursion proposed:
- Guided tour of Rüdesheim RUDESHEIM DAY 6 SPEYER or MANNHEIM
  - Excursion proposed: Coach to visit Heidelberg Gala dinner
- DAY 7 **STRASBOURG** Excursion proposed: Guided visit of Strasbourg.

#### **MAINZ · FRANKFURT** DAY 8

- Excursions proposed: Discovery of Mainz with our hostess Sightseeing tour of Frankfurt
- MILTENBERG · WERTHEIM DAY 9 Free time to visit Miltenberg and Wertheim

DAY 10	WERTHEIM · WURZBURG GERLACHSHAUSEN Excursion proposed: • Visit Wurzburg
DAY 11	GERLACHSHAUSEN ROTHENBURG · BAMBERG Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Rothenburg
DAY 12	BAMBERG • NUREMBERG MUHLHAUSEN Excursion proposed: • Guided visit of the Nuremberg
DAY 13	MUHLHAUSEN · REGENSBURG Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Regensburg
DAY 14	REGENSBURG • PASSAU Excursion proposed: • Discovery tour of Passau with our hostess
DAY 15	PASSAU · VIENNA Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

Keukenhof gardens, Kröller Müller Museum, the historic city of Cologne, Rüdesheim and its famous Drosselgasse, Heidelberg, the romantic town and Mainz, city of Gutenberg

Nuremberg, "little jewel of the Empire", Regensburg, one of the oldest towns in Germany, Rothenburg medieval city and Miltenberg, with its half-timbered houses

UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

**FREE WIFI** 

See excursion details on pages 116, 117, 128 and 129

### 9 - DAY CRUISE

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. VNS PP/SVN PP (opposite direction)** 

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED [0] **REF. VNS** AIPP (opposite direction)

# From the Danube to the Rhine

- DAY 1 **VIENNA** Boarding from 4:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation **VIENNA · PASSAU** DAY 2 Day spent cruising with a dancing afternoon Free time to discover Passau DAY 3 **PASSAU · REGENSBURG** NUREMBERG Excursion proposed: · Guided tour of Regensburg NUREMBERG · ROTHENBURG DAY 4 BAMBERG
  - Excursion proposed: Guided visit of Nuremberg
- **BAMBERG** · **ROTHENBURG** DAY 5 WURZBURG Excursion proposed: Guided tour of Rothenburg WURZBURG · WERTHEIM DAY 6 Excursion proposed: Visit of Wurzburg DAY 7 **WERTHEIM · MILTENBERG** ASCHAFFENBURG Excursion proposed: Tour of Miltenberg with our hostess
  - **ASCHAFFENBURG · FRANKFURT** DAY 8 MAINZ Excursions proposed: • Guided visit of Frankfurt · Discovery tour of Mainz with our hostess Gala dinner **MAINZ · STRASBOURG** DAY 9 Disembark around 2:00 p.m. See excursion details on page 128.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

NB: for navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary. Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. SVN\_PP. Cruise details on request.

(1) Open from mid-March to mid-May. (2) To book and pay on board. (3) Depending on piers availabilities, the stopover at Krefeld can be replaced with a stopover at Duisbourg. (4) Except on Mondays: optional visit of the Dutch open air museum of Arnhem.



## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

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

ALL MEALS INCLUDED UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES **FREE WIFI** 

#### 10 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS RFF ACA PF

Travel from the North Sea to the Mediterranean and discover two mighty rivers

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

REF. ACA AIPF

DAY 1 AMSTERDAM Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Canal boat at night DAY 2 AMSTERDAM Excursions proposed:

- Guided visit of Amsterdam Visit of Haarlem
- DAY 3 AMSTERDAM · WESEL

#### DUSSELDORF

Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit of Dutch open air Museum of Arnhem Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 4 DUSSELDORF · COLOGNE **KŒNIGSWINTER · COBLENCE** Excursions proposed:

- Guided visit of Cologne
- Stroll in Coblence

#### DAY 5 COBLENCE · MAINZ · WORMS Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: Guided visit of Mainz and the Gutenberg Museum

Gala dinner

#### **DAY 6** STRASBOURG (Transfer by coach BESANCON

CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE) Excursion proposed: Journey to Besançon Coach to Chalon-Sur-Saône Welcome cocktail and new crew presentation with entertainments

#### DAY 7 LYON · TOURNON Excursion proposed:

 Guided visit of Lyon Afternoon spent cruising Dancing evening

#### DAY 8 TOURNON · ARLES

Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Tournon and taste local products Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 9 **ARLES · AVIGNON**

- Excursions proposed:
- Guided visit of Arles
- Visit the City of the Popes Gala dinner

DAY 10 AVIGNON Disembark around 9:00 a m.



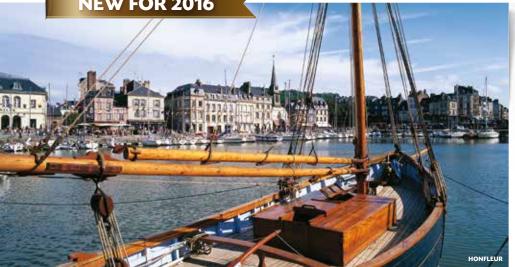
#### See excursion details on pages 70, 71, 116 and 117.

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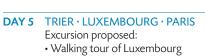
#### 9 - DAY CRUISE

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** 10 **REF.SPH PP/HTS PP(opposite direction)** 

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED (O) REF. SPH AIPP/HTS AIPP (opposite direction)

# Cruise on 3 rivers, Rhine, Moselle and Seine

STRASBOURG DAY 1 Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation DAY 2 MAINZ · COBLENCE (The Romantic Rhine Valley) Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Mainz and the Gutenberg Museum Afternoon spent cruising OR: DAY 3 COBLENCE · COCHEM · TRIER (The Moselle Valley) Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of the Cochem Château Evening of entertainment provided by our crew TRIER (The Moselle Valley) DAY 4 Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: Visit of Trier Gala dinner



Welcome cocktail and new crew presentation

### DAY 6 PARIS · VERNON

- Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of the Versailles Château<sup>(1)</sup>
- · Guided tour of the Malmaison Château<sup>(2)</sup>
- DAY 7 **VERNON · ROUEN · DUCLAIR**

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Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: Guided visit of Rouen Gala dinner

- DAY 8 DUCLAIR · HONFLEUR
  - Excursions proposed: · Guided tour of Honfleur and its fishing port

**CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS** Never before offered cruise combining

the Rhine, Moselle and Seine

 Full-day visit to Luxembourg Absolute must-see sites include Honfleur, Paris, Trier, Cochem and Mainz

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

BEVERAGES FREE WIFI

UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY

**DISCOVERY:** 

- Discover Deauville
- and the "Floral Coast" OR: • Full day guided tour (lunch
- included) to the Landing Beaches
- DAY 9 HONFLEUR
  - Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 56 and 57, 128 and 129.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

NB: for navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary.

- (1) Available for a minimum of 35 persons otherwise this excursion will be replaced by the visit of Malmaison Château. For the Versailles be replaced by the visit of Malmaison Chateau. For the Versailles Chateau excursion, there is a charge for entry into the gardens on Saturdays and Sundays from April to October and on Tuesdays from July to October because of special events: Musical Goruntains Show (Saturday-Sunday / €8.50 per pers.), Musical Gardens (Tuesday / €7.50 per pers.) On Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, garden access is free. Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. SPH\_AIPP/HTS\_AIPP.
- (2) The Malmaison Château is closed on Tuesday, so if the stop falls on a Tuesday, the guided tour will be at Auvers-sur-Oise Château.
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## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

Emblematic cities and magical countryside: a perfect blend of art, tradition, history and culture

#### DISCOVERY:

- Berlin, young capital with a rich past
- Hamburg, "The Door to the World"
- Copenhagen, traditional and modern

ALL MEALS INCLUDED UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES

#### 14 - DAY CRUISE

# From Hamburg to Copenhagen

- DAY 1 HAMBURG (Germany) Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
- DAY 2 HAMBURG BLECKEDE Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Hamburg Afternoon spent cruising
- DAY 3 BLECKEDE · Luneburg · BLECKEDE TANGERMUNDE Excursion proposed: • Visit of Luneburg Afternoon spent cruising Evening of entertainment
- DAY 4 TANGERMUNDE MAGDEBURG Free time visiting Tangermunde Afternoon spent cruising Evening of entertainment provided by our crew

#### DAY 5 HOHENWARTHE · MAGDEBURG GENTHIN · POTSDAM

- Excursion proposed:
- Tour of Magdeburg
- Afternoon spent cruising

## Dancing evening DAY 6 POTSDAM · BERLIN

- Excursions proposed:
- Visit of Potsdam and the gardens
- at the Sans-Souci Palace
- Visit of Berlin
- Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 BERLIN

- Excursions proposed:
- Visit the botanical gardens
- Guided tour of the Documentation
- Center at the Berlin Wall Memorial



- DAY 8 BERLIN (SPANDAU) · EBERSWALDE Free time in Berlin Afternoon spent cruising DAY 9 EBERSWALDE · ODERBERG STOLPE · SZCZECIN (Poland)
  - Excursion proposed: • Trip to the ruins of the Chorin Abbey Afternoon spent cruising
- DAY 10 SZCZECIN · WOLGAST (Germany) Excursion proposed:
  - Guided tour of Szczecin Afternoon spent cruising

## DAY 11 WOLGAST · PEENEMUNDE

- Usedom · Rugen · LAUTERBACH Excursions proposed: • Tour of Usedom island
- Visit Rugen island
- DAY 12 LAUTERBACH · STRALSUND
  - Excursions proposed: • Visit of Greifswald • Visit of Stralsund
  - Gala dinner

#### DAY 13 STRALSUND · SASSNITZ TRELLEBORG (Sweden) COPENHAGEN (Denmark) Excursion proposed: • Tour of Copenhagen

DAY 14 COPENHAGEN

End of our services at the end of the morning

#### See excursion details on pages 136 and 137.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate. Please note: Your passport must be valid for six months beyond the last day of your travels.

NB: for navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary. The ferry crossing to Denmark could be replaced by a crossing between Rostock, Germany and Gedser, Denmark.

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

BEVERAGES **FREE WIFI** 

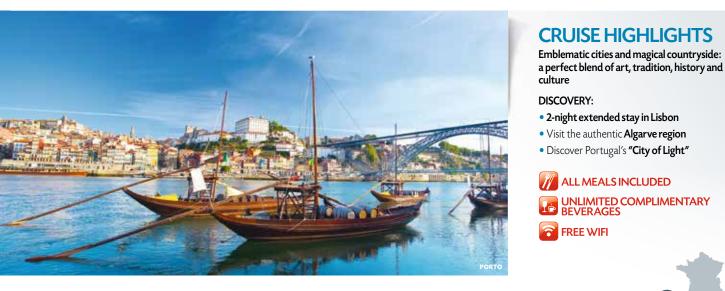
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**NEW YEAR** 

FOLGOSA PINHAO • FERRADOSA Guided tour of Porto and wine • BARCA D'ALVA tasting REGUA PORTO YEGA DE TERON Evening of entertainment provided by our crew SALAMANCA • LEVRINHO DAY 10 REGUA · PINHAO VEGA DE TERON (Spain) Excursion proposed: COIMBRA Visit to Vila Réal Spanish themed evening DAY 11 VEGA DE TERON **BARCA D'ALVA** Excursion proposed: Guided visit of Salamanca PORTUGAL GUADIANA Gala dinner DAY 12 BARCA D'ALVA · FERRADOSA **FOLGOSA · LEVERINHO** SPAIN Excursion proposed: • Discover the "Porto Wines trail" CÓRDOBA Traditional entertainment on board ALCOUTIM GUADALQUIVIR VILLA REAL DAY 13 LEVERINHO · PORTO SEVILLE Disembark around 9:00 am See excursion details on pages 84, 85 and 93. EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA Formalities: a valid Passport is required for your travel. Non European guests please contact the local Embas-sies or Consulates for proper paperwork required be-CADIZ fore travelling. **NB:** for navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary.

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#### 13 - DAY CRUISE

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** 10 REF. SLP PP

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REE SLP AIPP

# **Discovering Southern Europe:** Seville - Lisbon - Porto

DAY 1 SEVILLE DAY 9 **PORTO · REGUA** Boarding from 5:00 p.m. Excursion proposed: Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Free time in Seville DAY 2 SEVILLE Excursion proposed: • Full-day trip to Córdoba Spanish themed evening DAY 3 SEVILLE · EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA Excursion proposed: • Tour of Seville Evening of entertainment provided by our crew DAY 4 EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA CADIZ Excursions proposed: Visit of Jerez and its Ganaderia Discover Cádiz and a bodega Portuguese themed evening DAY 5 **CADIZ** · ALCOUTIM **VILA REAL DE SAN ANTONIO** (Portugal) Free time in Alcoutim Excursion proposed: Discover La Rábida Monastery Gala dinner **VILA REAL DE SAN ANTONIO** DAY 6 LISBON Excursion proposed: Stroll in Ólhão Discover Evora on your own DAY 7 LISBON Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Lisbon with Sao Jorge Château DAY 8 LISBON · COIMBRA · PORTO Excursions proposed: Discover Coimbra Tour of Porto by night Welcome cocktail and new crew presentation



#### 10 - DAY CRUISE

## Cruising 2 rivers: the Seine and the Rhône rivers

DAY 1 LYON Boarding from 3:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation DAY 2 AVIGNON · ARLES Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of the Pope's City DAY 3 ARLES · PORT SAINT-LOUIS MARTIGUES Excursion proposed: • Discover the Camargue Free time in Saintes-Mariesde-la-Mer Afternoon spent cruising DAY 4 AVIGNON · LES BAUX DE **PROVENCE** · VIVIERS The Ardèche Gorges Excursions proposed: • Discover les Baux de Provence • Discover the Ardèche Gorges DAY 5 **VIVIERS · TAIN L'HERMITAGE** The Vercors Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Discover the Vercors and taste the famous "Clairette de Die" Gala dinner TAIN L'HERMITAGE · LYON DAY 6 PARIS Excursion proposed: Guided tour of Lyon Welcome cocktail and new crew presentation

#### DAY 7 PARIS · LES ANDELYS · ROUEN Morning spent cruising DUCLAIR Excursions proposed: Visit the Martainville Château • Walking guided tour of Rouen by night DAY 8 ROUEN · HONFLEUR Excursions proposed: · Guided tour of Honfleur Discover the "Floral Coast" **HONFLEUR · DUCLAIR** DAY 9 Full day spent cruising Gala dinner DAY 10 PARIS Disembark around 10:00 a.m. See excursion details on pages 56 and 57, 70 and 71 Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate. NB: for the safety of our passengers, the captain and crew of the boat may decide to modify the navigational itinerary. Cruise details on request.



#### MUST-SEE SITES:

- Avignon and the Papal City
- The Camargue, wild and unusual
- The Ardèche Gorges, the most beautiful canyon in Europe
- The Vercors Plateau, Nature Reserve
- Martainville Château, museum
  - of Norman arts and traditions
- Rouen, historic city
  - Honfleur and the "Floral Coast", sumptuous beaches and Calvados tasting
- Paris, thousand and one lights city

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

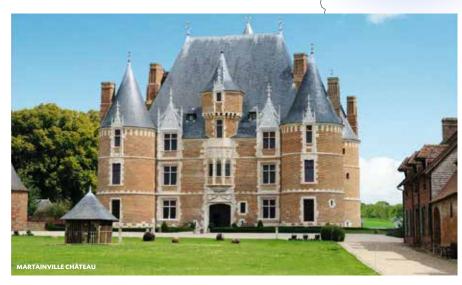
• Our ship will moor in the heart of Martigues on the Rhône and 10 minutes from the Eiffel Tower on the Seine

> UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES

• Lyon and Paris by night

FREE WIFI

HONFLEUR POUEN LES ANDELYS PARIS SEINE FRANCE SAÔNE LYON TAIN • L'HERMITAGE VIVIERS of RHÔNE The Ardèche Gorges AVIGNON Baux de Provenc ARI ES PORT ST-LOUIS **o** Martigues





#### 16 - DAY CRUISE

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** 10 **REF. PNB PP** 

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. PNB AIPP

## The best port of calls along the Seine, the Loire and the Gironde

DAY 1 PARIS Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation DAY 2 PARIS · VERNON Excursions proposed: · Guided tour of the Versailles Château<sup>(1)</sup> OR: Trip to the Malmaison Château<sup>(2)</sup> **VERNON · ROUEN · DUCLAIR** DAY 3 Excursion proposed: Guided tour of Rouen Gala dinner DAY 4 DUCLAIR · HONFLEUR Excursion proposed: • Full day's visit of the Landing Beaches (lunch included) DAY 5 HONFLEUR · Mont Saint-Michel NANTES Excursion proposed: • Guided visit of the Mont Saint-Michel Abbey Welcome cocktail and new crew presentation NANTES · SAINT-NAZAIRE DAY 6 Excursions proposed: Tour of Nantes Visit to the seaside of Saint-Nazaire SAINT-NAZAIRE · ANCENIS DAY 7 Excursion proposed: Discover the Muscadet region DAY 8 ANCENIS · ANGERS · ANCENIS Excursion proposed: • Tour of Angers ANGERS · The Loire Valley DAY 9 châteaux · ANCENIS Excursion proposed: Visit the Loire Valley châteaux

#### DAY 10 NANTES · Cognac · BORDEAUX Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour by tourist train
  - of Cognac
- Visit the Cognac arts Museum Welcome cocktail and new

#### crew presentation DAY 11 BORDEAUX · PAUILLAC Excursion proposed:

Discover the Médoc region

#### DAY 12 PAUILLAC · Gironde Estuary **BLAYE** Excursion proposed:

• Discover the "Route de la Corniche" DAY 13 BLAYE · LIBOURNE or BOURG<sup>(3)</sup>

#### SAINT-EMILION Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Saint-Emilion's

#### DAY 14 LIBOURNE or BOURG · CADILLAC

Excursion proposed:

and wine tasting

- Guided tour of Cadillac
- with its Roquetaillade Château

#### DAY 15 CADILLAC · BORDEAUX Excursion proposed:

Guided tour of Bordeaux

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

BEVERAGES

**FREE WIFI** 

UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY

with a panoramic tour of the city Gala dinner

DAY 16 BORDEAUX

cruising

châteaux

Disembarking at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 49, 56 and 57, 62 and 69.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate. Please note: Your passport must be valid for six months beyond the last day of your travels.

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

- (1) Valid for a minimum of 35 participants. If this number is not reached, the excursion will be replaced by a visit of the Château de Malmaison. For the excursion to Versailles, the gardens are accessible for an additional fee on Saturdays and Sundays from April to October, as well as Tuesdays from July to October because of special events. The additional entry fee is between €7.50 and €8.50 per person (2014 rates). The gardens are accessible free of charge on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- (2) The Malmaison Château is closed on Tuesdays. It will be replaced by a visit to Auvers Château.
- (3) Depending on tides, the stopover in Cadillac might be replaced by Libourne or Bourg.



# NORTHERN EUROPE





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# HOLLAND AND BELGIUM



# **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 built specially 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 GÉRARD SCHMITTER - Premium ship, MS VIVALDI - Premium ship, MS BEETHOVEN, MS LEONARD DE VINCI, MS MODIGLIANI, MS EUROPE, MS VICTOR HUGO, MS DOUCE FRANCE, MS MONET, MS LA BOHEME, MS SYMPHONIE, MS MONA LISA, MS LAFAYETTE - Premium ship

# 2016 EVENTS IN HOLLAND

King's day: April 27<sup>th</sup> Jordaan Festival: mid-September Flags Day herring festival: May 31<sup>st</sup> The Flower Parade: end of April National Mill Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> saturday of May Information given by tourist boards, subject to changes.



OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. AAA 

# Authentic Holland and the charms of Belgium

#### DAY 1 AMSTERDAM

Board from 5:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Excursion proposed: • Canal boat tour of Amsterdam at night

#### DAY 2 AMSTERDAM

- Excursions proposed:
- Guided visit of Amsterdam
- Excursion to the traditional village of Volendam and to Zaanse Schans museum
- $\bullet$  Optional tour to the famous Red Light District  $^{(1)}$

#### DAY 3 ARNHEM · WILLEMSTAD

- Excursion proposed: • Visit of Arnhem and its open-air museum
- Afternoon spent cruising

#### DAY 4 WILLEMSTAD · MIDDELBURG

Excursion proposed: • Excursion to the Delta Plan Free time to visit Middelburg

- DAY 5 GHENT · BRUGES Excursions proposed:
  - Tour of Ghent
  - Visit of Bruges
- DAY 6 ANTWERP · ROTTERDAM Excursion proposed: • Guided visit of Antwerp
  - Afternoon spent cruising

#### DAY 7 ROTTERDAM · UTRECHT

AMSTERDAM

- Morning spent cruising
- Excursion proposed:
- $\bullet$  Visit of the magnificent floral gardens at Keukenhof  $^{(2)}$
- Gala dinner

#### DAY 8 AMSTERD

**8** AMSTERDAM Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 116 and 117.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### DISCOVER:

- Amsterdam, the historic capital of the Netherlands
- Volendam, a typical village and Zaanse Schans
- The open-air museum at Arnhem
- The famous floral gardens at Keukenhof

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**NB:** please note that CroisiEurope and the ship's captain reserve the right to modify the cruising itinerary to ensure the safe navigation of the vessel.

To book and pay on board.

(2)Open from mid-March to mid-May. Other months, visit of Rotterdam and Delft.





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#### 6 - DAY CRUISE



# Cruise on the Ijsselmeer, one of Holland's

# treasures

	AMSTERDAM Board from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Excursion proposed: • Canal boat tour of Amsterdam at night
DAY 2	
DAY 3	VOLENDAM • HOORN Excursion proposed: • Visit Alkmaar and its cheese market Free time to discover Hoorn Evening of entertainment provided by our crew
DAY 4	HOORN · ENKHUIZEN Morning spent cruising Free afternoon to discover Enkhuizen at your own pace Gala dinner
DAY 5	ENKHUIZEN • AMSTERDAM Morning spent cruising Excursions proposed: • Visit of the Keukenhof Gardens <sup>(1)</sup> • Excursion to the Red Light District <sup>(2)</sup>
DAY 6	AMSTERDAM Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### VOLENDAM ZAANSE SCHANS AMSTERDAM ALPHEN-ON-THE-RHINE GOUDA HOLLAND ROTTERDAM RHINE DORDRECHT ANTWERP BELGIUM 5 - DAY CRUISE **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** 6 **REF. AWA** ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED **REF.AWA AIPP** Through authentic Holland DAY 1 AMSTERDAM Board from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Excursion proposed: Canal boat tour of Amsterdam at night DAY 2 AMSTERDAM · ALPHEN-ON-THE-RHINE Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Amsterdam Afternoon spent cruising DAY 3 ALPHEN-ON-THE-RHINE · GOUDA Excursion proposed: Visit of the Keukenhof gardens<sup>(1)</sup> Free time to discover Gouda at your own pace Afternoon spent cruising DAY 4 GOUDA · ROTTERDAM Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Panoramic coach tour of Rotterdam Gala dinner DAY 5 **ROTTERDAM · AMSTERDAM** Morning spent cruising Disembark around 2:00 p.m.

See excursion details on pages 116 and 117.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate. NB: for navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary.

(1) Open from mid-March to mid-May. Other months, visit of Amsterdam. (2) To book and pay on board.

# **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### DISCOVER:

- Amsterdam (REF. AIJ)
- Volendam and Zaanse Schans (REF. AIJ)
- Alkmaar (REF. AIJ)
- Hoorn and Enkhuizen (REF. AIJ)
  The typical canals of Holland
- Rotterdam (REF. AWA)
  - KOLLEI UAIII (REF. AWA)

ALL MEALS INCLUDED UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES



OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS
REF. AAV/ANV (opposite direction)

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED
REF. AAV\_AIPP/ANV\_AIPP (opposite direction)

# Springtime in Holland

DAY 1	AMSTERDAM Board from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Excursion proposed: • Canal boat tour of Amsterdam at night
DAY 2	AMSTERDAM
	Excursions proposed:

- Sightseeing tour of Amsterdam
- Visit of the traditional fishing village of Volendam and the Zaanse Schans museum
- Excursion to the Red Light District<sup>(1)</sup>

DAY 3 AMSTERDAM · ROTTERDAM Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit of the Keukenhof gardens<sup>(2)</sup> Gala dinner

#### DAY 4 ROTTERDAM · ANTWERP The whole day is spent cruising toward Antwerp Free time in Antwerp

DAY 5 ANTWERP Disembark around 9:00 a.m.



See excursion details on pages 116 and 117.

# **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### DISCOVER:

- Canals of Amsterdam by night
- Amsterdam
- Volendam and Zaanse Schans, with the meeting of the traditions (REF. AAV)
- Floral garden of Keukenhof (REF. AAV)
  Antwerp, its architectural treasures
- and incredible diamond merchants (REF. ANV\_DIAM)
- **Delft** and its legendary blue Delftware (REF. ANV\_DIAM)
- Rotterdam (REF. ANV\_DIAM)
  - The Van Gogh museum, with the largest collection of the world famous painter's works (REF. ANV\_DIAM)

#### ALL MEALS INCLUDED

UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES

FREE WIFI



NTWERP BELGIUM

#### 5 - DAY CRUISE

- OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS
- REF. ANV\_DIAIPP

# Holland and Belgium: flourishing with art and diamonds

DAY 1	ANTWERP Board from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation • Visit of Antwerp with our host / hostess
DAY 2	ANTWERP • ROTTERDAM Excursion proposed: • Guided visit of Antwerp with a visit of the Diamondland Gala dinner
DAY 3	ROTTERDAM • AMSTERDAM Morning spent cruising Excursions proposed: • Guided visit of Delft and Rotterdam • Canal boat tour of Amsterdam at night
DAY 4	AMSTERDAM Excursions proposed: • Guided visit of Amsterdam and a visit to a diamond merchant • Visit to the Van Gogh museum • Excursion to the Red Light District <sup>(1)</sup>
DAY 5	AMSTERDAM Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate. NB: for reasons of navigational safety, the captain and crew of the boat alone may decide to modify the cruise itinerary. Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. ANV.

(1) To book and pay on board. (2) Open from mid-March to mid-May. Other months, visit of Madurodam

The floral garden of Keukenhof
The canals of Amsterdam in a river

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

DISCOVER: • Antwerp

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DAY 1 ANTWERP Board from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Stroll in the old part of Antwerp with our host/hostess DAY 2 ANTWERP · ROTTERDAM The whole day is spent cruising toward Rotterdam. Arrival in the afternoon Gala dinner ROTTERDAM · AMSTERDAM DAY 3 Morning spent cruising Excursions proposed: Visit of the Keukenhof gardens<sup>(1)</sup> Canal boat tour of Amsterdam at night AMSTERDAM DAY 4 Disembark around 9:00 a.m. (1) Open from mid-March to mid-May.



See excursion details on pages 116 and 117.



Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate. NB: for navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary.

host/hostess

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

DAY 4 ANTWERP



DISCOVER:

- Volendam and Zaanse Schans
- Madurodam, a famous miniature park
- Stopovers in the large towns of Northern Europe: **Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Antwerp** and **Brussels**

ALL MEALS INCLUDED UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES

#### 6 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. ABR/BAM (opposite direction)

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. ABR\_AIPP/BAM\_AIPP (opposite direction)

# Treasures of the North through Holland and Belgium

#### DAY 1 AMSTERDAM

Board from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Excursion proposed: • Canal boat tour of Amsterdam at night

#### DAY 2 AMSTERDAM

- Excursions proposed:
- Sightseeing tour of Amsterdam
- Visit of Volendam and Zaanse Schans
- museum
- Excursion to the Red Light District<sup>(1)</sup>

#### DAY 3 AMSTERDAM · ROTTERDAM

Excursion proposed: • Visit of the Madurodam park Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 4 ROTTERDAM · ANTWERP

The whole day is spent cruising toward Antwerp. Discover the Antwerp's old city in the company of our host / hostess

#### DAY 5 ANTWERP · BRUSSELS

Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Brussels Gala dinner

#### DAY 6 BRUSSELS

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 116 and 117.

**Formalities:** valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

**NB:** for navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary.



Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. BAM.

(1) To book and pay on board.





**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** 10 REF. OBU/BUO (opposite direction) ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. OBU/BUO AIPP (opposite direction)

# Flanders, from the North Sea to the capital of Belgium

DAY 1 OSTEND Board from 5:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation **BRUGES · GHENT** DAY 2 Excursions proposed: Guided tour of Bruges Tour of Ghent DAY 3 **GHENT · ANTWERP** 

- Morning spent cruising Visit Antwerp with our host/hostess DAY 4
- ANTWERP · RUPELMONDE · BRUSSELS Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed:
  - Guided tour of Brussels Gala dinner
- DAY 5 BRUSSELS

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 116 and 117.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

**NB:** for navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary. Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. BUO.

#### COMMEMORATIVE CRUISE **IN BELGIUM** (SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 154)

REF. OLI PP · 7 - DAY CRUISE

# The Great War A Moving and Fascinating **Remembrance** Cruises

OSTEND • BRUGES • KORTRIJK • COMINES • LILLE





ZAANSE SCHANS **AMST/ERDAM** 

**CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS** 

 Ghent, the historic centre of Flanders • Bruges, a genuine open-air museum

UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES

• Brussels and its treasures

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

**FREE WIFI** 

DISCOVER:

HOLLAND ROTTERDAM

ANTWERP RUPELMONDE BRUGES

OSTEND

GHENT

BELGIUM BRUSSELS

# OUR EXCURSIONS

#### **BELGIUM AND HOLLAND**



#### ALKMAAR LENGTH: 3.5 hours

Departure by coach from Volendam or Enkhuizen with your guides for the town of Alkmaar.

You will walk into the town centre accompanied by your guide. Alkmaar is a historical town with over 400 monuments. The Public Weigh House, dating from the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the Town Hall dating from the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the Grand St Laurens Church and a multitude of enclosed courtyards, interesting facades and canals give this town its particular atmosphere. The town of Alkmaar is known above all for its cheese. During the season, which lasts from the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in April until the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in September, the traditional cheese market is held every Friday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The traders sell their cheeses using a barter system. The cheese carriers' guild, which has existed for 400 years, transports the cheeses on wooden barrows, after weighing the batches at the public weigh house. The preparation of dairy products is explained in the Cheese museum housed in the public weigh house, which you will visit with your guide. Here you will see the prettily decorated cheese presses and various other implements and tools used in cheese and butter making over the centuries. The first floor houses documentation illustrating how cheese is made today on the farms and in the dairies, as well as the importance of dairy produce in the Dutch economy. After some free time, you will take the coach to go to a dairy products fabric (sampling included). Then, return to the boat for lunch.

CRUISE REF. AIJ, page 111.

#### AMSTERDAM AND **ITS DIAMONDS MERCHANTS LENGTH: 4 hours**

We'll leave by coach for a guided tour of the city. Amsterdam is one of the most unique and extraordinary cities in the world. From its romantic canals to its world-renowned museums and historical significance, it's a city that never ceases to surprise. Our first stop will be the De Rieker Windmill, one of the eight windmills in greater Amsterdam. Built in 1636 to help drain water out of the surrounding land, the De Rieker Windmill is now an elegant private residence. You will have no doubt have seen the mill in many of Rembrandt's painting and engravings. 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. We'll return to our coach and head for the famous flower market. This is the only floating flower market in the world, and one of the most fragrant places in Amsterdam in any seasons. It includes 15 florist and garden shops, as well as a range of souvenirs. At the end of our visit, we'll return to the ship by coach.

CRUISES REF. AIJ/ABU\_PP/BUA\_PP/AMV\_PP/ ACA/PP/AAA/AWA/AAV/ANV/ANV\_DIAM/ABR/ BAM/ACB\_PP/ADA/AST/HSA, pages 98 to 100, 110 to 112, 114, 120, 121 and 123.

#### AMSTERDAM BY NIGHT LENGTH: 1.45 hours

We'll leave on foot with our host/hostess to board a boat for a canal tour. We'll travel along the famous Port of Amsterdam and continue along the legendary canals. Even today they continue to define the city's landscape, and in 2010, Amsterdam's canal ring was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Besides providing a stunning backdrop to the city's historical center, cruising the canals is one of the most memorable ways to discover the city. So come aboard with us and take a relaxing trip through the Dutch capital. After our tour, return to the ship with our host/hostess or spend some free time on your own in the city. CRUISES REF. AAA/AWA/AAV/ANV/ANV\_DIAM/ AVS/AIJ/AMS/ABR/BAM/ADA/AST/HSA/ AMB\_PP, pages 110 to 114, 121, 123 and 132.

#### ANTWERP **LENGTH: 2 hours**

Departure by coach from the landing stage for Antwerp city centre.

The whole of Antwerp's history has been shaped by its situation on the Scheldt. It was really only founded in about the year 900, when the villagers settled on the Aanwerp, an alluvial mound which gave its name to Antwerp. In the middle of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the region took advantage of the town's dominant role, as the latter remained for a long time an important cultural and artistic centre. In the second part of the century, Antwerp was the scene of a political and religious struggle between the Protestant North and a very Catholic Spain. Once you arrive in the city centre, the rest of the tour will take place on foot. First of all you will discover the Steen Château, overlooking the Scheldt. Built in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, it is the oldest building in Antwerp and today houses, under long covered passages left by Napoleon after his time in Antwerp, the National Maritime museum. As you enter the Old Town you will see the Butcher's Hall, then move on to the Grand'Place, with its magnificent Town Hall a mixture of Gothic and Renaissance styles. You 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. Then you will arrive in front of the impressive Gothic Cathedral, a construction of lace-work in stone, which it took almost two centuries to complete. The Cathedral contains some masterpieces of Flemish painting, including 3 monumental paintings by Peter Paul Rubens painted specially for the Cathedral. After the visit, you will have some free time to stroll through the streets of Antwerp. CRUISE REF. AAA, page 110.

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#### ANTWERP AND THE DIAMOND DISTRICT

#### **LENGTH: 3 hours**

We'll first discover the older section of Antwerpwhere you'll see the Vleeshuis museum, the Grote Markt with its magnificent Town Hall, and the famous Brabo Fountain immortalizing the legend of the Roman soldier who saved the city from a terrible giant. We'll then walk to the impressive Cathedral of Our Lady, a Gothic-style church that took over 200 years to build, but which was never officially completed. We'll then head to the Diamondland 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. We'll then return on board. CRUISE REF. ANV\_DIAM, page 112.

#### BRUGES

#### **LENGTH: 2 hours**

Departure on foot from the landing stage for Bruges town centre. The town of Bruges is 2000 years old and it was in the Middle Ages that it became an important trading centre for the North West of Europe thanks to the production of high quality cloth and the easy access to the sea. Your guide will take you to see the charming "Venice of the North" quarter with its lanes and

typical houses. The tour will begin with a stop on the little bridge on the Lake of Love, a chance for lovers to make a wish and for the guide to talk to you about the history of Bruges. You will walk through the town's narrow streets, fragrant with the aroma of chocolate, the local speciality, then you will discover the flower-bedecked Béguinage convent, the Grand'Place with its impressive 83m high Belfry and the Castle situated just nearby and the Saint Sang Basilica. You will walk along the town's canals and through the St Anne quarter, with the Jerusalem church and the Lace Centre. After the guided tour, you will still have some free time to stroll through the streets of Bruges before returning to the boat.

CRUISES REF. AAA/OBU/BUO, pages 110 and 115.

#### BRUSSELS

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure by coach from the landing stage situated outside Brussels with your guides. The city of Brussels, founded in 979, has had a rich and eventful history as the city came successively under Spanish, Dutch, Austrian and French domination before the Belgian people declared their independence and chose Brussels as their capital in 1830. The visit of the Belgian capital will begin with a panoramic tour to discover the city's most famous monuments. First of all you will go round Royal Laeken Park to see the Chinese Pavilions and the Japanese Tower, which was built for the Universal Exhibition in Paris in 1900 and was bought by King Leopold II and re-erected in Brussels, as well as the Atomium, representing an iron crystal molecule enlarged 165 billion times and built for the Universal Exhibition in Brussels in 1958. It was also a reference to the nine Belgian provinces that existed at the time (there are now ten following the division of Brabant). You will also see the Royal Palace of Laeken, residence of the King of the Belgians as well as the Royal Greenhouses of Laeken, which only open to the public once a year. Then you will enter Brussels city centre, to see the Royal Palace of Brussels, the king's place of work, numerous Art Nouveau buildings, the buildings of the European Institutions, the Sablon quarter, Jubilee Park, which houses numerous museums... You will continue the tour on foot, heading for the Grand-Place, with its imposing City Hall built in the Gothic style and dating back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century. You will also see the famous Manneken Pis. You will still have a little free time before returning to the coach, which will take you back to the boat.

CRUISES REF. ABR/BAM/OBU/BUO, pages 114

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

#### DELFT, ITS POTTERY FACTORIES AND ROTTERDAM LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach with our guides for the city of Delft. We'll discover this charming city made famous by its blue and white ceramics, Delftware, as well as its connections to the Dutch Royal Family and the renowned painter Johannes Vermeer. We'll stroll through the enchanting city center-where you'll be able to experience a bit of authentic Dutch living: calm canals shaded by trees, petite bridges, and historical buildings. We'll also visit a delft pottery factory in the city (or nearby) where you'll discover the secrets of making this famous imitation porcelain. We'll then head to the Oude Kerk, Nieuwe Kerk, and the Prinsenhof

- where William of Orange was assassinated in 1584. Afterwards, we'll travel by coach to Rotterdam 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. The city's modern architecture is due to the fact it was almost completely destroyed during the 1940 Rotterdam Blitz. Rotterdam now has a wide variety of modern architecture to discover within just a few square miles. We'll then return on board.

CRUISES REF. AWA/ANV\_DIAM, pages 111 to 112.

#### GHENT LENGTH: 3 hours

Departure by coach with your guides from the port of Ghent for a walking tour in the city centre. Ghent is the capital of the old county of Flanders, but is also the birthplace of the Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V. It enjoyed a period of great prosperity, both economic and cultural, in the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. From this influential period Ghent retains an important architectural heritage. You will have the opportunity to visit the Saint Bavo Cathedral, in which you will be able to admire the famous "Adoration of the Mystic Lamb" altarpiece. The Cathedral square also features the Gothic Belfry, and next to it the Cloth Hall. You will walk along the Herb Quay and the Wheat Quay to reach the Castle of the Counts dating from 1180, which has had many functions over the centuries: military, administrative and legal. After the tour, you will have some free time before returning to the boat by coach.

CRUISES REF. AAA/OBU/BUO, pages 110 and 115.

