River Cruises
2011 Collection

Netherlands • Germany • France • Switzerland • Russia • Portugal • UK
Welcome to our 2011 River Cruise Collection

We’re delighted that increased demand for our river cruise holidays has led us to expand our range of European waterways visited. That doesn’t mean to say that we’re turning our backs on the popular Rhine and Moselle river itineraries. They are all still here aboard our exclusively chartered ships, the mps Lady Anne and the mps Amsterdam. We’re simply ‘pushing the boat out’ a little to charter additional cruise vessels navigating different European inland waterways such as the Seine, Rhône, Volga, Douro, Danube and Caledonian Canal. You can be assured however that, despite an increase in the cruise vessels offered, the high standards demanded by the River Cruise Line will be upheld on all the cruises that our passengers board.

If we’ve now whet your appetite, read on to be whisked away on your dream river cruise holiday; where the scenery changes with each passing day!

At your service
Call our knowledgeable Reservations Team on 0800 655 6449
We are here to help Monday to Thursday 9am to 5.30pm, Friday and Saturday 9am to 5pm.
Or you can visit our website www.rivercruiseline.co.uk to check availability and book online 7 days a week.

Group Travel
River Cruising is ideal for groups of friends or family travelling together
If you have a group of 20 or more you can take advantage of exclusive benefits including:
FREE places - local departures - FREE excursions.
For further information call our Group Travel Services Team on 0844 544 6587 who will be happy to discuss your requirements for the perfect group holiday.

Peace of mind
For your financial protection and peace of mind the holiday package booked with us and all money paid by you is fully protected. We are a fully bonded member of ABTA, the Association of British Travel Agents, and our ABTA number is W0552. As a member we are committed to providing high standards of business practice and we are obliged to follow the organisation’s Code of Conduct to ensure our customers receive a high standard of service. Both ABTA and its members help holidaymakers to get the most from their travel and assist them should things not go according to plan. We also hold an ATOL license, number 9537, a financial protection scheme for air holidays managed by the Civil Aviation Authority.

River Cruise Miles Reward Scheme
For each cruise booked with us the lead passenger is awarded points depending on the style of cabin and duration of the cruise.

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The more points gained the higher the discount the lead passenger will receive against a future booking.
20 points = 5% discount
30 points = 7.5% discount
50 points = 10% discount

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Scenic Rhine

Douro Valley

Budapest
Explore
Europe’s Rivers & Fascinating Sights

Cruising aboard a well appointed ship is simply the finest way to take in many of Europe’s major sites at a gentle pace. Negating the need to check in and out of different hotels, you simply take your bedroom with you! None of the highlights of your cruising route will be missed either, since each itinerary is meticulously planned to allow plenty of sightseeing opportunities, either within the visited port or on separately organised excursions. In-between ports simply soak up the scenery gliding by from your seat upon the ship’s Sun Deck. We offer superb itineraries along the following rivers - which one will you choose for your next cruise with the River Cruise Line?

River Rhine
The River Rhine was our first choice of inland waterway when we began our river cruise programme back in 2001. It was an obvious choice since the Rhine offers such variety. From the northern mountain slopes of Switzerland, through the lush Rhine Plains, down the dramatically narrow German river gorge, and into the flatter landscape of the Netherlands, the visitor is simply swept along on a tide of beautiful scenery, ancient folklore and mouth watering white wines. So strong is still the pull of the River Rhine, that you will discover a number of cruise programmes within this brochure featuring all, or some aspect, of it. If you’ve never discovered the magic of the Rhine yet, prepare to fall under its spell.

River Douro
Flowing from Spain to Portugal, the Douro was once a fast flowing river but the construction of dams has tamed its waters which now resemble a series of tranquil lakes surrounded by spectacular scenery. The Portuguese stretch is particularly stunning, so much so that the landscape is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Steep valley hillsides lined with vineyards reveal the traditional way of life, when the river was principally used to transport port wine, and breathtaking narrow canyons and gorges rise from the banks. Unsurprisingly, the river flows through many wine producing regions, passing rural villages and vibrant cities which lie at the water’s edge.

River Neckar
Another main tributary of the Rhine is the Neckar, which rises in the Black Forest and runs 228 miles in length. The Neckar is an especially well developed touring river due to its scenery and charm and shares many features of the Rhine, lined with pretty towns, vineyards, orchards, woods and castles.

Moselle River
The magical Moselle meanders through a beautiful valley whose steep slate hillsides are swathed in grapevines bearing the fruit that is turned into those lively and refreshing Rieslings. Nothing’s done in too hurried a fashion along the Moselle Valley; we simply spend wonderfully relaxing hours following the twists and turns of the river with always an air of expectation as to what the next corner might reveal. Each of our cruises incorporating the Moselle passes its waters at Koblenz, its confluence with the River Rhine, and journey, in some cases, along its length as far as Trier near the Luxembourg border.

River Saône
The Saône is an idyllic, winding river which passes through beautiful French countryside. Rising in the Vosges Mountains, it flows approximately 100 miles to its confluence with the River Rhône at Lyon. Its fertile valley is lined with striking natural features as well as attractive towns and, due to its even and gentle flow of water, it is navigable for the majority of its length, with very few locks and only small stretches where it has been canalised. A cruise along its waters is the best way to see the picturesque countryside of the famed Burgundy wine region and discover the magnificent cuisine, history and culture of the area.

River Seine
Rising near Dijon in eastern France, the River Seine flows through Paris to reach the Channel at Le Havre. Reaching 24 metres above sea level, it is navigable to river cruise vessels via a series of locks, the result of which means that the river is fairly slow moving. Our cruise along the Seine’s waters shall follow its journey from Paris to Honfleur and back, a route that shall encompass fascinating locks, picturesque riverside towns, the boaterman’s capital of Conflans-Sainte-Honore, the beautiful fishing port of Honfleur and the Port de Normandie, one of the longest cable-stayed bridges in the world. Optional excursions include visits to historic Rouen, the magnificent Château de Vaucouleurs and the Côte Fleurie on the Normandy coastline. C’est magnifique!

Scottish Waterways
Scotland’s 137 mile network of inland waterways is the perfect way for visitors to see the magnificent countryside and amazing wildlife, not to mention the fabulous Scottish traditional and hospitality. This 200 year old system has undergone huge development in recent years to become a major attraction for locals and visitors alike. From the majestic Caledonian Canal in the Highlands, the ‘International Gateway’ to cruising in Scotland, to the Forth and Clyde Canal, these waterways offer visitors a breathtaking experience.

Dutch Waterways
The Dutch Waterways are the densest network of inland waterways in Europe, fed by the Rhine as it crosses the border from Germany into the Netherlands. The region’s location at the point where the Rhine meets the North Sea, meant that many of the towns became extremely wealthy from trade and fishing. The number of canals, rivers and lakes are countless and, as most of the country is flat, there are almost no locks, except for the ones protecting the cities. This intricate system gives access to many areas of Holland and Belgium, passing through a variety of gentle landscapes, quaint villages and ancient cities which were built on the water.
Explore Russian Waterways

Russian Waterways

Travelling the waterways between Russia's capital city of Moscow and St Petersburg on the Gulf of Finland was once no easy task, since Moscow lies 400 feet above sea level! An engineering feat involving dozens of locks however resulted in the construction of a series of canals linking several lakes and rivers to facilitate such a route. This feat could be deemed to be greater than that achieved in the construction of the Panama Canal. Navigate with us therefore an "off the beaten track" route that introduces us to a rolling rural Russian landscape dotted with farms, towns and villages that are characterised by onion-domed churches and the Kremlin. At either end of our journey, the opulence of both mighty Moscow and St Petersburg, Russia's "window to the West."
Every passenger aboard one of our carefully selected cruise ships is a VIP. A warm welcome and attentive service are clearly apparent from the moment your luggage is lifted aboard. Quite simply, the prime concern of the ship’s crew and Cruise Managers is to ensure that every aspect of your holiday reaches the standard set by the comfortable quality of your ship’s surroundings.