#### **HAARLEM**

#### **LENGTH: 3 hours**

Set off by coach accompanied by your guides for Haarlem. Known as the "City of Flowers", Haarlem has for many centuries been the main production and export centre for tulip bulbs. You will have the opportunity to visit this charming city which has inspired many painters over the centuries. You also have the chance to see the Amsterdamse Poort (Amsterdam Gate), built in 1400 and the only remaining gate from the town defences; the Grote Markt (Main Square); 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. Before heading back to Amsterdam, there will be some free time

CRUISES REF. ACA\_PP/ACB\_PP, pages 100 and 120.

#### KEUKENHOF PARK

**LENGTH: 4 hours** 

We'll leave by coach with our host/hostess for the Keukenhof Gardens. Once you enter the park, you'll be able to stroll through the inspirational gardens at your own pace. The garden also has unique artwork and great attractions, including a new "selfie" garden. You'll be able to enjoy a fantastic view of the tulip fields located behind the gardens from the windmill at the back of the property. We'll return to our ship in Amsterdam by coach.

CRUISES REF. ABU\_PP/BUA\_PP/AMV\_PP/AAA/AIJ/ AWA/AAV/ANV/AVS/ADA/AMS/AST/HSA, pages 98, 99, 110 to 113, 121 and 123.

#### KINDERDIJK WINDMILLS LENGTH: 2 hours

Departure on foot to the famous site of the windmills at Kinderdijk. This is the only place where you can see so many mills combined.

This is one reason why the mills of Kinderdijk World Heritage of Humanity since 1997. The mills were the main function of pumping excess water. From the eleventh century the area of peat Alblasserwaard (Dutch natural area located in the southeastern part of South Holland) has been cleared. That meant above all the removal of excess water from the peat soil to the surrounding rivers. Thousands of ditches were dug for this purpose in a nearby field. However, accentuated drainage subsidence of the peat so that over time the inhabitants were forced to evacuate the water using the wind. That is why from the medieval windmills appeared. About 1868, pumping stations and electric steam took over from the mills, but even now the wings of these are still running. 19 mills in everything on the site of windmills at Kinderdijk. It consists of eight stone mills dating from 1738 to Nederwaard, eight mills wood Overwaard dating from 1740, two stone mills of the polder Nieuw-Lekkerland dating from 1760 and a windmill of the polder Blokweer. This mill was built in 1521 and unfortunately destroyed by fire in 1997. Every effort was made to put the mill in the state of origin. The visit of the mills will give you an idea of the life and work of the miller. When there is enough wind, you'll get to see him turn his wings. Return to the boat.

#### CRUISE REF. ADA, page 121.

#### KRÖLLER MÜLLER MUSEUM LENGTH: 3.5 hours

Departure from Nijmegen by coach with the courier from the boat for the Kröller Müller museum situated in the Hoge Veluwe National park, one of the Netherlands' largest national parks. When you arrive, the courier will hand you an admission ticket and you will be able to visit the museum at you own pace. The museum is named after Helene Kröller-Müller, who collected 11,500 objects d'art with the help of an advisor, H.P. Bremmer. Hélène Kröller dreamed 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, but by also his contemporaries, including Picasso, Seurat, Monet... In the museum grounds, you will discover an incredible collection of modern sculptures; this part of the museum was opened in 1961 by the Director A.H. Hammacher, who dreamed of being able to display these works outside and was able to due to the exceptional location of the museum. Return by coach to the boat at Nijmegen.

CRUISES REF. ABU\_PP/BUA\_PP/AMV\_PP/ADA/ AST, pages 98, 99, 121 and 123.

#### MADURODAM LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach with our host/hostess for the Madurodam park, located near The Hague. Once you enter the park, you'll be able to stroll through miniature Holland at your own pace. The park is home to a range of 1:25 scale model replicas of famous Dutch landmarks, including historical cities and large public works. Madurodam strives for a realistic view of The Netherlands, including its flora and street decorations. The "people" around the structures represent multi-cultural reality in modern Holland and even "change clothes" with the seasons. This park served as an inspiration for Disneyland's "Storybook Land" in the 1950s. Madurodam was named after George Maduro, a law student who served as an officer in the Dutch army and fought against the Nazi occupation forces as a member of the Dutch resistance and who died at the Dachau concentration camp in 1945. We'll return to our ship in Amsterdam by coach.

CRUISE REF. AAV/ABR/BAM/AMB\_PP, pages 112, 114 and 132

#### THE DUTCH DELTA TOUR LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave from Middelburg by coach for the Delta Works. Official tour guides will greet you upon arrival in the Deltapark Neeltje Jans, an educational theme park dedicated to the Delta Works. This artificial island is also a nature area with expansive beaches, a fantastic view of the Eastern Scheldt Storm Surge Barrier (Oosterscheldekering), and a large dune area that provides a breeding ground for many species of bird. After our tour, we'll return on board our ship in Middelburg.

CRUISE REF. AAA, page 110.

#### THE DUTCH OPEN AIR MUSEUM ARNHEM

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure from Nijmegen by coach with the courier from the boat for the Dutch Open Air museum at Arnhem, which is situated in a beautiful wooded park (44 ha). The architecture and life of days gone by in the provinces of the Netherlands are evoked through 80 authentic farms, windmills, workshops, a school, barns, a church. When you arrive, the courier will hand you an admission ticket and you will be able to visit the museum at your own pace. Inside each building, the typical furnishing and the demonstrations (various trades and crafts) make the visit particularly interesting. Certain buildings are grouped together, such as the handsome Limburg timber-framed buildings or the Gelderland farms, but the most charming section is that dedicated to the Zaan region, with its green painted houses with delicately decorated gables. The visit begins with the renovated entrance pavilion, from where there is a fine view over the park and its many windmills. Like the collections centre, several of the areas present farming implements by rotation. The lower level gives access to the spectacular panoramic theatre, HollandRama. In this mobile capsule, films, sounds, lights, odours and temperatures evoke many different landscapes, from city panoramas to the inside of houses. Return to the boat in Nijmegen by coach.

CRUISE REF. AAA, page 110.

#### VAN GOGH MUSEUM LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for the Van Gogh museum in Amsterdam, where the artist's works are exhibited in chronological order and divided into five periods representing the different phases of his life and work as an artist. The museum houses the largest collection of Van Gogh's works, including more than 200 paintings, 500 drawings and 700 of his letters. It also has a few works by other renowned artists, such as Paul Gauguin and Claude Monet. We'll return to the boat in the late afternoon. CRUISE REF. ANV\_DIAM, page 112.

#### 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 flavors and ages available of one of the most popular cheeses in the world. We'll then head for 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 watch 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. ABU\_PP/BUA\_PP/AMV\_PP/AAA/AIJ/ AAV/ANV/ABR/BAM/AST/HSA/AMB\_PP, pages 98, 99, 110 to 112, 114, 123 and 132.



# NORTHERN EUROPE

# THE RHINE RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES

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# **REASONS** TO CRUISE THE RHINE

- An ever-changing valley amidst vines, fortified castles, rocky ridges and forests
- A great river of legend, 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 cruise 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 Copenhaguen
- Themed cruises according to the seasons

# **SHIPS**

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

# 2016 EVENTS ON THE RHINE RIVER

RUDESHEIM "Rhine in flames" fireworks: July 2<sup>nd</sup> Information given by tourist boards, subject to changes.



DISCOVER:

- An original cruise on a spectacular river
- From the Three Countries Bridge to Holland, discover a captivating blend of nature and culture



RHINE

FRANCE

HOLLAND

WESEI

DUSSELDORF

STRASBOURG

BASEL

KOBLENZ

RHINE

Mainau island

LAKE

BREISACH

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SWITZERLAND

Schaffhauser

GERMANY

# 9-DAY CRUISE OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. ACB\_PP From Amsterdam to Basel: treasures of the celebrated

# Rhine River

- DAY 1 AMSTERDAM Board from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
- DAY 2 AMSTERDAM Excursions proposed: • Guided visit of Amsterdam • Tour of Haarlem Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 3 WESEL · AACHEN · DUSSELDORF

- Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit of the Dutch open air museum of Arnhem
  - Evening of entertainment
- DAY 4 DUSSELDORF · COLOGNE KCENIGSWINTER · KOBLENZ Excursion proposed: • Guided tour on foot of Cologne Afternoon spent cruising
- DAY 5 KOBLENZ · MAINZ · WORMS Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Mainz and visit the
  - Gutenberg museum

- DAY 6 STRASBOURG · BREISACH Excursion proposed: • Tour of Strasbourg Afternoon spent cruising
- Gala dinner
  DAY 7 BREISACH · TITISEE · BREISACH

#### BASEL

- Free time to discover Breisach at your own pace
- Excursion proposed:
- Tour to the Titisee in the Black Forest Evening entertainment

#### DAY 8 BASEL · SCHAFFHAUSEN · BASEL

- Excursions proposed:
- Visit of Basel
- Guided tour to the Rhine Falls
- Evening of entertainment
- DAY 9 BASEL Disembark around 9:00 p.m.

# See excursion details on pages 116, 117, 128 and 129.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate. Please note: Your passport must be valid for six months beyond the last day of your travels.

NB: for navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary.



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

	KINDERDIJK
8 - DAY CRUISE OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. ADA ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDI REF. ADA_AIPP	ED AMSTERDAM
Picturesque Holland	ROTTERDAM
and the magnificent valle	V GERMANY
of the romantic Rhine	DUSSELDORF
DAY 1 AMSTERDAM Board from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Excursion proposed: • Canal boat tour of Amsterdam at night	BELGIUM
DAY 2 KINDERDIJK • ROTTERDAM • NIJMEGEN Excursion proposed: • Guided tour to the windmills of Kinderdijk Afternoon spent cruising	RUDESHEIM
DAY 3 NIJMEGEN · COLOGNE Excursion proposed: • Visit the Kröller Müller museum <sup>(1)</sup> Afternoon spent cruising	
DAY 4 COLOGNE · KOBLENZ Excursion proposed: • Guided visit of Cologne Afternoon spent cruising	
<ul> <li>DAY 5 KOBLENZ • RUDESHEIM • BOPPARD Morning spent cruising Excursions proposed:</li> <li>• Set off by tourist train, to visit Rüdesheim followed by a wine tasting session</li> <li>• Guided tour of the mechanical music museum</li> </ul>	
DAY 6 BOPPARD · DUSSELDORF Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided visit on foot of Düsseldorf <sup>(2)</sup>	
DAY 7 DUSSELDORF · AMSTERDAM Morning spent cruising Excursions proposed: • Visit of the Keukenhof Gardens <sup>(3)</sup> • Guided visit of Amsterdam Gala dinner	COLOGNE Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.
DAY 8 AMSTERDAM Disembark around 9:00 a.m.	<b>NB:</b> please note that CroisiEurope and the ship's captain reserve the right to modify the cruising itinerary to ensure the safe navigation of the vessel.
See excursion details on pages 116, 117, 128 and 129.	<ul> <li>(1)Except on Mondays: visit of the Dutch open-air museum in Arnhem.</li> <li>(2)Possibility of transfer by coach depending on the mooring of the boat, pay on board.</li> <li>(3) Open from mid-march to mid-May.</li> </ul>

# **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

DISCOVER:

- Amsterdam
- The windmills of Kinderdijk
- Cologne, Rüdesheim, Koblenz, Boppard and Düsseldorf

ALL MEALS INCLUDED UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES







**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** °O REF. SNX\_PP ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. SNX AIPP

# Discover the splendor of the Rhine, Neckar, Main, Moselle and Saar valleys

DAY 1	STRASBOURG Board from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Evening of entertainment
DAY 2	MANNHEIM • HEIDELBERG • EBERBACH Excursion proposed: • Visit of Heidelberg Afternoon spent cruising
DAY 3	<b>EBERBACH • MAINZ • FRANKFURT</b> The whole day is spent cruising toward Mainz and Frankfurt Enjoy some free time to discover Mainz
DAY 4	FRANKFURT · ASCHAFFENBURG Excursion proposed: • Tour of Frankfurt Afternoon spent cruising
DAY 5	ASCHAFFENBURG • RUDESHEIM Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Rüdesheim Free evening in the famous Drosselgasse
DAY 6	RUDESHEIM · COCHEM Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of the Cochem Château Evening of entertainment
DAY 7	COCHEM · BERNKASTEL · TRIER The whole day is spent cruising toward Trier with a stop in Bernkastel
DAY 8	TRIER • SAARBRUCKEN Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Trier and its Roman ruins Afternoon spent cruising Gala dinner
DAY 9	SAARBRUCKEN • STRASBOURG Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### DISCOVER:

Cultural diversity of the five founding rivers

- Heidelberg, a romantic city
- Rüdesheim and its restaurants
- The Cochem Château
- Trier and its Roman ruins
- Old Strasbourg in a riverboat (REF STS)
- Bernkastel, a typical village (REF STS)

#### ALL MEALS INCLUDED

# UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES **FREE WIFI** RHINE GERMANY KOBLENZ



PUDESHEIM BERNKASTE HEIDELBERG SAARBRUCKEN SPEYER SAAR STRASBOUR MOSELLE **NECKAR** FRANCE

## 7 - DAY CRUISE

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** REF. STS\_PP/ASS\_PP (opposite direction)

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF.STS\_AIPP/ASS\_AIPP (opposite direction)

# The valleys of the Neckar, the romantic Rhine, the Moselle and the Saar

DAY 1	STRASBOURG Board from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Excursion proposed: • Canal boat tour of Strasbourg at night (Depending on availability)
DAY 2	MANNHEIM • HEIDELBERG • EBERBACH Excursion proposed: • Excursion to Heidelberg Free time to discover Eberbach Evening of entertainment
DAY 3	<ul> <li>EBERBACH • RUDESHEIM</li> <li>Morning spent cruising</li> <li>Excursions proposed:</li> <li>Set off by tourist train to visit Rüdesheim followed by a wine tasting session</li> <li>Guided tour of the mechanical music museum</li> <li>Free evening in the famous Drosselgasse</li> </ul>
DAY 4	RUDESHEIM • COCHEM Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of the Cochem Château
DAY 5	COCHEM • BERNKASTEL • TRIER The whole day is spent cruising toward Trier with a stop in Bernkastel Evening of entertainment
DAY 6	TRIER • SAARBRUCKEN Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Trier Afternoon spent cruising Gala dinner
DAY 7	SAARBRUCKEN Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. ASS\_PP

Formalities: you must have a valid passport to travel. Please note: Your passport must be valid for six months beyond the last day of your travels. NB: for the safety of our passengers, the captain and crew of the boat may decide to modify the navigational itinerary.



**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** fO **REF. AST** ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. AST\_AIPP

# Holland and the romantic **Rhine Valley**

DAY 1	AMSTERDAM Board from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Excursion proposed: • Canal boat tour of Amsterdam at night
DAY 2	AMSTERDAM Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of Amsterdam • Visit of the Keukenhof gardens <sup>(1)</sup> • Excursion to the Red Light District <sup>(2)</sup>
DAY 3	AMSTERDAM • NIJMEGEN • KREFELD <sup>(3)</sup> Excursion proposed: • Kröller Müller museum <sup>(4)</sup> Afternoon spent cruising
DAY 4	KREFELD · COLOGNE · KŒNIGSWINTER Morning spent cruising • Tour of Cologne with our host/hostess
DAY 5	KCENIGSWINTER • RUDESHEIM Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Rüdesheim Free evening in the famous Drosselgasse
DAY 6	RUDESHEIM · SPEYER or MANNHEIM Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit of Heidelberg Gala dinner
DAY 7	STRASBOURG Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

Board from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Excursion proposed: availability) DAY 2 IFFEZHEIM · RUDESHEIM · KOBLENZ Morning spent cruising Excursions proposed: tasting session Guided tour of the mechanical music museum Free evening in the famous Drosselgasse KOBLENZ · COLOGNE · DUSSELDORF DAY 3 Morning spent cruising Tour of Cologne with our host/hostess Gala dinner DAY 4 DUSSELDORF · AMSTERDAM The whole day is spent cruising toward Amsterdam Excursion proposed: · Canal boat tour of Amsterdam at night AMSTERDAM DAY 5 Excursions proposed: Amsterdam and its diamond merchants Visit of the Keukenhof gardens<sup>(1)</sup>

- DAY 6
  - Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 116, 117, 128 and 129. Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate. NB: for navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary.

(1) Open from mid-March until mid-May. The other months, guided visit of Volendam and Zaanse Schans museum

(2) To book and pay on board.
(3) Depending on available mooring, the stopover at Krefeld can be replaced with a stopover at Duisburg.
(4) Except on Mondays: visit of the Dutch open air museum in Arnhem.

BERNKASTEI SAARBRUCKEN RHIN **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** SAAR FRANCE ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED STRASBOURG

# The romantic Rhine Valley and Holland

6 - DAY CRUISE

REF. HSA

REF. HSA AIPP

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· Canal boat tour of Strasbourg at night (depending on

ANNHEIM • EBERBACH HEIDELBERG NECKAR

**CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS** 

• Amsterdam "Venice of the North" and the Amsterdam canals on a river boat

• Rüdesheim and its famous

 Keukenhof gardens (REF. AST) The historic city of Cologne (REF. AST) • Heidelberg, romantic town (REF. AST)

• The charm of the romantic Rhine valley and the legendary rock of the

The Keukenhof gardens (REF. HSA)

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

Tours of towns such as Strasbourg and

UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES

RHINE

GERMANY

RUDES **TEIM** 

DISCOVER

Drosselgasse

Lorelei (REE HSA)

Cologne (REF. HSA)

**FREE WIFI** 

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STRASBOURG DAY 1

· Set off by tourist train to visit Rüdesheim followed by a wine

- Excursion to the Red Light District<sup>(2)</sup>
- AMSTERDAM



OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. SFS ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. SFS\_AIPP

# The valleys of the romantic Rhine, the Moselle and the Main

STRASBOURG DAY 1 Board from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Excursion proposed: · Canal boat tour of Strasbourg at night (depending on availability) DAY 2 STRASBOURG · FRANKFURT Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Frankfurt Evening of entertainment DAY 3 FRANKFURT · COCHEM Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: Guided tour of the Cochem Château DAY 4 COCHEM · KOBLENZ Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: Guided tour of Koblenz with our host/hostess DAY 5 **KOBLENZ · RUDESHEIM** Morning spent cruising Excursions proposed: · Set off by tourist train to visit Rüdesheim followed by a wine tasting session Guided tour of the mechanical music museum Free evening in the famous Drosselgasse DAY 6 **RUDESHEIM · MANNHEIM** Excursion proposed: Tour of the Heidelberg Château Gala dinner DAY 7 **STRASBOURG** Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

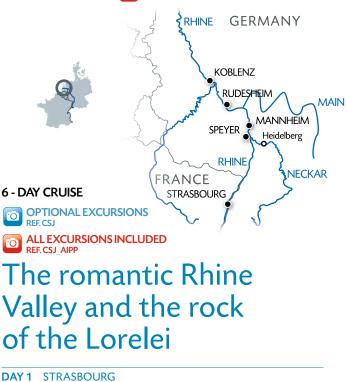
## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

DISCOVER:

- Strasbourg
- Rüdesheim and its Drosselgasse
- Koblenz and the charm of the old town
- Heidelberg, the city of the Romantics
- The cistercian monastery of Eberbach made famous by the film "The Name of the Rose" (REF. CSJ)
- Cochem and its Château (REF. SFS)
- ALL MEALS INCLUDED

**FREE WIFI** 

BEVERAGES



DAY 1	
	Board from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
	Excursion proposed:
	<ul> <li>Canal boat tour of Strasbourg at night (depending on availability)</li> </ul>
DAY 2	
	Morning spent cruising Excursions proposed:
	<ul> <li>Set off by tourist train to visit Rüdesheim followed by a wine tasting session</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Guided tour of the mechanical music museum</li> </ul>
	Free evening in the famous Drosselgasse
DAY 3	RUDESHEIM · KOBLENZ
	Morning spent cruising Tour of Koblenz with our host/hostess
DAY 4	KOBLENZ · RUDESHEIM
	Excursion proposed:
	• Guided tour of the Cistercian Monastery at Eberbach
DAY 5	RUDESHEIM · SPEYER or MANNHEIM
	Morning spent cruising
	Excursion proposed: • Visit of Heidelberg
	Gala dinner
DAY 6	STRASBOURG
	Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 128 and 129.

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**NEW FOR 2016** 

- **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** fO. REF. SCC\_PP/CSC\_PP (opposite direction)
- ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. SCC\_AIPP/CSC\_AIPP (opposite direction)
- Visiting

# the great cathedrals

DAY 1	STRASBOURG Board from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
DAY 2	STRASBOURG · SPEYER Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of Strasbourg and its cathedral • Visit the nearby "Musée de l'Œuvre Notre-Dame" Afternoon spent cruising Evening of entertainment
DAY 3	SPEYER • MANNHEIM • WORMS Excursions proposed: • Guided tour on foot of Speyer and its cathedral • Visit of Heildelberg Evening of entertainment
DAY 4	WORMS • MAINZ Excursions proposed: • Guided tour on foot of Worms and its cathedral • Tour on foot of the Mainz Cathedral and its museum
DAY 5	MAINZ • COLOGNE Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour on foot of Cologne, its cathedral and the "Eau de Cologne museum" Gala dinner
DAY 6	COLOGNE Disembark around 9:00 a.m.



See excursion details on pages 128 and 129.

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# **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### DISCOVER:

- Cathedrals in Cologne, Mainz, Worms, Speyer, and Strasbourg (REF. SCC\_PP)
- Heidelberg, a truly romantic city (REF. SCC\_PP)
- The "Musée de l'Œuvre Notre-Dame", packed with Alsatian art and architecture (REF. SCC\_PP)
- The charm of the romantic Rhine Valley and the legendary rock of the Lorelei (REF. SEH)
- Tours of towns such as: Strasbourg, Koblenz, Rüdesheim and Heidelberg (REF. SEH)





# The romantic Rhine Valley and the rock of the Lorelei

#### DAY 1 STRASBOURG Board from 6:00 p.m.

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- Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Excursion proposed: · Canal boat tour of Strasbourg at night (depending on availability) DAY 2 STRASBOURG · KOBLENZ The whole day is spent cruising toward Koblenz Tour of Koblenz with our host/hostess DAY 3 **KOBLENZ** · **RUDESHEIM** Morning spent cruising Excursions proposed:
  - · Set off by tourist train to visit Rüdesheim followed by a wine tasting session
  - Guided tour of the mechanical music museum
  - Free evening in the famous Drosselgasse

#### DAY 4 **RUDESHEIM · SPEYER or MANNHEIM** Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: Visit of Heidelberg Gala dinner DAY 5 **STRASBOURG**

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.



DISCOVER:

• Exciting and enlightening tours of Mainz, Cochem and Trier

ALL MEALS INCLUDED UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES FREE WIFI

#### 5 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. TMS\_PP/SMT\_PP (opposite direction) ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. TMS\_AIPP/SMT\_AIPP (opposite direction)

# Two-River Cruise: the romance of the Moselle and Rhine

DAY 1	TRIER
	Board from 6:00 p.m.
	Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
	Evening of entertainment
DAY 2	TRIER · COCHEM
	Excursion proposed

Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Trier and its Roman ruins Evening of entertainment provided by our crew

#### DAY 3 COCHEM · KOBLENZ Excursion proposed:

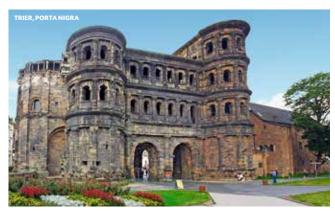
• Guided tour of the Cochem Château Afternoon spent cruising In the evening, tour of Koblenz with our host/hostess

#### DAY 4 KOBLENZ · MAINZ Morning spent cruising

- Guided tour of Mainz and the Gutenberg museum Gala dinner
- DAY 5 STRASBOURG Disembark around 10:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on page 128.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate. NB: for navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary. Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. SMT\_PP.











**REF.SCM AIPP** 



# The magic of two great rivers

DAY 1	STRASBOURG
	Board from 6:00 p.m.
	Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
	Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 2 MAINZ · RUDESHEIM · BOPPARD Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of Mainz and the Gutenberg museum
- Set off by tourist train to visit Rüdesheim followed by a wine tasting session
- Guided tour of the mechanical music museum

#### DAY 3 BOPPARD · KOBLENZ · ALKEN

- Excursions proposed:
- Visit of Koblenz with our host/hostess
- Guided tour of the Thurant Château Evening entertainment

#### DAY 4 ALKEN · COCHEM

- Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided walking tour of Cochem Gala dinner DAY 5 COCHEM
- Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 128 and 129.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

NB: please note that CroisiEurope and the ship's captain reserve the right to modify the cruising itinerary to ensure the safe navigation of the vessel.



# **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### DISCOVER:

- Cochem (REF SCM\_PP)
- Alken and Thurant Château (REF SCM PP)
- Koblenz, Boppard, Rüdesheim (REF SCM)
- Mainz and Gutenberg Museum (REF SCM\_PP)
- 2 rivers in 4 days (REF TAN\_PP)
- Must-see sites Cochem, Rüdesheim, Mainz and Speyer (REF TAN\_PP)

#### ALL MEALS INCLUDED UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES FREE WIFI



#### 4 - DAY CRUISE



# **Two-River Cruise** The magic of the picturesque Moselle and the romantic Rhine Valley

DAY 1 COCHEM Board from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation

#### DAY 2 COCHEM · KOBLENZ · LORELEI · RUDESHEIM The whole day is spent cruising toward Rüdesheim Excursion proposed:

Set off by tourist train to discover Rüdesheim and visit the mechanical music museum

#### DAY 3 RUDESHEIM · MAINZ · SPEYER

- Excursions proposed:
  - Guided tour of Mainz and the Gutenberg museum • Visit of Speyer
  - Gala dinner

#### DAY 4 STRASBOURG Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 128 and 129.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

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

# OUR EXCURSIONS

#### **THE RHINE**

#### **BASEL**

#### **LENGTH: 3 hours**

We'll travel by coach to the city center for a guided foot tour of Basel. While strolling, you'll discover the longstanding Grossbasel section and its numerous passages and medieval monuments: The protestant cathedral (Basler Münster), recognized as the one of the city's top landmarks; the market place dominated by the dark-red, ornate Town Hall; and the famous Freie Strasse - once one of the main transit routes in the Middle Ages, it has become the most trendy shopping area in the city.

CRUISE REF. ACB PP, page 120.

#### BOTANICAL GARDEN OF BERLIN LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for the Berlin-Dahlem Botanical Garden and Botanical museum. Located in the south of Berlin, it's a magical place in any season. Its 43 ha (106 acres) are a wonderful place to stroll and admire more than 22,000 types of plants that grow here. The vast park is organized into gardens representing different areas (North America, Japan, China, the Alps, the Caucasus, Greece, Spain, etc.) and is dotted with traditional greenhouses and crisscrossed with pathways. The greenhouses are connected to each other on several levels, and we'll travel from humid to dry temperatures, from small cactus to enormous Central American trees, from desert vegetation to the rich exuberances of the Tropics. After our exotic visit, we return on board for lunch.

CRUISE REF. HBC\_PP, page 102

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#### LENGTH: 1.5 hours

Leave the boat on foot with your guide who will introduce you to the charming village of Cochem, the pearl of the Moselle. When you arrive in Cochem, you will stop in front of a fresco relating the history of the town from its occupation by Roman legions until the 20th century, then your guide will take through the town streets, where you will discover picturesque timber-framed houses, St Martin's church, the Capuchin convent, the Market Square... After the tour, you will have some free time to walk along the Moselle and enjoy the green landscape.

CRUISE REF. SCM\_PP, page 127.

#### COCHEM CHÂTEAU LENGTH: 1.5 hours

Transfer to Cochem Château by minibus in groups of about 30 passengers. Guided tour of this magnificent castle dating from the year 1000, which was destroyed by French troops in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and entirely rebuilt according to old plans in a Neo-Gothic style. After visiting the castle, you will have some free time in the town. Return to the boat on foot.

CRUISES REF. SPH\_PP/HTS\_PP/SNX\_PP/STS\_PP/ SFS/TMS\_PP/SMT\_PP, pages 101, 122,124 and 126.

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#### LENGTH: 2 hours

Departure from the landing stage on foot for the centre of Cologne. You will discover the city in the company of your guide: a crossroads in Europe since the Middle Ages, which has kept its importance both on a commercial and industrial level and on a cultural and religious level. You will be able to admire the exterior of the huge Cologne Cathedral which it took five centuries of patience to finish. You will continue the tour with Cologne Old Town, and you will pass in front of the famous "Eau de Cologne" house (exterior), in particular. Before returning to the boat, you will have some free time to stroll through the streets of Cologne. You will be able to make your way back to the boat on foot at your own pace.

CRUISES REF. ADA, page 121.

#### COLOGNE

#### LENGTH: 5 hours

Set off on foot with your guide and head for the centre of Cologne. Here you will have a discovery tour of the town. You will have the opportunity to admire the exterior facades of the magnificent Gothic Cologne Cathedral which took over 500 years to complete. Around the cathedral, 12 other Romanesque churches are set in a circle, representing the 12 holy apostles. You will continue your visit to Cologne's old town and stop to admire the outside of the neo-Gothic building, home of the famous "Eau de Cologne". Before rejoining the boat, you will have some free time to wander through the streets of Cologne or taste some of the famous local beer, the Kölsch. The transfer will be by coach to Königswinter where you will re-board the boat.

CRUISES REF. ACB\_PP/AST, pages 120 and 123.

#### **♂ "EAU DE COLOGNE" HOUSE** LENGTH: 2 hours

Departure on foot for the centre of Cologne. You will discover the city in the company of your guide. You will continue the tour with the visit of the famous "Eau de Cologne" house which shelters the still-existing-oldest perfumery: the Farina House. You will discover the methods of production of the "Eau de Cologne" through an exhibition of different distillation devices, as well displayed, small bottles and packaging. Return on board.

CRUISE REF. SCC\_PP, page 125.

#### DUSSELDORF

#### LENGTH: 1.5 hours

We set off on foot to visit the town centre of Düsseldorf. A bustling, dynamic modern elegant and cosmopolitan town, Düsseldorf is an international city of art and culture, thanks to its many museums, theatres and concert halls. The symbol of the town is the luxurious Königsallee with its many shops and boutiques but Düsseldorf is also known thanks to the local town beer, the Düsseldorfer Alt. You can take a walk along the "Rheinuferpromenade" - said to be the most beautiful promenade along the banks of the Rhine. There will be some free time before returning on foot to the boat. CRUISE REF. ADA, page 121.

#### FRANKFURT

## **LENGTH: 3 hours**

The 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. 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 city and the Römerberg, the seat of the city's government since the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Formerly called the Samstagsberg, it has been the site of markets and fairs, tournaments and festivals, executions, imperial elections and coronations. 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 on foot.

CRUISES REF. SNX\_PP/SFS/AMV\_PP/SBU\_PP/ BUS\_PP/SVN\_PP/VNS\_PP/ABU\_PP/BUA\_PP, pages 97 to 99, 122 and 124.

#### HAARLEM

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

Set off by coach accompanied by your guides for Haarlem. Known as the "City of Flowers", Haarlem has for many centuries been the main production and export centre for tulip bulbs. You will have the opportunity to visit this charming city which has inspired many painters over the centuries. You also have the chance to see the Amsterdamse Poort (Amsterdam Gate), built in 1400 and the only remaining gate from the town defences; the Grote Markt (Main Square); Corrie Ten Boom House, used as a hiding place during World War II and the impressive Gothic Cathedral of St Bavo dating from the 14th and 15th centuries. Before heading back to Amsterdam, there will be some free time. CRUISE REF. ACB\_PP, page120.

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#### HEIDELBERG AND ITS CHÂTEAU (outdoor)

#### LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll leave from Mannheim by coach and head towards Heidelberg. We'll begin with a visit to the outside of Heidelberg Château, 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. Also enjoy a stroll through the castle gardens, once considered a masterpiece of their time. We'll then head for the Neckarmünzplatz, on the banks of the Necker River, and continue with a guided tour of the old city. We'll pass by the Church of the Holy Spirit whose steeple dominates the town. And then you can take advantage of some free time to wander through the streets and shops before returning to the coach. On our way back, we'll cross the center of Mannheim before returning to the ship.

CRUISES REF. SCC\_PP/CSC\_PP/ABU\_PP/BUA\_PP/ AMV\_PP/SNX\_PP/STS\_PP/ AST/SF5/CSJ/SEH/RFL, pages 98, 99, 122 to 125, and 156.

#### LUXEMBOURG

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

Departure by coach from Trier to Luxembourg. Walking tour of Luxembourg, during which you will uncover several heritage sites of major importance: the Constitution square, William II square, the old town, the Grand-Ducal Palace, and the Millennium Monument. Lunch at a restaurant. Departure by coach to Paris.

CRUISES REF. SPH\_PP/HTS\_PP, page 101.

#### MAINZ AND ITS CATHEDRAL LENGTH: 2.25 hours

Accompanied by your guides, you will visit the cathedral of Mainz. The construction of this monument which has left its mark on the city's history began in 975. It contains outstanding historic treasures such as funerary monuments dating from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> century. You will also be able to admire the striking contrast that exists between the massive red sandstone cathedral and the Romanesque Gotthard Chapel in light-coloured stone. You will also visit the museum of the cathedral (closed on monday) which houses various collections related to Mainz' history, culture and diocese, and also some stone sculptures from gothic classic.

CRUISES REF. SCC\_PP/CSS\_PP, page 125.

#### MAINZ AND THE GUTENBERG **MUSEUM**

#### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

You will set off on foot from the mooring point accompanied by your guides and visit the town of Mainz. In the company of your guide, you will be able to enter the magnificent Cathedral and wander up and down the colourful streets in the old town. Finally you will visit the Gutenberg museum, the world's finest museum for printing equipment, materials and books. The museum is spread over five floors and provides a quite remarkable exhibition on the history of the book and written word in both Europe and the world as a whole.

CRUISES REF. ACB\_PP/TMS\_PP/SMT\_PP/SCM\_PP/ TAN\_PP, pages 120, 126 and 127.

#### **NUREMBERG**

#### **LENGTH: 4 hours**

After the bombing which destroyed Nuremberg, the second city of Bavaria succeeded in restoring its old town. Departure by coach. The guide will show you the Kaiserburg from where you get a wonderful view over the entire city. Your guide will then take you to the medieval heart of Nuremberg, situated within ramparts dating from the 15th century.

CRUISES REF. BUS\_PP/SBU\_PP/VNS\_PP/SVN\_PP/ ABU\_PP/BUA\_PP/AMV\_PP, pages 97 to 99.

#### PANORAMIC TOUR OF STRASBOURG (full day lunch included) LENGTH: 9 hours

Set off for a guided visit of the European Capital. We begin with a tour of the town, which takes you through many of the town's districts, particularly 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). Continue with the guided walking tour around the cathedral where you will see the famous Kamerzell house, then the Petite France District, a famous district in Strasbourg much loved by the city's citizens and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After lunch in a restaurant, enjoy some free time to stroll in the city at your pace. Return to the ship in Strasbourg at the end of the afternoon.

CRUISES REF. ABU\_PP/AMV\_PP, pages 98 and 99.

#### PANORAMIC TOUR OF THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS AND GUIDED WALKING TOUR

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

Set off for a guided visit of the European Capital. We begin with a tour of the town, which takes you through many of the town's districts, particularly 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). Continue with the guided walking tour around the cathedral where you will see the famous Kamerzell house, then the Petite France District, a famous district in Strasbourg much loved by the city's citizens and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Return to the ship in Strasbourg at the end of the afternoon.

CRUISE REF. ACB\_PP, page 120.

#### REGENSBURG

#### LENGTH: 4.25 hours

Departure by coach in the company of the hostess of the boat and visit of the Walhalla, a huge Greek style marble temple which overhangs the Danube. Then, tour of the ancient town of Regensburg, a medieval metropolis, on foot. You will discover the imposing stone-built "Porta Praetoria", the northern gate to the Roman encampment, the town hall with its grand hall which later became the "imperial hall", the meeting room of the "permanent diet of Empire", the Gothic cathedral.

CRUISES REF. BUS\_PP/SBU\_PP/VNS\_PP/SVN\_PP/ ABU\_PP/BUA\_PP/AMV\_PP, pages 97 to 99.

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#### LENGTH: 5.25 hours

Departure by coach with the courier for the charming town of Rothenburg. Accompanied by a local guide, you will discover the 15<sup>th</sup> century ramparts; the Hospital Bastion; the Market Square with the Town Hall and the famous St Jacob's church (exterior) which contains three altars sculpted by the famous Tilman Riemenschneider. After the guided walking tour, you will have some free time. Return to the boat by coach.

CRUISES REF. BUS\_PP/SBU\_PP/VNS\_PP/SVN\_PP/ ABU\_PP/BUA\_PP/AMV\_PP, pages 97 to 99.

#### **RUDESHEIM**

#### LENGTH: 2 hours

You will start the visit with a tour and commentary of the Rüdesheim vineyards by mini-train. During this tour, the history of winemaking in the region will be explained and you can enjoy a breathtaking view of Rudesheim and the Rhine. The train will then stop at the Mechanical Musical Cabinet museum. The "Siegfried Mechanisches Musikkabinett" is the first museum collection in Germany dedicated to self-playing musical instruments. After visiting the museum, you will have 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. ABU\_PP/BUA\_PP/ANV\_PP/ADA/HSA AST/CSJ/SFS/SEH/STS\_PP/ASS\_PP/SNX\_PP/ SCM\_PP/TAN\_PP/RFL/RSC\_PP, pages 98, 99, 121 to 125, 127,156 and 161.

#### **SPEYER** LENGTH: 2.5 hours

Departure on foot for the tour of Speyer. You will visit the inside of the Cathedral accompanied by your guide. Inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1981 and founded by Conrad II, Holy Roman Emperor in 1030, it was transformed at the end of the 11<sup>th</sup> century. The tour will continue with the visit of the Trinity Church, built between 1701 and 1717, and which is a Lutheran church. After that you will move on to the Judenbad, (Jewish baths) which was used for ritual ablutions. It was installed in the 12<sup>th</sup> in the Jewish Courtyard, the centre of the Jewish quarter in the Middle Ages, by workers hired to build the Cathedral. Of particular interest is the ritual bath situated 10m below ground, the oldest of this type in Germany. After the guided tour, you will have some free time to wander back to the boat at your own pace.

#### CRUISES REF. SCC\_PP/CSC\_PP, page 125.

#### STRASBOURG & ITS CATHEDRAL LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll set out for a guided tour of Strasbourg and its historical city center. 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 stained glass windows date back to the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> centuries. The magnificent astronomical clock, built in 1842, is an invention put together by various artists, mathematicians and technicians. We'll finish up our tour with a visit to the "Musée de l'Œuvre Notre Dame" (closed on Mondays). Situated next to the cathedral, the museum exhibits one of the finest collections of medieval art in France, if not in the whole of Europe. We'll return to our ship in Strasbourg in the late afternoon.

#### CRUISES REF. SCC\_PP/CSC\_PP, page 125.

#### STRASBOURG BY NIGHT LENGTH: 2.5 hours

The riverboat will come to pick you up, mooring directly alongside our boat, for a relaxing nocturnal trip. You will enjoy Strasbourg, which is wonderfully illuminated, its Petite France district, its half-timbered houses, the Ponts Couverts, the Palais des Rohan, the Council of Europe, the European Parliament, the European Court of Human Rights and all the other wonders that Strasbourg holds in store for you.

CRUISES REF. STS/HSA/SFS/SEH/BUA\_PP/RFL, pages 98, 122 to 125, and 156.

#### THE EBERBACH MONASTERY LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll leave by coach from Rüdesheim to visit the impressive Eberbach Monastery. Here, you'll follow in the footsteps of the Cistercian monks and get a sense of their simple lifestyle. In the 12<sup>th</sup> century, Eberbach was one of the largest and most active monasteries of Germany, mostly thanks to the cultivation of vineyards and the production of wine. Discover the film location of the world-famous 1986 movie, The Name of the Rose, and the almost nine centuries of history that provided the backdrop to the Middle Ages coming to life in the film. At the end of our visit, we'll return to the ship by coach. CRUISE REF. CSJ, page 124.

#### THE 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 the Laufen Château, and its impressive view overlooking the rumbling falls. CRUISE REF. ACB PP, page 120.

#### THE RHINE FALLS AND LAKE CONSTANCE (full day, with entrance fees, lunch, Mainau

Island and coach transport) LENGTH: 12 hours

Set off by coach from Basle at 8:00 a.m. for the excursion to the Rhine Falls and Lake Constance.

The Rhine Falls are among the natural beauty spots of Switzerland, and are without doubt one of the most spectacular to visit. The excursion continues by coach to Lake Constance. Arrival is scheduled for midday and we will have lunch on the Island of Mainau, a jewel without equal which has become one of the most famous and most popular tourist destinations in Germany. Return by coach to Basel.

CRUISE REF. ACB\_PP, page 120.

#### **THE THURANT CHÂTEAU** LENGTH: 2 hours

Depart by bus from Alken to Thurant Château, in the Moselle valley around 20 km from Koblenz. Symbol of this region, the fortified castle is one of the oldest in the Moselle region. From the terrace enjoy the unforgettable view of the Moselle. After some free time back on board at Alken.

CRUISE REF. SCM\_PP, page 127.

#### **THE TITISEE** LENGTH: 5.5 hours

We'll leave by coach from Breisach for Titisee. Located against a lovely, romantic backdrop, Titisee is located in the midst of a pine forest on the edge of a lake bearing its name. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon, including a boat tour on the lake (approx. 25 min.). The undeniable charm and ease of access to this area make it one of the Black Forest's most coveted sites. We'll return to our ship in Breisach in late afternoon.

CRUISE REF. ACB\_PP, page 120.

#### TRIER

#### LENGTH: 3.25 hours

Departure from the boat for a panoramic coach tour of the city of Trier. Discover the Roman cultural heritage of Trier, the view that it offers over the Moselle and its magnificent countryside. The tour continues on foot. See (exterior) the Amphitheatre: the tenth biggest in all the Roman Empire. Then the Imperial Thermae which were sumptuously arranged inside: marble on the walls, floors, mosaics, frescoes on the walls, statues. Finally, discover the famous Porta Nigra which was designed at once as a fortress and as a monument. Walk round the city centre and enjoy the atmosphere on the Market Square. At the end of your guided tour, you will have some free time to stroll around the town at your own pace. Return to the boat by coach.

CRUISES REF. SPH\_PP/HTS\_PP/STS\_PP/SNX\_PP, pages 101 and 122.

# WORMS

We'll leave on foot for a guided tour of Worms and its cathedral. We'll visit the inside of the Cathedral of Saint Peter, a basilica with four round towers, two large domes and a choir at each end. Mostly built between 1125 and 1181, it is considered one of the finest examples of High-Romanesque architecture. One of its most impressive elements is the high altar, designed by Balthasar Neumann, a famous 18<sup>th</sup> century German architect. The gilded wood and marble Baroque altar is a powerful work of art in itself. After our tour, enjoy some free time before returning at your own pace to the ship. CRUISES REF. SCC\_PP/CSC\_PP, page 125.

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#### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

Departure by coach for the centre of Wurzburg. The tour will begin with the Residenz, former palace of the Prince-Bishops of Wurzburg. Among other things, you will visit the Baroque Imperial Hall, whose frescoes were painted by the Italian painter Giovanni Battista Tiepolo and the Imperial Apartments richly decorated in a Rococo style. You will continue your tour in the city centre, where you will have some free time before returning to the boat by coach.

CRUISES REF. BUS\_PP/SBU\_PP/VNS\_PP/SVN\_PP/ ABU\_PP/BUA\_PP/AMV\_PP, pages 97 to 99.

# NORTHERN EUROPE

# THE ELBE RIVER

IEW FROM ELBSANDSTEINGEBIRGE

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

# **REASONS** TO CRUISE THE ELBE

The Elbe is a Central European river which rises in the Krkonose Mountains in the Czech Republic and traverses most of Germany before arriving at 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!

# THE **ADVANTAGES** OF BOOKING WITH CROISIEUROPE

- Cruises on board an innovative ship using advanced paddle wheel technology which will allow it to navigate year round in the lowest waters of the Elbe.
- Mooring in the heart of towns near historical centers
- Themed cruises according to the seasons

# SHIPS

MS VICTOR HUGO, MS MONA LISA, MS ELBE PRINCESSE - Premium ship

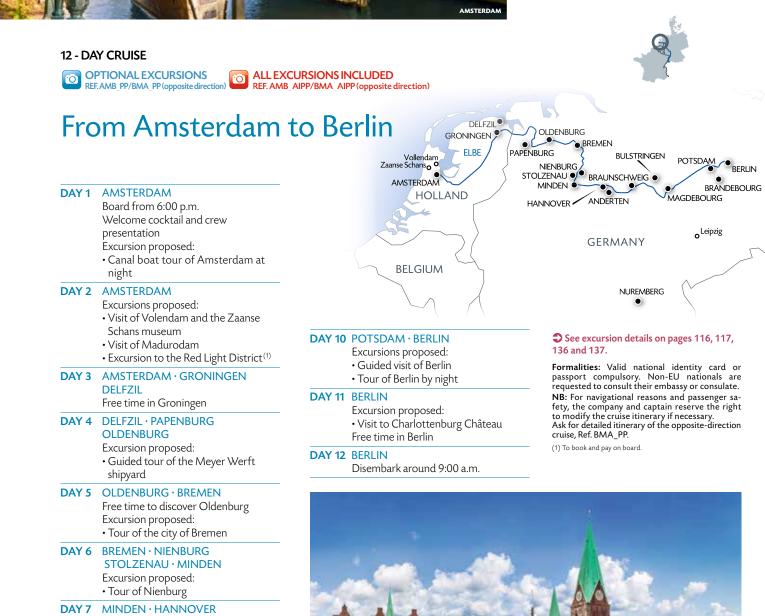




DISCOVER:

• Discover this enticing mixture of nature and culture





- DAY 7 MINDEN HANNOVER ANDERTEN • BRAUNSCHWEIG Excursion proposed: • Tour of Hannover Gala dinner
- DAY 8 BRAUNSCHWEIG BULSTRINGEN MAGDEBURG Excursion proposed: • Tour of Magdeburg
- DAY 9 MAGDEBURG BRANDENBURG POTSDAM Excursion proposed: • Visit of Potsdam and the gardens at the Sans-Souci Palace

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Excursion proposed: • Visit of the Elbe Sandstone Mountains Afternoon spent cruising Evening of entertainment

DAY 7 LOVOSICE · LITOMERICE · PRAGUE Excursion proposed: • Tour of Litomerice Afternoon spent cruising Evening of entertainment provided by our crew

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OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. BSD/SBL (opposite direction)

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. BSD AIPP/SBL AIPP (opposite direction)

# From Berlin to Copenhagen The Havel, the Oder and the Baltic Sea

DAY 1	BERLIN
	Board from 6:00 p.m.
	Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
DAY 2	BERLIN · SPANDAU · EBERSWALDE
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#### Excursion proposed: • Tour of Berlin Afternoon spent cruising DAY 3 EBERSWALDE • ODERBERG • STOLPE • SZCZECIN Excursion proposed: Evolution to the Cisterian momentum in Charin

- Excursion to the Cistercian monastery in Chorin Afternoon spent cruising Evening of entertainment
- DAY 4 SZCZECIN · WOLGAST Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Szczecin Afternoon spent cruising
- DAY 5 WOLGAST · PEENEMUNDE · ISLAND OF USEDOM ISLAND OF RUGEN · LAUTERBACH Excursions proposed: • Visit of the Usedom island
  - Tour of the Rügen island

# **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

DISCOVER:

- Cruise between sea and land to discover 3 different countries
- **Copenhagen Package,** a city full of mysterious beauties and historical treasures



#### DAY 6 LAUTERBACH · STRALSUND

- Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of Greifswald
- Visit of Stralsund
- Gala dinner

#### DAY 7 STRALSUND · SASSNITZ · TRELLEBORG COPENHAGEN

Departure by coach to Sassnitz and board on a 4-hour ferry crossing to Trelleborg. Free lunch. Excursion proposed: • Panoramic tour of Copenhagen Night in a 3-star hotel

#### DAY 8 COPENHAGEN

Excursion proposed: • Visit of Copenhagen

End of the morning, end of our services.

#### See excursion details on pages 136 and 137.

Formalities: Valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-French nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.
NB: For navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary.
Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. SBL.



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ALL MEALS INCLUDED

UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY

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DISCOVER:

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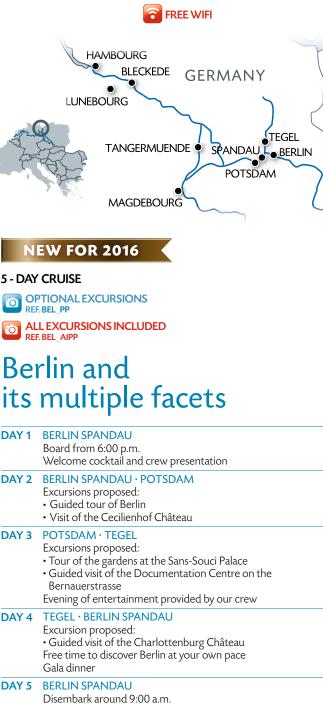
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BEVERAGES



#### 7 - DAY CRUISE





See excursion details on pages 136 and 137.

Formalities: you must have a valid identity card or passport valid for the duration of the holiday. Passengers from outside the EU should contact their Embassy or Consulate to ensure any essential paperwork is obtained before travelling.

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

Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. HAB\_PP.

# **OUR EXCURSIONS**

#### **THE ELBE**

#### BERLIN

#### **LENGTH: 4 hours**

Set off by coach from Berlin-Spandau to visit the German capital accompanied by a local guide, who will take you on a 3-hour tour to learn about the history, the monuments and the many sides of this historic city. You will take the Avenue of June 17th which will lead you first of all to the famous Victory Column with a statue of Bismarck beside it, then to the Brandenburg Gate, alongside the Reichstag and its glass dome. You will then arrive at the famous Avenue Unter den Linden and rejoin museum Island which has the five most famous museums in Berlin, including the Pergamon museum and the Altes museum which houses the bust of Nefertiti. Behind Museum Island and its classical buildings the modern Alexanderplatz is located, with its famous TV Tower. You will then head for Checkpoint Charlie, the former crossing point between the Russian and American zones of Berlin.

CRUISES REF. AMB\_PP/BPG\_PP/PGB\_PP/BSD/SBL/ BHA\_PP/HAB\_PP/BEL\_PP/HBC\_PP, pages 102 and 132 to 135.

#### BERLIN BY NIGHT **LENGTH: 2 hours**

Coach transfer and guided walk on the Potsdamer Platz. After dinner you will leave by coach to explore contemporary Berlin. A guided walk will enable you to discover the contemporary architectural prowess of Renzo Piano, Richard Rogers, etc. A veritable no mans' land after the fall of the wall, this square now houses the headquarters of the DB, the Sony Center, and a cinema complex. At night, it comes to life and is illuminated. A futurist vision of the German capital.

CRUISE REF. AMB\_PP, page 132.

#### BREMEN

#### **LENGTH: 2 hours**

Departure from the boat on foot to visit the historic centre of this Hanseatic town: the market square, the St Pierre Dom cathedral and the magnificient city hall with Renaissance style of Weser... You will take a guided walk in the "secret street of Bremen", the Böttcherstrasse, famous for its narrow picturesque streets.

CRUISE REF. AMB\_PP, page 132.

#### CECILIENHOF PALACE LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave by coach for Cecilienhof Palace. You'll be able to visit the princess' 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. BEL\_PP, page 135.

#### DOCUMENTATION CENTER **AT THE BERLIN WALL MEMORIAL** LENGTH: 4.25 hours

We'll leave by coach for the Documentation Center at the Berlin Wall Memorial. Situated at 111 Bernauer Strasse, its main aim is to explain the political and historical context of the building of the wall. There are exhibitions in German and English, a panoramic platform allowing visitors to view a section of the wall rebuilt with its no man's land, digitized archives with original documents, audio terminals playing information that was broadcast by radio stations in the East and West at the time, as well as themed workshops. One of the priorities of the Documentation Center dedicated to the Berlin Wall is to maintain a collective political and historical souvenir. Afterward, we'll continue to the East Side Gallery–classified as a historical monument since 1991– the remaining 1.3 km-long section of the former inner wall. Decorated by artists from all over, it is known as the largest open-air art gallery in the world. It is also the largest section of the wall that was saved from demolition. CRUISE REF. HBC\_PP/BEL\_PP, pages 102 and 135.

#### DRESDEN LENGTH: 3 hours

Join us 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, monuments, and charming details. Our visit will begin with a panoramic tour, where you'll get an overview of the most important must-see sights: the Altmarkt Square, German Hygiene museum, Baroque Quarter, Transparent Factory (VW) and soccer stadium. We'll then visit the historical old city on foot, passing in front of the Zwinger, Semper Opera House, cathedral, Royal Palace, Brühl Terrace, and Neumarkt Square. After some free time on your own, we'll return to the ship. CRUISES REF. BPG\_PP/PGB\_PP, page 133.

EXTENDED TRIP

# **TO COPENHAGEN**

LENGTH: 2 days/1 night D1: Departure by coach in the morning towards Sassnitz, arriving there in the late morning. Embark on a 4 hour ferry crossing to Trelleborg, where you will have a lunch on your own, then on by coach towards Copenhagen, reaching it late afternoon. Enjoy a panoramic tour of the city before settling into your 3-star D2: Breakfast at the hotel. The whole day will be devoted to the visit of Copenhagen which is as wel-coming and friendly as the Danish people themselves! The guided tour of the capital city begins with the main landmarks: the castle of Christianborg, set of the Danish Parliament, Amalienborg Palace, the official home of Queen Margritt of Den mark. The tour continues past the impressive three tier Gefion fountain and on along the sea front, from where to catch a glimpse of the statue of the Little Mermaid.To finish, admire one of the most beautiful churches in Denmark and Rosenborg castle which is home to the royal family's persona collection. At the end of the morning, a coach will take you to Copenhagen airport.

CRUISES REF. BSD/SBL, page 134.

#### GREIFSWALD LENGTH: 4.25 hours

Departure after breakfast by coach from Wieck, a beautiful fisherman village. Tour of Greifswald, a charming Hanseatic town. The buildings typical of northern Germany in brick Gothic have been lovingly restored since reunification. Free time before coming back to the boat.

CRUISES REF. BSD/SBL, page 134.

#### HAMBURG

#### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

Set off by coach to visit Hamburg. Considered as one of Germany's prettiest cities, the Hanseatic town has preserved a rich heritage through the centuries. We begin our visit with a panoramic tour of Hamburg. You will be able to see the main attractions of the town such as the town centre with the Mönckerberstrasse, the Alster, the market square with the Town Hall, the Stock Exchange and St Michael's Church. Continue on foot through the historic heart of the town. It is one of the oldest districts in Hamburg and you will see among others the Alster, a large lake in the heart of the town, the magnificent Town Hall, the Chilehaus, a 10-storey brick building whose eastern façade resembles the prow of a ship, Deichstrasse – an old shopping street with trading posts and houses dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Free time before heading back to the boat by coach.

CRUISES REF. BHA\_PP/HAB\_PP/HBC\_PP, pages 102 and 135.

#### **HANOVER**

#### **LENGTH: 5 hours**

Departure by coach from the northern port of Hanover with local guides to discover the capital of the Land of Lower Saxony. First of all you will pass alongside the famous Baroque Gardens of Herrenhausen then you will

head for the 18th century New City Hall, where your guides will explain Hanover's history with the help of four models showing the city at different times. You will continue with a panoramic city tour to see the main sights. You will stop for a stroll through the Old Town, to see the Market Church and its curiosities, the 15<sup>th</sup> century Old City Hall and Leibniz's House. After that you will return to the bus station by coach, where the guide will leave you and you will have some free time in the central station area and the modern city centre. Then you will leave Hanover to return to the boat at Hanover Anderten.

CRUISE REF. AMB\_PP, page 132.

#### LITOMERICE LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave from our ship for a guided tour of Litomerice. This royal city is one of the most beautiful in the Czech Republic. The extensive historical center has dozens of streets and squares. The colorful Gothic, Baroque and Renaissance buildings bordered to a great extent by well-A delightful glass at the nearby "Velké žernoseky" winery will certainly make your walk through the city all the more pleasant. Allow yourself to be enchanted by the rare architecture of the houses on the squares: the Saxon Renaissance town hall, the "Kalich" House and the "černý orel" House, which has preserved its original appearance. There are also countless important churches such as the Gothic Church of All Saints with its Renaissance broach roofs, the Church of the Annunciation of the Lady Mary representing the pinnacle of work by the 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 wine tasting. After our tour, we'll return to the ship in Horin.

CRUISES REF. BPG\_PP/PGB\_PP, page 133.

#### **LUNEBURG LENGTH: 4 hours**

Set off by coach from Geestacht to Lüneburg. Guided visit 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 in cabled bricks, forming coiled gables and spirals. In the harbour area, you cannot miss the old crane (Alter Kran, from the 14<sup>th</sup> century). Then you will see the Town Hall, whose construction was spread out between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. You will admire the gothic-style Princes' Hall (Fürstensaal), the Court Hall (Gerichtslaube) dating from the 14<sup>th</sup> century has a barrel vault and the great meeting room, a Renaissance masterpiece, is decorated with frescos from the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Entirely panelled in wood, it is the very symbol of the rapid growth of the city. A little free time before heading back to Geestacht by coach.

CRUISES REF. BHA\_PP/HAB\_PP/HBC\_PP, pages 102 and 135

#### LUTHERSTADT WITTENBERG **LENGTH: 4 hours**

We'll leave from our ship for a guided tour of Lutherstadt Wittenberg. 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 center 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 Château Church is the famous church where he nailed his 95 Theses to the door. Luther gave some of his sermons in this church and now is 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. At the end of the afternoon, we'll return to the ship by coach. CRUISES REF. BPG\_PP/PGB\_PP, page 133.

#### MAGDEBURG

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

You will begin with a visit of Magdeburg Cathedral, the first ever Gothic cathedral erected on German soil, where you will find not only the tomb of Emperor Otto I the Great but also several other items of interest such as a charming cloister. You will continue with a panoramic tour of the town and discover the second main point of interest in Magdeburg, the Green Citadel, created by Friedrich Hundertwasser which is not green but pink! You will then reach the Market Square where you can admire the Magdeburg Horseman, a golden equestrian statue depicting Otto I; the Town Hall and its bronze doors; the monument commemorating Otto von Guericke, famous for inventing the vacuum pump (experiment with Magdeburg hemispheres). The visit will finish with some free time.

CRUISES REF. AMB\_PP/BPG\_PP/PGB\_PP/BHA\_PP/ HAB\_PP/HBC\_PP, pages 102, 132, 133 and 135.

#### MEISSEN **LENGTH: 4 hours**

We'll leave from our ship for a guided tour of Meissen. The city is 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 at the foot of the castle hill and contains many Renaissance-style buildings. The Frauenkirche tower hosts the world's first porcelain carillon, manufactured in 1929 on

After touring the city, we'll visit the porcelain factory. The intricacy of the figures and sculptures and the perfection of the hand-painted patterns are the things that underscore this magnificent form of art. In the museum, you'll take an enticing journey through more than 300 years of porcelain history. After some free time on your own, we'll return to the ship in Dresden.

CRUISES REF. BPG\_PP/PGB\_PP, page 133.

#### **POTSDAM** AND THE SANS-SOUCI GARDENS LENGTH: 4 hours

Set off by coach accompanied by local guides who will help you to learn about the history of Ancient Prussia and its illustrious monarchs. In Potsdam the visit begins with a stroll through Sans-souci Gardens, where the summer residence – the Sanssouci Palace – was built between 1745 and 1747 for Frederick II (or Frederick the Great). Set off for a guided tour around Cecilienhof Château. Built between 1914 and 1917 at the request of Emperor Wilhelm II for his son, Crown Prince William, the Château was named after the Crown Prince's wife, Cecilie. The castle is best known for hosting the Potsdam Conference during 1945, attended by the allied powers (United Kingdom, USSR and USA) to try to seal the fate of the defeated nations. After this tour, discover the Dutch quarter in Potsdam and then there will be some free time in the town centre.

CRUISES REF. AMB\_PP/BPG\_PP/PGB\_PP/BHA\_PP/ HAB\_PP/HBC\_PP/BEL\_PP, pages 102 and 132, 133 and 135.

#### PRAGUE: CHÂTEAU DISTRICT **LENGTH: 3 hours**

We'll leave on a guided tour of the Hradcany, or Château District, in Prague. The city center is divided into five areas, spanning both banks of the Vltava River, and Prague Château is the most prominent tourist attraction. Set on a hill, it affords visitors fine views over the whole city. Founded in 880 AD, it is the largest medieval castle in Europe and was once the seat of the Kings of Bohemia. Today, the President of the Czech Republic rules from here. The Prague Château complex covers over 7 ha (18 acres) and has three large courtyards. Destructive wars and fires (and the subsequent renovations), 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 not to miss the Changing of the Guard ceremony at the front gates which takes place on the hour every hour during the day. We'll return on board after our visit.

CRUISES REF. BPG\_PP/PGB\_PP, page 133.

#### PRAGUE: OLD CITY **LENGTH: 3 hours**

Prague is the capital and largest city of the Czech Republic. It is the fourteenth-largest city in the European Union. It is also the historical capital of Bohemia. We'll have a guided tour of the old city on foot, starting with Old Town Square and its Gothic- and Baroque-style architecture - including the Rococo Kinsky Palace, the Gothic Tyn Cathedral and the Baroque St. Nicholas Church, to name a few. 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. Then we'll stroll through the Jewish Quarter. Its torrid history dates from the 13th century, when Jewish people were ordered to vacate their disparate homes and settle in this one area. Today, it remains a testimony to the history of the Jews in Prague, forming the best preserved complex of historical Jewish monuments in the whole of Europe. The Jewish Quarter is also the birthplace of the author Franz Kafka, who is commemorated with a statue on Dusni Street. We'll return on board after our visit.

CRUISES REF. BPG\_PP/PGB\_PP, page 133.

#### SAXON SWITZERLAND: ELBE SANDSTONE MOUNTAINS LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach from Bad Schandau for an excursion to the Elbe Sandstone Mountains, a range straddling the border between the state of Saxony in Southeastern Germany and the North Bohemian region of the Czech Republic. We'll visit the Königstein Fortress, dating back beyond the 13th century. Because the fortress was regarded as unconquerable, the Saxon monarchs retreated to it during times of crisis and also deposited many works of art from the famous Zwinger here. In the 20th century, it was used as a prison, a prisoner of war camp, and after the wars, 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. After our tour, we'll return on board our ship in Bad Schandau.

CRUISES REF. BPG\_PP/PGB\_PP, page 133.

#### STRALSUND LENGTH: 2 hours

This tour on foot will bring to life the history of this Hanseatic town surrounded by water with its picturesque historic centre where the famous brick Gothic predominates. You will visit the Saint Nicolas' and the Saint Jacob's churches. From the market square, enjoy the city Hall with its red bricks. The city of Stralsund is classed as a world heritage by UNESCO since 2002. Enjoy a free time before coming back on board.

CRUISES REF. BSD/SBL, page 134.

#### **LENGTH: 3 hours**

Departure by coach for the 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 conserved an architectural heritage which bears witness to past splendours. Stop at the castle of the Dukes of Pomerania and the Saint Jean Basilica.

CRUISES REF. BSD/SBL/HBC\_PP, pages 102 and 134.

#### THE CHARLOTTENBURG CHÂTFAU

**LENGTH: 3 hours** 

You will leave the boat by coach for an audio-guided tour of Charlottenburg Château. This castle was one of the favourite summer residences of the Grand Electors of Brandenburg and later of the kings of Prussia. You will visit the Knobbelsdorf wing. This house is the apartments of Frederic II. You will

discover the white room (the throne room and the sovereign's dining room) and the gilded gallery (dancing and music room) in the Rococo style. CRUISES REF. AMB\_PP/BEL\_PP, pages 132 and 135.

# THE CHORIN MONASTERY

LENGTH: 2.5 hours Departure by coach from Oderberg to Chorin for the tour of this Cistercian monastery, constructed of brick in the 13th century. The monastery lost its significance at the time of the Reformation and was used as a quarry. Enjoying an upsurge in interest in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, when Romanticism became interested in beautiful ruins, its silhouette rises elegantly amid an unspoilt landscape.

CRUISES REF. BSD/SBL/HBC\_PP, pages 102 and 134.

#### THE ISLAND OF USEDOM **LENGTH: 4 hours**

Departure by coach with your guides for the Island of Usedom, which became fashionable thanks to the fashion for bathing in the sea, and which has fine beaches as well as a charming seaside architecture. This island is also nicknamed "island of the sun" for it is the sunniest place in Germany. You will also see in particular the seaside "Kaiserbäder" or the "Emperor's baths". You will discover an island with lush green countryside as well as charming seaside resorts with white-painted wooden buildings and the famous beach baskets in which bathers shelter on windy days. CRUISES REF. BSD/SBL/HBC\_PP, pages 102 and 134.

#### THE MEYER WERFT SHIPYARD **IN PAPENBURG** LENGTH: 2 hours

You will leave the boat by coach to travel to the naval shipyard, "Meyer Werft". The guide will show you the various stages in the construction of a luxury ferry.

CRUISE REF. AMB\_PP, page 132.

#### THE RUGEN ISLAND **LENGTH: 4 hours**

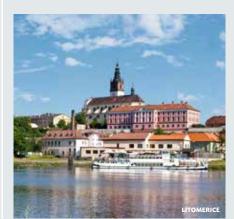
Departure by coach with your guides to discover the Rugen Island, the biggest island in Germany. This tour will give you a good idea of the diversity of its landscapes. You will go through Putbus, first seaside resort founded in 1816, then Bergen, main city of the island. Finally you will reach the Jasmund National Park with its famous chalk cliffs which tower at 100 m above the sea. Free time in the seaside resort of Binz, which will give you time to wander along this very beautiful beach before coming back to the boat.

CRUISES REF. BSD/SBL/HBC\_PP, pages 102 and 134.

#### TRANSFER TO THE CITY **CENTER OF NIENBURG LENGTH: 4 hours**

With your hostess, you will visit the so-called red town which has a magnificent town hall from the Weser Renaissance, the old castle (Wasserburg) and Saint Martin's church. Nienburg is famous for the cultivation of asparagus and its cakes claws of bear-shaped.

CRUISE REF. AMB\_PP, page 132.



# CENTRAL EUROPE





# CENTRAL EUROPE THE BLUE DANUBE

# CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

# **REASONS** TO VISIT CENTRAL EUROPE

- 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

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## 2016 EVENTS ON THE DANUBE

#### VIENNA

Festival on the Danube: end of June Movie and Music Festival: July and August

#### BUDAPEST

**Spring Festival**: mid-March until beginning of April Information given by tourist boards, subject to changes.



DISCOVER:

- Idyllic landscapes of the Iron Gates, the Danube bend, up to the delta
- 7 countries and diverse cultures

ALL MEALS INCLUDED UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES **FREE WIFI** 

#### 12 - DAY CRUISE

REF. LIT\_PP CO ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. LIT\_AIPP

# From the Blue Danube to the Black Sea

DAY 1	LINZ Boarding from 4:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
DAY 2	MELK • VIENNA Excursions proposed: • Excursion to the Melk Abbey • Viennese music concert (optional and depending on availability)
DAY 3	VIENNA • BRATISLAVA Excursions proposed: • Guided visit to the Schœnbrunn Palace and Vienna • Guided tour of Bratislava
DAY 4	BUDAPEST Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of Budapest • Traditional folk evening in Budapest
DAY 5	BUDAPEST · KALOCSA · MOHACS · BEZDAN Excursion proposed: • Discover the Puszta, including a horse show
DAY 6	NOVI SAD • BELGRADE Excursions proposed: • Visit of Novi Sad • Traditional evening in Belgrade
DAY 7	BELGRADE • DONJI MILANOVAC Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Belgrade
DAY 8	DONJI MILANOVAC • THE IRON GATES Day spent cruising passing through the Iron Gates Gala dinner
DAY 9	RUSE Excursions proposed: • Sightseeing tour of the Roussenki-Lom valley • Visit of Ruse
DAY 10	RUSE • GIURGIU • OLTENITA Excursion proposed: • Visit of Bucharest (lunch included)
DAY 11	TULCEA Excursion proposed: • Discover the Danube Delta nature reserve
DAY 12	TULCEA Disembark around 9:00 a.m.
See ex	cursion details on pages 148 to 151.

#### 12 - DAY CRUISE

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** ľ0 REF. TUL\_PP ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

REF. TUL\_AIPP

# From the Black Sea to the Blue Danube

DAY 1	TULCEA Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
DAY 2	TULCEA · Danube Delta Excursion proposed: • Discover the Danube Delta nature reserve
DAY 3	OLTENITA · GIURGIU · RUSE Excursion proposed: • Visit of Bucharest (lunch included)
DAY 4	RUSE Excursion proposed: • Tour of Ruse
DAY 5	THE IRON GATES Day spent cruising passing through the Iron Gates
DAY 6	BELGRADE • NOVI SAD Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of Belgrade • Visit of Novi Sad
DAY 7	BEZDAN • MOHACS • KALOCSA Excursion proposed: • Discover the Puszta, including a horse show Hungarian-themed evening
DAY 8	BUDAPEST Excursion proposed: • Tour of Budapest - the "pearl of the Danube"
DAY 9	BRATISLAVA Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Bratislava
DAY 10	VIENNA Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of the Schænbrunn Palace and Vienna • Viennese music concert (optional and depending on availability)
DAY 11	MELK Excursion proposed: • Visit to the Melk Abbey Gala dinner
DAY 12	LINZ Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR



#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### DISCOVER:

- The Melk Abbey
- Schœnbrunn Palace
- Budapest and Bratislava
- Puszta, great Hungarian plain
- The Hofburg, the Habsburg Palace
- Traditional evening in Budapest



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	PASSAU Boarding from 4:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation	RE	F. TBD_AIPP/BUE_AIPP (opposite direction)
DAY 2	PASSAU · VIENNA Excursions proposed: • Tour to the Melk Abbey Free afternoon to discover Melk at your own pace • Guided tour of Vienna by night	Da	ong the Danube, the nube Delta, the Balkan
	VIENNA Excursion proposed: • Visit the Schœnbrunn Palace and Vienna Gala dinner		
	ESZTERGOM • BUDAPEST Free time to visit Esztergom at your own pace Afternoon spent cruising		Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Traditional folklore entertainment
DAY 5	Excursion proposed: • Tour of Budapest by night BUDAPEST	DAY 2	Excursion proposed: • Discover the Danube Delta nature reserve
	Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Budapest - "the pearl of the Danube" Traditional folklore entertainment	DAY 3	Excursion proposed:
	BUDAPEST Excursion proposed: • Full day to discover the Puszta (lunch included)	DAY 4	Guided tour of Bucharest (lunch included)
	BUDAPEST · BRATISLAVA Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Budapest		Excursion proposed: • Visit to Veliko Tarnovo and Arbanassi Traditional folklore entertainment
DAY 8	Afternoon spent cruising BRATISLAVA · VIENNA Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of Bratislava	DAY 5	RUSE Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Ruse Afternoon spent cruising
-	Visit of Vienna by night     VIENNA	DAY 6	THE IRON GATES Day spent cruising passing through the Iron Gates
	Excursions proposed: • Visit to the Schœnbrunn Palace and Vienna • Visit of the Hofburg Palace • Viennese music concert (optional and depending on availability)	DAY 7	BELGRADE • NOVI SAD Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of Belgrade • Visit of Novi Sad, the Krusedol Monastery and Sremski Karlovci
	DURNSTEIN · MELK Excursion proposed: • Guided tour to the Melk Abbey Explore Dürnstein with our host/hostess	DAY 8	OSIJEK • MOHACS Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Osijek Afternoon spent cruising
	MELK · GREIN · LINZ Free time to visit Grein at your own pace Excursion proposed: • Tour to the Baroque monastery of Saint Florian in Linz Gala dinner	DAY 9	Gala dinner'
	PASSAU Disembark around 9:00 a.m.		letailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. BUE_PP xcursion details on pages 148 to 151.

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#### **NEW FOR 2016**



#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### DISCOVER:

- Osijek , Belgrade, the Spa Town of Hercules and Orsova, Krušedol monastery, Vukovar and Ilok, Pécs, Puszta, Budapest by day and by night, Gödöllö Château (REF. BTU\_PP)
- Serbian folk evening (REF. BTU\_PP)
- Discover three wonderful capitals: Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest (REF. BPA\_PP)
- **ALL MEALS INCLUDED** UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES



#### 8 - DAY CRUISE

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** (O REF.BTU\_PP ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. BTU\_AIPP

### Budapest, the pearl of the Danube and the Iron Gates pass

DAY 1	BUDAPEST Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Evening of entertainment
DAY 2	MOHACS • OSIJEK • BELGRADE Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Osijek Evening of entertainment
DAY 3	<b>BELGRADE · ORSOVA</b> Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Belgrade Free afternoon to discover Belgrade at your own pace Serbian folk evening on board
DAY 4	ORSOVA· The Iron Gates · NOVI SAD Excursion proposed: • Visit of the "the Spa Town of Hercules and Orsova" Afternoon spent cruising Gala dinner
DAY 5	NOVI SAD • ILOK • VUKOVAR • MOHACS Excursions proposed: • Visit of Sremski Karlovci • Guided tour of Ilok and Vukovar Evening of entertainment
DAY 6	MOHACS • KALOCSA Excursions proposed: • Visit of Pécs • Discover the Puszta, including a horse show
DAY 7	BUDAPEST Excursions proposed: • Discovery tour of Budapest • Visit of the Gödöllö Château • Tour of Budapest by night
DAY 8	BUDAPEST Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### GERMANY STRASBOURG GREIN SLOVAKIA DANUBE BRATISLAVA Munich LINZ VIENNA FRANCE MELK ESZTERGOM BUDAPEST AUSTRIA HUNGARY

#### 7 - DAY CRUISE

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** REF. BPA\_PP ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. BPA AIPP



### The Baroque and picturesque Danube

DAY 1	BUDAPEST Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Traditional folklore entertainment
DAY 2	BUDAPEST • BRATISLAVA Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Budapest - the "pearl of the Danube" Evening of entertainment
DAY 3	BRATISLAVA · VIENNA Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of Bratislava • Visit of Vienna by night
DAY 4	VIENNA Excursions proposed: • Visit of the Schœnbrunn Palace and Vienna • Tour to the Hofburg Palace • Viennese music concert (optional and depending on availability)
DAY 5	DURNSTEIN • MELK Excursions proposed: • Explore Dürnstein with our host/hostess • Guided tour to the Melk Abbey
DAY 6	MELK · GREIN · LINZ Free time to discover Grein Excursion proposed: • Tour to the Baroque monastery of Saint Florian in Linz Gala dinner
DAY 7	PASSAU Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 148 to 151.