Welcome on board

Life on board your ship

With your welfare taken care of by the ship’s friendly and attentive crew, all you are required to do is relax and gaze out at the breathtaking scenery gliding by your cruise ship. Since you’re aboard a floating hotel, everything you need is conveniently to hand in your private en-suite cabin. This Utopia need only be disturbed by the requirement to occasionally amble into the restaurant or cosy bar to indulge yourself with the delicious food and drink; or to step ashore to take in a range of meticulously-planned fascinating excursions. When the evening arrives, you don’t even need to make your own entertainment - that’s all catered for too, leaving you free to unwind and socialise with your fellow passengers. Could you find a better recipe for the perfect touring holiday?

What the passengers say:

The ship is excellent, with a very happy and helpful crew. The ship is very comfortable with excellent choice of food. Also your tour managers did a very good job in keeping everything going.

Mr C.Burnell, Havant

For more details on each ship see pages 41-47
Travel & Cruise Calendar

Flexible Travel Options
We offer a number of ways for you to join your port of departure or cruise. Just look at the travel options available for your cruise and choose one to suit you.

Travel by executive coach - enjoy the convenience of being picked up from a regional departure point by our private executive coach.

Travel by Eurostar - travel directly to the heart of Europe from London St Pancras by this efficient high-speed train service.

Join at a UK port - travel in the comfort of your own car, to Dover or Hull where parking is available at both ports. You could even extend your holiday with our excellent rates for overnight hotels which include breakfast and free parking.

Travel by Air
Convenient travel by air from selected UK airports is available on our Douro Valley Cruise, Cruise the Danube to Vienna & Budapest, Moscow to St Petersburg Cruise, Scottish Highlands Cruise and in some instances offer regional connecting flights.

For more information on travel and coach departure areas see pages 38 and 39.

River Cruise Calendar 2011

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P&O Ferries, Pride of Kent

Transport by airplane

Transport by coach

What’s included in your cruise

- Return travel depending on your chosen cruise
- En-suite cabin accommodation
- Full board during your cruise
- Cruise itinerary as described
- On board entertainment program
- Services of our experienced Cruise Manager
- Port taxes, road taxes and tolls
- Great choice of excursions

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Amsterdam & Bulbfields Spectacular 4 days from £199

Whirling windmills set amongst fields of tulip blooms await on our spring itinerary, featuring the heart of the Dutch bulbfields, Amsterdam and the IJsselmeer. Nowhere is springtime better celebrated than at Holland’s magnificent Keukenhof Gardens - the spring gardens of Europe, where awakening trees and a huge palette of floral colours are reflected in the shimmering lakes. Our cruise begins and ends in Amsterdam, the sparkling diamond centre of the world that glints on its labyrinth of canals and waterways. After the dull days of winter, bring a sparkle to the eye with a riot of colour on this gem of a cruise.

Day 1: UK - Amsterdam - Volendam

We travel to Amsterdam where we board our ship and cast off towards the scenic IJsselmeer, stopping along the way at the quaint former fishing port of Volendam. A stroll around the picturesque harbour and a Dutch beer in one of the local bars may be the perfect way to round off the first day.

Day 2: Volendam - Kampen

From Volendam, we cruise over to the eastern shores of the IJsselmeer to the historical town of Kampen. The remainder of the day can be spent exploring Kampen, with its medieval touches of architecture, or you can take the opportunity to visit Het Loo Palace, a former home of the Dutch Royal Family, on our optional excursion.

Day 3: Kampen - Hoorn - Amsterdam

Casting off from Kampen, we cruise back across the IJsselmeer to the lively little port of Hoorn for our included excursion to view the breathtaking Keukenhof Gardens. We rejoin our ship in Amsterdam, where you can discover Amsterdam by canal on our optional cruise, taking in views of historic merchant houses and other points of interest - the perfect way to round off this rejuvenating spring break.

Day 4: Amsterdam - UK

This morning we bid farewell to our Captain and crew and disembark for the return journey to the UK.
Dutch Towns & Waterways 7 Days from £399

There’s much more to Holland than windmills, clogs and tulip fields. Our relaxing springtime cruise around the IJsselmeer and its tributaries will reveal a variety of attractions that are all within easy reach of our berthing ports. The quaint harbours and fishing villages that we moor at are attractions in themselves with their rows of brightly painted gabled buildings. Who would have thought that the forests of Gelderland conceal priceless works of art, or that the sleepy little medieval town of Franeker houses one of the world’s oldest working planetariums? These are just two surprises waiting to be revealed on our terrific range of excursions that wind up viewing the springtime splendour of Keukenhof Gardens prior to the sparkling beauty of Amsterdam.

Day 4: Lemmer - Franeker - Harlingen
Casting off in the early morning, we cruise to the historic town of Franeker for our optional excursion to one of the world’s oldest working planetariums. We rejoin the ship in Harlingen where we spend a relaxed evening in this old Friesian seaport. Being located within a preserved zone, Harlingen delights all visitors with its 16th and 18th century buildings and traditional Dutch sailing barges.

Day 5: Harlingen - Enkhuizen - Hoorn
The picturesque former seaport of Enkhuizen, across the IJsselmeer on the opposite peninsula, is our destination this morning. Whilst berthed here for the afternoon you can relax on board or explore the town and its famous marina, whilst learning about the town’s maritime history. Also worth exploring is the well known Zuiderzeemuseum. We cast off in the early evening and cruise to the lively little port of Hoorn, where we berth for the night.

Day 6: Hoorn - Volendam - Amsterdam
We continue our route down the IJsselmeer to the quaint former fishing port of Volendam. Here you can join our optional excursion to the magnificent Keukenhof Gardens - the spring garden of Europe. Keukenhof is famous for its spectacular floral displays of springtime colour. We rejoin our ship in Amsterdam where you can take an optional cruise along Amsterdam’s canal system, the best way to appreciate this beautiful city.

Day 7: Amsterdam - UK
This morning we bid farewell to our Captain and crew and disembark for the return journey to the UK.
Rhine, Moselle & Ahr Valley Cruise & Walk 5 Days from £249

Step beyond our river cruise ship and into the surrounding landscape, with our guided walks in the Rhine, Moselle and Ahr Valleys. This is a chance to really appreciate the region and immerse yourself in its beauty as we walk through vineyards, see the mighty monuments, venture into enchanting forests and visit the magnificent Eltz Castle. And if all that sounds too energetic, then you can just relax and soak up the scenery on board - the choice is yours.

Day 1: UK - Bonn
We travel to Bonn where we board our for a relaxing evening.

Day 2: Bonn - Ahr Valley Walking - Koblenz
Our coach departs after breakfast to meet our walking guide in Altenahr for a scenic walk through the Ahr Valley. This beautiful region is well known for producing red wine and has some outstanding natural features, from lush green hills to spectacular rock formations. We take the steps up towards the castle and follow the Red Wine Trail to Rech. We continue to Dernau where our coach meets us and takes us to the pretty town of Ahrweiler for some free time before we re-join our ship in Koblenz. Today's walk covers approximately 7.5 miles, taking approximately 3 hours.

Day 3: Koblenz - Moselle Valley Walk - Rüdesheim
After breakfast our coach takes us into the Moselle Valley to meet our walking guide in Karden. Our route takes us up through the vineyards to a plateau, before we walk through Eltz Woods to reach Eltz Castle, one of the most beautiful and best preserved castles in Germany. Entrance is included so you have free time to explore before we continue our walk along the romantic Elz River to Moselkern, where our coach meets us and takes us to the quaint Rhine side town of Rüdesheim. We re-join the ship in Rüdesheim. Today's walk covers approximately 6 miles, taking approximately 3 to 4 hours.