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#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### DISCOVER:

- Melk Abbey
- Bratislava and its unique charm
- The Puszta, great Hungarian plain
- Budapest, a two-thousand year old city
- Vienna and the Scheenbrunn Palace
- The Habsburg Palace
- Concert of Viennese music and traditional evening in Budapest
- "Operetta music" evening on board included
- ALL MEALS INCLUDED UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY



#### See excursion details on pages 148 to 151.

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#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### DISCOVER:

- The Melk Abbey (REF. PAC\_PP)
- Imperial Vienna
- Schænbrunn Palace (REF. PAC\_PP)
- Budapest and two thousand years of history
- Traditional evening in Budapest (REF. PAC\_PP)
- **Bratislava** and its unique charm (REF.VBV\_PP)

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

BEVERAGES FREE WIFI 6 - DAY CRUISE **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** (O) REF. PAC\_PP ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. PAC AIPP GERMANY The beautiful Blue **SLOVAKIA** STRASBOURG PASSAU Dürnstein DANUBE BRATISLAVA Danube **o** Melk VIENNA FRANCE ESZTERGOM BUDAPES<sup>®</sup> DAY 1 PASSAU **AUSTRIA** HUNGARY Boarding from 4:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation DAY 2 **PASSAU · VIENNA** Excursions proposed: 5 - DAY CRUISE Tour of the Melk Abbey Free time to discover Dürnstein at your own pace **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** (O) • Tour of Vienna by night REF. VBV PP DAY 3 VIENNA ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED **REF. VBV AIPP** Excursion proposed: Visit to the Schœnbrunn Palace and Vienna Capitals of the Danube Free time to discover Vienna at your own pace Gala dinner Vienna, Budapest, Bratislava DAY 4 ESZTERGOM · BUDAPEST Free time to discover Esztergom Afternoon spent cruising VIENNA DAY 1 Excursion proposed: Visit of Budapest by night Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation DAY 5 BUDAPEST Austrian-themed dinner on board Excursions proposed: Sightseeing tour of Budapest **VIENNA · BUDAPEST** DAY 2 • Folk evening in Budapest Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Vienna DAY 6 **BUDAPEST** Afternoon spent cruising Disembark around 9:00 a.m. DAY 3 BUDAPEST Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Budapest Free afternoon Hungarian - themed dinner and folk evening on board BRATISLAVA DAY 4 Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Bratislava Gala dinner VIENNA DAY 5 Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

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#### 9 - DAY CRUISE

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** (O REF. BUT/TBU (opposite direction) ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. BUT\_AIPP/TBU\_AIPP (opposite direction)

## Budapest, the pearl of the Danube

DAY 1	BUDAPEST Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Tour of Budapest by night
DAY 2	BUDAPEST · MOHACS Excursions proposed: • Sightseeing tour of Budapest • Guided tour of the Gödöllö Château
DAY 3	MOHACS • BEZDAN • NOVI SAD Excursion proposed: • Visit of Pécs Afternoon spent cruising
DAY 4	NOVI SAD • TITEL • KANJIZA Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Novi Sad Afternoon spent cruising Evening of entertainment
DAY 5	KANJIZA · SZEGED Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Szeged Free afternoon
DAY 6	SZEGED · CSONGRAD · SZOLNOK Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of the Opusztaszer natural history memorial park Afternoon spent cruising
DAY 7	SZOLNOK • TISZAFURED • LAKE TISZA Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Discover the Puszta in Hortobagy Evening of entertainment
DAY 8	TISZAFURED • TOKAJ Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided visit to the Rakoczi wine cellar followed by a wine tasting session Gala dinner
	ТОКАЈ

#### 11 - DAY CRUISE

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** (O REF. DSA/SDA (opposite direction) ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. DSA\_AIPP/SDA\_AIPP (opposite direction)

## A journey between Central Europe and the Balkans

many cities and sites, such as: Novi Sad, Szeged, Tokaj, the royal palace of

of the natural history: **Opusztaszer** 

Belgrade and Zagreb, Lonjsko Polje and Kopacki Rit Nature Parks, the Orthodox monastery of **Krusedol** and Sremski Karlovci, Novi Sad and the Petrovaradin Fortress Osijek, the

medieval city of **llok** and the **Djakovo** 

UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

Gödöllö((REF BUT)

Stud Farms (REF DSA)

BEVERAGES **FREE WIFI** 

(REF BUT)

DAY 1	BUDAPEST Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
DAY 2	MOHÁCS • OSIJEK Excursion proposed: • Discover the nature park of Kopaki Rit and Osijek
DAY 3	OSIJEK • VUKOVAR • ILOK • NOVI SAD Excursions proposed: • Discover Ilok and Vukovar • Visit of Novi Sad
DAY 4	BELGRADE • SREMSKA MITROVICA Excursion proposed: • Guided visit of Belgrade Afternoon spent cruising
DAY 5	SREMSKA MITROVICA · BRCKO Excursion proposed: • Tour "across the Vojvodina" and the 16 Orthodox monasteries Traditional folklore entertainment
DAY 6	BRCKO · SLAVONSKI BROD Walk in Brcko Afternoon spent cruising
DAY 7	SLAVONSKI BROD • JASENOVAC Excursion proposed: • Guide walking tour of Slavonski Brod Evening of entertainment
DAY 8	JASENOVAC • SISAK Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of the Lonsko Poljo Nature Park
DAY 9	SISAK · Zagreb · SISAK Excursion proposed: • Full day to visit Zagreb (lunch included) Gala dinner
DAY 10	SISAK • ZAGORJE • LAKE BALATON Excursion proposed: • Disembark and transfer by coach to visit Varazdin Overnight in your hotel
DAY 11	LAKE BALATON • BUDAPEST Excursion proposed: • Guided visit of Tihany Beginning of the afternoon, end of our services.

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## CENTRAL EUROPE

#### BELGRADE LENGTH: 4 hours

We set off by coach to visit the capital of Serbia, which is also one of the oldest cities in Europe with a history stretching back some 7000 years. At the confluence of the Sava and Danube Rivers, close to the Morava Corridor which links the countries of the Danube to the Aegean Sea. The town has a fortress sitting on top one of the highest hills in Belgrade as well as a commercial centre and port. We begin the visit with a guided panoramic city tour, during which you will 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, etc. We stop awhile to visit the Orthodox Temple of St Sava. The construction of this church began in 1939 but it is still a work in progress, given that the Second World War, followed by Tito's dictatorship put a halt to it. The building work only restarted in 2001 and it is funded exclusively by charitable donations. We head back to the city centre by coach for a little free time before our guides take us to the Park at Kalemegdan, the largest and most beautiful park in Belgrade, where Belgrade Fortress is located, overlooking the confluence of the Danube and Sava.

CRUISES REF. TUL\_PP/LIT\_PP/TBD\_PP/BUE\_PP/ BTU\_PP/DSA/SDA, pages 142 to 144 and 147.

#### BRATISLAVA

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

Bratislava, which before becoming the capital of independent Slovakia in 1993 was first of all the capital of Hungary from 1536 to 1784 under the name of Presburg. It then belonged to Czechoslovakia before becoming the capital of the "Slovak Socialist Republic" as part of Czechoslovakia between 1969 and 1992.

With your guides, you will begin the visit with a panoramic tour of the city which will take you to Bratislava Château, which dates from 1811, after the previous castle burned down, and from where you will enjoy a breathtaking view over the Danube and the city. The main historical monuments are in the Old Town and the coach will drop you there continue the visit on foot. You will enter the city through Michael's Gate, which is the only gate still surviving from the Middle Ages. Then you will head for the central square surrounded by elegant buildings, some in Art Nouveau style, and dominated by the old Bratislava Town Hall. The tour continues with the Primate's Palace completed in 1781 for Archbishop Jozef Bathyány. As you stroll through the streets, you may come across some of the amusing statues that are dotted around the capital. After the guided tour, you will have some free time.

CRUISES REF. LIT\_PP/TUL\_PP/DPA\_PP/BPA\_PP/ WBB/PAV\_PP/VBV\_PP, pages 142 to 146.

#### BUCHAREST (lunch included) **LENGTH: 9 hours**

We leave on our full day excursion with our guides, to discover this Romanian capital. According to legend, the city was founded by a shepherd called Bucur, which means "joy" in Romanian. Bucharest suffered greatly from its communist past but managed to profit from a sizeable economic development in the year 2000 which help it to modernise. We begin our visit with a panoramic city tour. We head by coach to the restaurant for a lunch of typical Romanian dishes with traditional music and folklore dancing to entertain us. After lunch, we head again by coach to Bucharest's Eco-museum, a genuine village in the city where we learn about the habitats and craft industry of the different regions of Romania. We conclude our visit with a photo stop at the Palace of Parliament, a gigantic marble construction built in neoclassical style by Ceausescu before we finally visit the Orthodox Church of the Patriarchate. CRUISES REF. LIT\_PP/TUL\_PP/TBD\_PP, pages 142 and 143.

#### BUCHAREST (1/2 day) LENGTH: 5.25 hours

Depart by coach from Giurgiu with your guides to discover the Romanian capital. According to legend, the city was founded by a shepherd named Bucur (which means joy in Romanian). Bucharest has suffered greatly from its communist past but after the year 2000, due to the advent of significant economic growth the city has modernised. You will start the visit with a panoramic tour of the city. You will take the coach to the Bucharest Ecomuseum, an authentic village in the city where you will discover the habitats of the different regions of Romania and their handcrafts. The visit will end with a photo stop at The Palace of Parliament, a gigantic neo-classical style marble construction designed by Ceausescu and then you will visit the Orthodox Church.

CRUISE REF. BUE\_PP, page 143.

#### BUDAPEST

#### LENGTH: 4 hours Accompanied by your guides, you will leave the landing stage for a panoramic tour of the "Pearl of the Danube". First of all you will head for Buda, the hills crossing the famous Chain Bridge and you will go up to the Castle quarter, from where you have a fantastic panoramic view of the city. You will walk round the castle quarter and on to the Fisherman's Bastion, built in neo-Roman style in 1902 for the simple pleasure of offering a panoramic view over the city and the Danube. Behind the Bastion, you will find the Matthias Church, the oldest in the city, founded in 1015 by Saint Stephen and which notably was In 1015 by Saint Stephen and Which notably Was the venue for the coronation of Emperor Franz Joseph and his wife "Sissi". From there you will return to the coach, which will take you down to the plains of Pest, where you will visit in particular Heroes' Square, whose central monument depicting Prince Arpad and the chieftains of couron Margar tribuct use huilt for the millionnium seven Magyar tribes was built for the millennium of Hungary. You will pass by the famous Szechenyi thermal baths, the zoo, a veritable architectural monument, Vajdahunyad Château... You will take the famous Andrassy Avenue and pass in front of St. Stephen's Basilica whose construction began in 1851 and was only completed in 1905. You will go along the river and see the famous Parliament building overlooking the Danube with its white silhouette in the Byzantine and neo-Gothic styles.

CRUISES REF. SBU\_PP/BUS\_PP/ABU\_PP/BUA\_PP/ LIT\_PP/TUL\_PP/DPA\_PP/VBV\_PP/BUT/TBU/ BTU\_PP/BPA\_PP/WBB/PAV\_PP/PAC\_PP, pages 97, 98 and 142 to 147.

#### BUDAPEST BY NIGHT LENGTH: 2 hours

Explore Budapest by night from the comfort of our coach. Your guide will show you the charms of this capital with its turbulent but incredibly rich past. Despite the vicissitudes of history, Budapest has managed to preserve and bear witness to a succession of dynasties and civilisations.

CRUISES REF. SBU\_PP/BUS\_PP/ABU\_PP/BUA\_PP/ DPA\_PP/BTU\_PP/PAC\_PP/BUT/TBU, pages 97, 98, 143, 144, 146 and 147.

#### EXTENDED VISIT **TO LAKE BALATON**

#### LENGTH: 2 days/1 night

Leave by coach from Sisak for the Varazdin center. It is one of the tourist hot spots in Northern Croatia. The city center is often compared to Vienna and was miraculously saved from the conflicts in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Within the relatively small area of the Old Town are well-preserved palaces; important public buildings; Baroque, Rococo, Classicist and Secessionist houses and villas; and one of the oldest city halls in Europe. We'll have lunch in a local restaurant.

We'll then continue on to Lake Balaton, the largest lake in Europe. Local people call it the Hungarian sea. 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 leaving for a guided tour of Tihany to explore its historic, architectural, and natural treasures. The first nature preservation area in Hungary was developed here in 1952. On the hill overlooking the town is the two-towered Benedictine Abbey. In the crypt under the abbey lies the tomb of King Andrew I, founder of the abbey. The abbey surroundings offer a stunning panorama of Lake Balaton's sparkling water. We'll then travel to Budapest. You'll be on your own for lunch. CRUISE REF. DSA, page 147.

#### EXTENDED VISIT **TO LAKE BALATON**

LENGTH: 2 days/1 night After your arrival in Budapest, you'll be on your own for lunch. We'll leave for a guided tour of Tihany to explore its historic, architectural, and natural treasures. The first nature preservation area in Hungary was developed here in 1952. On the hill overlooking the town is the two-towered Benedictine Abbey. In the crypt under the abbey lies the tomb of King Andrew I, founder of the abbey. The abbey surroundings offer a stunning panorama of Lake Balaton's sparkling water. We'll then continue on to Lake Balaton, the largest lake in Europe. Local people call it the Hungarian sea. We'll have dinner and spend the night in a hotel in Balatonfüred.

Breakfast will be served at the hotel before leaving by coach from Balatonfüred for Varaždin center. It is one of the tourist hot spots in Northern Croatia. The city center is often compared to Vienna and was miraculously saved from the conflicts in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Within the relatively small area of the Old Town are well-preserved palaces; important public buildings; Baroque, Rocococ, Classicist and Secessionist houses and villas; and one of the oldest city halls in Europe. We'll have lunch in a local restaurant. Afterwards, you'll be transferred to Sisak to board our ship.

CRUISE REF. SDA, page 147.

#### GÖDÖLLÖ CHÂTEAU **LENGTH: 4 hours**

Departure by coach for Gödöllö Château with your guide, which is one of the most important and largest Hungarian Baroque palaces, commissioned by Count Antal Grassalkovich. The castle is known principally for having been one of the favourite residences of Empress Sissi, who loved to get away from the etiquette of the Vienna Court in Gödöllö. You will visit in particular the Empress's apartments with their original decorations, including a majority of objects and wallpapers in violet, the Empress's favourite colour. You will also see the Church Château (behind a glass screen), Joseph I's Wardrobe, the Minor Coronation Hall, Franz Joseph's office...

CRUISES REF. BTU\_PP/TBU, pages 144 and 147.

#### HERCULES' SPA AND ORSOVA LENGTH: 4 hours

Set off by coach to the spa town of Baile Herculane (lit: Hercules' Spa). First there will be a panoramic tour, a chance to admire the imposing statue of Hercules as well as some magnificent Baroque buildings. Free time in the city, one of the oldest thermal spas in Europe built by the Romans in the  $2^{nd}$  century B.C. It was one of the most elegant spa towns in Europe during the  $19^{th}$  century and right up until the  $2^{nd}$  World War. Its mineral and spa waters were discovered and exploited by soldiers

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of the Roman legions. Inspired by the healing qualities of the waters (raised temperatures of between 38 °C and 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. Another legend has it that here was where Hercules defeated the Medusa, after he bathed in the miraculous waters. After a coffee stop in a local hotel, the tour continues to Orsova. This city is located in the west of the county - at the border with the county of the Caras-Severin, on the left bank of the Danube near the Iron Gates. The town was a port and a castrum as far back as Roman times, under the name of Dierna. You will visit the Roman Catholic cathedral of Orsova, built in a quite unusual and non-conformist style, and whose interior was painted in water colours by the artist Gabriel Popa.

CRUISE REF. BTU\_PP, page 144.

#### ILOK AND VUKOVAR **LENGTH: 5 hours**

Your trip begins with a visit to the mediaeval town of Ilok. Overlooking the Danube, this is a small, for tified town famous since time immemorial for its vineyards. The old town provides a never-ending source of physical proof of life in this region, from prehistory to the Middle Ages and up to the present day. The oldest "proof" reveals life here in the Neolithic period. Among other things, you will have a chance to see numerous ruins from the Roman period in addition to a wealth of heritage features from the period up to the Middle Ages, including the remains of the basilica of Saint Peter (dating from the 13<sup>th</sup> century) and the walls of the fortress built by Nikola Ilochki (from the 15<sup>th</sup> century). You'll also be visiting the historical town centre, the church and convent of St John of Capistrano which were built in the 14th century by the Duke of Ugrin and the Odescalchi Château. In the castle, you will find a museum portraying the town's cultural and historical heritage. You can also enjoy tasting some of the local products before taking to the road once again.

You will be continuing by coach to Vukovar for a panoramic tour of this town which was heavily damaged when it was besieged by the Serbian army in 1991, but which is today well on its way to becoming the beautiful Danubian town that it has always been, with its baroque architecture.

CRUISES REF. BTU\_PP/DSA, pages 144 and 147.

#### KOPACKI RIT NATURE PARK AND THE TOWN OF OSIJEK LENGTH: 4.5 hours

Accompanied by your guides, you will begin the tour by visiting Osijek, a town 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 7<sup>th</sup> century. In 1526, the Turks took possession of the town and stayed there for over 160 years, making Osijek the capital of Ottoman Slavonia. But in 1687, they suffered a heavy defeat at Harkany and left the town without a fight. It was looted by the Austrians, who left nothing of its Ottoman splendour. The Austrians built a citadel on top of the demolished Turkish town.

First of all, the tour will take you to the upper town for a view of the Church of St Peter and St Paul. Commonly referred to as the Cathedral, this imposing red brick church, dominated by its 90m spire, was built under the impetus of Bishop Strossmayer, a native of Osijek. You will then move on to the Old Town, where you will visit the 18th century fortress built between 1712 and 1721 by the architect Maximilien Gosseau d'Hennef, who designed the citadel's buildings both civilian and military, making the citadel an ensemble with a remarkable architectural unity. After that, you will go to the main square where you can admire Holy Trinity monument.

The tour finishes with the Kopacki Rit Nature Park, situated where the River Drava joins the Danube close to the Serbian border and one of the largest protected marshlands in Europe. Part of the Kopacki Rit park is strictly protected as a bird reserve. If you are lucky, you will be able to see some of the 260 species of birds that nest in this area, such as wild geese, wild ducks, the black woodpecker, and the numerous mammals that live in the park, including deer, roe deer, wild boar, wild cats, martens, stone martens...

CRUISES REF. DSA/SDA, page 147.

#### LONSKO POLJO LENGTH: 4 hour

Depart by coach from Jasenovac to the Natural Park of Lonski Poljo, where you can admire migratory birds. Then on to Krapje to attend a short presentation on this particular region. Stop at the small village of Cigoc where you will visit a typical local house with its stork nests. The visit will end with a tasting of local products in an authentic Slavonia farmhouse.

CRUISES REF. DSA/SDA, page 147.

#### MORNING IN THE PUSZTA (1/2 day)

#### **LENGTH: 4 hours**

Transfer by coach toward the Puszta, also called the Great Plain of Hungary. You will get the chance to attend an equestrian show before enjoying a ride in a carriage with benches. You will also taste the "palinka" (plum eau de vie) and some "pogacsa" (small salty brioche).

CRUISES REF. LIT\_PP/TUL\_PP/BTU\_PP/WBB, pages 142, 144, and 145.

#### NOVI SAD

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We set off by coach to visit the town of Novi Sad. Capital of the autonomous region of Vojvodina, Novi Sad is also the second largest town in Serbia, going by the size of its population. The town has a long and trouble history since it was under the rule of Celts, Romans, Franks, Barbarians and Turks until it became part of the Habsburg empire. It was known as "Petrovaradin" in the past, and the name Novi Sad (meaning 'new plant') only came into use in 1748. The history of the town was further troubled during the 20<sup>th</sup> century when after the First World War, the Balkan territories were in turn united and separated, under different names, until in 2006, the town finally became part of an independent Serbia.

We visit the centre of the town on foot. The Austro-Hungarian old town, with its baroque buildings, grew up around the ancient fortifications. We have the chance to visit the episcopal church as well as an orthodox church before we continue up the main street to Freedom Square where we find the Town Hall, dating from 1895. We re-join our coach near the square to end our visit with a panoramic tour as we head back up the great boulevards which lead to our ship. The coach continues to the little village of Sremski Karlovci where we 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 18<sup>th</sup> century which has a library housing around 18,000 books. We have time to admire one of the most well-known of the town's monuments; the Four Lions Fountain, built in 1799 to celebrate the town's first ever waterworks.

CRUISES REF. LIT\_PP/TUL\_PP/BUT/TBU/SDA/DSA, pages 142 and 147.

#### NOVI SAD **AND SREMSKI KARLOVCI** LENGTH: 3 hours

Depart by coach to explore the city of Novi Sad. Capital of the autonomous region of Vojvodina, Novi Sad is also the second largest city in Serbia thanks its population. The city has had a long and eventful history, as it was under Celtic, Roman, Frank, Barbarian and Turkish domination before being possessed by the Habsburgs. It was known as Petrovaradin, the name Novi Sad, meaning "new plant" appeared in 1748. The history of the city was shaken up again in the 20th century because after the First World War, the Balkan territories were successively joined or separated under different names, until 2006 when the city became part of an independent Serbia. You will visit the city centre by foot. The old Austro-Hungarian city with its baroque buildings developed around ancient fortifications. You will be able to see the Episcopal seat as well as the Orthodox Church before continuing up the main street to Freedom square (Trg Slobode) with the old Town Hall dating from 1895. The coach will be waiting for you near Freedom square to finish the visit with a panoramic tour up the main boulevards. We then continue on to Sremski Karlovci, a small peaceful town, where you will discover the St Nicolas cathedral built in a typically baroque style in 1758 and the first Serbian high school dating from the 18<sup>th</sup> century

with its full library of approximately 18,000 books. You will be able to admire one of the most famous monuments in the city; the fountain named "Four Lions" was built in 1799 in honour of completion of the first pipe system bringing water into the city. Back on board at Novi Sad.

CRUISE REF. BUE\_PP, page 143.

#### NOVI SAD, THE MONASTERY KRUSEDOL AND SREMSKI **KARLOVCI OR NOVI SAD** LENGTH: 5.5 hours

Depart by bus from Belgrade. Our excursion begins with a visit to Krušedol Monastery located in the mountainous region of Fruska Gora. More than 16 Orthodox monasteries are spread around the hamlet of Irski Venac, a great opportunity to soak up Serbian art combining Byzantine and Baroque architecture. Krusedol monastery is one of the most beautiful, it was founded in the 16th century; it is adorned with magnificent paintings dating from the 18<sup>th</sup> century. We then continue on to Sremski Karlovci, a small peaceful town of 9,000 inhabitants on the banks of the Danube. In the 17<sup>th</sup> century when the Turkish menace was no longer a threat, the city became the Serb cultural centre in the Austro-Hungarian Empire and seat of the Orthodox Patriarchate. The cultural influence of the city continued with the creation of the first Serbian high school in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and 19<sup>th</sup> century, with meetings of the greatest writers and theologians. You will walk through this romantic city and will see among others the 8<sup>th</sup> century of the great of the greatest the set of t 18th century Cathedral and the oldest pharmacy in Vojvodina. Continue by coach to Novi Sad. Capital of the autonomous region of Vojvodina, Novi Sad is also the second largest city in Serbia, thanks to its population. The city has had a long and eventful history, as it was under Celtic, Roman, Frank, Barbarian and Turkish domination before being possessed by the Habsburgs. It was known plant" appeared in 1748. The history of the city was shaken up again in the 20<sup>th</sup> century because after the First World War, the Balkan territories were successively joined or separated under different names, until 2006 when the city became part of an independent Serbia. You will visit the city centre by foot. The old Austro-Hungarian city with its baroque buildings developed around ancient fortifications. You will be able to see the Episcopal seat as well as the Orthodox Church before continuing up the main street to Freedom square (Trg Slobode) with the old Town Hall, dating from 1895. The coach will be waiting for you near Freedom square to finish the visit with a panoramic tour up the main boulevards leading to the boat. CRUISES REF. TBD\_PP/BTU\_PP, pages 143 and 144.

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#### **LENGTH: 2 hours**

Accompanied by your guides, you will begin the tour by visiting Osijek, a town 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 7<sup>th</sup> century. In 1526, the Turks took possession of the town and stayed there for over 160 years, making Osijek the capital of Ottoman Slavonia. But in 1687, they suffered a heavy defeat at Harkany and left the town without a fight. It was looted by the Austrians, who left nothing of its Ottoman splendour. The Austrians built a citadel on top of the demolished Turkish town.

First of all, the tour will take you to the upper town for a view of the Church of St Peter and St Paul. Commonly referred to as the Cathedral, this imposing red brick church, dominated by its 90m spire, was built under the impetus of Bishop Strossmayer, a native of Osijek. You will then move on to the Old Town, where you will visit the 18<sup>th</sup> century fortress built between 1712 and 1721 by the architect Maximilien Gosseau d'Hennef, who designed the citadel's buildings both civilian and military, making the citadel an ensemble with a remarkable architectural unity. After that, you will go to the main square where you can admire Holy Trinity monument.

CRUISES REF. TBD\_PP/BUE\_PP/BTU\_PP, pages 143 and 144.

#### PECS

#### LENGTH: 4.5 hours

Departure by coach to visit the city. Nicknamed the city with five churches, Pécs is a jewel in

Southern Hungary. Accompanied by your guide, you will visit the city on foot, starting with the Basilica, whose Roman foundations date from the 4th century. The Basilica's current facade was completed in the reconstruction of 1882-1891, but it has kept his medieval plan and its post-Romanesque interior and exterior style. You will also have the opportunity to see the Basilica's treasure and crypt. The visit will continue with the Early Christian Necropolis, dating from the 4<sup>th</sup> century foundation of the Roman town under the name "Sopianae". These tombs, richly decorated with wall paintings depicting Christian scenes, were built underground as funerary chambers with commemorative chapels above them. The site has been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List since 2000. After this, you will 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 built a mosque on the orders of the Pasha Gazi Kassim. Pécs was liberated from the Turkish occupation in 1868 and the mosque became a Catholic church again, although it retained the form of a Turkish mosque. You will then have a little free time in the charming city centre.

CRUISES REF. BTU\_PP/BUT/TBU, pages 144 and 147.

#### RUSE

LENGTH: 3 hours (or 4.5 hours for TBD\_PP, page 143

We set off by coach to visit one of the largest ports in Bulgaria. It was founded by the Romans under the orders of Emperor Augustus. During the Ottoman empire, it was the most important town of the empire located on the Danube.

Accompanied by our guide, we discover the fascinating architectural heritage of the town, a rich mix of Bulgarian and Romanian cultures. We also have the chance to admire the Dohodno Zdanie (the old Theatre), built in 1902 by architect's Raul Brank, Georg Lang and Frank Scholz; the Monument of Liberty, a masterpiece by the Florentine architect and sculptor Arnoldo Zocchi; the Catholic Church with its multi-coloured stain-glassed windows and so on. We finish our visit with a taste of a local cake and a glass of local wine. Then we have some free time for shopping in the town (and back on board in Svistov for TBD\_PP).

CRUISES REF. TUL\_PP/LIT\_PP/BUE\_PP/TBD\_PP, pages 142 and 143.

#### SAINT FLORIAN MONASTERY LENGTH: 2.5 hours

Transfer by coach from Linz. The Saint Florian monastery, the greatest of Austria, has been occupied since the 11<sup>th</sup> century by Augustinian canons. The current buildings, of a higher baroque style, were rebuilt during the 18<sup>th</sup> century, under the authority of Jakob Prandtauer. The well-known songwriter Anton Bruckner has been buried in the crypt. The visit includes the library decorated with baroque marquetries and paintings, the room of marble figured with frescos and paintings of the church.

CRUISES REF. DPA\_PP/BPA\_PP, pages 143 and 144.

#### **SLAVONIA**

#### LENGTH: 6 hours

Departure by coach for the generous Slavonia excursion through the lush green hills dominating the Sava plain.

First you will visit the little town of Pozega, renowned or its wine and food. Pozega is a historical town with a centre that a concentrate of Baroque architecture and a variety of monuments. You will see: the Plague Column, Holy Trinity Square and Church, a homogeneous ensemble where it is pleasant to wander - and you will have some free time to soak up the particular atmosphere of the town. The visit will continue as we move on to the Eco-ethno village of Stara Kapela which has successfully preserved its traditional houses and farms and its crafts. You will be welcomed by the villagers and invited to taste local specialities to the sound of tamburitzas (long-necked lutes with plucked strings). The village has been entirely renovated in traditional style, paying particular attention to all the details and using materials from the region. Thus, each house has recreated the look of yesteryear. The lighting is fixed on wooden columns on which lines from the greatest Croatian poets are inscribed. Thanks to the association "eko-etno selo", 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. The village has no cars and no mobile telephone signal, but it offers a different story, one where there is no room for rushing and stress, but cohabitation and harmony with nature and traditional values. You really will have the impression that you have gone back 100 years. CRUISE REF. SDA, page 147.

#### SZEGED

#### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

Departure by coach for the guided walking tour of Szeged. The advantageous geographical situation of the city explains a human presence going back several thousand years. Szeged was founded by the Romans and was originally called Partiscum. If we go on what was found in the excavations, the King of the Huns Attila probably set up a military base on this site. A river flood in 1879 destroyed the city almost entirely, allowing a new and more beautiful Szeged to emerge.

The tour will begin by taking you to Szechenyi Square, one of the finest and biggest in the city, with numerous statues of famous Hungarians. You will see the neo-Baroque City Hall dating from 1799, before heading for the statue-filled pedestrian streets. You will then return to the coach which will take you to the Dome (or Votive Church), whose construction was decided at the beginning of the 20th century by the city fathers following the great floods of 1879 in order to commemorate the rebirth of the city. Next, you will head for the Synagogue, built at the turn of the 20th century in the Moorish Art Nouveau style. Of monumental dimensions, it is the largest synagogue in Hungary after the one in Budapest. It is inspired by the Moorish and Art Nouveau styles. The tour ends in front of the university musical clock. Return to the boat by coach or on foot.

#### CRUISES REF. BUT/TBU, page 147.

#### TASTING IN A WINE CELLAR **IN TOKAJ**

#### LENGTH: 3.5 hours

Departure by coach for the Tokaj vineyard to discover the Hetszölö domain which is considered as the most beautiful of Tokaj. You will discover the charming village of Tokaj where a number of beautiful Baroque buildings line the streets. You will take a guided tour of the Rakoczi cellar, a natural lair where Tokaj wines are aged, followed by a wine tasting.

CRUISES REF. BUT/TBU, page 147.

#### THE DANUBE DELTA LENGTH: 4 hours

We begin with a 500m walk (approx.) and then board a tourist pleasure boat to begin our visit of the Danube Delta. We board these small local boats to discover the flora and fauna of this biosphere in the company of our guides.

The site today is one of 300 international biosphere reserves designated by UNESCO to try to measure the impact of man on the environment. The human presence on the north and south banks of the Delta has been in evidence since Neolithic times, when the Delta was still only a gulf in the Black Sea. The Danube Delta is home to more than 1200 different varieties of plants, 300 species of birds and 45 different freshwater fish varieties in its many lakes and marshes. During our visit, we may be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of some white pelicans, dwarf cormorants or glossy ibis or other species. CRUISES REF. LIT\_PP/TUL\_PP/TBD\_PP/BUE\_PP, pages 142 and 143

#### ■ THE HOFBURG

#### **LENGTH: 3 hours**

Departure by coach with your local guide. You will discover the Hofburg, which is also knowned for having been, during 600 years, the "Winter Residency" of the Habsburgs. You will visit the Sissi museum, the sumptuous imperial apartments and learn more about the emperor François-Joseph and the empress Élisabeth lives. Return to the boat.

CRUISES REF. DPA\_PP/BPA\_PP/WBB/PAV\_PP, pages 143 to 145.

#### THE HORTOBAGY PARK LENGTH: 4.5 hour

Departure by coach to visit Hortobagy Park. Created in 1973, Hortobagy national park is situated on the Great Plain of Hungary: the situated on the Great Plain of Hungary: the Puszta. Hortobagy Park is one of Europe's largest expanses of grassland. It is unique and gives all its meaning to the word "Puszta", which means at once desert-like, abandoned or grouping of isolated farms, vast plain. The park covers 70,000 ha, and has been inscribed on the World Cultural Heritage list site since 1999. It teems with incomparable curiosities and treasures.

During the tour, you will discover the horse-drawn farm carts, the picturesque means of transport in the region, the Puszta with its breathtaking scenery and surprising fauna. In particular you will have chance to observe, in the world's largest steppe, Raczka sheep with their curly horns, curly haired pigs and long-horned grey cattle, as well as rare species of birds. During the tour, there will also be a presentation of regional equestrian traditions while you taste "palinka" (plum brandy), 'pogasca" (small savoury brioches) and mineral water sheltered from the sun by a thatched roof. "Csikos", Hungarian cowboys in blue costumes, will perform astonishing acrobatics and invite you to take part in their "games of skill". After the tour of the park, you will have some free time near the famous Nine Arch Bridge of Hortobagy, before returning to the boat at Tiszafüred.

CRUISES REF. BUT/TBU, page 147.

#### THE MELK ABBEY

#### LENGTH: 1.45 hour

The Abbey of Melk, which towers over the Danube are the very symbol of Baroque art in Austria. Among other things, you will visit the marble hall, the world famous library and the bedchambers where a number of illustrious visitors have slept. You will love the jewel of this abbey, the gold filigree cross donated by Rudolph IV.

CRUISES REF. SBU\_PP/BUS\_PP/ABU\_PP/BUA\_PP/ LIT\_PP/TUL\_PP/DPA\_PP/BPA\_PP/WBB/PAV\_PP/ PAC\_PP, pages 97, 98, and 143 to 146.

#### THE OPUSZTASZER PARK LENGTH: 5 hours

Commemorative park of natural history. You will discover an important ethnographical collection in the open air, with a farm producing paprika, a school of the farms' region, a blacksmith and a wheelwright workshops, a carts display... Free time before returning on board.

CRUISES REF. BUT/TBU, page 147.

#### THE PUSZTA

#### LENGTH: 7.5 hours

Fullday excursion by coach with a French - speaking guide at the discovery of the Hungarian plain, the Puszta. Equestrian show, ride in a carriage with benches. You will also taste the "palinka" (plum eau de vie) and some "pogacsa" (small salty brioche). Enjoy a lunch of specialities in a "csardas" (traditional hostelry) animated by hungarian musicians. After lunch, you will visit the village of Kecskemét on foot. Return on board in the afternoon.

CRUISES REF. DPA\_PP/PAV\_PP, pages 143 and 145.

#### THE ROUSSENKI VALLEY **AND RUPESTRIAN CHURCHES IN IVANOVO** I FNGTH 4 hours

We set off by coach with our guides to the Valley of Roussenki-Lom, to visit one of the rock-hewn churches of Ivanovo, listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Here in this valley in north-east Bulgaria several churches, chapels, monasteries and cells were discovered close to the village of Ivanovo. The first hermits dug their cells and their churches out of the rock to a height of over 50m from around the 12<sup>th</sup> century. The mural paintings which date from the 14th century are evidence of an exceptional artistic technique from the art school of Tarnovo. We visit the rock-hewn Monastery dedicated to the Archangel Michael, one of the more interesting churches dating from the 12<sup>th</sup> century with paintings dating from the 14<sup>th</sup> century which are evidence of an exceptional artistic technique. Our excursion continues with a visit to the

medieval fortress at Cherven, from where there are magnificent panoramic views. Built in the 6<sup>th</sup> century by Byzantines, the fortress was one of the most important in Bulgaria from the 12th century. CRUISE REF. LIT\_PP, page 142.

# INTRODUCTIO

# **CENTRAL EUROPE**

#### **THROUGH VOJVODINA** LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure by coach with your guides to discover the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina. During its eventful history, Vojvodina passed successively under the domination of numerous invaders from the four corners of Eastern Europe before finally being attached to Serbia.

Around the hamlet of Iriski Venac are dotted over 16 Orthodox monasteries, an opportunity to soak up Serbian art which blends the Byzantine style and Baroque architecture. You will visit Krusedol Orthodox monastery, founded in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and decorated with lavish paintings dating back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The tour will continue on to Sremski Karlovci, a peaceful little town of 9,000 inhabitants on the bank of the Danube. In the 17<sup>th</sup> century, once the Turkish threat had passed, the town became a Serbian cultural centre within the Austro-Hungarian Empire and seat of the Orthodox patriarchate. The town's cultural influence grew with the creation of the first Serbian high school in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and in the 19<sup>th</sup> century with meetings between great men of letters and theologians. You will have a chance to walk around this romantic town and visit the Orthodox Saborna Crkva Cathedral, which is full of treasures of Serbian religious art, reflecting its past power.

CRUISES REF. DSA/SDA, page 147.

#### TRADITIONAL EVENING IN BELGRADE LENGTH: 2.5 hours

Transfer by coach for the traditional evening of Belgrade which will take place in a Hotel. The show, exclusively reserved for the passengers of the boat (traditional dances of the Ex-Yougoslavia with traditional costumes), will last 1 hour with 1 drink (water or wine)... At the end of the show, enjoy a traditional and musical meal in the Skadarlija district, a bohemian district nicknamed the "Serbian Montmartre". Return on board by coach. CRUISE REF. LIT\_PP, page 142.

## TRADITIONAL EVENING IN BUDAPEST LENGTH: 2 hours

Transfer by coach. During this traditional Hungarian show, you will travel the length and breadth of Hungary through its folklore and Gypsy music. Each piece of music, each dance retraces an event in daily life in Hungary.

CRUISES REF. ABU\_PP/BUA\_PP/SBU\_PP/BUS\_PP/ DPA\_PP/WBB/PAC\_PP, pages 97, 98, 143, 145 and 146.

### TRANSFER TO DURNSTEIN AND VISIT OF THE VILLAGE

#### LENGTH: 3 hours

Departure by coach with the animator from the boat for the village of Dürnstein. You will drive through the Austrian Wachau dotted with charming villages and ruined medieval castles to Dürnstein. Dürnstein is well-known for its castle where legend has it that Richard the Lionheart was held prisoner by Duke Leopold IV after their falling out during the third crusade and later rescued by his faithful confident, Blondel.

You will have some free time in the village to taste the Austrian wine or the local speciality, apricot liqueur. You will be able to stroll through the streets of this medieval town and visit the Baroque abbey. CRUISES REF. SBU\_PP/BUS\_PP, page 97.

### TRIP TO CONSTANTA (lunch included)

LENGTH: 9.25 hours

Departure for the optional day trip to Constanta. Departure by bus towards the Black Sea to reach Constanta, founded by the Greeks in the seventh century B.C., it now has over 560,000 inhabitants and is the second most important port on the Black Sea after Istanbul. You will leave Ovidius Square to visit the Museum of History and Archaeology, which brings together pieces found during archaeological excavations. Opposite, a glass museum houses the vast Roman mosaic, a beautiful polychrome mosaic dating from the third century. Then you will discover an architectural melting pot including the Roman mosque (outside) and the Orthodox Church (interior). You will also see the lighthouse Genoa. The pier extends a beautiful view of the old Constanta. The walk on the waterfront that offers a magnificent view of the waves will take you to the majestic Casino (outside), built in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century style secession (Austrian Art Nouveau). He referred to Constanta its heyday at the time it was the ideal holiday resort of the idle rich. Lunch at local restaurant. Continuation to Murfatlar, which produces the best wines of Romania. This winery over 4000ha is the largest in Europe. Wine tasting in a cellar in the city. Back on board at Cernavoda/Fetesti.

CRUISE REF. BUE\_PP, page 143.

#### VELIKO TARNOVO AND ARBANASSI (lunch included) LENGTH: 10.5 hours

Departure by bus to Veliko Tarnovo, to the medieval capital of Bulgaria but also capital of the Second Bulgarian Empire, which was established in the heart of the country. The city remained in history to memory as the majestic Bulgarian and flourishing capital of the Second Bulgarian Kingdom. Veliko Tarnovo with its medieval fortress Tsarevets kings is one of the oldest cities in the country. Have lunch in a restaurant.

In the afternoon, continuation to Arbanassi. Located 4km from Veliko Tarnovo, it is one of the most visited villages in Bulgaria and is now classified as an "Architectural and Historical Reserve". You will visit the Church of the Nativity, which is the oldest Arbanassi. You will continue your visit at the house of the family Konstantzaliev that catches the eye and captures the imagination with its monumental architecture rich in forms and details. Built in the seventeenth century, it is a true "House Fortress".

CRUISES REF. TBD\_PP/BUE\_PP, page 143.