Day 4: Rhine Valley Walk - Rüdesheim - Andernach
Starting in Rüdesheim, we walk through the old town and the vineyards towards Assmannshausen. We pass the castle ruins of Ehrenfels and have lovely views of Mouse Tower and the Rhine before we return to Rüdesheim and re-join our ship. You can then relax on board as we cruise to our final port in Andernach. Today's walk covers approximately 6 miles, taking approximately 8 hours.

Day 5: Andernach
This morning we bid farewell to our Captain and crew and disembark for the return journey to the UK.

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Safety and Comfort
Please ensure you wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the guided walks - strong shoes which give a good grip and ankle support, warm clothes and a waterproof coat are recommended. A rucksack or backpack is also useful to carry any extra clothes, drinks and food.
Rhine Discovery  5 days from £269

The romantic narrowest stretch of the Rhine River Valley is so easy to fall in love with. Arising from its waters, its steep valley hillsides yield the fruit of luscious crisp white wines that tingle on the tongue. The fairytale castles balancing imperiously on the mountain summits safeguard a wealth of secrets, whilst the seven maidens transformed into stone in the narrow channel’s depths lure us to learn of their stories. Nestling at the water’s edge, traditional quaint German towns and villages extend a warm welcome and tempt us to pause and sample their delicious harvests of local wines. With fragrant Cologne as our final port of call, our enchanting cruise along the Rhine Valley Gorge imprints a sweet bouquet in our minds with a promise to return.

Day 1: UK - Andernach

Having travelled to the Rhineland town of Andernach, we settle ourselves aboard the mps Lady Anne. The remainder of the evening will be free for strolling through the delightful streets and along the riverside promenades of this attractive walled town.

Day 2: Andernach - Rüdesheim

Casting off this morning we cruise up river through the dramatic narrow Rhine Gorge to reach the attractive, typical Rhineland town of Rüdesheim. Whilst berthed here, you surely won’t want to miss our optional Rüdesheim Highlights excursion that features an awesome ride to the heights of the gorge by cable car. Later, why not join our optional evening excursion to seek out the captivating inclined street called the Drosselgasse and enjoy some local wine tasting.

Day 3: Rüdesheim - Boppard - Koblenz

Waving goodbye to Rüdesheim we retrace our route back down the Rhine Gorge as far as Boppard, the meeting place of six valleys. Those who wish can join our optional coach tour into the Moselle Valley whilst everyone else can either relax onboard or explore Boppard that was once a “Free Imperial City”. During the early evening, the mps Lady Anne concludes today’s course to the walled city of Koblenz for our overnight stop. Why not meet up with your new friends in the popular medieval centre of the city for a welcome beer, or stay a while at the Deutsches Eck where the Moselle flows into the Rhine?

Day 4: Koblenz - Bonn - Cologne

The former capital of Western Germany, Bonn, is our destination this morning. You could seek out the birthplace and museum dedicated to the life of Ludwig van Beethoven. Alternatively, why not join our optional coach excursion visiting the beautiful Ahr Valley. Following lunch we complete our cruising itinerary to arrive in fragrant Cologne where an included walking tour familiarises us with its famous monuments and churches. Be warned; Cologne is revered as a “mecca” for shoppers!

Day 5: Cologne - UK

After a final buffet breakfast on board it will be time to bid our farewells to Captain Wido and his crew and commence our return coach and ferry journey home.
Magical Moselle  7 days from £449

Fall under the spell of the magical Moselle as we follow its meandering course between the cities of Koblenz and Trier. Valley hillsides, fine vineyards that produce world class wines and fairy tale castles that stand high above the water are the centrepieces of this beautiful region, which is highlighted by seasonal colours that capture the eye and the imagination. Our time spent ashore gives you the chance to obtain vintage Rieslings that are far superior to anything in the supermarkets back home. Even if you don’t know your Bernkastel from your Hochheim, this powerful combination of attractions will simply enchant and leave you with a taste for more.

Day 1: UK - Andernach
We travel to Andernach and board our ship where you can relax or venture into the attractive Rhineland town.

Day 2: Andernach - Cochem
Cutting through the steep hillsides of vineyards, we join the Moselle and cruise round an idyllic bend in the river to reach the Celtic-Roman town of Cochem, which lies in the shadow of its fabulous Castle. From here you can join our optional Magical Moselle Wine and Castles Trail, visiting the medieval village of Beilstein, the ruined amphitheatre and the Porta Nigra (a packed lunch will be provided). We re-join the ship in the twin town of Traben Trarbach, where you can take a stroll along the Promenade and relax in the cafés and wine bars.

Day 3: Cochem - Bernkastel
Relax in beautiful surroundings on our meandering course to Bernkastel, passing the pretty wine town of Zell. Bernkastel is in the heart of the central Moselle and is famed for its half-timbered houses and medieval market place. Our optional walking excursion helps you discover this “wine capital” of the river.

Day 4: Bernkastel - Trier
Our destination today is Trier, Germany’s oldest city, not far from the Luxembourg border. Here you can join our optional excursion into the Saar Valley, stopping at the city of Saarburg, so named because of its lovely hilltop castle.

Day 5: Trier - Traben Trarbach
After breakfast you can join our full day excursion to Luxembourg, known as the “Gibraltar of the North”, before we return to Trier for a guided tour of this former residence of Roman Emperors, with its Imperial Baths, famous ruined amphitheatre and the Porta Nigra (a packed lunch will be provided). We re-join the ship in the twin town of Traben Trarbach, where you can take a stroll along the Promenade and relax in the cafés and wine bars.

Day 6: Traben Trarbach - Cochem - Koblenz
Departing Traben Trarbach soon after breakfast, we cruise to Cochem where you can join our optional Magical Moselle Wine and Castles Trail. First we travel to Winningen, which boasts some of the finest vineyards in Germany, and enjoy some wine tasting before we visit the medieval fortress of Lahneck Castle, where you will find beautiful and precious collections and wonderful views. We return to the ship in the walled city of Koblenz, where you can take a walk to view the popular Deutsches Eck (German corner).

Day 7: Koblenz - Andernach - UK
We cruise back to Andernach this morning, where we bid farewell to our Captain and crew and disembark for the return journey to the UK.
Welcome to our illuminating cruises of the Rhine and Moselle Valleys onboard mps Amsterdam and mps Lady Anne. The narrow Rhine Gorge that surrounds the mythical Lorelei Rock hosts a stupendous display of fireworks to celebrate the harvest of Riesling grapes that are turned into the delicious wines gracing our tables. Nowhere is there a more extraordinary interplay of fire, water and light than on the Rhine in Flames, a spectacular offshoot of the world famous fireworks display, featuring music, colour, light and pyrotechnics. Rhein in Flames 8 days from £679 - mps Amsterdam and £499 - Lady Anne

Day 4: Rüdesheim - Mainz

Today we cruise to the city of Mainz, at the confluence of the Rhine and Main River. With a 2000 year history there is much to discover in this beautiful city so we have arranged an optional guided tour which also takes in the atmospheric squares, half timbered houses and magnificent baroque churches.

Day 5: Mainz - Boppard

Our Rhine in Flames Festival Day gets off to a quiet start as we retrace our route through the narrow Rhine Gorge and around the Lorelei Rock to reach Boppard, the meeting point of six valleys. Tonight we witness the thrilling Rhine in Flames firework spectacle.

Day 6: Boppard - Andernach

This morning you can join our optional Boppard Highlights excursion, which introduces you to the delights of this picturesque town known as the ‘Pearl of the Rhine’. After lunch we cruise back past Koblenz to the Rhineland town of Andernach. Whilst here you can learn more about wine making in the beautiful Ahr Valley on our optional excursion before exploring the attractive walled town of Andernach.

Day 7: Andernach - Bonn - Cologne

We cruise to Bonn, Beethoven’s birthplace, where you can join our optional excursions to learn about this fascinating city and marvel at the architecture. This afternoon we cast off for the final day of your cruise and continue to Cologne where we berth for the night.

Day 8: Cologne - UK

This morning we bid farewell to our Captain and crew and disembark for the return journey to the UK.

Cruise itinerary aboard mps Lady Anne

Day 1: UK - Cologne

We travel to Cologne, the Rhineland’s largest city, and board the mps Amsterdam.

Day 2: Cologne - Koblenz

After breakfast, settle yourself up on the Sun Deck to view the passing scenery that includes anWG view of the city’s famous cathedral. Arriving in Koblenz after lunch, you can join our optional excursion to Luxembourg, known as the ‘Pearl of the North’. The coach tour will point out key areas followed by some free time for your own exploration. Meanwhile the mps Lady Anne relocates to the spa and wine centre of Traben Trarbach where we return in time for dinner.

Day 3: Koblenz - Rüdesheim

Our Rhine in Flames Festival Day gets off to a quiet start as we retrace our route back along the winding Moselle to birth in Koblenz, the 2000 year old town which is located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers. Tonight we witness a thrilling Rhine in Flames firework spectacle.

Day 7: Koblenz - Bonn

Moving on from Koblenz, the beautiful upland range of the Eifel is revealed as we head for Bonn, the former capital of West Germany. Spend the remainder of the day on our optional excursion to the Alte Valley for some wine tasting or explore Bonn, dipping into its “Museum Mile” and seeking out Bonnigasse 20, the birthplace of Ludwig van Beethoven.

Day 8: Bonn - UK

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Cruise itinerary aboard mps Lady Anne

Day 1: UK - Andenach

We travel to Andenach and board the mps Lady Anne for an evening of relaxation or exploring the streets and riverside promenades of this attractive Rhineland town.

Day 2: Andenach - Cochem

Cruising up the Rhine as far as Koblenz, we join the tranquil Moselle River. Our route through the steep sided vineyards takes us round an idyllic bend in the river to the town of Cochem, which lies in the shadow of its fabulous Castle. From here our magical Moselle Towns and Castles optional excursion departs, before returning to Cochem’s maze of little streets and maybe enjoying some apple strudel.

Day 3: Cochem - Bernkastel

Meandering through the terraced vineyards of the Moselle, through the steep slopes of the Eifel and Hunsrück uplands, we reach Bernkastel. No less than 3000 wine growers store their products in the cellars here, so it is no wonder that Bernkastel is considered the “wine capital” of the river. You can learn about the area on our optional guided walking tour or explore at your own leisure. Be sure to set aside a few Euros for a local bottle or two!

Day 4: Bernkastel - Trier

Cruising up the middle section of the Moselle, through the steep slopes of Cochem, we arrive at Bernkastel. After lunch we cruise to the picturesque town known as the ‘Pearl of the Moselle’. Our Rhine in Flames Festival Day gets off to a quiet start as we retrace our route back along the winding Moselle to birth in Koblenz, the 2000 year old town which is located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers. Tonight we witness a thrilling Rhine in Flames firework spectacle.

Day 7: Trier - Traben Trarbach

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Day 8: Bonn - UK

This morning we bid farewell to our Captain and crew and disembark for the return journey to the UK.

Cruise itinerary aboard mps Lady Anne

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Day 2: Andenach - Cochem

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Day 8: Bonn - UK

This morning we bid farewell to our Captain and crew and disembark for the return journey to the UK.
Majestic Four Rivers Cruise 9 days from £599

Open your heart and mind to the diverse influences of the mighty River Rhine, whose strength is drawn from the European rivers that feed it. On its journey from the mountains of Switzerland to the flat landscape of the Netherlands, the Rhine links diverse landscapes and cultures. Our meander along three of these tributaries that feed Germany’s Romantic Middle Rhine section provides vistas ranging from the spirited Moselle and fabled Rhine Gorges, to the 21st century cosmopolitan cities occupying its broader plains. Whether we’re gazing at the Moselle’s steep vine-clad slopes, Heidelberg’s romantic castle on the Neckar or the Main’s high-rise “Mainhattan” skyline of Frankfurt, our Four Rivers Cruise admirably pays tribute to the mighty Rhine and her tributaries.

Day 1: UK - Andernach
We travel to Andernach and board our ship. The remainder of the evening is free for strolling through the streets and along the riverside promenades of this attractive Rhineland town.

Day 2: Andernach - Cochem
We sail along the Rhine, as it flows through steep hills bedecked with vineyards, and join the Moselle. Cruising round an idyllic bend in the river, we reach the Celtic-Roman town of Cochem, which lies in the shadow of the fabulous Reichsburg Castle. From here you can join our optional Magical Moselle Towns and Castles excursion, before exploring Cochem’s maze of little streets and maybe sampling the local wines and apple strudel.

Day 3: Cochem - Boppard
An early start takes us back down the Moselle to re-join the Rhine and make our way to Boppard. Our optional Boppard Highlights excursion takes you on a tour of Boppard aboard the Rhine Express mini road train, which is followed by a chairlift ride to Vorenblick (Four Lakes View) to gain memorable bird eye views of the Rhine. The remainder of the day is free to relax in this charming waterside town, which was once a “Free Imperial City”.

Day 4: Boppard - Rüdesheim
Cruising on up the Rhine, through the dramatic and fabled narrow Rhine Gorge, we reach the attractive town of Rüdesheim. To really appreciate this beautiful region you can join our optional Rüdesheim Highlights excursion, which features a panoramic ride to the heights of the gorge by cable car, whilst our Rüdesheim by Night optional excursion takes you to a traditional wine cellar to sample some of the region’s best wines, before exploring the captivating street called the Drosselgasse.

Day 5: Rüdesheim - Frankfurt
Today we sail out of the narrow Rhine Gorge into the Rhine’s broader waters, before turning off to cruise up the River Main as far as Frankfurt. To really appreciate this beautiful region you can join our optional excursion to romantic Heidelberg, home of Germany’s oldest University.

Day 6: Frankfurt - Mainz
Retracing our route down the Main, we stop at the town of Mainz on the confluence with the Rhine. After lunch we offer an optional guided tour of vibrant Mainz, which has a rich history spanning over two thousand years. This evening you can relax in the town’s friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

Day 7: Mainz - Mannheim
Casting off early, we cruise along a section of the Rhine to join the River Neckar. Our destination is the lively cosmopolitan city of Mannheim, where you can relax or join our optional excursion to romantic Heidelberg, home of Germany’s oldest University.

Day 8: Mannheim - Koblenz
Turning our course back to the River Rhine, we cruise to the 2000 year old town of Koblenz, back at the confluence with the Moselle River. Our final optional coach excursion takes you into the picturesque Ahr Valley for a spot of wine tasting.

Day 9: Koblenz - Andernach - UK
Our final day sees us cruising back to Andernach this morning, where we bid farewell to our Captain and crew and disembark for the return journey to the UK.

Excursions
- Magical Moselle Towns & Castles £14
- Boppard Highlights £17
- Rüdesheim Highlights £22
- Rüdesheim by Night £22
- Frankfurt £14
- Vineyard Mainz £12
- Heidelberg Highlights £14
- Ahr Valley with Wine Tasting £15

Special pre-book package price £38
Savings per person £34
Prices shown are per person.

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Day 1: UK - Andernach
We travel to Andernach and board our ship for an evening of relaxation or exploring the streets and riverside promenades of this attractive Rhineland town.

Day 2: Andernach - Rüdesheim
Cruising up river, through the dramatic narrow Rhine Gorge, we reach the pretty town of Rüdesheim. To really appreciate this beautiful region you can join our optional Rüdesheim Highlights excursion, which features a panoramic ride to the heights of the gorge by cable car, whilst our Rüdesheim by Night optional excursion takes you to a traditional wine cellar to sample some of the region’s best wines, before exploring the captivating street called the Drosselgasse.

Day 3: Rüdesheim - Speyer - Germersheim
Sailing out of the narrow Rhine Gorge into the Rhine’s broader waters, we head up river for a late afternoon stop in the Celtic Roman city of Speyer. An optional walking tour of the city is available to enable you to get the most from our visit. We cast off in the early evening and sail back through the Rhine Plains, via a number of fascinating locks, to the former fishing village of Kehl.