#### VIENNA (without Schœnbrunn) LENGTH: 3.5 hours

You will begin the tour by taking the famous Ring, which was one of the personal projects of Emperor Franz Joseph. In 1857, he decided to take down the ramparts that enclosed the city centre and had this boulevard built lined with fine buildings. Along the Ring you will admire this architectural showcase of the old Austro-Hungarian monarchy, including: the State Opera; the Hofburg Palace; the Natural History Museum; the City Hall; the Burgtheater... CRUISE REF. VBV\_PP, page 146.

#### VIENNA AND SCHŒNBRUNN PALACE LENGTH: 4 hours

You will begin the tour by taking the famous Ring to reach Schænbrunn Palace. The "Ring" was one of the personal projects of Emperor Franz Joseph. In 1857, he decided to take down the ramparts that enclosed the city centre and had this boulevard built lined with fine buildings. Along the Ring you will admire this architectural showcase of the old Austro-Hungarian monarchy. When you arrive at Schænbrunn Palace, you will be guided through the numerous rooms of the Hapsburgs' summer residence, which bear witness to the splendour of the Court at the time of Maria Theresa. You will also have a little time to wander through the Palace gardens.

Then the coach will take you into the city centre to enjoy a little free time in the area around St Stephen's Cathedral. You will then return to the coach, which will take you back to the boat, via the Ring.

CRUISES REF. SBU\_PP/BUS\_PP/ABU\_PP/BUA\_PP/ LIT\_PP/TUL\_PP/DPA\_PP/BPA\_PP/WBB/PAV\_PP/ PAC\_PP, pages 97, 98, 142 to 146.

#### VIENNA BY NIGHT LENGTH: 2 hours

Discover Vienna by night with a panoramic coach tour. Vienna, two thousand years old, is a veritable open-air museum. Vienna embodies Romanticism and imposes a form of power through its architecture and its many monuments. You will take the famous "Ring" which encircles historic Vienna. You will go past a multitude of buildings built under the old Austro-Hungarian monarchy: the Opera, the City Hall, the Hofburg and many official buildings...

CRUISES REF. SBU\_PP/BUS\_PP/ABU\_PP/BUA\_PP/ DPA\_PP/BPA\_PP/WBB/PAV\_PP, pages 97, 98, and 143 to 145.

#### VIENNESE MUSIC CONCERT LENGTH: 2.5 hours

A coach will come to pick you up from the boat to take you to the Auersperg Palace where the concert will take place. Fisrt part of the concert is devoted to Mozart compositions, the second part to Strauss. In the intermission, a free drink will be served (orange juice or sparkling Austrian wine). CRUISES REF. LIT\_PP/TUL\_PP/DPA\_PP/BPA\_PP/ WBB, pages 142 to 145.

#### **ZAGREB (lunch included)** LENGTH: 9 hours

You will depart by coach from Sisak with your courier for the Croatian capital: Zagreb. Today's city was formed from two medieval towns which for centuries developed on two hills facing each other. The two towns, Gradec and Kaptol, were surrounded by city walls and towers, some vestiges of which have survived. In the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, the two towns merged and were renamed Zagreb. The city was then renovated in the Baroque style; the old timber houses were destroyed and replaced by luxurious palaces, churches and convents. On the panoramic tour, you will see in particular the National Theatre, the Art Pavilion, the Academy of Sciences and Arts, the Secession style university library... Then you will continue with a walk in the steep streets of the historic centre. You will have lunch in a restaurant in the city, when you will be able to try local specialities.

CRUISES REF. DSA/SDA, page 147.



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#### 7 - DAY CRUISE

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ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. OLI AIPP

## The Great War a commemorative cruise in Belgium

DAY 1 **OSTEND** Boarding from 6:00 p.m.

Welcome cocktail and crew presentation

#### DAY 2 **OSTEND** · BRUGES

- Morning spent cruising
- Excursion proposed:
- · Guided visit of Bruges and trip along the town's canals on board little motor boats<sup>(2)</sup>.

#### **BRUGES · KORTRIJK** DAY 3

- Morning spent cruising
- Excursions proposed:
- Excursion to Diksmuide<sup>(3)</sup> which was the scene of bloody confrontations during World War One and had to be
- completely rebuilt. Visit the "Trench of Death", which preserves the trench setting of the Belgian front during World War One. There will be a stop at the German cemetery of Vaslo then an unaccompanied visit of the Memorial at Yser Tower with its museum.

#### DAY 4 **KORTRIJK**

Excursion proposed: • Full day excursion which will begin with a visit of the British War Cemetery at Tyne Cot. Continue with a visit to Passchendaele museum, which offers an overview of the deadly battle of 1917. An underground path gives an idea of what the life of a British soldier must have been like. Next there will be a tasting of regional cheeses followed by lunch in a restaurant. This afternoon, head for Ypres where you will have a walking tour of the ramparts (approx. 3 km), followed by a visit of the Flanders Fields Museum, which presents the history of the First World War in the region of the Western Flanders Front. There will be a stop at Hill 60 where there is an Australian memorial. Before re-joining the boat, you will attend a "Last Post"<sup>(4)</sup>. The "Last Post" was the call of the bugle played particularly in the British Army to mark the end of the day's work and the beginning of the evening's rest.



#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Onboard lecturer
- A commemorative journey which combine many of the Great War's most fated locations, along with insightful excursions to deliver experiences that are both historically accurate and respectful



#### DAY 5 **KORTRIJK · COMINES**

- Excursion proposed:
  - Visit of Poperingen, one of the only towns that was not occupied by the Germans. Next you will visit the military cemetery and hospital at Lijssenthoek. The visitor centre tells the story of this unique site, through the use of interactive exhibits. The afternoon is at leisure.

#### **COMINES · LILLE** DAY 6

Gala dinner

Excursion proposed:

• Set off by coach for Arras. The town has a rich concentration of history, architecture and heritage. Continue to Wellington Quarry<sup>(5)</sup>, an enormous underground network created to keep all the troops together in great numbers during the build up to the Allied offensive. After descending some 20-m in a glass lift, you will learn about the memorial to the Battle of Arras of 1917 through use of an audio guide. Afternoon spent cruising

#### DAY 7 LILLE

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

Formalities: You must have a valid passport to travel. Please note: Your passport must be valid for six months beyond the last day of your travels.

**NB:** For the safety of our passengers, the captain and crew of the boat may decide to modify the navigational itinerary.

Contact us for details of the programme for cruise ref. LIO\_PP, which has a different itinerary and excursion package.
 Depending on weather conditions.
 Good walking shoes are recommended for visiting the trenches.
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 Given that the "Last Post" takes place at 8:00 p.m. and then the return to the boat, dinner will be later than usual.
 So The temperature in Wellington Quarry is around 11°C, so warm clothing is therefore recommended. 2015 advance programme which may be subject to change.



**CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS** 

Visits to legendary artistic sites and places that inspired masterpieces: • The Château of Auvers-sur-Oise • The Marmottan Museum in Paris • The house of Claude Monet in

Guided thematic visit of Rouen
"La Route des Abbayes"

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES

CAUDEBEC-EN-CAUX

ROUEN

VERNO

oGiverny

SEINE

Honfleur and the "Côte d'Albâtre"
A "Guinguette" (French dance hall)

DISCOVER:

Giverny

evening

**FREE WIFI** 

Yport Etretat

HONFLEUR

CALVADOS

**PARIS** 



#### 7 - DAY CRUISE

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

## An impressionist view of the Seine

#### DAY 1 PARIS

Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation 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
    Visit the Marmottan museum in Paris
- DAY 3 PARIS · GIVERNY · In the footsteps of Claude Monet VERNON Second thematic presentation: "Claude Monet,

the Quintessence of Impressionism"
Excursion proposed:
Visit to the Claude Monet's house in Giverny

- DAY 4 ROUEN, in the footsteps of the Impressionists Morning spent cruising
  - Excursion proposed:
  - Thematic guided tour of Rouen, in the footsteps of the Impressionists

#### DAY 5 DUCLAIR · HONFLEUR

- Third thematic presentation: "The Geographic of Impressionism" Excursion proposed:
- Guided visit of the "Route des Abbayes" (Abbey Trail)
- DAY 6 HONFLEUR · ETRETAT · The Alabaster Coast
  - Excursions proposed: • Walking tour of Honfleur
  - Tour of the Alabaster Coast

#### DAY 7 HONFLEUR

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 56 and 57.

Formalities: you must have a valid identity card or passport valid for the duration of the holiday. Passengers from outside the EU should contact their Embassy or Consulate to ensure any essential paperwork is obtained before travelling. NB: CroisiEurope and the ship's captain reserve the right to modify the cruising itinerary to ensure the safe navigation of the vessel.





#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

DISCOVER:

- The legendary "Rhine in Flames"
- The chance to sample history, art and culture in Strasbourg, Koblenz, Rudesheim and Heidelberg

#### ALL MEALS INCLUDED UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES FREE WIFI

#### 5 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. RFL ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. RFL\_AIPP



## The Rhine in flames

#### DAY 1 STRASBOURG

Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Excursion proposed: • Canal boat tour of Strasbourg at night (depending on availability)

#### DAY 2 RUDESHEIM

- Excursions proposed:
- Set off by tourist train to visit Rüdesheim followed by a wine tasting session
- Guided tour of the mechanical music museum
- Free evening in the famous Drosselgasse

#### DAY 3 RUDESHEIM · KOBLENZ

Excursion proposed: • Visit the old town of Koblenz with our host/hostess Enjoy the Rhine in Flames show from the comfort of your ship

#### DAY 4 RUDESHEIM · MANNHEIM

Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit of Heidelberg Gala dinner

DAY 5 STRASBOURG Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 128 and 129.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate. NB: CroisiEurope and the ship's captain reserve the right to modify the cruising





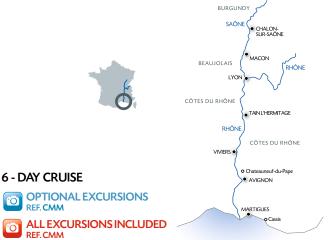


#### REF. SCC\_PP/CSC\_PP · 6 - DAY CRUISE Visiting the Great Cathedrals

(see details on page 125) STRASBOURG • SPEYER • MANNHEIM • WORMS • MAINZ COLOGNE







## Discover the fabulous world of vines and wine

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DAY 1	Lyon · CHALON-SUR-SAONE Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Evening of entertainment
DAY 2	<ul> <li>CHALON-SUR-SAONE • MACON • LYON</li> <li>Excursions proposed:</li> <li>Tour through the Burgundy vineyards followed by a wine- tasting at one of the best producers in the region</li> <li>Discover the Beaujolais vineyards with a visit to the famous Georges Duboeuf "wine village"</li> </ul>
DAY 3	LYON • TAIN L'HERMITAGE • VIVIERS Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Wine tasting in one of the fine wine cellars in Tain l'Hermitage
DAY 4	VIVIERS • CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE • AVIGNON Excursion proposed: • Stop at the Vivarais wineries for a wine-tasting at a local vintner • Guided visit of Chateauneuf-du-Pape followed by a wine tasting at one of the best local producers
DAY 5	AVIGNON • MARTIGUES Afternoon spent cruising led by a wine professional who will make with you a synthesis in the form of game. The winner will receive a prize. Gala dinner
DAY 6	MARTIGUES · Lyon Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

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#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

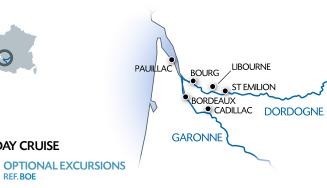
 Ref. CMM: transfers included on day 1 and 6 from and to Lyon

#### DISCOVER:

- An original cruise through the world of wine, Where Burgundy, Beaujolais, Côtes du Rhône, Côtes du Vivarais, Châteauneuf-du-Pape and Cassis are the stars (REF. CMM)
- Learn about the great wines of: Pauillac and the Médoc, and prestigious castles (REF. BOE)
- Château de Roquetaillade (REF. BOE)
- Sauternes wine country (REF. BOE)
- Saint Emilion, the underground life of a medieval city (REF. BOE)
- Bordeaux, "cultural site" with fine architectural heritage (REF. BOE)

#### ALL MEALS INCLUDED

FREE WIFI



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. BOE

5 - DAY CRUISE

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## Cruise through the heart of the Bordeaux vineyards

DAY 1	BORDEAUX
	Boarding from 6:00 p.m.
	Excursion proposed:
	<ul> <li>Guided visit of Bordeaux by night</li> </ul>
DAY 2	BORDEAUX · PAUILLAC
	Excursion proposed:
	<ul> <li>Tour to the Médoc castle road followed by a wine-tasting in one of the cru classé vineyards</li> </ul>
	Evening of entertainment provided by our crew
DAY 3	PAUILLAC · LIBOURNE · SAINT-EMILION · CADILLAC
	Excursion proposed:
	<ul> <li>Guided visit of the great Saint-Emilion vineyards</li> </ul>
	Afternoon spent cruising led by a wine professional who will
	make with you a synthesis in the form of game. The winner will receive a prize.
DAY 4	CADILLAC · BORDEAUX
	Excursions proposed:
	<ul> <li>Visit of Cadillac and the Roquetaillade Château</li> </ul>
	• Tour of the Sauternes vineyards followed by a wine-tasting in a "Château Cru Classé"
DAY 5	BORDEAUX
	Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 62 and 63.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals

are requested to consult their embassy or consulate. **NB:** please note that CroisiEurope and the ship's captain reserve the right to modify the cruising itinerary to ensure the safe navigation of the vessel. This cruise is dependent on the sea and tides and arrivals at stopovers may have to be adjusted accordingly.



#### 5 - DAY CRUISE

## The valleys of the Rhône and Saône

#### DAY 1 LYON

Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 2 LYON · TAIN L'HERMITAGE

- Morning spent cruising
- Excursion proposed:
- Wine tasting in one of the fine wine cellars in Tain l'Hermitage

#### DAY 3 TAIN L'HERMITAGE · VIENNE · LYON · COLLONGES Excursions proposed:

- Guided walking tour of Vienne
- Visit of Lyon
- Dinner at the Paul Bocuse restaurant the "Abbey of Collonges"  $^{\prime\prime}{}^{(1)}$

#### DAY 4 COLLONGES · MACON · BELLE VILLE · LYON

#### Excursion proposed:

 Tour to the Beaujolais vineyards and wine tasting in the "Hameau du Vin" Gala dinner

#### DAY 5 LYON

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on page 71.

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#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### DISCOVER:

- Dinner at the Abbey of Collonges, Paul Bocuse's temple of gastronomic excellence (REF. LLY)
- Discover the fine Côtes du Rhône and Beaujolais vineyards (REF. LLY)
- Lyon, Vienne, Mâcon, Tain l'Hermitage and many other towns to discover, or revisit (REF. LLY)
- Discover the cuisine of Marc Haeberlin and wines with Serge Dubs, the best sommelier in the world (REF. GAS)







#### 4 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. GAS



## Grand gastronomic cruise on the Rhine



DAY 1 STRASBOURG • RHINAU Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and presentation c

Welcome cocktail and presentation of the crew and team of chefs of our boat directed by Alain Bohn. Dinner prepared by our nine chefs! Evening of entertainment.

#### SAMPLE DINNER MENU

Fois gras with truffles on a bed of Sauterne wine jelly Crab tiramisu Russian quail purse in a périgourdine sauce Selection of cheeses with Espelette jelly (Bouton de Culotte, Sainte-Maure de Touraine, goat cheese with spices) Tanzanian amber with caramel and roasted peanuts

#### DAY 2 RHINAU · BREISACH

Tour to the famous Wine Route, with a visit to a wine cellar where you will be able to taste excellent vintages. Presentation of one of the greatest stars of French cuisine: Marc Haeberlin, 3 Stars Chef of the Auberge de l'Ill in Illhaeusern who will prepare dinner. Evening of entertainment.

#### DAY 3 BREISACH · STRASBOURG

Enjoy a wine tasting session on board with Serge Dubs, a connoisseur known throughout the world of wine named the World's Best Sommelier in 1989. In the afternoon, discovery of Breisach with our host/hostess. Gala dinner.

#### SAMPLE DINNER MENU

Sautéed duck liver in a plum and Ottrott red wine sauce Crawfish lasagna, creamy lobster soup with Parmesan crumble Lamb tournedos with flageolet bean stuffing in an herbal pastry, artichoke parmentière, Ras el hanout sauce. Saint-Marcellin refined with truffles Mango with fresh cheese; jasmine fondant cake with ivory sauce

DAY 4 STRASBOURG

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.



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NB: for navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary.





#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

DISCOVER: Discover Alsace through its traditions, its food and its wines

ALL MEALS INCLUDED UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES **FREE WIFI** 



GERMANY

SAINT-GOARSHAUSEN

NIERSTEIN

RHINE

MAINZ

### ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. SBS\_AIPP Grape harvest cruise on the Rhine

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** 

5 - DAY CRUISE

REF. SBS

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- DAY 1 **STRASBOURG** Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Evening of traditional Alsatian-style dancing
- STRASBOURG · BREISACH DAY 2 Visit of Strasbourg with our host/hostess (optional river boat tour, according to availability)
- BREISACH · MUNSTER · RIQUEWIHR · RIBEAUVILLE DAY 3 Discover the Alsace Region with our host/hostess and visit Eguisheim, a major wine-producing village; Munster and its famous cheese; and the renowned Alsatian wine trail. Traditional folklore entertainment

#### **BREISACH · STRASBOURG** DAY 4

Tour to the Wine Route and Colmar with our host/hostess. Lunch included (except beverages) Gala dinner



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FRANCE

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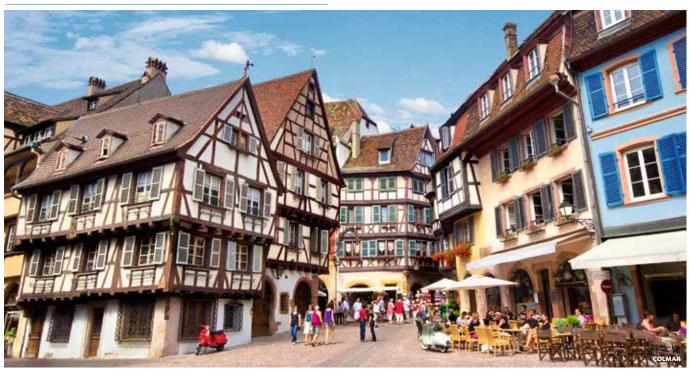
RUDESHEIM

STRASBOURG

#### DAY 5 **STRASBOURG** Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

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NB: for navigational reasons and passenger, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary.



## **HIKING CRUISES**



#### CROATIA From May 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 Ref. DRD

#### **ANDALOUSIA**

From March 31st to April 4th 2016 From November 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 Ref. SHF RAN

#### THE DOURO

From April 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 2016 From October 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 Ref ROP

#### THE BORDEAUX REGION

From April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 From September 11th to 16th 2016 Ref ROR

#### THE RHONE

From April 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> 2016

#### THE SEINE

From June 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 Ref RSF

#### THE RHINE **3 COUNTRIES**

From April 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 From October 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 Ref.SBA RAN

#### THE ROMANTIC RHINE

From October 12th to 17th 2016 Ref.RSC PP



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 "non-hiker" program.

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

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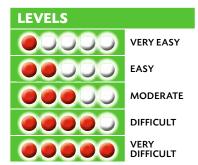
1 day of hiking = 8 days of health!

#### THE LEVELS **OF DIFFICULTY**

The activities proposed are two- to five-hour 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.



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#### EQUIPMENT YOU'LL NEED

#### BACKPACK

You must carry a backpack. In it, you'll need a sweater, rain gear, room for your picnic, a water bottle and sunscreen (extremely important when hiking in the mountains). Choose a solid bag that fits you well, with padded shoulder straps and strong, weather-resistant material. You will be responsible for carrying your own bag and gear at all times

#### SHOES

Verify that your shoes are right for you by trying them on and testing them before leaving on your trip. Regardless of the level of difficulty of the hike, the soles of your shoes must be high-quality, meaning sewn properly and non-skid on wide-ranging and wet ground. We recommend hiking boots with ankle support and soles that absorb shocks, which will help protect you against ankle, back and joint problems.

#### **CLOTHING**

- Hiking clothing must include:
- Undergarments providing warmth according to the hikes to be done
- Quick-dry, light-weight hiking pants
- Warm sweater · Rain coat or cape
- Hat for sun protection
- Light-weight gloves and a warm hat will be needed in the spring or fall seasons

#### **EQUIPMENT**

- Remember to bring: Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- · Personal first-aid kit
- Water bottle Toilet paper
- Pocket knife
- Telescopic hiking poles for those who are used to using them (recommended)

#### **FIRST-AID KIT**

Our guide will carry a first-aid kit on every hike. Nevertheless, you must also carry a personal first-aid kit with you with the following items (varies according to destination):

- Adhesive bandages Moleskin for blisters
- Analgesics
- Mosquito repellant
- Eye drops Anti-diarrheal
- And any personal prescriptions if you are under medical treatment

6 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. RSC\_PP CO ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

#### WALKING TOURS THE **ROMANTIC RHINE VALLEY -**WALKING TOURS EXPLORING ROMANESQUE ART

#### AND VINEYARDS

STRASBOURG • SPEYER • RUDESHEIM • ST GOARSHAUSEN • KOBLENZ • KŒNIGSWINTER • COLOGNE

#### 8 - DAY CRUISE

CO ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. WBB\_RAN\_AIPP

#### HIKING CRUISES IN THE FORMER AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN EMPIRE

VIENNA · MELK · DURNSTEIN · BRATISLAVA · KALOCSA · BUDAPEST · ESZTERGOM · VIENNA

#### 8 - DAY CRUISE

CO ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. ROP\_AIPP

#### WALKING TOURS PORTO - THE DOURO VALLEY (PORTUGAL) -SALAMANCA (SPAIN)

PORTO • REGUA • BARCA D'ALVA • FERRADOSA • BITETOS • PORTO

#### 6 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. LON 

#### WALKING TOURS THE RHONE VALLEY AND THE PROVENCAL RHONE

LYON • CHAVANAY • THE PILAT MOUNTAIN RANGE • AVIGNON • ARLES • THE ALPILLES VIVIERS • THE ARDECHE GORGES • VIENNE • LYON

#### 6 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. ROB ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. ROB\_AIPP

#### WALKING TOURS WALKING IN THE BORDEAUX REGION

BORDEAUX · PAUILLAC · BLAYE · CADILLAC · SAINT-EMILION · BORDEAUX

7 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. RVE/RSE CO ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. RVE/RSE\_AIPP

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#### WALKING TOURS DISCOVER THE SECRETS OF VENISE, THE LAGUNE ISLAND AND THE PÔ

VENICE · CHIOGGIA (or area) · TAGLIO DI PO · POLESELLA · VENICE

- ITINERARIES ONLY ON REQUEST -

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**THEME CRUISES** 

## GREAT RIVERS GREAT CIVILIZATIONS









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COASTAL CRUISES



#### 11 - DAY CRUISE

O REF. 13R PP

### From Angkor temples to the Mekong Delta

#### DAY 1 SIEM REAP · ANGKOR

Excursions:

- Visit the "Senteurs d'Angkor" (or perfume workshop)
- Visit the workshops of the "Artisans d'Angkor"
- Night spent in Tara hotel

#### DAY 2 SIEM REAP · ANGKOR

- Excursions:
- Visit Banteay Srei
- Visit Ta Prohm
- Explore Angkor Thom
- Visit the Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King
- Circus show
- Night spent in Tara hotel

#### SIEM REAP · TONLE SAP DAY 3

Boarding Excursion:

Visit the Angkor Wat temple

#### DAY 4 TONLE SAP · KAMPONG CHHNANG · KAMPONG TRALACH Excursions:

- Visit Kampong Chhnang Visit a floating village using small local boats

#### DAY 5 KAMPONG TRALACH · KOH CHEN · PHNOM PENH

- Excursions:
  - Visit the beautiful Vihara of the Wat Kampong Tralach Leu pagoda
  - Visit Koh Chen village and silver work
  - Visit Mr thom Umson's private school "Tuk tuk" trip

#### DAY 6 PHNOM PENH Excursions:

- Visit the Silver pagoda and Royal Palace
- Visit the National museum
- Visit the Tuol Svay Prey school S21

#### DAY 7 CHAU DOC · SA DEC

- Excursions:
  - Visit by small boat a fish farm
  - Visit to the top of the Sam hill

#### DAY 8 SA DEC · VINH LONG · CAI BE

Excursions:

 Visit Sa Dec: discover the local market and visit the former dwelling place of Huynh Thuy Le Visit Caï Be by local boat

HIGHLIGHTS

#### DISCOVER:

- Discover Ho Chi Minh City and the sites at Angkor
- Royal Palace in Phnom Penh
- Typical small villages





#### DAY 9 MY THO · HO CHI MINH CITY (SAIGON)

#### Excursion:

• Visit a beekeeping farm where we will taste honey, tea and exotic fruits

#### DAY 10 HO CHI MINH CITY

Excursions:

- · Visit of Ho Chi Minh City: Notre Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office
- Visit the National History museum
- Visit the market and the Thien Hau Pagoda, dedicated
- to the Goddess of the Sea
- Visit to a lacquer-ware factory

#### DAY 11 HO CHI MINH CITY

Excursion:

 Visiting Cholon whose name means "great market" Disembarkment

#### See excursion details on page 167.

**NB:** 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. The banks of the river on which we travel can be very steep and slippery, depending on the water levels.



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR



#### 4 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. 16H PP ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. 16H AIPP

### Ha Long bay extension (on demand) 4 days/3 nights

#### DAY 12 HO CHI MINH CITY · HANOI

Transfer to the Tan Son Nhat International Airport to catch a flight to Hanoi. Dinner and stay at the five-star Movenpick Hotel Hanoi, or similar accommodations.

#### DAY 13 HANOI

You'll enjoy breakfast at the hotel before spending the day on a **guided tour of the capital** with a **lunch and dinner in a local restaurant**. This evening, we'll watch a **traditional water puppetry show** and return to our hotel at the end of the evening.

#### DAY 14 HANOI · HA LONG BAY

Breakfast will be served at the hotel before you'll leave for Ha Long Bay (approx. 3.5 hours travel time). Visit one of the most beautiful cave. Enjoy a **junk cruise** and spend the night on board.

#### DAY 15 HA LONG BAY · HANOI

This morning, we'll continue our cruise through the bay and enjoy brunch on board. You'll disembark at 11:00 a.m. and begin your trip back to Hanoi. Before arriving, we'll stop off at the **Dinh Bang** communal hall. You'll have a light dinner before the end of our journey.

#### See excursion details on page 167.

Formalities: non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or conulate.



DISCOVER:

• Hanoi, historic heart of the nation Ha Long bay cruise, discovering its amazing landscapes







#### **Formalities**

Please contact the relevant authorities (Embassy or Consulate) for visa information. Please note: Your passport must be valid for six months beyond the last day of your travels.

#### **Health formalities**

This type of tour/cruise is not recommended for passengers with limited mobility. No lift on the ship. For North Vietnam extensions, from December to March, the weather can be chilly - even cold in Hanoi and in the Ha Long bay. Bring a polar or a windbreaker.

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-diarrhoea tablets, etc). Mosquito repellent is strongly recommended.

#### Currency

The currency aboard the RV Indochine ship is the US dollar (preferably in small denominations). During boarding, you could leave your credit card imprint so as to account for and pay all your on board expenses at the end of the cruise. You will be able to pay them by Us Dollars or Credit card (Visa or Mastercard).

#### Climate

The dry season lasts from December to April, but the atmosphere remains humid  $(77^{\circ}F to 95^{\circ}F)$ . During the rainy season which runs from May to October, there are frequent violent but short rainstorms which usually occur towards the end of the afternoon.

#### **Time difference**

Vietnam/Cambodia: 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 and 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

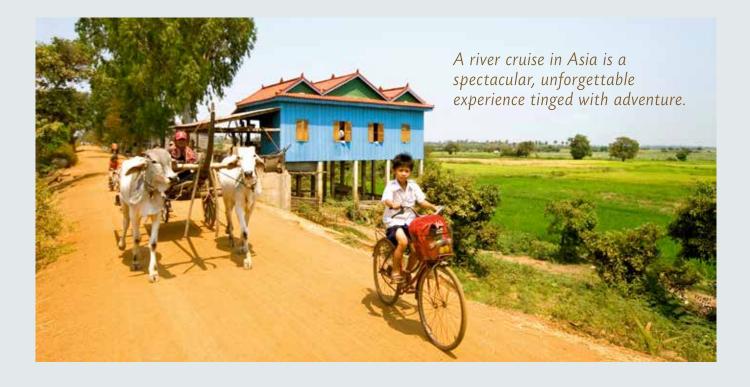
#### Food and meals

All products (fish, vegetables, fruits) cooked on board the MS Indochine, are fresh. Buffet breakfast and lunch. Table service for dinner. Asian and western cooking served in restaurants and hotels.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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MEKONG



## HA LONG BAY

Passengers taking the Ha Long bay trip have the option of leaving their luggage at the hotel or in the bus and only bringing a carry-on bag on the ship.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION** HALONG 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 the Halong bay on any given day.

Certain sites, such as Sung Sot Cave, have heavy, daily tourist traffic. The cruise on Halong 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.

The wet season is an interesting and very busy period. We can see farmers at work in the paddy fields with buffalos – everything is green and sites are less frequented.

AND NEW YEAR

## OUR EXCURSIONS

## MEKONG

#### SIEM REAP

#### Artisanat in Angkor

We'll visit the "Senteurs d'Angkor" perfume workshop. Here you'll discover weaving of sugar palm leaves, as well as the manufacture of soaps and candles, and the preparation of aromatic spices. You'll then continue on to visit the workshops of "Artisans 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 Śhiva–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 pink sandstone in the Angkor region. We'll then visit the temple of Ta Prohm, built in the late 12th century and still as it was found centuries later with trees growing out of the ruins. We'll enjoy a nice lunch, and in the afternoon we'll explore Angkor Thom, a vast architectural complex which can be accessed through five gates. At its center is the monumental temple of Bayon-famous for its towers and 172 faces of Avalokitesvara. We'll also see the Terrace of Elephants and Terrace of the Leper King. We'll end the afternoon tour with Phare, the Cambodian circus, and its exceptional acrobats and artists, finishing up with dinner in the city and a stroll through the night market.

#### ANGKOR WAT

We'll visit the Angkor Wat temple: the epitome of Khmer architectural art. It is the largest religious monument in the world and an architectural masterpiece.

#### KAMPONG CHHNANG

Kampong Chhnang is one of the largest fishing ports. The region is best known for its particularly archaic pottery that can be found throughout the country. We'll taste some palm sugar and visit the floating village on small boats.

#### KAMPONG TRALACH

Visit the beautiful Vihara of the Wat Kampong Tralach Leu pagoda. We'll get there by crossing 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.

#### KOH CHEN

Visit this small village, where the inhabitants are experts in etched and silvered copper work. The ornaments and decorations used during traditional ceremonies in the pagoda or for weddings are made here. We'll visit the private school of Mr. Thom Umson, a bright mathematics teacher. He always seems to need more pencils and notebooks for his students.

#### PHNOM PENH

#### One day in 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, a wooden construction from 1892, and subsequently rebuilt in 1962, and the Royal Palace, the symbolic heart of the nation and one of the finest examples of Cambodian architecture in classical Khmer style. Then we'll visit the National Museum built in 1917 by the French in traditional Khmer architectural style. We'll have lunch in a local restaurant and this afternoon we well visit the Tuol Svay Prey school S21, a former detention, torture and execution center used by the Khmer Rouge during the civil war. You'll have free time in the market, overflowing with all types of businesses.

#### Tuk Tuk tour

Tuk Tuk promenade - motorized tricycle discovering Phnon Penh most beautiful buildings: big arteries, pagodas and the wonderful Royal Palace.

#### CHAU DOC

This town situated at the border between Cambodia and Vietnam, became part of Vietnamese territory some 300 years ago. Situated in the heart of a gigantic grid of rice fields, the city of Chau Doc embraces both banks of the Mekong, 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 market surrounding them is the vibrant heart of the city and offers a multitude of colors. We'll transfer by small boat to visit a fish farm. We'll visit the top of Sam Mountain. We'll then return to Chau Doc and visit the Phat Thay Tay An Pagoda and the Ba Chua Xu Temple.



#### SA DEC

Panoramic tour of the town where a few colonial mansions still remain. You'll discover the local market and visit the former home of Huynh Thuy Le, 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 times.

#### CAI BE

We'll set off in boats through the orchards that lead to Caï Be. Here you'll discover brick makers and potters, fruit tree nurseries on the island of Binh Hoa Phuoc and also the local traditional craft of puffed rice and rice paper for making spring rolls. Other products include rice wine and coconut sweets, and all of these products are produced by the unique family businesses of the Delta's economy.

#### MY THO

We visit the islands close to My Tho. It is known for its many vegetable gardens and fruit orchards. The climate here 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. Board a sampan and discover the canals maze. We will visit a beekeeping farm where we will taste honey tea and exotic fruits.



#### HO CHI MINH CITY

■ One day in Saigon Guided visit of Ho Chi Minh City, originally named Saigon, and built by the French in 1850 at the beginning of French colonial times. It is the principal port of Vietnam. You'll discover: Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office. We'll have lunch in town before our afternoon visit of the National History museum then a visit to a lacquer-ware factory. You'll have free time to stroll around the Ben Thanh markets.

#### Morning in Saigon

Visit of Cholen, Chinese district teeming with people and where commerce is king. Discover its market, Thien Hâu pagoda - dedicated to the goddess of the sea and walk through herbalist's streets. Lunch in the city.

### Ha Long bay excursions

#### HANOI

You'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. Then we'll 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 is reached through a monumental gate known as the Great Portico. After our morning visit, we'll have lunch. Then, we'll discover the old quarter of the city by pedi-cab or electric car. Also known as the "36 Streets", the quarter reflects the different guilds concentrating their businesses along individual streets, with the street names reflecting the guilds that lived there. We'll finish up the afternoon with dinner in a local restaurant.

#### HA LONG BAY JUNK CRUISE We'll be welcomed aboard a 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 visit one of the most important grottos. We'll enjoy dinner and spend the night on board our 4-star junk or similar accommodations.



#### HIGHLIGHTS

#### DISCOVER:

- Discover Peru's Hidden Wonders
- **7-day/6-night cruise** on the **Amazon** and its tributaries onboard a **luxury ship**
- 4 days in the **Sacred Inca Valley**
- Explore legendary Machu Picchu
- Drinks included with meals
- 3-day extended option on Lake Titicaca



#### 14 - DAY CRUISE

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ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. 15L\_AIPP

### The Amazon River and Machu Picchu

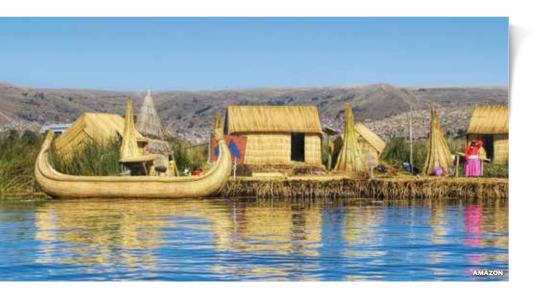
Peru is a veritable treasure of multiple riches. Lima, its capital, is a city full of rich flavors, unique experiences, and the magical union of the past and the present. You'll cruise through the heart of the Amazon Jungle, the largest tropical rainforest in the world, and spend 7 days discovering the region's amazing biodiversity. From Cusco to Machu Picchu, come learn about the remarkable history of this exotic land.

DAY 1	LIMA Night spent in a hotel
DAY 2	LIMA Excursion: • Discover Lima and its historic center, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site Night spent in a hotel
DAY 3	LIMA • IQUITOS Flight Lima-Iquitos • Boarding Excursions: • Tour of Iquitos, the bustling market, and the Iron House, a famous residence designed by Gustave Eiffel • Visit a manatee rescue center
DAY 4	MONKEY ISLAND · MOMON RIVER Excursions: • Explore Monkey Island Private Reserve • Visit a native Bora community at Momon River
DAY 5	TAHUAYO RIVER · YARAPA RIVER         Excursions:       • Tahuayo River to discover the boto, a freshwater river dolphin         • Walk through the forest along Yarapa River and creeks
DAY 6	CANO PIRANHA · SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY Excursions: • Explore the Caño Piranha on board excursion skiff • Visit some the local homes of the picturesque community of San Francisco • Casual jungle hike
DAY 7	YANAYACU RIVER BASIN • NAUTA CAÑO Nighttime safari Excursions: • Skiff excursion on Yana Yacu and Pucate River • Nauta Caño Nature Area • Jungle night activity

	SANTA ANA · IQUITOS Excursion: • Visit of Santa Ana Community
DAY 9	IQUITOS • LIMA • CUSCO • AWANAKANCHA • PISAC • YUCAY Disembarking Flight Iquitos/Cusco via Lima Excursion: • Discover Urubamba Valley and stop at Pisac, where we'll enjoy a panoramic tour Night spent in a hotel at Yucay
DAY 10	YUCAY • CHINCHERO • MARAS SALT PONDS OLLANTAY TAMBO • YUCAY Excursions: • Visit a pre-school in Yucay • Discover Chinchero, a small Andean Indian village • Discover Maras Salt Ponds • Discover Ollantaytambo Night spent in a hotel
DAY 11	YUCAY • OLLANTAYTAMBO • AGUAS CALIENTES MACHU PICCHU Excursions: • Panoramic train to Aguas Calientes • Discover the Machu Picchu Night spent in a hotel
DAY 12	AGUAS CALIENTES · CUSCO Excursions: • Train through Urubamba Valley • Visit the complex of Qenko and the impressive fortress of Saksaywaman • Discover the Inca Capital: Cusco Night spent in a hotel
DAY 13	CUSCO Excursion: • Visit of Cusco Farewell dinner Night spent in a hotel
	CUSCO · LIMA Flight Cusco-Lima

We cannot guarantee the presence or observation of wildlife in the Pacaya-Samaria National Reserve.
Depending on the on-site conditions, the visits and tours can be reorganized or modified.

This cruise and tour are not recommended for persons with reduced mobility nor for people who experience problems because of high altitudes.



16 - DAY CRUISE

REF. 17L\_PP

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED
 REF. 17L AIPP

### Lake Titicaca extension (on demand) 3 days/2 nights

The 3-day Lake Titicaca extended tour will take you to the highest lake in the world. Situated at over 12,000 feet above sea level, it is a sacred Inca place and an unforgettable experience for any visitor.