Day 4: Germersheim - Strasbourg
An early cast off takes us through the lush Rhine Plains and over the border into the Alsace region of France. We berth at Strasbourg where you can join our optional excursion to discover more about this UNESCO listed World Heritage site. A further optional excursion is available this evening in the form of a canal cruise along Strasbourg’s waterways, aboard a glass topped canal cruiser.

Day 5: Strasbourg - Breisach
We cruise through the Rhine Plains, arriving at the scenic town of Breisach am Rhein. Here you can join our Altofting Alsace excursion to Riquewihr, one of the most romantic and beautiful villages in France, which includes wine tasting at the renowned Döpfel & Irion vineyard.

Day 6: Breisach - Basel
This morning, as the ship sails to Switzerland, you can venture into the cooler mountain slopes of the Black Forest and the Rhine Falls on our full day optional excursion to Titisee. We re-join our ship in Basel, across the border in Northern Switzerland, for a relaxing evening.

Day 7: Basel - Breisach - Kehl
After breakfast our coach takes us on a route that tunnels through the Jura Mountains to the Swiss resort of Lucerne. In the meantime, the ship retraces her route back to Breisach to await our return. We cast off in the early evening and sail back through the Rhine Plains, via a number of fascinating locks, to the former fishing village of Kehl.

Day 8: Kehl - Mannheim - Mainz
From Kehl, we cruise to the river port of Mannheim where you can join our optional excursion to the majestic city of Heidelberg, home of Germany’s oldest University. We return to our ship in Mainz for free time to explore this ancient Roman city.

Day 9: Mainz - Cologne
Be sure to settle up on the Sun Deck for our final day of cruising and take in the magnificent scenery of the Rhine Gorge as we pass the fabled Lorelei Rock, the confluence with the Moselle River at Koblenz, the foot of the Seven Mountains and the former capital of West Germany, Bonn. On arrival in Cologne you can join our Rhinehalden Palaces excursion, which takes you to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Augustsburg Castle and Falkenstein Castle at Brühl.

Day 10: Cologne - UK
This morning we bid farewell to our Captain and crew and disembark for the return journey to the UK.

Cruise the Rhine to Switzerland 10 days from £699

Our most popular cruise that attracts bookings before we’ve printed our next brochure! Its renown is no surprise since our border-hopping route wends its way through the romantic Rhine Gorge of Germany, the scenic Alsace region of France and into the northern mountain slopes of Switzerland. From our cruise ship we see countless magical castles perched on the hillsides, romantic Rhineland towns and villages with their half-timbered buildings as well as pretty river tributaries rushing to meet the mighty Rhine. After the steep vine-covered slopes of Switzerland, for a relaxing evening.

Our most popular cruise which takes you border hopping along the Rhine.

Lucerne

Cabin Prices mps Lady Anne

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Cabin Prices mps Amsterdam

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Special pre-book package price: £108

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* Please note on the 29th May, 4th July & 11th July departure, the Rhinehalden Palaces excursion is unavailable due to the patherhead. This excursion is replaced by the Rüdesheim by Night excursion, making the package price £108 with a saving of £35.
Neckar Valley Cruise 9 days from £749

This fabulous cruise allows you to explore the beauty of Germany and its waters. Cruising along the mighty Rhine, we pass the confluence of the Moselle and the Main before joining the River Neckar, which flows through a spectacular valley, where rich vineyards line the hillsides and ancient fortresses breathe a forgotten history. Well preserved medieval towns and romantic nooks and crannies all beckon to invite closer inspection. Featuring eight ports of call, including Heidelberg - an embodiment of German Romanticism - this is set to be one of our most popular German cruises.

Day 1: UK - Andernach
We travel to Andernach and board our ship where you can relax or venture into the attractive Rhineland town.

Day 2: Andernach - Rüdesheim
Cruising up river, through the dramatic narrow Rhine Gorge, we reach the attractive town of Rüdesheim. To really appreciate this beautiful region you can join our optional Rüdesheim Highlights excursion, which features a panoramic ride to the heights of the gorge by cable car, whilst our Rüdesheim by Night optional excursion takes you to a traditional wine cellar to sample some of the region’s best wines before exploring the captivating Drosselgasse, a narrow street lined with traditional wine houses and garden taverns.

Day 3: Rüdesheim - Mannheim
Our destination today is the cosmopolitan city of Mannheim, sited at the confluence with the River Neckar. Arriving here in the late afternoon, you can join our optional excursion to the Gardens of Schwetzingen, a historical French baroque garden based on the design of Versailles and its English landscaped garden. This evening you can relax in the city of Mannheim and admire its blend of architectural monuments with new buildings.

Day 4: Mannheim - Heidelberg
Joining the River Neckar, we cruise to the enchanting city of Heidelberg. On our approach you should see the buildings of the Old Town (Altstadt) lining the south shores of the river, with Heidelberg University on the north side. In order to get the most from our time here you can join our optional guided tour of the city, which features a funicular ride to visit the Castle.

Day 5: Heidelberg - Bad Wimpfen
We continue further up the Neckar Valley, through the picturesque low mountain range of the Odenwald and follow part of the romantic Castle Road to Bad Wimpfen. Set high on a ridge top, Bad Wimpfen commands an impressive position above the Neckar, with its ancient city wall giving it a strong medieval appearance. From here you can join our optional excursion for a guided tour of Stuttgart, a city where parks, lakes and gardens are a key feature.

Day 6: Bad Wimpfen - Eberbach
Today you can relax on board and enjoy the scenery as she retraces her route back down the Neckar to Eberbach, or join our optional coach excursion visiting Würzburg. This is one of the loveliest baroque cities in the country, surrounded by vine covered hills and dominated by the medieval fortress of Marienberg.

Day 7: Eberbach - Mainz
Re-joining the Rhine at Mannheim, we cruise to the town of Mainz on the confluence with the Rhine and the River Main. Be sure to settle yourself up on the Sun Deck so as not to miss the superb Odenwald and plains scenery gliding by. This evening we offer an optional excursion to explore Mainz, with its atmospheric squares, half timbered houses and magnificent baroque churches.

Day 8: Mainz - Koblenz
Cruising back through the narrow Rhine Gorge, we stop at the confluence of the Moselle River and berth at the 2000 year old town of Koblenz. Later you can join our Rhine Wine Tasting Evening excursion to a family owned wine cellar, close to Koblenz, to sample the high quality wines.

Day 9: Koblenz - Andernach - UK
We cruise back to Andernach this morning, where we bid farewell to our Captain and crew and disembark for the return journey to the UK.
**Douro Valley Cruise 8 days £1299**

The Portuguese know a thing or two about port wine; they’ve been producing it for over 2000 years! So important is the fortified wine industry in the Alto Douro region that it has led to the taming of the fast flowing River Douro, by a number of dams accessed via locks, to assist the port’s transportation down the Douro Valley to Porto on the Atlantic coast. The by-product of all this means that these now easily navigable waters permit us to witness for ourselves this sparsely populated, breathtakingly beautiful river valley, whose early autumnal vine-clad steep hillsides achieve a golden glow as the vine leaves adopt their red and yellow hues. So important is this outstanding landscape that it has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This could be our most ‘fortifying’ cruise yet!

**Day 1: UK - Porto**

Having flown from either London Gatwick or Stansted airport, you will be met at Porto airport and transferred to board our cruise ship.

**Day 2: Porto - Pêso de Régua**

After breakfast you can join our optional guided tour of Porto, the historic centre of which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Having returned to the ship for lunch, we cast off to commence our route towards Pêso de Régua. Straddling the River Douro’s waters, the town of Pêso de Régua boasts an interesting selection of shops, cafés and bars within its narrow streets.