#### DAY 14 CUSCO · PUNO · LAKE TITICACA

#### Excursions:

- Coach departure to Puno
- Visit Andahuaylillas
- Discover the Raqchi archeological site
- Discover Sicuani and its colorful market
- Night spent in a hotel

#### DAY 15 LAKE TITICACA · UROS FLOATING ISLANDS

Excursion: • Visit by boat of the Uros floating Islands Free time in the afternoon

Night spent in a hotel

#### DAY 16 PUNO · SILLUSTANI · JULIACA · LIMA

- Excursion:
  - Visit of Sillustani, pre-Inca burial ground on the shores of Lake Umayo
  - Flight Juliaca-Lima



## ACCOMMODATION Casa Andina Private Collection Hotel in Puno\*\*\*\*<sup>NL</sup>

Nestled on the shores of the Titicaca Lake and you will enjoy a spectacular location with stunning views of the highest navigable lake in the world and admire the snow-capped mountains.

#### Services:

- Bar/Restaurant with a panoramic view on the lake and the garden
- Laundry service
- Massage
- Spacious terrace

- Private jet for excursion departures
- Spacious rooms
- Wi-Fi available



ALL MEALS INCLUDED

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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR PERU

#### **Formalities**

For French, Belgian and Swiss passengers: Your passport must be valid for six months beyond the date you enter the country, and it must contain at least one unstamped page.

For other nationalities: Please consult your competent authorities (consulate/embassy).

#### Health

This tour is not recommended for persons with reduced mobility nor for people who experience problems because of high altitudes.

Being vaccinated against yellow fever is strongly recommended. An antimalarial treatment is also recommended for the trip to the Amazon. Please consult your doctor before your travels about these two treatments. It is also advisable to be up to date with the following vaccinations: tetanus, polio, hepatitis A and B, diphtheria and typhoid fever. It is important you take any regular medications and basic first-aid supplies with you (aspirin, anti-diarrheal, vitamin C, disinfectants, adhesive bandages, sunscreen, personal medications, etc.), as well as a mosquito repellant.

#### Money-exchange rate

For the current exchange rates, please consult websites such as www.xe.com or www.onada. com/currency/converter.

ATMs accepting Visa, MasterCard and American Express can be found in all cities. You will be able to get cash at the official daily exchange rate, but you will be charged bank fees.

The currency accepted on board the Amazon Discovery is the US dollar. Payments can be made in cash, or by Visa or MasterCard. There is no currency exchange service on board.

#### Weather

On the coast, December to February are the hottest months (77° F - 86° F), while June to August are the coldest months (59° F - 68° F).

In the Andes, the rainy season is from December to April (68°F  $\cdot$  77° F). The dry season is from June to October. In general, days are hot and sunny, and nights are chilly to cold.

In the Amazon, humidity varies according to the season. From December to April wet season can experience brief, but violent, thunderstorms. The dry season is from June to August ( $86^{\circ}$  F -  $95^{\circ}$  F).

#### 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 and porters, etc.

Tips are included for the crew on the ship for the entire cruise.

#### Electricity

 $\ensuremath{\text{220}}\xspace$  volts - please bring the appropriate adapters and converters.



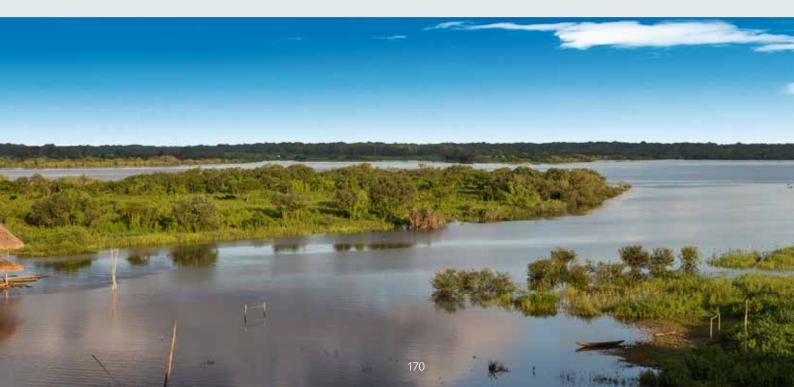
#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Our itinerary will bring you to altitudes of up to 10,800 feet (12,400 feet for the extended stay). Cusco 10,859 feet Machu Bicchu 7972 foot

Machu Picchu 7,972 feet Lake Titicaca 12,549 feet Altitude sickness, or soroche, can cause adaptation problems for people suffering from cardiac or respiratory problems. We have organized the trip so that you can acclimate yourself in steps; nevertheless, altitude sickness can happen at any time. It can include headaches, nausea, and loss of appetite. Please see your doctor for a checkup before your departure.

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In the Andes, the evenings and nights can be cool, even cold. We advise bringing a warm sweater and a windbreaker.



## OUR EXCURSIONS

## PERU

#### AGUAS CALIENTES - CUSCO

Transfer from the Urubamba Valley to Ollantaytambo by train. After lunch, transfer by bus to Cusco. On our way visit the archaeological com-plex of Qenko and the impressive fortress of Sak-saywaman. After our tours, we'll arrive in Cusco, the historic capital of the Inca Empire from the 13th to the 16<sup>th</sup> centuries until the Spanish conquest. In 1983, Cusco was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, and the city welcomes nearly 2 million visitors a year.

#### AMAZON HEADWATERS / SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY

Amazon Headwaters, skiff exploration at Caño Piranha or Marayali, San Francisco Community. This morning you awake in the historic place of the Peruvian Amazon where the Ucayali and Marañon rivers merge and give birth to the mighty Amazon River. After exploring the area, visit the community named San Francisco where you can stroll around the small village. You'll be warmly greeted by lots of happy and smiling children and an opportunity to visit the school (pending school in session). The local teacher will also be there to answer any questions you have. Meet the local townspeople in the arts and craft market, led by the village women and children.

#### CASUAL JUNGLE HIKE

Today we'll hike through this pristine and unique terra firme ecosystem, passing through a classic tropical rainforest with emergent trees and canopy trees reaching up to 55-meter in height. Many trees have buttress roots which often extend high up the trunks while palms are abundant and many of them have stilt roots. Biologically, this kind of forest is probably one of the richest habitats on earth, supporting the most species of plants and animals per unit area. Our target is the giant ceiba or kapok tree with its large diameter. We also find local medicinal plants and encounter them while hiking. This forest is also very good for spotting birds such as the bluish-fronted jacamar seen in pairs in middle and lower parts of forest edges, or collared trogons, red capped cardinals, etc.

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After breakfast, we'll begin our visit with a walk through the San Pedro Market and the famous Plaza de Armas with the Cathedral Basilica. We'll then continue on to the Koricancha, the most important temple in the Inca Empire, dedicated primarily to Inti, the Sun God. We'll have lunch in town. Enjoy some free time this afternoon in San Blas, Cusco's most atmospheric and picturesque neighborhood lined with artists' studios and crafts workshops.

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We'll have a panoramic city tour, remember that Iquitos is the farthest inland port that serves ocean vessels in the world. We'll pass thru the remains of wonderful houses that hosted "Rubber Barons" in the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. You'll see the Iron House, a famous residence designed by Gustave Eiffel that was built from metal sheets, and the bustling market.

We'll visit the Manatee Rescue Center, a fantastic project that is committed to save orphaned ma-natees and reinsert them in the wild. You'll learn about them

#### LIMA AND ITS HISTORIC CENTER

Discover the country's sprawling mega-capital and its historic center, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll visit the Basilica Cathedral and the ghostly Monastery of San Francisco, home to creepy and macabre catacombs, the Plaza Mayor, Plaza Saint-Martin and the Central Market. We'll have lunch in the city. In the afternoon, we'll visit the National Museum of the Archaeology, Anthropology, and History of Peru or the Museo Larco.

#### MONKEY ISLAND: PRIVATE RESERVE

Afterwards, we'll take a small boat to Monkey Island. Located down river is a Non Profit Organization who is dedicated to preserve and protect orphaned monkeys. Many of the monkeys on the island are found in local markets and are donated to this project. A 250ha island is home to 7 different species of monkeys of the Peruvian rainforest who roam in perfect freedom.

#### **NAUTA CANO**

At this time we'll have the chance to explore this small creek, its lagoons, and its wonderful dynamic and stunning panoramas. Cruising is the best way to experience the diversity of the wildlife that populates the rivers and their neighboring habitats. We'll sail quietly near shore, exploring marshes, streams and oxbows. On board our excursion skiffs, we'll head to a beautiful lake for a spectacular fishing spot, where we expect to catch some fish; the target will be "piranhas". During the rainier season, river flood and low forest have more than 1m (3 ft.) of water standing at the base of the trees. Flowering and fruiting time coincide with this flooding, fish including piranhas swim in among the base of the trees to devour the fruit or chew at their outer coverings. So the undeserved "super-carnivore" reputation of piranhas as a bloody thirsty fish is really exaggerated. There are 25 different species of piranha in the Amazon basin, black, white, red bellied.

#### NIGHT JUNGLE ACTIVITY

Once it is dark, you'll hear the second installment of the jungle symphony. Armed with powerful spotlights, we'll start our night safari in search of night herons, pauraques, spectacled owls, up to a dozen species of croaking from the river's edge, and fish bats flying over the water scooping up fish. Spectacled and black caimans are found in these pristine waters, and our guides will point them out to you. Stargazing at this time is unique while fireflies light up the jungle around us.

#### OLLANTAYTAMBO - AGUAS **CALIENTES - MACHU PICCHU**

Transfer to Aguas Calientes. The Vistadone train will take you to the foot of Machu Picchu by cros-sing through stunning landscapes. We'll have lunch in Aguas Calientes. Afterwards, we'll leave for Machu Picchu. 7000 feet above sea level, the Inca-built structure was unknown until its relatively recent discovery in 1911. At the end of our visit, we'll watch the sun set over the magnificent mountainscapes and return to Aguas Calientes by bus.

#### SANTA ANA COMMUNITY

Local arts and crafts market and performance by the local children. This morning interact with the local village people. The children will perform a local dance demonstrating about their traditions and beliefs. The parents will make music while sharing with you moments of joy and relaxation.

#### TAHUAYO RIVER - DISCOVER OF THE BOTO

You will have the chance to search for the most elusive and exotic fresh water pink river dolphin, medium sized, long snout and little or no dorsal fin you will see that they are really pink. This is a favorite feeding spot for these dolphins.

#### URUBAMBA VALLEY - PISAC

You'll be greeted by your guide and leave by coach for the Sacred Valley of the Incas, containing the many famous and beautiful Inca ruins. We'll first stop at Awanakancha, a small camelid farm dedicated to these animals and intricate textiles produced from their wool. The items the farm produces and sells are unique and very different from the standard souvenirs you find elsewhere. We'll continue on the winding roads through the Urubamba Valley and stop at Pisac, where we'll enjoy a panoramic tour. Afterwards, we'll continue on to the small village of Yucay where we we spend the night.

#### VISIT OF THE NATIVE BORAS **COMMUNITY AT MOMON RIVER**

The Bora are predominantly animists who believe that there is no difference between the spiritual and physical world. They have gone to great lengths to maintain their culture and language by ensuring it is passed down to their children. Bora ceremo nies feature dancing and six-foot batons decorated with shells pounded in unison on the ground. We'll meet them at their "Maloca" ceremonial place and see an example of their ceremonial dance. We'll also see the large range of crafts produced by the inhabitants.

#### YANAYACU AND PUCATE RIVER (Protected Area within the Pacaya Samiria Reserve)

Never does nature seem more beautiful than in the tropics. This morning you'll have the chance to explore one of the main sites of the National Reserve. Wonderful opportunities await to view wildlife and plant life

On board skiffs we'll have the chance to get deep into the rainforest and its fantastic diversity of flora and fauna. You'll have the opportunity to view a myriad bird species, colorful butterflies and other diverse insect's, noisy monkey troops and active pink and grey river dolphins. Enjoy the black river waters and discover this mysterious and bountiful destination.

#### YARAPA RIVER AND CREEKS

Along Yarapa River, you'll explore its shores and small creeks in search of rare and unusual Amazonian wildlife. Small monkeys, birds, and iguanas are just some of the creatures on our list. Tropical flowers and plants grow wild along the riverbanks, allowing you to witness the marvelous dynamics of the Amazon Rainforest.

#### YUCAY - CHINCHERO - MARAS **OLLANTAYTAMBO**

After breakfast, our day will begin by visiting a pre-school in Yucay and meet the children and teacher. We'll then head to Chinchero, a small village located high up on the windswept plains of Anta. Enjoy some free time discovering the village and strolling through the local market. Our next stop will be the Maras salt ponds. Used since Inca times, these thousands of uneven, square-shaped ponds collect water for harvesting salt. We'll then travel to Ollantay tambo, dominated by two massive Inca ruins and the best surviving example of Inca city. Visit of its Sun Temple and unfinished fortress.

#### FULL DAY EXCURSION **FROM CUSCO TO PUNO**

Travel through amazing Andean landscapes along the Altiplano. Visit Andahuaylillas, a small town featuring a historical church described as the "Sistine Chapel of America". Built by the Jesuits, it's simple on the outside but extremely dramatic and decorative on the inside. Stop at the Ragchi archeological site. Lunch, visit of Sicuani and its colorful market. Puno, a port city at an altitude of over 12,000 feet on the shores of Lake Titicaca.

#### LAKE TITICACA **UROS FLOATING ISLANDS**

Full-day excursion on Lake Titicaca. Visit the Uros, who live on islands made of living reeds that float around the lake. They have been living on the lake for hundreds of years and were forced to take up residence on the floating islands when the Incas expanded onto their land. We'll boat around the islands and meet several families. Lunch will be served to us in a native home. Return to Puno.

#### SILLUSTANI

As we are traveling to the airport in Juliaca, we'll stop off for a quick visit of Sillustani, pre-Inca burial ground on the shores of Lake Umayo. The creators of the imposing burial towers, known as the Kolla people, occupied the area before the Inca domination. Strategically positioned on the top of a peninsula surrounded by the beautiful Umayo Lagoon, visitors can enjoy stunning highland landscapes and imposing ancient architecture.



#### 8 - DAY CRUISE (opposite direction)

REF. 8MS\_PP/8PM\_PP

CO ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. 8MS\_AIPP/8PM\_AIPP

## Eternal Volga From Moscow to Saint Petersburg



DAY 1	MOSCOW Boarding from 5:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
DAY 2	MOSCOW Excursions: • Panoramic tour of Moscow • Visit the Kremlin and the Red Square
DAY 3	UGLICH Morning spent cruising Excursion: • Visit Uglich, the Church of St Dimitri and Cathedral of Transfiguration
DAY 4	GORITSKY Morning spent cruising Excursion: • Discover the Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery
DAY 5	KIZHI Morning spent cruising • Classical music concert and a display of Russian traditional dress Excursion: • Stroll through this open-air museum: Kizhi
DAY 6	MANDROGI Excursion: • Free time to explore this village and its many tourist attractions Captain dinner



#### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### DISCOVER:

- 7 nights aboard premium ship
- Daily sightseeing
- Visit to the Kremlin and the Red Square in Moscow
- Visit to the magnificent **Hermitage** and the **Peter and Paul Fortress in Saint Petersburg**
- Fascinating lectures about **Russian** history and politics
- Diverse range of activities aboard the Rostropovitch

LAKE

UGUTCH

MOSCOW

MANDROGI

LAKE

BLANC

GORITSKY

DE RYBINSK

LAKE

VOLGA



LAKE

SAINTPETERSBURG

RUSSIA



- Excursions:
- Panoramic tour of Saint Petersburg
- Visit the Peter and Paul Fortress
- Visit the Hermitage
- DAY 8 SAINT PETERSBURG Disembark around 9:00 a.m.
- See excursion details on page 175.

**NB:** 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, Ref. 8MS\_AIPP



## PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR VOLGA

#### **Formalities**

Passengers should contact their Embassy or Consulate to ensure any essential paperwork is obtained before travelling. There are no compulsory vaccinations required although inoculation against diphtheria is strongly recommended.

#### **Health formalities**

We would like to remind passengers with limited mobility that there are no lifts on board the ships and that many of the visits and excursions are on foot.

There are no compulsory vaccinations required although inoculation against diphtheria is strongly recommended. However, it is important to bring with you your regular medication (Aspirin, antidiarrheal,...).

#### **Currency and changing**

#### money

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 but we do not recommend Travellers' Cheques as you will have difficulty exchanging them for currency or goods. Optional excursions, drinks, and personal expenses on board are only payable in Roubles or with international credit card.

#### Climate

Russia: 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. By very early June, it is already summer; hot during the day and often stormy in Moscow but more temperate on the shores of the Baltic and in Saint Petersburg, where the "White Nights" can be quite cool. Autumn arrives early. 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...) are included.

Tips for guides are not included.

#### Electricity

220 Volts - adaptor is required (NB: UK visitors will require a standard European adaptor).

#### **IMPORTANT INFOMATION**

VOLGA

#### USEFUL INFORMATION

#### **Excursions**

Minimum of 30 participants. The excursion descriptions are non-binding.

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 excursions. Frequent traffic jams in Moscow and Saint Petersburg can disturb the sequence of certain excursions.





## OUR EXCURSIONS

## VOLGA

#### **GORITSKY** LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll visit the Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery, founded in the 14<sup>th</sup> century by Cyril of Beloozero, one of the oldest monasteries in Russia. It is home to a rich collection of ancient icons. Departure by coach to visit the Monastery of St Cyril of the White Lake. This monastery was founded in the 14<sup>th</sup> century by the monk Cyril, an exceptionally pious monk who was appointed archimandrite of the St Simeon 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. The name of the fortress refers to Belozersk, which is situated on the White Lake near the town of Kirillov on the territory of the Principality of Belozersk. At the beginning, the monastery was made up of wooden houses and a wooden church surrounded by ramparts, and it served to protect Muscovy against incursions by the inhabitants of the Republic of Novgorod and at the same time was a trading centuries with the regions to the North, especially for salt and fish. But gradually the monastery began to take on the air of a fortress, then a place dedicated to religious worship, made up of a vast collection of fortified, cultural and domestic structures. Return to the boat.

#### 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, barns and racks for drying crops. The gem of this collection is the 22-domed Church of the Transfiguration of Our Savior, covered with golden leaves and religious portraits. Nearby, the Church of the Intercession of Holy Mary and the bell tower emphasize the harmony and magnificence of this outstanding display.

#### **MANDROGI** LENGTH: 3 hours

We will stop in Mandrogi where you will have some free time to explore this village and its many tourist attractions. You will discover colorful izbas, the Vodka Museum and traditional artisanal crafts. Enjoy a typical lunch while listening to some traditional music. By the side of the Svir, mid-way between Lake Ladoga and Lake Onega,



on the waterway that connects the two, Mandrogi was founded in 1996. It is a tourist village built in pure Russian tradition to illustrate rural life in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. You will see a succession of traditional isbas with windows decorated with lacy carved wood. Mandrogi is full of things to see and do, including Matrioshka painters and craftsmen of every type. You will be able to try Russian culinary specialities including "shashliks", Russian kebabs and artists at an open-air lunch.

#### PANORAMIC TOUR OF MOSCOW LENGTH: 5.5 hours.

We'll visit the Kremlin, the former residence of the tsars and take a stroll around the Cathedral Square where you will come across the most ancient monuments. You will visit one of the cathedrals. We'll pass by the Red Square, a space cleared by Ivan the Great and developed by Ivan the Terrible, which is now the historic and political center of Russia. We'll then stop by the celebrated GUM department store.



## PANORAMIC TOUR OF SAINT-PETERSBURG LENGTH: 7 hours.

Enjoy a panoramic tour of Saint Petersburg: Nevsky Prospect, the city's principal commercial street, the imposing Saint Isaac's Cathedral and the Rostral Columns. We'll visit the Peter and Paul Fortress and its cathedral which is the final resting place for all tsars since Peter the Great. We'll visit the historical center of Saint Petersburg, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll see several buildings making up this historical site including the Hermitage, the tsars' former Winter Palace.

#### UGLICH

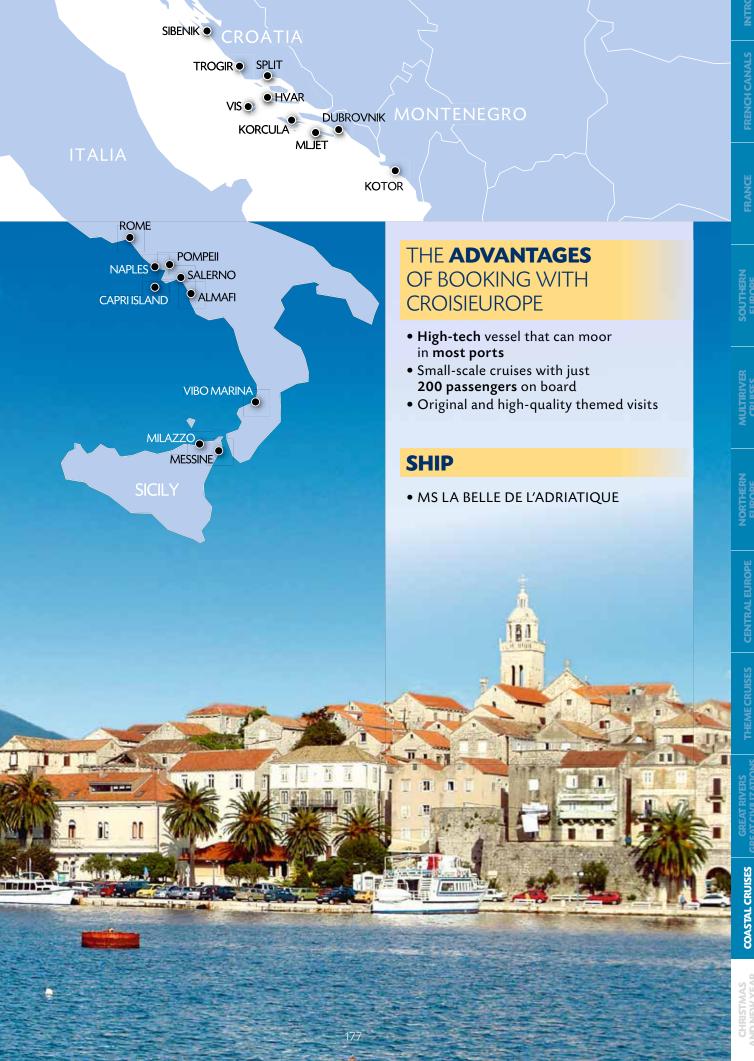
#### LENGTH: 3 hours.

We'll visit this historic town - first settled along the banks of the Volga River in 937. It is considered one of the most treasurable towns of the Golden Ring due to the number of buildings with ancient architecture. After Ivan the Terrible's death, Uglich was the stage for the banishment and subsequent death of Ivan's youngest son, Tsarevich Dmitry, which precipitated the era known as the Time of Troubles in the late 16<sup>th</sup> and early 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. We'll visit the Uglich Kremlin, and the Church of Saint Dmitry on the Blood with its red walls, snowwhite moldings and bright blue domes. The church was constructed under Peter the Great on the place where Tsarevich Dmitry died. We'll then visit the Cathedral of the Transfiguration - a large, greendomed, yellow and white building constructed in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century. The inside is one large vault covered with both frescoes and painted icons.



# COASTAL CRUISES



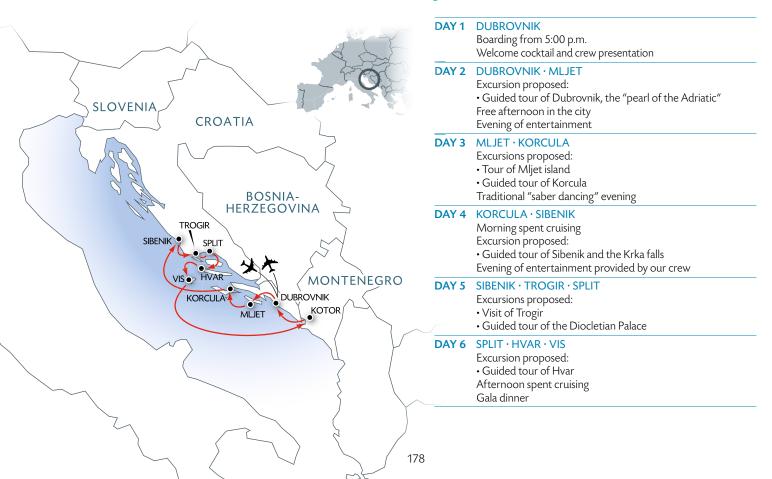




#### 8 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. DHD\_PP ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. DHD\_AIPP

## Croatia and Montenegro: the Adriatic, its enchanting islands and the Kotor Estuary





## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

DISCOVER:

- Dazzling landscapes
- Architectural diversity in the pure Veneto-Byzantine tradition
- The paradisial beauty of the islands of **Mljet**, **Korcula**, **Vis** and **Hvar**

ALL MEALS INCLUDED UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES FREE WIFI

### DAY 7 KOTOR • DUBROVNIK Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Kotor Afternoon spent cruising

## DAY 8 DUBROVNIK

Disembark around 9.00 a.m.

## See excursion details on pages 182 and 183.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

**NB:** the imperatives of navigation related to meteorological conditions may disrupt the itineraries and, in some cases, ports of call may be cancelled. If this is the case, CroisiEurope will strive to find the most suitable solution to meet the expectations of its passengers. For reasons of navigational safety, the captain and crew of the boat alone may decide to modify the cruise itinerary.







OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. NAP\_PP CO ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED REF. NAP\_AIPP

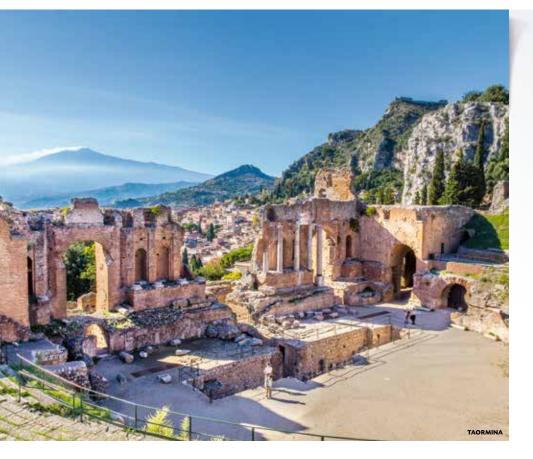
# Naples, the Almalfi Coast, Aeolian islands, Sicily and Calabria

DAY 1 NAPLES



	Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
DAY 2	NAPLES Excursions proposed: • Visit of Pompeii or Herculaneum • Guided tour of Naples "Neapolitan theme" evening
DAY 3	The Aeolian islands • MILAZZO Morning spent cruising along the Aeolian islands <sup>(1)</sup> Excursion proposed: • Discover Tindari Evening of entertainment
DAY 4	MESSINE (Sicily) Excursion proposed: • Day trip (lunch included) to Mount Etna and Taormina <sup>(2)</sup> Sicilian themed evening
DAY 5	VIBO MARINA · Calabria Excursion proposed: • Day trip (lunch included) to Calabria. Enjoy a tasting of some local delicacies. Evening of entertainment provided by our crew





## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

## DISCOVER:

- The flavors of Italy with tastings of regional products and themed evenings
- Discover the beauty of the **South of Italy**. Enjoy the landscape lapped by the splendid crystal-clear Ionian and Tyrrhenian Seas
- The wild and mysterious natural surroundings, the intense and **authentic flavors of the local food**, the picturesque towns and **exceptional archeological** sites make this a unique place where your wildest dreams will come true

# ALL MEALS INCLUDED UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES FREE WIFI

### DAY 6 SALERNO · The Almalfi Coast

Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed:

• Visit the villages along the Amalfi Coast Gala dinner

## DAY 7 NAPLES · Capri · Anacapri · NAPLES

Excursion proposed:

• Full-day visit to Capri and Anacapri (lunch included)<sup>(1)</sup> Traditional folklore entertainment

DAY 8 NAPLES

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

### See excursion details on pages 182 and 183.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

NB: 2015 PRE-CRUISE PROGRAM (subject to changes) Warning: 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.

(1) Subject to favorable weather conditions.

(2) Possibility to do the excursion in half day, either the Mount Etna excursion, either the Taormina excursion, lunch included and in the afternoon free time in Messina.





## OUR EXCURSIONS

## **COASTAL CRUISES**



#### CALABRIA TROPEA **CAPO VATICANO AND PIZZO LENGTH: 5 hours**

Discover Calabria - the "toe of the boot" on the extreme southern tip of Italy - lapped by the splendid crystal-clear Ionian and Tyrrhenian Seas. The Strait of Messina separates mainland Italy from Sicily. Leaving from Vibo Marina, we'll begin our visit with 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. We'll see the marvelous cathedral and the Benedictine Sanctuary of Santa Maria dell'Isola. The sanctuary is on a rocky outcrop surrounded by the beach and sparkling sea and it's not hard to understand why it's one of the city's most photographed attractions. We'll enjoy a tasting of regional products such as bruschetta, local cheese and wine. We'll continue our journey along the coast to Capo Vaticano, formed by a particular whitegray granite and a great place to take photos. Then we'll continue on to Pizzo, a busy local town and holiday destination, particularly famous for is chocolate and hazelnut ice cream cakes. The center of Pizzo is a picturesque network of narrow lanes bustling with modern Calabrian life. Here, you'll also discover Chiesetta di Piedigrotta, a church dug out of a cave. The interior is decorated with statues carved from the rock by a local family

in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. We'll return to Vibo Marina.

## CRUISE REF. NAP\_PP, pages 180 and 181.

#### CAPRI & ANACAPRI (lunch included) LENGTH: 7.75 hours

We'll leave Naples on a hydrofoil, the quickest way to get to the beautiful island of Capri. During our mini-cruise, you'll be able take in the magnificent When we arrive on the island, we'll take a minibus to the village of Anacapri. We'll visit the Villa San Michele, a picturesque 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 villas 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 theater of the world". We'll have lunch in a local restaurant. 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.

CRUISE REF. NAP\_PP, pages 180 and 181.



#### LENGTH: 3.75 hours

The former Republic of Ragusa is famous for its medieval walls and its wide variety of historical architecture. You'll visit: the Dominican Friary, its lovely Gothic cloister, and its extraordinay museum of religious art - with several valuable paintings, including a triptuch by Nikola Bozidarevic. You'll the 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 Onofrio's Fountains and Sponza Palace, a superb Gothic-Renaissance structure. CRUISE REF. DHD\_PP, pages 178 and 179.

### 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.

CRUISE REF. NAP\_PP, pages 180 and 181.

### HVAR

### LENGTH: 2 hours

Hvar is known as the queen of the Croatian Dalmatian islands and is lined with vast fields of lavender, ancient olive trees and vineyards. You'll tour the Franciscan monastery and its exceptional collection of of old masters, and the Renaissance-

style exterior of Saint Stephen Cathedral combined with its baroque-style interior. CRUISE REF. DHD\_PP, pages 178 and 179.

#### KORCULA LENGTH: 2.5 hours

Korcula is Croatia's greenest island - with its Mediterranean vegetation, emerald and sapphire sea, sandy shoreline and a wealth of underwater sea life. We'll visit the island on foot starting with the Cathedral Sveti Marko, the most important building in the old town. The cathedral's 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 cultural and commercial milestones from prehistoric times to the present.

CRUISE REF. DHD\_PP, pages 178 and 179.

## **KOTOR**

## **LENGTH: 2 hours**

It is estimated that Kotor owns 70% of the historic and cultural monuments of Montenegro. That is why Kotor is classed as a world heritage site by UNESCO. Founded by the Romans on the Adriatic coast in Montenegro, Kotor developed into an important commercial and artistic center in the Middle Ages. You'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. Then you'll visit the maritime museum in the Grgurina Palace and its collection showing the development of past maritime and cultural activities.

CRUISE REF. DHD\_PP, pages 178 and 179.

## MLJET

#### LENGTH: 3.25 hours

Amongst all the islands of Mediterranean, Mljet is the most attractive. The island is covered by forest (72%) and has preserved a wild appearance. The Croatia's greenest island is famous for its white and red wine, olives and goat cheese. One island legend claims that Odysseus spent seven years here on his way home from the Trojan War. After having followed a walkway with your guide, you will board on boats that will take you to the Benedictine monastery of the 12<sup>th</sup> century, located in the middle of Veliko Jezero, a salt lake located in the national park of Mljet. The monastery sits proudly among the Aleppo pines, surrounded by sandy beaches. We'll return by boat and on foot once our tour has finished.

CRUISE REF. DHD\_PP, pages 178 and 179.

#### MOUNT ETNA AND TAORMINA LENGTH: 8.5 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 7.000m, 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. It was here that a D.H. Lawrence was inspired to write Lady Chatterly's Lover. Taormina has endlessly winding medieval streets and tiny passages, each with its own secret: great restaurants, cafés and ice cream bars. 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 13<sup>th</sup> century Cathedral of Saint Nicolò, the 16<sup>th</sup> century Palace of the Dukes of Saint Stefano, the "Badia Vecchia" (Ancient Abbey) and many other sites. The highlight of this visit will no doubt be the tour of the amphitheater 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. The theatre is still the site of performances during summer. Enjoy some free time on the famous Corso Umberto before returning to the ship in Messina.

CRUISE REF. NAP\_PP, pages 180 and 181.

#### NAPLES LENGTH: 4.5 hours

Naples is Italy's third largest city and one of its oldest, most artistic and most delicious. Naples might seem anarchic, tattered and unloved, but look beyond and you'll find a city of breathtaking frescoes, sculptures and panoramas. The area is loomed over by Mt. Vesuvius and overlooks a marvelous bay, whose beauty has served as driving inspiration for many an artist. The multitude of sites will excite every type of visitor: from the art and history enthusiast to the nature and sea lover. We'll leave on a panoramic tour of the city by coach, and you'll be able to discover the Royal Palace, the San Carlo Theater, and the Castel Nuovo. We'll continue on foot through the medieval center, where you can admire the Galleria Umberto I and the Basilica Reale San Francesco di Paola. We'll take the Bourbon Tunnel, a never-completed escape route that is part of the aqueduct system. Lastly, we'll visit the Cappella Sansevero containing the masterpiece Veiled Christ, renowned world over for the remarkable tissue-like quality of the marble. Enjoy some time on your own before returning to the ship.

CRUISE REF. NAP\_PP, pages 180 and 181.

## 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 last moments.Enjoy some free time before returning to Naples.

CRUISE REF. NAP\_PP, pages 180 and 181.

#### SIBENIK AND THE KRKA FALLS **LENGTH: 4 hours**

Sibenik is in the central part of the Croatian Adriatic Coast, in the picturesque and indented bay where the Krka River enters the sea. Discover this gorgeous city while strolling down its 15th and 16th centuries streets. We'll also visit the St. James' Cathedral, classified in the global heritage by the UNESCO and built over more than a century ago entirely out of stone. Afterwards, we'll then leave for 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. We'll return to Sibenik by coach. CRUISE REF. DHD\_PP, pages 178 and 179.

## SPLIT AND DIOCLETIAN'S PALACE

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. You will visit in particular Diocletian's Palace, built by a simple soldier who became Emperor. Diocletian chose to end his days in this palace after his abdication in 305 AD. You will also see the Temple of Jupiter and the Cathedral built on the site of the mausoleum. CRUISE REF. DHD\_PP, pages 178 and 179.

#### THE ALMALFI COAST **SORRENTO AND AMALFI** LENGTH: 4.5 hours

The Amalfi Coast is a captivating combination of great beauty and gripping drama: coastal mountains dotted with picturesque towns and lush 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. Our first stop will be Sorrento and its extraordinary gardens and landscapes. We'll be able to admire the Sedile Dominova - a picturesque open loggia with expansive arches originally constructed in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. We'll enjoy a tasting of some local farm products (an assortment of bruschetta, mozzarella, Italian cold cuts, and Limoncello). CRUISE REF. NAP\_PP, pages 180 and 181.

#### TINDARI **LENGTH: 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 8<sup>th</sup> century Byzantine Iconoclast movement. You'll learn about the other legends surrounding the statue during our visit

CRUISE REF. NAP\_PP, pages 180 and 181.

### TROGIR

LENGTH: 3.25 hours

Erected on the island that it recovers, Trogir is a little jewel with intricate alleyways, enamelled with stairways and vaulted passages. Its treasures of Roman and Renaissance architecture have led the town to be classified in the global heritage by the UNESCO. You'll be able to discover the superb Cathedral of St. Lawrence and its remarkable interior. Long considered one of the best spots to visit on the Dalmatian coast, Trogir is a treasure trove of delights. Visit also the city hall and the old town.

CRUISE REF. DHD\_PP, pages 178 and 179.







REF. MNA

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS



## Christmas in Alsace The Potters' trail and show at the Royal Palace

## DAY 1 STRASBOURG

Board from 6:00 p.m.

Welcome cocktail and crew presentation

- DAY 2 THE POTTERS' VILLAGES · KIRRWILLER
  - Excursions proposed: • Potters' villages tour in Northern Alsace
  - Lunch and dancing at the Royal Palace in Ki
  - Lunch and dancing at the Royal Palace in Kirrwiller, followed by a variety show in the Music Hall Theatre
- DAY 3 STRASBOURG, the capital of Christmas Excursion proposed: • Tour of Strasbourg and its Christmas markets
- DAY 4 STRASBOURG Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

## See excursion details on page 202.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

**NB:** valid only Tuesday, on Wednesday and Thursday. For the optimum organisation of your voyage, the direction of the tours may be reversed. For the cruise from 2015.11.29 to 2015.12.02, the excursions of the D2 and the D3 will be reversed.



## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

### DISCOVER:

- Come and explore the colorful and rich Christmas markets and holiday traditions of Alsace
- Taste the local wines, meander through the small shops and cheerfully decorated streets
- For 500 years, the Alsace region has been at the heart of the Christmas season with its famous Christmas markets. Discover this popular tradition (REF.MNA)

# ALL MEALS INCLUDED



## 4 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. MNO

## Christmas market in Alsace

## DAY 1 STRASBOURG

Board from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation

### DAY 2 COLMAR

- Excursions proposed:
- Wine route with its picturesque villages
- Visit a wine cellar followed by a tasting of local Alsatian wines
- Exploring the Christmas Market and the old Colmar

## DAY 3 STRASBOURG

- Excursion proposed: • Tour of the old Strasbourg and its Christmas market
- Discover the city Christmas illuminations

## DAY 4 STRASBOURG

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

## See excursion details on page 202.

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Christmas market in the heart of the

Dorotheenhütte in the heart of the

market in lovely Freiburg (REF. MNC)

Strasbourg, the European capital Nuremberg, the "Christmas city" Rüdesheim, and the Christmas market of nations (REF. MNN)

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

ST GOARSHAUSEN

FREIBURG

MAINZ

RHINE

GERMANY

Nuremberg

**FREE WIFI** 

RUDESHEIM

FRANCE

STRASBOURG

Colmar

old town (REF. MNC)

Black Forest (REF. MNC)



## 4 - DAY CRUISE



## Christmas in Alsace and the Black Forest

DAY 1	STRASBOURG
	Boarding from 6:00 p.m.
	Welcome cocktail and crew presentation

DAY 2 STRASBOURG · BREISACH

## Excursions proposed:

- Discover Colmar and its Christmas market
- Stop in a wine cellar and tasting in a village located on the wine trail

## Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 3 **BREISACH · STRASBOURG**

- Excursions proposed:
- Discover the Black Forest and Freiburg Christmas Market
- · Visit a cuckoo clock manufacturing workshop and the Dorotheenhütte in Wolfach, a glassblowing workshop and its traditional glassblowing

#### STRASBOURG DAY 4

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.



See excursion details on page 202.

## 4 - DAY CRUISE

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** 6 **REF. MNN** 

## Christmas markets cruise

DAY 1	STRASBOURG Boarding from 11:00 a.m. Excursion proposed: • Visit of Strasbourg's old Town and its Christmas markets located on the place Broglie and around the cathedral Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
DAY 2	ST GOARSHAUSEN • RUDESHEIM Morning spent cruising Free time in the Christmas market of Rüdesheim Gala dinner
DAY 3	RUDESHEIM • MAINZ • NUREMBERG • STRASBOURG Excursion proposed: • Visit Nuremberg – the "Christmas city" – and its famous Christmas market
DAY 4	STRASBOURG Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

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## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

### DISCOVER:

- Atmosphere particularly warm, colourful, delicious and festive (REF. BAB)
- Brussels and Antwerp radiate a thousand lights (REF. BAB)
- Imperial Vienna (REF. MVI)
- **Budapest,** the two thousand year old city (REF. MVI)
- Bratislava and its unique charm (REF. MVI)



**FREE WIFI** 

**SLÓVAKIA** 

BRATISLAVA



## 4 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. BAB

## Christmas market in Belgium

DAY 1	BRUSSELS Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Evening of entertainment
DAY 2	BRUSSELS Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of Brussels • Tour of the Christmas market in Brussels with its craftpeople
DAY 3	<ul> <li>BRUSSELS · ANTWERP · BRUGES · BRUSSELS</li> <li>Excursions proposed:</li> <li>Guided tour of the cathedral of Antwerp and continuation through the diamond-cutter district</li> <li>Discover Bruges and its Christmas market</li> </ul>
DAY 4	BRUSSELS Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

AUSTRIA HUNGARY 5 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. MVI

**VIENNA** •

DANUBE

## Taking in 3 countries The Danube and its traditions

	Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation "Austrian theme" dinner
DAY 2	VIENNA • BUDAPEST Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Vienna and its Christmas market Afternoon spent cruising Evening of entertainment
DAY 3	BUDAPEST Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Budapest Free time to discover Budapest at your own pace Evening of entertainment
DAY 4	BRATISLAVA Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Bratislava and its Christmas market Gala dinner
DAY 5	VIENNA Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

### See excursion details on page 203.

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## 4 - DAY CRUISE



## **Christmas Markets** in the Seine Valley

DAY 1 ROUEN Boarding from 7:00 p.m.

Welcome cocktail and crew presentation

## DAY 2 ROUEN · LE HAVRE

Excursion proposed:

Guided visit of Rouen

Free time to visit the Christmas market Afternoon spent cruising

## DAY 3 LE HAVRE · ROUEN

- Excursions proposed: · Discover the Apreval Manoir, a familyrun cider and Calvados manufacturing
- domaine<sup>(1)</sup>
- Tour of Honfleur
- · Guided walking tour of Le Havre on the theme of Christmas

## DAY 4 ROUEN

Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

#### See excursion details on pages 204 and 205.

Formalities: you must have a valid identity card or pass-port valid for the duration of the holiday. Passengers from outside the EU should contact their Embassy or Consulate to ensure any essential paperwork is obtained before travelling.

NB: CroisiEurope and the ship's captain reserve the right to modify the cruising it interary to ensure the safe navigation of the vessel. The timings of this cruise are dependent on tides and the arrival times at ports of call may be subject to change mpany and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary. (1) For optimal organization of this excursion, visits can be reserved



**CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS** 

• Honfleur a picturesque fishing port and a birthplace of impressionism painting, with a prestigious

Tasting of local drinks and food in the

• Rouen, former capital of Normandy and its Christmas market Le Havre, the illuminations and

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

DISCOVER:

historical past The Apreval Manoir

family run estate

Christmas market

**FREE WIFI** 













## Christmas on the romantic Rhine

## DAY 1 STRASBOURG

Boarding from 3:00 p.m. Excursion proposed: Discover the Christmas markets in Strasbourg Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Evening on "Tales of Christmas" theme DAY 2 BRAUBACH Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit of Marksburg Château in Braubach Evening on "Christmas song" theme DAY 3 RUDESHEIM · SPEYER or WORMS Excursion proposed: Visit to the museum of mechanical musical instruments in Rüdesheim Afternoon spent cruising Christmas Eve evening The Midnight mass will be celebrate in Speyer or Worms impressive Romanesque Cathedral<sup>(1)</sup> DAY 4 **SPEYER · STRASBOURG** The whole day will be spent cruising on the wild Rhine Gala dinner DAY 5 **STRASBOURG** Disembark around 10:00 a.m.

## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

## DISCOVER:

- The Christmas markets in Strasbourg
- The romantic Rhine valley and the celebrated rock of the Lorelei (REF. NOL)
- Braubach and its famous Marksburg castle (REF. NOL)
- Christmas Eve dinner and wine (REF. NOL)
- Midnight mass in Speyer (REF. NOL)
- Christmas present (REF. NOL)
- Rüdesheim and the Drosselgasse
- Boppard, little town full of character (REF. NOW)
- Mainz and its picturesque historic center (REF. NOW)



## **Rhineland Christmas** The romantic Rhine valley

DAY 1	STRASBOURG Boarding from 3:00 p.m. Excursion proposed: • Explore Strasbourg and its Christmas markets Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Evening on "Tales of Christmas" theme
DAY 2	RUDESHEIM • BOPPARD Excursion proposed: • Visit to the Music museum of Rüdesheim Midnight mass will be celebrate in Boppard <sup>(1)</sup> Christmas Eve evening
DAY 3	BOPPARD • MAINZ • SPEYER Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Explore the historic center and the beautiful cathedral of Mainz Gala dinner
DAY 5	STRASBOURG Morning spent cruising Disembark around 3:00 p.m.

#### See excursion details on page 202.

Formalities: you must have a valid passport to travel. Please note: your passport must be valid for six months beyond the last day of your travels. NB: for the safety of our passengers, the captain and crew of the boat may decide to modify the navigational itinerary.

(1) Depending on available places or in another church; book and pay for transfer on board. Midnight mass will be held in German

The transfer is only proposed when the boat is not moored near the place of worship and is only valid for a minimum of 30 persons





Boarding from 3:00 p.m.
Excursion proposed:
Discover the Christmas markets in Strasbourg, the largest in Europe
Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
Evening on "Tales of Christmas" theme

## DAY 2 COLOGNE

Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Cologne Christmas Eve evening Midnight mass will be celebrate in Cologne Cathedral<sup>(1)</sup>

## DAY 3 COLOGNE · AMSTERDAM

The whole day will be spent cruising toward Amsterdam. Arrival late afternoon. Gala dinner

## DAY 4 AMSTERDAM

- Excursions proposed:
  - Visit of Volendam and the Zaanse Schans museum
    Guided tour of Amsterdam
  - Guided tour of Amsterdan
- DAY 5 AMSTERDAM · Strasbourg Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

## See excursion details on page 202.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

**NB:** for navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary.

(1) Depending on available places or in another church; book and pay for transfer on board. Midnight mass will be held in German.

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**CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS** 

## Ref. NOB: transfer included on day 7 to Strasbourg.

## DISCOVER:

- **Cologne,** one of the oldest cities in Germany (REF. NOB)
- Volendam and the Zaanse Schans (REF. NOB)
- Amsterdam, the "Venice of the North" (REF. NOB)
- Secret and remarkable heritage (REF BON)
- Pauillac and the Médoc region with
- its prestigious châteaux (REF. BON)
  Blaye, medieval city (REF. BON)
- Saint-Emilion, the history of a medieval village (REF. BON)
- Bordeaux, a Unesco world heritage site (REF. BON)

## ALL MEALS INCLUDED

FREE WIFI



5 - DAY CRUISE OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. BON

## Christmas in the Bordeaux region - The Gironde and Dordogne rivers

DAY 1	BORDEAUX Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Evening of entertainment
DAY 2	BORDEAUX • PAUILLAC Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Discover the Médoc, a prestigious wine-growing region <sup>(1)</sup> Midnight mass will be celebrate in Pauillac <sup>(2)</sup> Christmas Eve evening
DAY 3	PAUILLAC • BLAYE • LIBOURNE Excursions proposed: • Tour to the Corniche Road with a short stop in Bourg • Visit the citadel of Blaye Afternoon spent cruising Gala dinner
DAY 4	LIBOURNE • SAINT-EMILION • BORDEAUX Excursions proposed: • Visit of Saint-Emilion Afternoon spent cruising • Guided tour of Bordeaux by night
DAY 5	BORDEAUX Disembark around 9:00 a.m.
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NB: for navigational safety reasons, only the Company and/or Boat Captain may make amendments to the cruise itinerary. This cruise is subject to tides, arrival times at stop-offs may therefore be changed.

(1) Reservation in advance is essential - see with your agency

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 Depending on available places or in another church; book and pay for transfer on board.

The transfer is only proposed when the boat is not moored near the place of worship and is only valid for a minimum of 30 persons.



SAINT-NAZAIRE ANCENIS ANGERS

NANTES SAUMUR



## DISCOVER:

- Nantes, historic capital of Brittany
- Escal'Atlantic, tracing the history of
- Norman and French ocean liners • The Muscadet Region and the
- medieval city of Clisson • Angers and its charming
- neighborhoods
- Day trip to the Loire Valley châteaux
- Tour of the Azay-le-Rideau and the Chinon châteaux
- Christmas services in Ancenis
- Christmas gift
- Christmas Eve dinner with wine



## 6 - DAY CRUISE

Bouchemaine

LOIRE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. RLO\_PP

## **Royal New Year Cruise** on the Loire

DAY 1	NANTES · SAINT-NAZAIRE Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Evening of entertainment
DAY 2	NANTES • SAINT-NAZAIRE • NANTES Excursions proposed: • Visit the seaside town of Saint-Nazaire and discover the Escal'Atlantic and the shipyard <sup>(2)</sup> • Tour of Nantes and visit the Feydeau island Evening of entertainment
DAY 3	SAINT-NAZAIRE • ANCENIS Morning spent cruising Excursions proposed: • Discover the Muscadet region and stop at the Cassemichère Château (or similar site) followed by a wine-tasting • Visit of Clisson Christmas Eve evening Midnight mass is celebrated in Ancenis <sup>(1)</sup> Evening of entertainment
DAY 4	<ul> <li>ANCENIS • The Loire Valley châteaux • BOUCHEMAINE Excursions proposed:</li> <li>Full day's visit to the Loire Valley châteaux and discover an ancient underground quarry in Chinon followed by a wine- tasting</li> <li>Guided tour of the Chinon Château New Year's Eve evening</li> </ul>
DAY 5	BOUCHEMAINE • The Loire Valley châteaux • ANCENIS Excursion proposed: • Tour of Angers and visit La Doutre village Afternoon spent cruising Gala dinner
DAY 6	NANTES Disembark around 10:00 a.m.

## 6 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. NLO\_PP

## Christmas on the Loire

DAY 1	NANTES Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Evening of entertainment
DAY 2	NANTES • SAINT-NAZAIRE Excursions proposed: • Tour of Nantes and visit the Feydeau island • Visit the seaside town of Saint-Nazaire and discover the Escal'Atlantic and the Saint-Nazaire shipyard <sup>(1)</sup> Evening on "Tales of Christmas" theme
DAY 3	<ul> <li>SAINT-NAZAIRE · ANCENIS</li> <li>Morning spent cruising</li> <li>Excursions proposed:</li> <li>Discover the Muscadet region and stop at the Cassemichère Château (or similar site) followed by a wine-tasting</li> <li>Visit of Clisson</li> <li>Christmas Eve evening</li> <li>Midnight mass is celebrated in Ancenis<sup>(1)</sup></li> </ul>
DAY 4	ANCENIS • Angers • ANCENIS Excursion proposed: • Tour of Angers and visit La Doutre village Evening of entertainment provided by our crew
DAY 5	<ul> <li>BOUCHEMAINE • The Loire Valley châteaux • NANTES Excursions proposed:</li> <li>• Full day's visit to the Loire Valley châteaux and discover an ancient underground quarry in Chinon followed by a wine- tasting</li> <li>• Guided tour of the Chinon Château Gala dinner</li> </ul>
DAY 6	NANTES Disembark around 10:00 a.m.

### See excursion details on page 204.

Formalities: valid national identity card or passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate. NB: for navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary. The cruise schedule may vary according to tides and arrival times at ports of call; the order of the visits may be subject to change.

(1) Depending on available places or in another church; book and pay for transfer on board. The transfer is only proposed when the boat is not moored near the place of worship and is only valid for a minimum of 30 persons

(2) You must reserve this excursion before your departure through your travel agent. A valid form of identification (passport) will be needed to access the site







## Christmas Normand In the valley of the Seine

DAY 1	PARIS Boarding from 5:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation	
DAY 2	LES ANDELYS · ROUEN Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit the Martainville Château Midnight mass will be celebrate in Rouen <sup>(1)</sup> Christmas Eve evening	
DAY 3	ROUEN • DUCLAIR • HONFLEUR • ROUEN Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Honfleur Afternoon spent cruising	D.
DAY 4	ROUEN Excursion proposed: • Guided visit of Rouen Afternoon spent cruising Gala dinner	
DAY 5	PARIS Disembark around 9:00 a.m.	

## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

## DISCOVER:

- Tour of the historic town of **Honfleur** (REF. NPA)
- Tour of Martainville Château housing the Norman tradition and art museum, and Rouen former capital of Normandy (REF. NPA)
- Christmas Eve dinner with wine (REF. NPA)
- Lyon Rhone cruise by night (REF. LVA)
- Viviers, medieval town (REF. LVA)
- Avignon and the "City of the Popes" (REF. LVA)
- Christmas Eve dinner and wine
- Midnight mass
- Christmas present

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FREE WIFI

RHÔNE

• AVIGNON

4 - DAY CRUISE

## Provençal Christmas and the Rhône Valley

## DAY 1 LYON Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation "Lyon by night" cruise DAY 2 LYON · VIVIERS Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided walking tour of Viviers and its cathedral followed by a tasting of local products Y 3 VIVIERS · AVIGNON Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: · Guided tour of Avignon, the "City of the Popes" Christmas Eve evening Midnight mass in one of the city's churches<sup>(1)</sup> Y 5 AVIGNON Disembark around 10:00 a.m. Optional additional night on board. This offer includes all on board meals and accomodation.



See excursion details on pages 204 and 205.

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The transfer is only proposed when the boat is not moored near the place of worship and is only valid for a minimum of 30 persons.



## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

### DISCOVER:

- Brussels, capital of Belgium and the royal residence in Laeken (REF. BAN)
- Antwerp, the most charming Flemish town (REF. BAN)
- **Ghent** and its remarkable diversity (REF. BAN)
- Schœnbrunn Palace (REF. NVI\_PP)
- Imperial Vienna (REF. NVI\_PP)
- Budapest, the two thousand year old city (REF. NVI\_PP)
- **Bratislava** and its unique charm (REF. NVI\_PP)
- ALL MEALS INCLUDED





## 5 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. BAN

## Discover Brussels and the pearls of Flanders

<ul> <li>DAY 1 BRUSSELS         <ul> <li>Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation</li> </ul> </li> <li>DAY 2 BRUSSELS         <ul> <li>Excursions proposed:                 <ul> <li>Guided tour of Brussels</li> <li>Coach transfer for the Christmas market in Brussels</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>DAY 3 BRUSSELS • ANT WERP • GHENT         <ul> <li>Afternoon spent cruising</li> <li>Excursion proposed:                      <ul></ul></li></ul></li></ul>		
Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of Brussels • Coach transfer for the Christmas market in Brussels DAY 3 BRUSSELS • ANTWERP • GHENT Afternoon spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Antwerp Afternoon spent cruising Christmas Eve evening Midnight mass in Ghent <sup>(1)</sup> DAY 4 GHENT Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Ghent Afternoon spent cruising Gala dinner DAY 5 BRUSSELS	DAY 1	Boarding from 6:00 p.m.
Afternoon spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Antwerp Afternoon spent cruising Christmas Eve evening Midnight mass in Ghent <sup>(1)</sup> DAY 4 GHENT Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Ghent Afternoon spent cruising Gala dinner DAY 5 BRUSSELS	DAY 2	Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of Brussels
Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Ghent Afternoon spent cruising Gala dinner DAY 5 BRUSSELS	DAY 3	Afternoon spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Antwerp Afternoon spent cruising Christmas Eve evening
	DAY 4	Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Ghent Afternoon spent cruising
	DAY 5	

AUSTRIA HUNGARY

## 6 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. NVI\_PP

## Christmas on the Danube Discovering great capitals and their traditions

DAY 1	VIENNA Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation "Austrian theme" dinner
DAY 2	VIENNA Excursions proposed: • Visit of Schænbrunn Palace • Guided tour of Vienna
DAY 3	VIENNA • BUDAPEST The whole day will be spent cruising toward Budapest Christmas Eve evening Midnight mass in Hungarian language in Budapest <sup>(1)</sup>
DAY 4	BUDAPEST Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Budapest – the "Pearl of the Danube" "Hungarian theme" dinner
DAY 5	BRATISLAVA Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Bratislava Gala dinner
DAY 6	VIENNA Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

## See excursion details on pages 203 and 204.

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(1) Depending on available places or in another church; book and pay for transfer on board. The transfer is only proposed when the boat is not moored near the place of worship and is only valid for a minimum of 30 persons



## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

## DISCOVER

- Padua and the Basilica dedicated to St. Anthony (REF. NOV)
- The Venetian Lagoon islands (REF. NOV)
- The Doge's palace and St. Mark's Square in Venice (REF. NOV)
- Seville, a beautiful, charming city (REE NAD)
- Cadiz, a historic city full of warmth (REE NAD)
- Jerez, the capital of wine and horses (REF. NAD)
- Cordoba, an ancient Caliphate city (REF. NAD)

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

FREE WIFI



## Andalusian Christmas The Guadalquivir and the bay of Cadiz

DAY 1	SEVILLE Boarding from 5:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
DAY 2	SEVILLE • CADIZ Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Seville Afternoon spent cruising
DAY 3	CADIZ • EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of Cadiz • Visit of the Osborne bodega followed by a wine-tasting Christmas Eve evening Midnight mass in El Puerto de Santa Maria <sup>(1)</sup>
DAY 4	EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA · JEREZ · SEVILLE Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Jerez Afternoon spent cruising Gala dinner
DAY 5	SEVILLE • CORDOBA Excursion proposed: • Tour of Cordoba Free time to discover Cordoba at your own pace
DAY 6	SEVILLE Disembark around 9:00 a.m.
(1) Dependi	ng on the places available. You can book and pay on board. Midnight mass will be held in Spanish

DAY 3 VENICE · BURANO · MURANO · VENICE Excursions proposed: • Tour by private boat to visit the islands in the lagoon: Burano and Murano · Guided visit of the Doge's Palace and St Mark's square Christmas Eve evening

Midnight mass in Venice at St Mark's Basilica<sup>(1)</sup>

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5 - DAY CRUISE

DAY 1 VENICE

DAY 2

ITALY

**CHIOGGIA** 

Christmas in Venice

Welcome cocktail and crew presentation

Free time to discover Chioggia at your own pace

and on the lagoon

**VENICE · CHIOGGIA · VENICE** 

Boarding from 6:00 p.m.

Excursion proposed: Guided visit of Padua MURANO

URANO

#### DAY 4 VENICE

The whole day is free to discover Venice at your own pace Gala dinner DAY 5 VENICE

## Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

(1) Depending on the places available. You can book and pay on board. Midnight mass will be conducted partly in Latin and partly in Italian.

See excursion details on page 205.

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## New Year on the Rhine

#### DAY 1 STRASBOURG Board from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Evening of entertainment

- DAY 2 ROCK OF THE LORELEI RUDESHEIM Excursion proposed: • Tour to the mechanical music museum in Rüdesheim New Year's Eve evening
- DAY 3 RUDESHEIM STRASBOURG Morning spent cruising Disembark around 3:00 p.m.

## 4 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. ZAA

## Rhineland New Year The romantic Rhine and its castle

DAY 1 STRASBOURG Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Evening of entertainment

#### DAY 2 SANKT GOAR · RUDESHEIM Morning spent cruising Excursions proposed: • Tour to the mechanical music music

Tour to the mechanical music museum in Rüdesheim
Evening in a riverside pub in Rüdesheim. Taste their famous white wine in a typical Rhineland atmosphere

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DAY 3	MANNHEIM • HEIDELBERG Excursion proposed: • Visit of Heidelberg
	Explore the town of Speyer with our host/hostess New Year's Eve evening
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## DAY 4 STRASBOURG

Disembark around 11:00 a.m. Optional additional night on board. This offer includes all on board meals and accomodation.



## 5 - DAY CRUISE

## Rhineland New Year The romantic Rhine Valley

DAY 1	STRASBOURG Board from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
DAY 2	KOBLENZ The whole day will be spent cruising toward Koblenz Gala dinner
DAY 3	KOBLENZ • RUDESHEIM Exploration of Koblenz with our host/hostess Excursion proposed: • Tour of the mechanical music museum in Rüdesheim followed by a wine-tasting
DAY 4	RUDESHEIM • MANNHEIM Excursion proposed: • Visit of Heidelberg New Year's Eve evening
DAY 5	MANNHEIM • STRASBOURG Morning spent cruising Disembark around 3:00 p.m. Optional additional night on board. This offer includes all

on board meals and accomodation.

See excursion details on page 202.

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## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

## DISCOVER:

- Rüdesheim and the Drosselgasse
- The romantic Rhine Valley and the celebrated rock of the Lorelei
- Speyer and its magnificent cathedral
- Tour of **Heidelberg** (REF. ZAA, REF. RES)
- Koblenz and its charming old town (REF. RES)

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

**FREE WIFI** 

 New Year's Eve dinner with wine and a glass of Champagne







OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. BAR

## **Explore Brussels** and magical Flanders

DAY 1	BRUSSELS Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
DAY 2	BRUSSELS Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Brussels Free time to discover Brussels at your own pace
DAY 3	BRUSSELS • ANTWERP • GHENT Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Antwerp Afternoon spent cruising Gala dinner
DAY 4	GHENT Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Ghent Afternoon spent cruising New Year's Eve evening
DAY 5	BRUSSELS Disembark around 11:00 a.m.

## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

## DISCOVER:

- **Brussels,** capital of Belgium and Royal residence (REF. BAR)
- Antwerp, the charm of Flemish towns (REF. BAR)
- Ghent, remarkable diversity (REF. BAR)
- The romantic Rhine Valley and the celebrated rock of the Lorelei (REF. ACS)
- Rüdesheim and the Drosselgasse (REF. ACS)
- Cologne, one of the oldest towns of Germany (REF. ACS)

ALL MEALS INCLUDED

**FREE WIFI** 



## New year in Holland and the romantic Rhine

6 - DAY CRUISE

DAY 1	AMSTERDAM Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Excursion proposed: • Canal boat tour of Amsterdam at night
DAY 2	AMSTERDAM • NIJMEGEN • KREFELD The whole day will be spent cruising toward Krefeld passing by Wesel and Duisbourg
DAY 3	KREFELD · COLOGNE · KŒNIGSWINTER The whole day will be spent cruising toward Kœnigswinter with a stop in Cologne. Free time in Cologne Evening of entertainment
DAY 4	KCENIGSWINTER • RUDESHEIM Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit of Rüdesheim New Year's Eve evening
DAY 5	RUDESHEIM • SPEYER or MANNHEIM or KARLSRUHE Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Visit of Heidelberg Gala dinner
DAY 6	SPEYER or MANNHEIM or KARLSRUHE • STRASBOURG Morning spent cruising Disembark around 3:00 p.m.

See excursion details on pages 202 and 203.

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## KOBLENZ RUDESHEIM MOSELLE BERNKASTEL WORMS BERNKASTEL MAINZ WORMS SPEYER GERMANY

RHINE

7 - DAY CRUISE STRASBOURG

## New Year on 2 rivers The romantic Rhine valley and the picturesque Moselle

DAY 1	<b>STRASBOURG</b> Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Evening of entertainment
DAY 2	STRASBOURG · COCHEM The whole day will be spent cruising toward Cochem Evening of entertainment
DAY 3	COCHEM • BERNKASTEL Morning spent cruising Free time to stroll through the picturesque streets of Bernkastel Gala dinner
DAY 4	BERNKASTEL · KOBLENZ Morning spent cruising Explore Koblenz with our host/hostess
DAY 5	KOBLENZ • RUDESHEIM Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Tour of the mechanical music museum in Rüdesheim New Year's Eve evening
DAY 6	RUDESHEIM • MANNHEIM or SPEYER Morning spent cruising Discover Speyer with our host/hostess Evening of entertainment
DAY 7	MANNHEIM or SPEYER · STRASBOURG Morning spent cruising Disembark around 3:00 p.m.

## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

## DISCOVER:

- Bernkastel, magnificent town on the Moselle tributary (REF. REA)
- Koblenz and its charming old town (REF. REA)
- The legendary Lorelei rock and the romantic Rhine river valley (REF. REA)
- Rüdesheim and its Drosselgasse (REF. REA)
- Speyer and its magnificent cathedral
- (REF. REA) • Schœnbrunn Palace and imperial
- Vienna (REF. REA)
  Budapest, the two thousand year old
- city (REF. REA)
- Bratislava and its unique charm (REF. REA)

## ALL MEALS INCLUDED





## 6 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. NDA\_PP

## New Year on The Danube An encounter with three great capitals

DAY 1	VIENNA Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation "Austrian theme" dinner
DAY 2	VIENNA Excursions proposed: • Visit to Schænbrunn Palace • Guided tour of Vienna Evening of entertainment
DAY 3	VIENNA • BUDAPEST The whole day will be spent cruising toward Budapest "Hungarian theme" dinner
DAY 4	BUDAPEST Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Budapest Free time to discover Budapest at your own pace New Year's Eve evening
DAY 5	BRATISLAVA Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Bratislava Gala dinner
DAY 6	VIENNA Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 202 and 203.

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DUCLAIR

SEINE

HONFLEUR

Parisian New Year

Welcome cocktail and crew presentation

ROUEN · DUCLAIR · HONFLEUR · ROUEN

• Full day's visit to Honfleur and the "Côte Fleurie"

5 - DAY CRUISE

REF. RPA

DAY 1 PARIS

DAY 2 ROUEN

DAY 4 PARIS

DAY 3

DAY 5

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS** 

on the Seine

Boarding from 5:00 p.m.

Excursion proposed: · Guided visit of Rouen

Excursion proposed:

Excursion proposed: Visit of Paris New Year's Eve evening

Disembark around 10:00 a.m.

Gala dinner

PARIS

ROUEN

LES ANDELYS

PARIS

## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

## DISCOVER:

- Fullday excursion including Honfleur and the "Côte Fleurie" (REF. RPA)
- The historic city of**lRouen** (REF. RPA) • Paris and its fascinating attractions
- (REF. RPA) Secret and remarkable heritage
- Pauillac and the Médoc region with its prestigious châteaux (REF. BOR)
- Blaye, a medieval city (REF. BOR) • Saint-Emilion, the history of a
- medieval village (REF. BOR) Bordeaux, a Unesco world heritage
- site (REF. BOR)

## ALL MEALS INCLUDED

**FREE WIFI** 

BLAYE PAUIL LIBOURNE SAINT-EMILION BORDEAUX DORDOGNE CADILLAC GARONNE

5 - DAY CRUISE OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. BOR

## New Year in the Bordeaux region The Gironde and Dordogne rivers

DAY 1	BORDEAUX Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Bordeaux by night
DAY 2	BORDEAUX • PAUILLAC Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Discover the Médoc, a prestigious wine-growing region <sup>(1)</sup> Evening of entertainment provided by our crew
DAY 3	PAUILLAC • BLAYE • LIBOURNE or BOURG <sup>(2)</sup> Excursion proposed: • Discover the Corniche Road Gala dinner
DAY 4	LIBOURNE • SAINT-EMILION • BORDEAUX Excursion proposed: • Visit Saint-Emilion Afternoon spent cruising New Year's Eve evening
DAY 5	BORDEAUX Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

 Reservation in advance is essential - see with your agency. (2) Depending on docking availability, stopover in Libourne may be replaced by Bourg

See excursion details on pages 204 and 205.

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OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. APA\_PP

## New year in Provence

## DAY 1 AVIGNON

Boarding from 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Evening of entertainment

DAY 2 AVIGNON · PORT-SAINT-LOUIS Excursion proposed: • Tour of Avignon Afternoon spent cruising Gala dinner

## DAY 3 PORT-SAINT-LOUIS · ARLES · AVIGNON Excursions proposed: • Discover the Camargue

- Free time to discover Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer at your own pace • Guided tour of Arles New Year's Eve evening
- DAY 4 AVIGNON Disembark around 11:00 a.m.



## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

### DISCOVER:

- Avignon and the Pape's Palace
- Arles and its exceptional heritage
- The Camargue, wild and unspoilt (REF. APA)
- The Roman city of Vienne (REF. LNA)
- The illuminated city of Lyon (REF. LNA)

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## 5 - DAY CRUISE

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. LNA\_PP

## New Year in Provence

DAY 1	LYON Boarding from 3:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Evening of entertainment
DAY 2	ARLES Morning spent cruising Excursion proposed: • Guided visit of Arles
DAY 3	ARLES • AVIGNON Excursion proposed: • Visit Avignon and the Pope's Palace Afternoon spent cruising Gala dinner
DAY 4	VIENNE • LYON Excursions proposed: • Visit of the Roman city of Vienne • Guided tour of Lyon New Year's Eve evening • "Lyon by night" cruise
DAY 5	LYON Disembark between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Optional additional night on board. This offer includes all on board meals and accomodation.

#### See excursion details on page 204.

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OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS REF. NAA

## Andalusian New Year The Guadalquivir and the bay of Cadiz

DAY 1	SEVILLE Boarding from 5:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation Evening of entertainment
DAY 2	SEVILLE • CADIZ Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Seville Afternoon spent cruising
DAY 3	CADIZ • EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA Excursions proposed: • Guided tour of Cadiz • Visit of the Osborne bodega followed by a wine-tasting Gala dinner
DAY 4	EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA · JEREZ · SEVILLE Excursion proposed: • Guided tour of Jerez Afternoon spent cruising New Year's Eve evening
DAY 5	SEVILLE · CORDOBA · SEVILLE Excursion proposed: • Tour of Cordoba <sup>(1)</sup> Free time to discover Cordoba at your own pace
DAY 6	SEVILLE Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

(1) Optional excursion

### See excursion details on page 205.

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## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

## DISCOVER:

(REF. NAA)

- Seville, a beauty queen full of charm (REF. NAA)
- Cadiz, a historic city full of warmth • Equestrian display in a bodega (REF. NAA)
- Jerez, capital of wine and horses
- (REF. NAA)
- Cordoba, city of the Caliphs (REF. NAA)
- Many visits: the Doge's Palace, the islands of the Lagoon, Padua and Venice (REF. REW)
- So much to see in this exceptional setting (REF. REW)

## ALL MEALS INCLUDED





5 - DAY CRUISE RFF RFW

## New Year in Venice

DAY 1	VENICE
	Boarding from 6:00 p.m.
	Welcome cocktail and crew presentation
DAY 2	VENICE · CHIOGGIA · VENICE
	Excursion proposed:
	Free time to discover Chioggia at your own pace
	Guided visit of Padua
	Free evening to stroll in Venice
DAY 3	VENICE · BURANO · MURANO · VENICE
	Excursions proposed:
	<ul> <li>Tour by private boat to visit the islands in the lagoon: Burano and Murano</li> </ul>
	Guided visit of the Doge's Palace and St Mark's square
	Gala dinner
DAY 4	VENICE
	Take advantage of the day to discover Venice at our own pace New Year's Eve evening
DAY 5	VENICE

Disembark between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

## OUR EXCURSIONS

## THE RHINE

## AMSTERDAM BY NIGHT

LENGTH: 1.75 hours

We'll leave on foot with our hostess to board a boat for a canal tour. We'll travel along the famous Port of Amsterdam and continue along the legendary canals. Even today, they continue to define the city's landscape, and in 2010 Amsterdam's canal ring was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Besides providing a stunning backdrop to the city's historical center, cruising the canals is one of the most memorable ways to discover the city. So come aboard with us and take a relaxing trip through the Dutch capital. After our tour, return to the ship or spend some free time on your own in the city.

CRUISE REF. ACS\_PP, page 197.

### AMSTERDAM & ITS DIAMONDS MERCHANTS

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach for a guided tour of Amsterdam. It's one of the most unique and extraordinary cities in the world. From its romantic canals to its worldrenowned museums and historical significance, it's a city that never ceases to surprise. Our first stop will be the De Rieker Windmill, one of the eight windmills in greater Amsterdam. Built in 1636 to help drain water out of the surrounding land, it's now an elegant private residence. 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. We'll return to our coach and head for the famous flower market. This is the only floating flower market in the world, and one of the most fragrant places in Amsterdam in any seasons. It includes 15 florist and garden shops, as well as a range of souvenirs.

CRUISE REF. NOB, page 191.

#### COLMAR, CHRISTMAS MARKET **& WINE TASTING** LENGTH: 4 hours

Leave by coach to the heart of central Alsace: Colmar. The city offers visitors a fascinating view of more than 1,000 years of European history. Its historical downtown has been marvelously preserved and has benefited from a particularly meticulous renewal over the past 20 years. Discover the charming old town, the historical center, former customs house (Koïfhus), "Petite Venise", and the magnificent architecture surrounding the cathedral. We'll also visit the Christmas markets. Within the setting of Colmar's lovely old town, the decorated street and windows will certainly get you in the holiday spirit! We'll also stop and have a wine tasting in a cellar along the wine Route.

CRUISE REF. MNC, page 187

#### DAY ON THE WINE ROUTE, WINE TASTING IN A CELLAR & **CHRISTMAS MARKET IN COLMAR** LENGTH: 10.5 hours

We'll leave by coach to discover the Wine Route in Alsace with your hostess and its magnificently decorated villages. We'll visit a wine cellar and enjoy a tasting. In the afternoon, explore the Christmas markets. Within the setting of the Colmar's lovely old town, the decorated street and windows will certainly get you in the holiday spirit! CRUISE REF. MNO, page 186.

#### DAY VISIT TO OLD STRASBOURG **OF THE CHRISTMAS MARKET** LENGTH: 8 hours

You'll visit Old Strasbourg and the Christmas Markets on the Place Broglie and in front of the cathedral with our hostess. At this time of year, the entire city is covered in garlands and

decorations, especially the streets and shops. Spend the afternoon shopping in the boutiques. 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. MNA/MNO/MNN, pages 186 and 187.

## HEIDELBERG & ITS CASTLE (outdoor)

### ENGTH: 4.25 hours

Take the coach, accompanied by our hostess, for this university town. Guided tour of the Heidelberg Castle on foot (outside only because it's in ruins) and discovery of the geometric terraces of the Palatinate gardens. After this guided tour, you will take the coach down into the Neckarmünzplatz in the old historic city center for a guided tour on foot. You will admire the Saint-Esprit Church (exterior view) and will have some free time for shopping. On the way back you will go through the city center of Mannheim, where you will find the boat.

CRUISES REF. ACS\_PP/RES/ZAA, pages 196 and 197.

## MARKSBURG CHÂTEAU

### LENGTH: 2 hours

The medieval town of Braubach, surrounded by vines, is dominated by Marksburg Château.

Set off by coach for a guided visit of Marksburg Château. Built in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, it sits high on a cliff overlooking the Rhine from a height of more than 160-meter and towers over the narrow and winding alleyways of Braubach's historic old town. Marksburg is the only castle in the Rhine Valley that have never been destroyed. Beginning with the construction of the keep in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, the castle grew into its present shape throughout succeeding centuries. The castle evolved and developed due in no small part to its defence system which was exemplary; a tunnel was constructed and strengthened with impressive vaults, cannons were added as were wooden gates and drawbridges that could be raised or lowered, to act as a defensive shield. This proved to be a recipe for success, providing an excellent far-reaching defence system for the castle You will be able to visit some quite remarkable rooms in the castle which will transport you back through time to the Middle Ages.

CRUISE REF. NOL, page 190.

#### NUREMBERG

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

After the bombing which destroyed Nurnberg, the second city of Bavaria succeeded in restoring its old town. Departure by coach. The guide will show you the Kaiserburg from where you get a wonderful view over the entire city. Your guide will then take you to the medieval heart of Nurnberg, situated within ramparts dating from the 15<sup>th</sup> century. CRUISE REF. MNN, page 187.

#### POTTER VILLAGES & REVUE AT THE ROYAL PALACE IN KIRRWILLER LENGTH: 10 hours

Travel through the potter villages in Northern Alsace with our tour guide. We'll discover Soufflenheim, famous for its culinary and decorative pottery, and Betschdorf, a village where they make traditional blue and grey stoneware pottery. We'll visit a pottery. Leave for Kirrwiller. We'll enjoy lunch and dancing at the Royal Palace in Kirrwiller<sup>(1)</sup>, followed by a show in the Music Hall where we'll be drawn into a timeless journey by singers, performers and dancers.

Lunch show at the Royal Palace in Kirrwiller available only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

CRUISE REF. MNA, page 186.

## RUDESHEIM

LENGTH: 2 hours A little train will take you through the small alleyways of Rüdesheim. The visit will continue with

the, "Siegfrieds Mechanisches Musikkabinett" museum, also called the music museum. You will hear some very old mechanical musical instruments as well as some barrel organs. You will then walk down the Drosselgasse, famous for its small restaurants with orchestras.

CRUISES REF. NOW/NOL/RES/ZAA/REG/ACS\_PP/ REA/MNN, pages 187, 190 and 196 to 198.