**Day 3: Pêso de Régua - Barca d’Alva**

Whilst berthed in Pêso de Régua this morning, we offer an optional coach excursion to visit Vila Real and the Mateus Palace and Gardens. Those opting to remain on board will cruise to Pinhão. Our cruising route continues from Pinhão right through the heart of the vineyards that cling to the magnificent hillsides, and through the locks of Valeira and Pocinho to arrive at Barc d’Alva in the evening, our furthest port on the River Douro.

**Day 4: Barca d’Alva - Vega de Teron**

An optional full day coach excursion crossing the border into Spain is on offer this morning with a trip to Salamanca, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our cruise ship will start her route back down the Douro Valley to relocate herself at our next port of call, Vega de Teron.

**Day 5: Vega de Teron - Ferradosa - Pinhão**

An early morning departure sees our cruise ship retracing her route back through the locks at Pocinho and Valeira to arrive at Ferradosa in the early afternoon. From here, our optional “Wines of Portugal” coach excursion shall depart.

**Day 6: Pinhão - Porto**

Whilst our ship retraces her route to arrive at Pêso de Régua, this morning’s optional coach excursion shall take the form of a guided tour of the very attractive town of Lamego. Having rejoined our ship in Pêso de Régua for lunch, the remainder of the afternoon shall be spent enjoying the ship’s fascinating re-negotiation of the locks at Crestuma and Carrapatelo as we drop back down to sea level to arrive back at Porto on the Atlantic coast. Following dinner on board, this evening shall feature a Fado evening.

**Day 7: Porto**

We have a full free morning to spend at leisure in Porto today. Having maybe familiarised ourselves with the city’s layout on the optional guided tour at the beginning of our cruise, we should have an idea of how we might spend this time. Having returned to the cruise ship for lunch, you can either return into Porto for further free time or can elect to join this afternoon’s optional coach excursion to Braga, the “Rome of Portugal”. Our final night on board shall be spent enjoying traditional Portuguese entertainment!

**Day 8: Porto - UK**

Bidding farewell to our captain and his crew early this morning, we disembark our cruise ship to be transferred to Porto Airport for our return morning flight to either London Gatwick or Stansted airport.
Cruise The Danube to Vienna & Budapest

8 days by air from £989, 10 or 12 days by coach from £949

Discover the delights of the Danube on one of the most scenic journeys through the heart of Europe. From the comforts of our ship, you can enjoy magnificent scenery as we cruise through valleys and vineyards and dip into the culture and history of famous cities along the way. From musical Vienna to the Pearl of the Danube - Budapest, this is an amazing opportunity to sail the waters that are beautifully immortalised by the composer, Strauss, in his classical waltz 'The Blue Danube'.

Day 1: UK - Hotel (Germany)
For those travelling by coach, we travel to Dover, taking the ferry to Calais and then continue by coach to our overnight hotel.

Day 2: Linz
After breakfast we travel by coach to Linz and board our ship. Those travelling by air will join today. The remainder of the day is free for you to become acquainted with the ship and meet fellow guests or you can explore this fascinating city and capital of upper Austria.

Day 3: Linz - Vienna
Today we have a full day in Budapest one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Here you can explore both sides of Hungary’s capital - traditional ‘Buda’ and the more cosmopolitan ‘Pest’. Start the day by joining our optional city tour to introduce you to the highlights and help get your bearings in the city known as the Pearl of the Danube. This evening we set sail for Bratislava.

Day 4: Vienna - Budapest
We spend a full day experiencing the delights of Vienna. Grand palaces, baroque castles, magnificent squares and grand monuments are just some of the key features of this beautiful city, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Schönbrunn Palace is one of the most popular attractions so don’t miss our optional excursion which takes you on a journey through time as we explore some of the 1441 rooms. In the early evening we cast off and cruise through the night.

Day 5: Budapest
We cruise up the Danube, reaching Bratislava in the early afternoon. This historic city is dominated by its castle and unique suspension bridge. Join our optional tour to take in the sights of this Slovakian capital and experience its rich culture.

Day 6: Bratislava - Melk - Linz
A full day cruise, passing through the picturesque Wachau Valley where the Danube flows between the foothills of the Bohemian Massif and the Dunkelsteiner Woods. We stop overnight in the town of Dürnstein, which is crowned by the ruins of the castle that once imprisoned Richard the Lionheart.

Day 7: Bratislava - Dürnstein
This morning we cruise to the small town of Melk, where you can join our optional excursion to visit the Benedictine Abbey. This is one of the most famous monastic houses in Austria which has been occupied by monks for over 900 years. At midday we continue our cruise, ending in Linz at around midnight.

Day 8: Dürnstein - Melk - Linz
This morning we set sail for Bratislava.

Day 9: Linz - Hotel (Germany)
We disembark this morning and travel by coach to our overnight hotel. Those travelling by air depart today.

Day 10: Hotel - UK
After breakfast we continue by coach to Calais, taking the ferry to Dover for our return journey.

Cruise through valleys and vineyards and dip into the culture and history of famous cities along the way.
Moscow to St Petersburg Cruise 12 days £1699

Experience the real Russia as we cruise her fascinating natural waterways linking her mighty capital city of Moscow with breathtaking St Petersburg, 400 feet below at sea level.

Journeyed for centuries by the Tsars and Russian people, Russia's intricate pattern of connecting rivers, canals and vast lakes introduce us to a rolling Russian landscape dotted with farms, towns and villages that are characterised by onion-domed churches and cathedrals. Our twelve day cruise embraces all the traditional opulence of ancient Russia when we spend five days sightseeing in Moscow and St Petersburg.

Day 1: UK - Moscow

Having either made your own way to Terminal 5 of London’s Heathrow airport, or travelled by air from a regional airport, we shall depart on the 1300 hours flight direct to Moscow Domodedova Airport. Following a four hour flight, we land in Moscow at 2000 hours. An awaiting coach will transfer us to board our cruise ship. We meet the Captain and his crew at the welcome Cocktail Reception and Bread and Salt Ceremony.

Day 2: Moscow

Following breakfast there will be an included city orientation coach tour, with free time in the Red Square, Gum Department Store, St Basil’s Cathedral and the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, followed by lunch in Moscow and an afternoon visit to the Kremlin and entrance to one of its cathedrals. Following dinner this evening back on board the ship, we offer an optional excursion to view a local folk show and view Moscow by night.

Day 3: Moscow

Following a free day in Moscow, where we have a choice of optional excursions to purchase on board, such as a transfer back into the city, a visit to the Tretyagov Gallery or Sergiev Possad, we bid farewell to the Russian Federation’s capital and, casting off, set our course through the locks along the spectacular Moscow Canal towards the mighty River Volga. Our cruising journey continues throughout the night.

Day 4: Uglich

Whilst sailing along the Volga today, keep a look out for the delightful view of the green and blue domes that signify our arrival at Uglich. Our late afternoon included guided walking tour of Uglich will introduce us to its Kremlin, Transfiguration Cathedral and the fascinating story surrounding the Church of St Dimitri-on-the-Blood. Having returned to the ship, we set sail to commence our overnight journey towards Yaroslavl.

Day 5: Yaroslavl

Breakfast time today also marks our arrival in Yaroslavl, one of the best preserved “Golden Ring” towns that stretch for eighteen miles along both banks of the river. Following our included coach tour of the towns we enjoy some free time visiting the local outdoor market before returning to the ship for lunch. In the early afternoon we cruise on towards Gority.

Day 6: Gority

On arrival at Gority our coach will embark on an included excursion to visit nearby Kirillov and the 14th Century Monastery of St Cyril on the White Lake. Casting off during the afternoon, we travel along the Volga-Balt Canal as we continue our route to cross the length of the White Lake towards Kizhi on Lake Onega.

Day 7: Kizhi

This morning as we cross the length of Lake Onega. Here in the majestic Karelian countryside, we shall make a late afternoon’s stop at the faytala island of Kizhi, famous for its UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kizhi Architectural Museum. In the evening we set sail to cruise overnight back down the length of Lake Onega to join the River Svir as we head towards Mandrogi.