#### THE BLACK FOREST & TITISEE LENGTH: 9 hours

We'll leave by coach for our visit through the Black Forest. As the setting of countless Grimm Brothers' fairy tales, the Black Forest plays up to its image as a land of cuckoo clocks, delicious treats, outlandish traditional costumes, hefty halftimbered farmhouses, and hill upon hill of dark evergreen forest. But first we'll visit the city of Freiburg im Breisgau, known as the "Jewel of the Black Forest". Lying in a secluded wine-rich corner of Baden-Württemberg, Freiburg is a laid-back, university city with fair weather which is close to the vineyards. Freiburg Minster is the biggest sight in the city - definitely one of the oldest and most beautiful cathedrals in Europe. After our group tour of the city center, take some time on your own to browse the Christmas markets scattered around the city squares. Afterwards, we'll continue our journey by coach through the Höllental (Hell's Valley) to lovely Lake Titisee. We'll have lunch in a local restaurant. After lunch, we'll visit a local cuckoo clock maker. In Wolfach, we'll visit a glass-blowing workshop and museum, as well as the festive Christmas Village.

CRUISE REF. MNC, page 187.

#### VOLENDAM & 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. Enjoy some free time on your own after we discover the city through a short film. Volendam is well known for its Dutch seafood specialties, especially for smoked eel. 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 flavors and ages available of one of the most popular cheeses in the world. We'll then head for Zaanse Schans, an open air museum with wooden windmills, barns, and bausac Day't mise the small but impressive dog houses. Don't miss the small but impressive clog museum that features one of the largest and most attractive collections of wooden shoes in the Netherlands: painted, carved, ice clogs with iron trimmings, horse clogs, and decorative clogs. CRUISE REF. NOB, page 191.

#### WALKING TOUR OF COLOGNE LENGTH: 2 hours

You will discover the city in the company of your guide: a crossroads in Europe since the Middle Ages, which has kept its importance both on a commercial and industrial level and on a cultural and religious level. You will be able to admire the exterior of the huge Cologne Cathedral which it took five centuries of patience to finish. Indeed, whereas construction had begun in 1247, it had to be interrupted due to a lack of finance in 1560 and only began again in 1842 at the request of Emperor Frederick Wilhelm IV, who had fallen in love with the building. Construction was finally completed the Cathedral, there are 12 other Romanesque style churches, placed in a circle and representing the 12 apostles. You will continue the tour with Cologne Old Town, and you will pass in front of the famous Eau de Cologne house (exterior), in particular. You will have some free time to stroll through the

streets of Cologne or try the famous local beer, the Kölsch.

CRUISES REF. NOB/ACS\_PP, pages 191 and 197.

## BELGIUM

### **ANTWERP** LENGTH: 2 hours

The whole of Antwerp's history has been shaped by its situation on the Scheldt. It was really only founded in about the year 900, when the villagers settled on the Aanwerp, an alluvial mound which gave its name to Antwerp. In the middle of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the region took advantage of the town's dominant role, as the latter remained for a long time an important cultural and artistic centre. In the second part of the century, Antwerp was the scene of a political and religious struggle between the Protestant North and a very Catholic Spain. Once you arrive in the city centre, the rest of the tour will take place on foot. First of all you will discover the Steen castle, overlooking the Scheldt. Built in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, it is the oldest building in Antwerp and today houses, under long covered passages left by Napoleon after his time in Antwerp, the National Maritime Museum. As you enter the Old Town you will see the Butcher's Hall, then move on to the Grand'Place, with its magnificent Town Hall a mixture of Gothic and Renaissance styles. You 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. Then you will arrive in front of the impressive Gothic Cathedral<sup>(1)</sup>, a construction of lace-work in stone, which it took almost two centuries to complete. The Cathedral contains some masterpieces of Flemish painting, including 3 monumental paintings by Peter Paul Rubens painted specially for the Cathedral.

 The visit of the interior of the cathedral is dependent on the schedule of arrival of the boat itself subjected to tides.
 CRUISES REF. BAB/BAN/BAR, pages 188, 194 and 197.

#### ANTWERP & DIAMOND CUTTER'S DISTRICT LENGTH: 3 hours

You will arrive in front of the impressive Gothic Cathedral, a construction of lace-work in stone, which it took almost two centuries to complete. The Cathedral contains some masterpieces of Flemish painting, including 3 monumental paintings by Peter Paul Rubens painted specially for the Cathedral. You will continue the visit to the Diamon cutters' disctrict. Over time, hundreds of diamond cutters settled in this district and turned Antwerp into the world's capital city of diamond. CRUISE REF. BAB, page 188.

### BRUSSELS

#### LENGTH: 4 hours

The city of Brussels, founded in 979, has had a rich and eventful history as the city came successively under Spanish, Dutch, Austrian and French domination before the Belgian people declared their independence and chose Brussels as their capital in 1830.

The visit will begin with a panoramic tour to discover the city's most famous monuments. First of all you will go round Royal Laeken Park to see the Chinese Pavilions and the Japanese Tower, which was built for the Universal Exhibition in Paris in 1900 and was bought by King Leopold II and re-erected in Brussels, as well as the Atomium, representing an iron crystal molecule enlarged 165 billion times and built for the Universal Exhibition in Brussels in 1958. It was also a reference to the nine Belgian provinces that existed at the time (there are now ten following the division of Brabant). You will also see the Royal Palace of Laeken, residence of the King of the Belgians as well as the Royal Greenhouses of Laeken, which only open to the public once a year. Then you will enter Brussels city centre, to see the Royal Palace, the King's place of work, numerous Art Nouveau buildings, European Institutions buildings, the Sablon quarter, Jubilee Park, which houses numerous museums..

You will continue the tour on foot, heading for the Grand-Place, with its imposing City Hall built in the Gothic style and dating back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century. You will also see the famous Manneken Pis.

CRUISES REF. BAB/BAN/BAR, pages 188, 194 and 197.

#### **GHENT** LENGTH: 3 hours

Ghent is the capital of the old county of Flanders, but is also the birthplace of the Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V. It enjoyed a period of great prosperity, both economic and cultural, in the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. From this influential period Ghent retains an important architectural heritage. You will have the opportunity to visit the Saint Bavo Cathedral, in which you will be able to admire the famous "Adoration of the Mystic Lamb" altarpiece. The Cathedral square also features the Gothic Belfry, and next to it the Cloth Hall. You will walk along the Herb Quay and the Wheat Quay to reach the Castle of the Counts dating from 1180, which has had many functions over the centuries: military, administrative and legal. CRUISES REF. BAN/BAR, pages 194 and 197.

#### GUIDED TOUR OF BRUGES LENGTH: 2 hours

Departure on foot from the landing stage for Bruges town centre. The town of Bruges is 2000 years old and it was in the Middle Ages that it became an important trading centre for the North West of Europe thanks to the production of high quality cloth and the easy access to the sea. Your guide will take you to see the charming "Venice of the North" quarter with its lanes and typical houses. The tour will begin with a stop on the little bridge on the Lake of Love, a chance for lovers to make a wish and for the guide to talk to you about the history of Bruges. You will walk through the town's narrow streets, fragrant with the aroma of chocolate, the local speciality, then you will discover the flower-bedecked Béguinage convent, the Grand'Place with its impressive 83m high Belfry and the Castle situated just nearby and the Saint Sang Basilica. You will walk along the town's canals and through the St Anne quarter, with the Jerusalem church and the Lace Centre. After the guided tour, you will still have some free time to stroll through the streets of Bruges before returning to the boat.

CRUISE REF. BAB, page 188.

## THE DANUBE

## BRATISLAVA

Bratislava, which before becoming the capital of independent Slovakia in 1993 was first of all the capital of Hungary from 1536 to 1784 under the name of Presburg. It then belonged to Czechoslovakia before becoming the capital of the "Slovak Socialist Republic" as part of

of the "Slovak Socialist Republic" as part of Czechoslovakia between 1969 and 1992. With your guides, you will begin the visit with a panoramic tour of the city which will take you to Bratislava Castle, which dates from 1811, after the previous castle burned down and from whore

prausiava Castle, which dates from 1811, after the previous castle burned down, and from where you will enjoy a breathtaking view over the Danube and the city. The main historical monuments are in the Old Town and the coach will drop you at the entrance to the Old Town to continue the visit on foot. You will enter the city through Michael's Gate, which is the only gate still surviving from the Middle Ages. Then you will head for the central square surrounded by elegant buildings, some in Art Nouveau style, and dominated by the old Bratislava Town Hall. The tour continues with the Primate's Palace completed in 1781 for Archbishop Jozef Bathyány.

As you stroll through the streets, you may come across some of the amusing statues that are dotted around the capital.

For cruises MVI/NVI\_PP: after the guided tour, you will have some free time to enjoy the Christmas market located in the Main Square in front of the City Hall. You will walk between the small chalets proposing handicrafts, such as of the pottery or the blown glass but also the local products...

CRUISES REF. MVI/NVI\_PP/NDA\_PP, pages 188, 194 and 198.

#### **BUDAPEST** LENGTH: 4 hours

Leave for a panoramic tour of Budapest, the Pearl of the Danube. First of all you will head for Buda, the hills crossing the famous Chain Bridge and you will go up to the Castle quarter, from where you have a fantastic panoramic view of the city. You will walk round the castle quarter and on to the Fisherman's Bastion, built in neo-Roman style in 1902 for the simple pleasure of offering a panoramic view over the city and the Danube. Behind the Bastion, you will find the Matthias Church, the oldest in the city, founded in 1015 by Saint Stephen and which notably was the venue for the coronation of Emperor Franz Joseph and his wife "Sissi". From there you will return to the coach, which will take you down to the plains of Pest, where you will visit in particular Heroes' Square, whose central monument depicting Prince Arpad and the chieftains of seven Magyar tribes was built for the millennium of Hungary. You will pass by the famous Szechenyi thermal baths, the zoo, a veritable architectural monument, Vajdahunyad Castle... You will take the famous Andrassy Avenue and pass in front of St. Stephen's Basilica whose construction began in 1851 and was only completed in 1905. You will go along the river and see the famous Parliament building overlooking the Danube with its white silhouette in the Byzantine and neo-Gothic styles. For cruises MVI/ŃVI\_PP: our visit will finish up at Vörösmarty Square where we'll discover one of the oldest, richest and most spectacular of all the Christmas markets in Budapest-an old folk tale with its dozens of buzzing wooden market stalls and thousands of handmade gifts. Have a taste of the traditional cinnamon pastries (Kurtoskalacs - Chimney Cake), sausage's, mulled wine, grilled

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vegetables, and street snacks like Langos and dodolle (potato dumplings).

CRUISES REF. MVI/NVI\_PP/NDA\_PP, pages 188, 194 and 198.

## THE SCHOENBRUNN PALACE

Transfer by coach and guided visit of the Schoenbrunn castle. Enjoy free time to walk in the gardens of the castle.

CRUISES REF. NVI\_PP/NDA\_PP, pages 194 and 198.

## **VIENNA**

### (WITHOUT SCHOENBRUNN) LENGTH: 3.5 hours

You will begin the tour by taking the famous Ring, which was one of the personal projects of Emperor Franz Joseph. In 1857, he decided to take down the ramparts that enclosed the city centre and had this boulevard built lined with fine buildings. Along the Ring you will admire this architectural showcase of the old Austro-Hungarian monarchy, including: the State Opera; the Hofburg Palace; the Natural History Museum; the City Hall; the Burgtheater...

For cruises MVI/NVI\_PP: at the end of the visit, we'll return to the square in front of the city hall to take advantage of some free time to discover the traditional Vienna Magic of Advent market. Some 150 small chalets offer fine gifts and Christmas decorations for all ages, while the lights of the trees around the park shine brightly into the night. Enjoy some roasted chestnuts and a cup of warm mulled wine while strolling through the festive market.

CRUISES REF. MVI/NVI\_PP/NDA\_PP, pages 188, 194 and 198.

## 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. Lastly, we'll visit La Doutre, a village-like neighborhood in the heart of the city. CRUISES REF. NLO\_PP/RLO\_PP, page 192.

### **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. We'll visit the île Feydeau and its exceptional buildings dating back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century, and then on to the quays. After, you'll discover the shopping districts created in the 18<sup>th</sup> century around the Théâtre Graslin and the Passage Pommeraye. We'll continue our tour to the Castle of the Dukes of Brittany. The last castle before the river reaches the ocean, this Breton monument with its outstanding 15th to 17th century buildings will transport you back in time.

CRUISES REF. NLO\_PP/RLO\_PP, page 192.

## SAINT-NAZAIRE

#### LENGTH: 3.5 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 designed especially for understanding the complexity of constructing these veritable modern floating palaces, you'll discover the immensity of this site (267 acres), the stunning logistics, and the high technology put in place to build the ship. CRUISES REF. NLO\_PP/RLO\_PP, page 192

#### THE LOIRE VALLEY CHATEAUX LENGTH: 3 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 castle as it is seen today was built under Francis I by Gilles Berthelot, a wealthy financier who wanted to incorporate its medieval past alongside the latest architectural styles of the Italian renaissance. The castle 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 Villandry Château. Spread out over an impressive area, the gardens bring together aestheticism, diversity and harmony. Afterward, 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. NLO\_PP/RLO\_PP, page 192.

## THE MUSCADET REGION

#### LENGTH: 5 hour

We'll pass through several villages that are testimony to the strong winegrowing identity in the region. Transfer to Clisson, a charming medieval city with 15<sup>th</sup> century vestiges and a slight Italian feel. We'll continue toward La Chapelle Heulin and stop at the Cassemichère Château (or similar site). This exceptional site invites you to discover its historyfilled vineyards, visit its cellars and taste the dry, light, fruity and aromatic wine. Return on board. CRUISES REF. NLO\_PP/RLO\_PP, page 192.

## **THE RHONE**

### AVIGNON & THE POPE'S PALACE

### **LENGTH: 3 hours**

You will set out on foot for the guided tour of the old town of Avignon, surrounded by ramparts pierced with 7 doors. Discover the Pope's Palace, classed as a world heritage site by UNESCO, a gothic fortress decorated with frescos from the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the Rocher des Doms, the cathedral Notre Dame des Doms.

CRUISES REF. LVA\_PP/APA\_PP/LNA\_PP, pages 193 and 200.

### THE CAMARGUE

#### LENGTH: 4 hour

Excursion by coach to explore the Camargue with its fauna and flora, typical of the Basse Camargue and the banks of the Grand Rhône. You will then come to the delightful village of Saintes-Mariesde-la-Mer, famed for its gypsy gatherings, where you will enjoy some free time. CRUISE REF. APA\_PP, page 200.

## LYON

## **LENGTH: 3 hours**

This winkling city will reveal itself to you during a guided visit by coach and on foot. Lyon is the most archeological site behind Roma and the second largest preserved sector from the Renaissance time behind Venice. It is also the canuts, numerous museums and an exceptional cuisine, reknown worldwide. During the guided tour you will discover the Fourvière Basilica and the old town with the beautiful Saint Jean district. CRUISE REF. LNA\_PP, page 200

## THE SEINE

## HONFLEUR

LENGTH: 4 hours

This ancient town was mentioned in documents dating as far back as the 11th century. Your tour begins at the old port. Continue on to the Church of Šainte Catherine, France's largest church built from wood by the naval carpenters. Follow this with a visit to the salt stores (outside), huge buildings dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the Saint Leonard Church.

CRUISE REF. NPA, page 193.

#### **HONFLEUR OF THE "COTE FLEURIE"** LENGTH: 9 hours

Departure by coach to a guided visit of Honfleur. Lunch at a restaurant. First stop at Deauville the most glamorous coastal French city. Discover the casino (exterior view). Continuation by coach for the delightful setting of Breuil Château, where you will visit a distillery and get the chance to taste Calvados.

CRUISE REF. RPA, page 199.

## **VIENNE**

LENGTH: 2 hours The history of Vienne goes back more than 2000 years. This Roman city rich in vestiges is indissociable from the river Rhône 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 in about 40-50 AD, it is considered as one of the largest in the Roman empire, with its capacity at the time, it's estimated at 13,000 spectators. Restored in 1938, it was returned to its original function and is now a venue for artistic events. The tour continues with the Temple of Augustus and Livia (exterior). Named thus since the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, this temple, dedicated to Rome and Augustus, stood in a sacred area on the forum. 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 19<sup>th</sup> century thanks to the intervention of Prosper Mérimée. Finally, to complete the tour, you will see the Cathedral of St Maurice (exterior), which has been listed as a historic monument since 1840.

CRUISE REF. LNA\_PP, page 200.

### VIVIERS

LENGTH: 4.5 hours The third largest protected sector in the Rhône Alpes region, residence of bishops since the 5<sup>th</sup> 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

## HONFLEUR & THE MANOIR **OF APREVAL**

ENGTH: 3 hours We'll leave by coach for a guided tour of the Manoir d'Apreval, a family run apple-growing domain located at the edge of Honfleur. Here, they produce different ciders, Calvados, Pommeau, cider vinegar and pure apple juice. We'll visit the orchard, fermenting rooms and wine cellars. We'll discover how the apples are harvested and pressed, how the ciders are fermented, how to process and distill Calvados, the secrets of creating Pommeau, and the joys of tasting the products at the end of our visit! Then, we'll continue by coach to Honfleur and have a guided tour of its fishing port with picturesque houses, salt warehouses and Saint Catherine's Church, the largest wooden church in France.

CRUISE REF. MRO, page 189.

#### LE HAVRE

LENGTH: 2.25 hours Guided visit of Le Havre town centre, which is

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 facade, the Tower of St Michael, the great seminary, the Belvedere with an unobstructed view of Viviers. Transfer by coach to Montélimar. There is a visit to

a traditional nougat factory and a tour of nougat country, with tastings. Since the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Montélimar has been famous the world over for its nougat, when the first almond trees were introduced into the region by Olivier de Serre and the first harvest led to the development of nougat production. There is a lively visit to the oldest traditional nougat factory in Montélimar where you can learn the traditional methods of production in copper cauldrons and ending with sampling this delightful tasty confectionery. CRUISE REF. LVA\_PP, page 193.

#### WALKING TOUR OF ARLES LENGTH: 2 hours

Arles with its two thousand years of history has preserved an exceptional monumental heritage, making the city a veritable open-air museum. Welcome to one of the most important tourist and cultural sites in France. You will see the Roman Amphitheatre (the "Arènes"), the Ancient Roman Theatre, Place St Trophime with its cloister and church, which 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. APA\_PP/LNA\_PP, page 200.

on the World Heritage List for Humanity. Marvel at the town's Christmas lights. In July 2005, UNESCO added the town centre, which was rebuilt by Auguste Perret, to their List of World Heritage Sites. Perret was a major 20<sup>th</sup> century architect and "poet in concrete" who was both traditionalist and innovative in approach. Discover the magnificent Christmas lights. More than leds 400 000, 500 motives hung on in trees, in streets, almost 20 000-meters of garlands... Free time in the Christmas market. The village of the Santa Claus and the Market are gathered in one same place. Around thirty decorated chalets and the House of the Santa Claus give a good place to local produces: pastries, grilled chestnuts, gingerbread, chocolates, etc. Live at the rate of the numerous animations: musics, brass band, street theater, storytellers, workshops. CRUISE REF. MRO, page 189.

#### MARTAINVILLE CHATEAU LENGTH: 5 hours

We cross the Little Andelys passing the church of St. Saviour (Church of the 16<sup>th</sup> century still

with a vintage organ) After 40 min, journey through several villages bordering the Andelle (river running through the valley), we arrive at the Martinville Château. It was built in the late 15<sup>th</sup> century by Jacques Pelletier, and redeemed by the State in 1906 and converted into a museum in 1961. Browse by 2h, 500-year history of rural Normandy. Travel through the heart of Norman traditions (work suits, dresses, jewelry, weavings...), relive your past through the objects of everyday life (brass, pottery, baskets...) Find the largest collection of furniture of Normandy "THE FAMOUS Norman wardrobes".

CRUISE REF. NPA, page 193.

#### PANORAMIC TOUR OF PARIS LENGTH: 3.5 hours

Discover the mythical sites of the capital. Since it was founded by Lutèce on the Ile de la Cité, two thousand years of history have seen ecclesiastics, sovereigns and heads of state leave their mark on

## THE BORDEAUX REGION

### BORDEAUX BY NIGHT LENGTH: 2 hours

Departure by coach for this 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. Departure by coach for a panoramic tour of the city, taking in all the main monuments, followed by a walking tour of old Bordeaux. From the wide avenues of the neoclassical 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. BON/BOR, pages 191 and 199.

### PAUILLAC & THE MEDOC ROAD LENGTH: 4 hour

Discover the Médoc: prestigious wine-growing region. A corner of the world that produces the most prestigious red wines on the planet, tightly wedged between an ocean and an estuary. A mild,

## THE GUADALQUIVIR

## **CADIZ**

LENGTH: 3 hours

Founded, according to mythology, by Hercules, Cadiz owes its maritime and commercial tradition to its geographical position on a rocky platform. At the heart of this white and blue town, succumb to the charms of San Sebastian Château, the La Vina district, the cathedral and the maze of narrow streets.

CRUISES REF. NAD/NAA, pages 195 and 201.

### DAY TRIP TO CORDOBA (LUNCH INCLUDED) LENGTH: 10 hours

A guided tour at the discovery of the three monotheist religions: you will visit the Mezquita, a vast mosque in the middle of which rises a cathedral. You will also discover the former Jewish quarter and the 14<sup>th</sup> century synagogue, the only one in Andalusia. After lunch in a restaurant, enjoy

some free time to succumb to the sensual charms of the city of the caliphs. CRUISES REF. NAD/NAA, pages 195 and 201.

the city, building churches, erecting monuments and palaces, creating prestigious museums, outlining sumptuous perspectives. Paris has a

reputation for taste and elegance that it owes

largely to its couturiers, perfumers and jewellers; it is also the city of festivities, theatre, famous cabarets, and the sparkle and sequins of its famous revues. The coach will take you past Bercy, the F. Mitterrand National Library, the Bastille, the

Marais, the Latin Quarter, St Germain, 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.

The historic center of the city and its famous

cathedral are only a 5-minute walk from the ship.

Stretched along the Seine, Rouen is Normandy's

humid microclimate which has been favourable

to the development of the vines. We will go

through most of the Médoc appellations (Saint

Julien, Margaux, Haut-Médoc...) On the famous Châteaux Road, we will stop in one of them to

taste the famous wine of the region. On the way you will see the major names of Châteaux Laffitte-

SAINT-EMILION & WINE TASTING

Guided tour of the underground monuments

in Saint-Emilion village. Your guide will present

the history of the medieval town. You will then

see an exceptional troglodytic site: the cave of

the monk Emilion founder of the town, Trinity

Chapel built in his honour and the catacombs. Finally, undoubtedly the most original monument,

the Monolithic church. Hewn entirely in the

limestone, it is the biggest in Europe. You will then

depart for a visit of a family-owned wine-growing

estate, where you will be welcomed by the owner,

who will explain the stages of the wine-making

Rothschild, Latour and Mouton Rothschild.

CRUISES REF. BON/BOR, pages 191 and 199.

CRUISE REF. RPA, page 199

ROUEN

LENGTH: 2 hours

LENGTH: 3 hours

## JEREZ

LENGTH: 4 hours Departure by coach for a visit of the city of Jerez, capital of wine and horses, and cradle of flamenco music. A panoramic tour by coach will enable you to see the cathedral, the old mosque of Jerez, the Salvador church and the Alcazar.

CRUISES REF. NAD/NAA, pages 195 and 201.

## OSBORNE BODEGA

### LENGTH: 2 hours

Set off on foot with our host or hostess to visit the Osborne bodega. This Spanish family business is one of the oldest winery of the country with over 200 years of history and has been producing wines since 1772. The black Osborne bull was created in cultural, historical, and gastronomical capital. The exceptionally complex Notre-Dame Cathedral is renowned for the juxtaposition of all the Gothic periods - especially on the facade, which Monet painted time and again, reflecting its glory in different lights. Destroyed during the Viking invasions in 841 and, partially, in 1944, by allied bombardments, the cathedral continues to be a perpetually evolving structure. We'll then head to the market place where Joan of Arc was burned alive for heresy in 1431. A large cross outside of the Church of Saint Joan of Arc marks the exact spot. The Gros-Horloge, or Great Clock, is one of the most emblematic monuments in the city. The Gothic belfry has housed the communal bells and clock of the city since its construction at the end of the 14th century. The current archway and the double sided clock faces were rebuilt between 1527 and 1529. The clock was restored in 1997, and again in 2003.

CRUISES REF. MRO/NPA/RPA, pages 189, 193 and 199.

process in Saint-Emilion. A wine-tasting session with commentary will complete the visit. CRUISES REF. BON/BOR, pages 191 and 199.

## THE CORNICHE ROAD & TOUR **OF BOURG**

## LENGTH: 4 hours

The Corniche road: narrow and picturesque, runs alongside the Dordogne and then opens out onto the Gironde Estuary. You will see pleasant gardens, old fishermen's houses, remarkable houses nestling in the cliffside and the famous "carrelets", the curious fishermen's cabins perched above the water. Unusual scenery with a mixture of river, stone and vineyards. There will be a short stop in Bourg, a delightful village built on a rocky outcrop surrounded by medieval ramparts. After that, return to Blaye to visit the Citadel. Imposing and majestic and listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site it overlooks the Gironde Estuary and offers a splendid panorama of the river.

CRUISES REF. BON/BOR, pages 191 and 199.

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEA

1956 and is the Emblem of the winery. Currently, it is internationally recognized and certainly the Spanish most recognized symbol in the world. The tour will be followed by a wine tasting session. CRUISES REF. NAD/NAA, pages 195 and 201.

### SEVILLE & THE ALCAZAR PALACE

### LENGTH: 4.5 hours

A panoramic tour will enable you to see the Plaza de España constructed for the Ibero-American Exposition of 1929. You will visit the Santa Cruz district and the Alcazar\* built in the style of the Alhambra in Granada, stroll in the palace gardens planted with orange trees, cypresses and palm trees. Then you will discover the cathedral which houses works by Goya and Murillo, and the tomb of Christopher Columbus.

\* Except on sundays afternoon and mondays: visit of the Pilate Palace.

CRUISES REF. NAD/NAA, pages 195 and 201.

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### MURANO & BURANO ISLANDS LENGTH: 4 hours

Aboard a small private boat with a local guide, you will head for the island of Murano (which is one of the largest islands in the lagoon), famous for its glasswork (you will attend a demonstration at one of the largest glassworks). You will then move on to the island of Burano, famous for its lace. You will get some free time on this island.

CRUISES REF. NOV/REW, pages 195 and 201.

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LENGTH: 5 hours

Walking guided tour of the Saint Antoine of Padua city, well-known in Christianity because of its imposing basilic which holds the rof of SaintAntoine. The "Treasure" presents reliquaries containing the whole tongue, the chin and the head's skin of the Saint, as well as three thorns from the Christ's crown and a fragment of the Cross. CRUISES REF. NOV/REW, pages 195 and 201

### VENICE & THE DOGE'S PALACE LENGTH: 3.5 hours

The guided tour will begin with a historical and artistic introduction to Venice with St Mark's Square, then you will be able to see St Mark's Cathedral (exterior). The Byzantine facades 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

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Venetian government from the 9th 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 considered by many as the finest in the world. A visit to the top of the famous Golden Staircase will enable you to admire the paintings of Tintoretto and Veronese, to walk through the Grand Council Chamber and out onto the balcony, with its fantastic view. You will walk over the famous decorated Bridge of Sighs, which leads to the prison. The bridge, known in the past as the image of the destiny that awaited the prisoners, today has more romantic connotations. You will learn about its history.

CRUISES REF. NOV/REW, pages 195 and 201.



## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

#### SEASONS 2015-2016

Booking one of the cruises presented in this brochure shall imply the acceptance of the general and particular terms and conditions of sale stipulated hereinafter. By dating and signing the travel contract drawn up by the salesperson from whom he purchases his voyage, which stipulates that the terms and conditions have been accepted by him, the client expressly recognises that he has familiarised himself with the information relative to the voyage that he has chosen from our brochures, available in travel agencies or directly from us. He shall therefore be referred to the information contained in these brochures in respect of any details concerning the voyage. This brochure offers a selection of cruises and our offer is not limited to the cruises selected. Cruises or provisions not included in the brochure shall be subject to the same terms and conditions.

### **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE**

In accordance with article R.211-12 of the Tourism Code, the brochures and travel contracts offered by travel agencies to their clients should include all of the following general terms taken from articles R211-3 to R211-11 of the Tourism Code.

In accordance with articles L211-7 and L211-17 of the Tourism Code, the provisions of articles R211-3 to R211-11 of the Tourism Code, whose text is reproduced below, do not apply to transactions for the reservation or sale of transport tickets that are not in the framework of a tour package.

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. 43884621 covering its Professional Civil Liability.

## Extract of the Tourism Code

Article R211-3: Subject to the exclusions provided in the third and forth 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 must appear.

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 such as:

- 1. The destination, the means, the characteristics and the categories of transport used.
- 2. 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 5. 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 7. 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 twenty-one days prior to the departure.
- 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.
- **9.** 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.
- 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 is entered into

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 is entered into by electronic means, articles 1369-1 to 1369-11 of the civil code are applied. The contract must include the following clauses:

- The name and address of the seller, the respective guarantor and 1. the insurance company as well as the name and address of the organiser.
- The destination or the destinations of the trip, and in the case of a 2. 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.
- The type of lodging, its location, its level of comfort and its main 4. characteristics and its tourist classification according to the regulations or common practices of the country of destination.
- Offered catering services. The itinerary in the case of tours.
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- 7. The visits, sightseeing excursions, or other services included in the total price of the trip and of the stay. The total price of the services invoiced as well as the indication of 8.
- any possible revision of this invoicing provided for by article R211-8. The indication, if appropriate, of fees or taxes related to certain 9.
- 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
- The deadline by which the seller must be notified by the purchaser if the purchaser transfers the contract.
- The undertaking to provide to the purchaser, the following information at least 10 days prior to the date of the departure:
   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 and arrival times

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 yet 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 non-negligible 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 planned bearing any price increase, and if the services planned, burchaser 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 2015 to November 2016.

PRICES: Our prices are indicated in euro (€), pounds (£), U.S dollars (\$) they are given per person and based on a double cabin. They are established on the basis of the prevailing economic conditions applicable from January 2015 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.A's web site, economic conditions or any other service provision mentioned in the programmes.

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 the cost of visas and tariffs for optional excursions are subject to

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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 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.

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 categorisation 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. Programs 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.

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 paid 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-44I-3 and L-44I-6 of the Commercial Code, all late

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

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  $50 \in$  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 ARLINE 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 can to him. Likewise if he cannot provide 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:** Under 2 years of age, meal and accommodation costs are payable in situ; over 2 and under 10 years of age: 20% reduction on the price of the cruise excluding taxes, supplements and administrative costs. This discount does not apply to the brand CroisiVoyages (Mekong, Volga etc.).

**TRIPLE CABIN REDUCTION:** 30% reduction on the all-in cruise price shall be granted to the  $3^{rd}$  occupant of the same family in a triple cabin excluding taxes, supplements and administrative costs. This discount does not apply to the brand CroisiVoyages (Mekong, Volga etc.).

DISCOUNT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: On river cruises form CroisiEurope 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 to products of the brand CroisiMer or CroisiVoyages.

INDIVIDUAL CABIN: 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. diplomatic.gouv.fr etc. A passenger who is not permitted to board a flight or finds himself denied entry into a country, owing to his failure to present documents required by the authorities and mentioned in the contract of sale or the invoice which he has signed, may not claim a refund of any kind. In the event of 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 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

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

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 cruises on the Volga and the Mekong, the excursions that are

booked on the spot, mentioned or otherwise in our programmes are organised by local companies independent of CroisiEurope. Even if they are proposed by our local representatives as an extra

by anised by local companies independent to totakizioper 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

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  $\in$  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 belongings is the responsibility of the passengers. CroisiEurope underline to the travelers the fact that it cannot in any way be held customer's oversight shall result in the charging of any additional costs incurred in recovering it. We advise our passengers to take out luggage insurance.

In the event of loss, late delivery or damage to luggage in the context of air transfers, it is the passenger's responsibility to fill in the luggage complaint form at the airport with the airline company. The original shall be required by the latter for processing all claims.

VALUABLE ITEMS: The ship owner shall not be answerable for the loss of or damage to valuable items, money, financial documents, jewellery, and personal property. We request you not to leave valuable items unattended. Furthermore, we advise you not to leave in the luggage you entrust to carriers any valuable items, keys or identity papers, or medicinal products essential to your health. We cannot be held responsible in the event of damage to and loss or theft of personal effects.

**COMPLAINTS:** Any assessment of a subjective nature will be considered with interest but may not be recoverable. If there were problems during the trip, it is strongly recommended to inform immediately your attendant or purser to find a solution in due case. In case of non-delivery or non-use of a local performance in accordance with client's decision, no refund can be made. All complaints must be forwarded to 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.

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. mtv.travel.

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

recurrent climatic or natural events (high tides and low tides, cyclones, etc.) or which may render it impossible to enjoy certain service, etc.) or which may render it impossible to enjoy certain service, etc.) or which may render it impossible to enjoy certain service, etc.) or which may render it impossible to enjoy certain service, etc.) or which may render it impossible to enjoy certain service, etc.) or which may render it impossible to enjoy certain service, etc.) or which may render it impossible to enjoy certain service, sums paid. In such a case, the customer may not claim any time prior to departure, with no other obligation than to reimburse sums paid. In such a case, the customer may not claim any complementary indemnity. CroisiEurope shall, insofar as this is possible, offer the passenger a replacement cruise of equivalent value. The passenger shall be entitled, as he chooses, to take advantage of such replacement cruise or else receive a refund under the terms set out in these conditions. Should the passenger accept the replacement cruise, no reimbursement or payment of compensation shall take place. CroisiEurope reserves the right to cancel one or other cruise 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 to 80 people for the cruises from the brand CroisiEurope or CroisiMer and 130 to 200 people for cruises on the Volga depending on the ship standards, 30 people for cruises on the Dnieper River, 40 people for cruises on the Mekong and 25 persons for ground extensions.

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 titinerary of the safety of the vessel. Should the cruise be interrupted for reasons of force majeure, the customer shall be refunded for the days of the cruise not effected but may not claim any complementary indemnity. Should such modifications or cancellations of the voyage occur, Articles R 211-9 to R 211-11 of the Tourism Code shall apply.

Possible unforeseen circumstances (civil or religious festivals, 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.

TRANSPORT: The considerable increase in air and rail traffic, events beyond our control (strikes, technical incidents, meteorology, etc.) and safety imperatives mean that charter and regular airline companies and railway companies are not always able to respect the schedules. Delays, both on departure and on return, are possible and are beyond the control of the carrier, the tour operator and the travel agency. No compensation other than that laid down in prevailing legislation shall be granted, regardless of the subsequent professional or personal consequences. The customer is therefore recommended to allow a reasonable period of time, particularly for the return flight, in the event of connecting flights or important appointments. French provincial departures established by CroisiEurope on specially chartered flights are quaranteed for a minimum of 80 passengers.

Modifications to times and dates imposed by the railway or airline companies may occur both at departure and on arrival, causing the journey to be shortened or extended. CroisiEurope, acting in the capacity of intermediary between the buyer and the railway or airline company, shall strive to find the most suitable solutions but may not be held responsible for the consequences of any such delays or modifications. No compensation shall be forthcoming in such circumstances.

Furthermore, we decline all liability for air and rail transfers not booked through the CroisiEurope tour operator. Our customers travelling to or from the cruise by their own means are recommended to book tickets which can be changed or refunded. Cruises may not be cancelled by the customer owing to rail or air traffic. For your information, airline companies recommend the re-confirmation of the return flight. It is incumbent on passengers to do so within the times allowed.

Tickets issued in the context of our programmes or booked directly by the customer, which are not used on the outward and/or return journey, shall not be reimbursed, even if postponed to a later date or if the holiday is cancelled. Giving up one's seat to take a different flight or train shall not give rise to a refund on the unused ticket or to the payment of the cost of the new ticket.

All complaints regarding travel prior or subsequent to the cruise, whether by air or by land, and any costs (taxi, parking, hotels, modifications to reservations, tickets which cannot be changed, etc.) shall not give rise to any compensation in situ or upon return. Likewise in cases of arrivals at a station or an airport different from the station or airport of departure (e.g.: Paris Orly, Paris Roissy).

or airport of departure (e.g.: Paris Orly, Paris Roissy). Pursuant to Decree No 2007-669 of 2 May 2007 on the obligation to inform passengers of the identity of the airline carrier, the customer shall be informed of the identity of the contractual carrier(s) or of the carrier(s) likely to fulfill the flight purchased de facto. The vendor shall inform the customer of the identity of the actual airline company which shall handle the flight(s). Such information shall be communicated eight days at the latest prior to the date laid down in the transport contract or at the time the contract is concluded if this occurs fewer than eight days prior to the start of the journey. In the event of modification to the identity of the carrier, the customer shall be informed thereof and this at the time of check-in at the latest.

The passenger ticket used in airline and railway companies, or else the control card, constitutes the only contract between the latter and the customer. The customer is responsible for his transport document, shall therefore accept the consequences of any loss, theft or destruction of his transport document and shall not be entitled to invoke our liability.

The baggage allowance is generally 20 kg per person on regular flights and 15 kg on charter flights. Excess baggage charges shall be paid to the company during check in. The transport of bulky items (wheelchairs, breathing apparatus, pushchairs, etc.) should be pointed out when booking and may be subject to a variable supplement depending on the airline company. Certain airline companies charge for assistance at aircorts and service provisions on board.

airports and service provisions on board. In the event of damage to or non-delivery of luggage by the airline company, Customer shall immediately report the irregularity to the competent authorities on the arrival airport in order to complete a declaration of loss or damage. Then, within 7 days maximum, to claim compensation, the passenger will have to send to the airline this declaration accompanied by necessary original documents. The passenger shall also keep all originals of his transport documents. The airline company shall take no further action unless such procedure is undertaken and such documents presented. CroisiEurope, acting in the capacity of intermediary between the buyer and the airline company, shall strive to find the most suitable solutions but may not be held responsible for the consequences of any such damage to or loss of luggage. No compensation shall be forthcoming from CroisiEurope in such circumstances.

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

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 a airline companies, hotels, reception agencies, restaurateurs, suppliers, etc. All services thereto pertaining (transport, accommodation, transfers...) reserved in addition to the poly be 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.

**REPATRIATION ASSISTANCE GUARANTEE:** Insurance including medical repatriation and people assistance is included in all our cruises. It is contract nr.302953 taken out with Mondial Assistance. For further information please enquire.

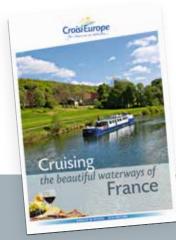
OPTIONAL INSURANCE: For your comfort and safety, we strongly advise that you take out the cancellation, luggage damage, civil liabilityand stay interruption insurance offered by CroisiEurope and taken out with Mondial rate to specify at booking (rate applicable on the total amount of your file).

**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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