Day 8: Mandrogi

Mid morning we stop at Mandrogi. Mandrogi features a collection of old wooden houses where crafts people display their wares such as Matryoshka dolls, lace and ceramics; and a Vodka Museum. Departing from Mandrogi in the night, we conclude our cruising route overnight as we travelled Lake Ladoga towards St Petersburg.

Day 9 - 11: St Petersburg

Leaving Lake Ladoga to enter the broad River Neva, we arrive at St Petersburg. Introduction to the city, Russia’s “window to the West”, takes the form of an included orientation coach tour when many of the city’s Imperial and aristocratic palaces can be seen. During the course of our three days in St Petersburg, we embark on a couple of included excursions to visit the magnificent imperial palace at Peterhof and the incomparable Hermitage Museum is one of the oldest and largest in the world. Additional optional excursions, available to purchase on board, will include coach transfers to the city centre, a trip to Pushkin to visit Catherine’s Palace and Park and St Petersburg by Night. The highlight of our final night on board will include the Captain’s Farewell Dinner.

Day 12: St Petersburg - UK

This morning we bid farewell to our Captain and crew and travel to St Petersburg Pulkovo Airport for our 1655 hours return flight to London Heathrow airport’s Terminal 5, arriving back there at 1725 hours GMT.

Visa Information

A Russian Visa is required in order to join our cruise since entry to Russia will not be permitted without one. We have an agreement with a Russian Visa Service, “ASLA Travel Group” (www.asla.co.uk), who can assist with the application. The cost of a Visa is approximately £130. It is the responsibility of each passenger to apply for their own Visa, this can be applied for at any time between three months and 4 weeks prior to departure. The procedure for obtaining your Visa will be outlined within the paperwork confirming your holiday booking, but please note that you will need to enclose your UK passport with your Visa application. Please also note that your UK passport needs to be valid for at least 6 months after you are due to return from the Russian Federation.

Air Travel Options

Outward London Heathrow to Moscow 13.00hrs / 22.00hrs
Return St Petersburg to London Heathrow 16.55hrs / 17.25hrs

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Scottish Highlands Cruise & The Isle of Skye
aboard mv Lord of the Glens
8 days £1449

Join us and enjoy the spectacular scenic beauty of the Scottish Highlands and the Western Isles you are for a real treat on our 8-day holiday. The Isles of Mull, Iona, Eigg and Skye all feature on our itinerary, offering the opportunity to experience for yourself the unique quality of life ashore these isolated Inner Hebridean jewels.

Day 1: Inverness
We meet at Inverness where we board our ship for a relaxing evening and enjoy the Captain’s welcome reception and dinner.

Day 2: Fort Augustus - Fort William
Today we continue our sailing route along the Caledonian Canal, down the length of Loch Oich. Having traversed the length of Loch Lochy, we berth at Corpach for the overnight sleeper train from Euston to Inverness. Later in the day we sail to the picturesque Torabheery, on the Isle of Mull. You will have the remaining day free to explore.

Day 3: Tobermory - Craignure
This morning we sail through the Lord of the Glens descending Neptune’s staircase, a set of eight interconnected locks and onto Craignure on the Isle of Mull. On arrival we have an included excursion by coach to the Isle of Iona. Later in the day we sail to the picturesque Tobermory, on the Isle of Mull. You will have the remaining day free to explore.

Day 4: Banavie - Craignure
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Day 5: Craignure - Tobermory
This morning we will call for a brief visit at the Isle of Iona before continuing our northwards journey before we turn into the Sound of Sleat and Loch Linnhe to finally berth at Inverie back on the mainland.

Day 6: Inverie - Kyle of Lochalsh
During the course of today, we have the opportunity to pay a visit to the Isle of Iona just across the Sound of Sleat. Having cast off from Inverie, our cruise ship relocates to its final destination of our cruise - the Kyle of Lochalsh on the mainland side of Skye Bridge. Tonight we will enjoy the Captain’s farewell reception and dinner.

Day 7: Kyle of Lochalsh - Inverness
This morning we bid farewell to our Captain and crew and disembark for the return journey.

Day 8: Oban - Inverness
This morning we will call at Oban just across the Sound of Mull. Having cast off from Oban, our cruise ship relocates to its final destination of our cruise - the Kyle of Lochalsh at Inverness.

Day 9: Tobermory - Oban
We meet at Tobermory where we board our ship before setting sail along the Caledonian Canal, passing the romantic ruins of Urquhart Castle, to reach Loch Ness. Tonight, we will berth in Fort Augustus, where we enjoy the Captain’s welcome reception and dinner.

Day 10: Fort Augustus - Fort William
Today we continue our sailing route along the Caledonian Canal, down the length of Loch Oich. Having traversed the length of Loch Lochy, we berth at Corpach for the overnight sleeper train from Euston to Inverness. Later in the day we sail to the picturesque Torabheery, on the Isle of Mull. You will have the remaining day free to explore.

Day 11: Inverness
This morning will be free to explore Inverness. Following free time we sail to Oban known as the ‘Gateway to the Isles’. This beautiful sheltered bay is surrounded by panoramic views of mountains, lochs and islands. Tonight we will enjoy the Captain’s farewell reception and dinner.

Day 12: Oban - Inverness
This morning we bid farewell to our Captain and crew for our transfer back to Inverness.

Cruising Information

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Burgundy Cruise on the Saône to Lyon  5 days from £799

Spend time in the delightful Burgundy region, on our leisurely cruise through the winding Saône Valley, the home of Burgundy wines. Hugging the length of the River Saône’s banks lay acres of vineyards dating back to the Romans. Along the length of the former trading route through the Saône Valley, the Romans have left their mark as well as their vineyards; as too have Orders of monks who settled in the region as early as the 10th Century. Hundreds of years of knowledge and experience have therefore contributed to our cruise. Since delicious French food and excellent French wine are a natural pairing, the highlight of our holiday has to be a gastronomic meal served in a restaurant of top French Michelin-star chef Paul Bocuse, who himself boasts a rich culinary ancestry in the Saône Valley. Can you resist such a tantalising, taste bud tickling tour?

Day 1: London - Lille - Chalon-sur-Saône - Tournus

We journey from London St Pancras to Lille Europe by Eurostar, where we take high speed TGV service to Chalon-sur-Saône, just south of Dijon. On our arrival at Chalon-sur-Saône we will be transferred the very short distance to the banks of the River Saône where we board our ship before we cast off to commence our evening cruise down the River Saône as far as Tournus, our stop for tonight. Prior to sitting down to dinner this evening, our captain and his crew will host a welcome cocktail reception.

Day 2: Tournus - Mâcon - Montmerle - Trevoux - Lyon

After breakfast, we can settle ourselves up on the sun deck to view the unfolding French scenery as we wend our way through the gentle rolling hills of Burgundy’s Mâconnaise region towards the town of Mâcon. It is from Mâcon that our optional excursion to visit the former monastic empire of Cluny will depart. On returning the journey continues southwards as far as Montmerle from where those wishing to join our optional coach tour of the Beaujolais Vineyards will disembark. Meanwhile, our ship heads on down the Saône as far as Trevoux, to await the return of our excursion passengers. Today’s cruising route draws to a close with our arrival in the evening at the illuminated city of Lyon.

Day 3: Lyon - Mont d’Or - Collonges

This morning you can join are optional guided tour of Lyon which will be followed by some free time for your own exploration before the ship casts off again to commence retracing her route back up the Saône Valley. Following lunch on board, we cruise the sort distance to reach Mont d’Or for the highlight of our holiday, our included excursion to discover the gastronomic world of top Michelin star-rated French chef Paul Bocuse. Our excursion features an included gastronomic meal served in a restaurant owned by Paul Bocuse; with our return to our cruise ship now relocated to Collonges scheduled to be at around midnight.

Day 4: Collonges - Tournus - Chalon-sur-Saône

After breakfast, another relaxed morning up on the sun deck beckons as the ship navigates her way back up the slow flowing River Saône to arrive back at Tournus in the early afternoon. This afternoon we offer our final optional excursion visiting the town of Beaune, the capital of Burgundy wines, between Chalon-sur-Saône and Dijon. The ‘ship concludes her cruising route to arrive back at Chalon-sur-Saône. Having all met up again in Chalon-sur-Saône, our final evening on board will feature dinner followed by a Gala evening of entertainment.

Day 5: Chalon-sur-Saône - Lille - London

This morning we bid farewell to our Captain and crew and retrace our route to Lille where our Eurostar connection returns us to London.
Rhône Cruise  
**En Provence  5 days £799**

Indulge your senses on our decadent cruise packed full of enticements as we cruise the French Rhône Valley. From the northern sub-region of Côtes du Rhône wine producing area to the huge natural wild plain of the Camargue in southern Provence. Starting from Lyon, our journey takes us to the huge natural wild plain of the Camargue in the Southern Provence taking in the culture and history of Arles, medieval Viviers and Tain L’Hermitage where you may choose to taste some of the wines of the Cotes du Rhône.

**Day 1: London - Lille - Lyon**
We journey from London St Pancras to Lille Europe via Eurostar and join our high speed TGV service to Lyon. On arrival we will be transferred the short distance to the banks of the River Rhône where we join our ship. We cast off to commence our overnight cruise down the River Rhône towards Arles in Provence. We meet the Captain and his crew at a welcome cocktail reception.

**Day 2: Cruising to Arles**
Be sure to settle on the sun deck to watch the unfolding French Rhône Valley scenery as we wend our way through the departments of Provence. Heading on deeper into southern Provence we shall, depending upon lock schedules, berth after lunch in either Avignon or Arles. From either of these towns, our optional excursion departs to visit Camargue, as well as its welcoming small village of Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer. This evening, we offer a further optional excursion - a guided walking tour of Arles.

**Day 3: Arles - Avignon - Viviers**
An early morning cast off sees the ship setting her course back up the River Rhône to return to the town of Avignon. Following breakfast, we offer an optional guided walking tour of Avignon. Re-joining our cruise ship, we cast off and sail to Roquemaure. Here you can join our optional excursion to Ardèche Gorges. Whilst we enjoy our excursion the ship will have berthed in Saint Etienne des Sports. Later in the afternoon the ship sails to Viviers where we will be berthed for the evening.

**Day 4: Viviers - la Voulte - Tain-L’Hermitage**
This morning we sail to la Voulte. On arrival you can join our optional excursion in the Vecors. Depart by coach toward Die where you have the opportunity to visit a wine cellar. We re-board the ship in Tain-L’Hermitage. Later in the evening, the ship sailing route back up the River Rhône with our return to Lyon.

**Day 5: Lyon - Lille - London**
This morning we bid farewell to our Captain and crew and travel by TGV high speed train from Lyon railway station to Lille Europe where we join Eurostar for our return to London St Pancras.

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Paris to Honfleur, Seine Valley Cruise  5 days from £699

From the romantic city of Paris, to the attractive harbour town of Honfleur on the Normandy coast, the River Seine gently flows across the north of France. Discover magnificent Chateaux and quaint riverside towns, along with everything that makes river cruising so appealing; changing scenery and locations whilst retaining a settled base aboard your floating hotel. C’est magnifique!

**Day 1: London - Paris**
At midday we journey from London St Pancras to Paris by Eurostar where we make our way to the ship. You can board between 18:00hrs and 19:00hrs, after which we can get acquainted with a welcome cocktail and dinner. Water levels permitting, we cruise through Paris by night to gain a truly beautiful perspective of the spotlighted architectural gems of this city.

**Day 2: Les Andelys - Honfleur**
This morning we cruise to Les Andelys, passing attractive riverside towns and locks, to arrive at around 13:30hrs. Our optional excursion takes us to the magnificent Chateaux of Vascoueil in the heart of the Andelle Valley, whilst our ship cruises to Rouen. Later in the evening you can join our optional guided tour of the old town of Rouen, exploring 2000 years of history before returning to our ship around midnight and setting sail for Honfleur, tide permitting.

**Day 3: Honfleur**
This morning you can join our optional tour of Honfleur and its fishing port, browsing the narrow picturesque streets with their old houses, the salt lofts and the church of Saint Catherine, which is the biggest church in France built of wood. In the afternoon, an optional coach tour departs to view the Côte Fleurie, featuring visits to the popular seaside resorts of Deauville and Trouville as well as a tour of a Calvados distillery. This evening we cruise up the Seine, passing the superb architectural structure that is the Pont de Normandie. Please note: Our arrival time into Honfleur depends on the tides.

**Day 4: Full day cruising**
Today we enjoy a full day cruising back up the Seine towards Paris, relaxing on deck and absorbing the scenery, as we sail through the locks, beautiful landscapes and the boatman’s capital of Conflans ste Honorine. We will enjoy a Gala evening onboard tonight.

**Day 5: Paris - London**
We disembark the ship in the morning and make our way to the railway station to board the Eurostar for the return journey to London St Pancras.

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**Your Accommodation**

**Our Cruise Vessel**
We will stay aboard the ms Renoir or the Seine Princess, which offer comfortable cabins with a large picture window, air conditioning and a hairdryer and a safe. A spacious sun deck is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the scenery as is the lounge bar.

**ms Renoir deck plan**
Rhine Valley Turkey & Tinsel
5 days from £199

A real cracker of a Rhineland holiday is guaranteed when you join our pre-Christmas Turkey & Tinsel cruise. Like-minded indulgers in festive food and entertainment believe our five day cruise through the scenic and atmospheric Rhine Gorge, with its on board programme of fun-filled revelry, to be the perfect antidote to those dreary British November days. Optional coach excursions into the surrounding hillsides allow us to stock up on local tipples for the Christmas table back home, whilst visits to the illuminated waterside towns and villages offer plenty of ideas for gift shopping and preparations for Christmas. Aboard the seasonally decorated ship a warm and convivial party atmosphere prevails, with mouth-watering German & English festive fare to tickle the taste buds, and a nightly fun programme of entertainment to unleash the laughter. Whoever said that Christmas comes but once a year, obviously has not experienced our Turkey & Tinsel cruise!

Day 1: UK - Andernach
We travel to Andernach and board our ship where you can relax or venture into the attractive Rhineland town.

Day 2: Andernach - Rüdesheim
OUR CHRISTMAS EVE
Casting off early this morning we cruise up river, through the dramatic narrow Rhine Gorge, to the pretty town of Rüdesheim. Our optional Rüdesheim Delights excursion includes a visit to the wonderful mechanical music museum of Siegfried and a mug of Glühwein. After a traditional German Christmas Eve dinner you can settle back and enjoy the entertainment.

Day 3: Rüdesheim - Boppard - Koblenz
OUR CHRISTMAS DAY
We retrace our route back down the Rhine Gorge as far as Boppard, the 'pearl of the Rhine' and the meeting place of six valleys. After a traditional British Christmas Day lunch, you can relax on board, explore Boppard or join our optional magical coach excursion into the scenic Moselle Valley. Our cruise continues to the ancient walled city of Koblenz where we stop overnight for more fun and entertainment on board.

Day 4: Koblenz - Bonn
OUR BOXING DAY
Our cruising route down the Rhine takes us past the Siebengebirge (Seven Mountains) to Bonn, our final destination. After a delicious Boxing Day lunch you can enjoy some free time and learn of the composer Beethoven’s life, or join our optional excursion into the delightful Ahr Valley for a spot of wine tasting before rounding off with a final evening of entertainment.

Day 5: Bonn - UK
This morning we bid farewell to our Captain and crew and disembark for the return journey to the UK.

Who says Christmas comes but once a year?
German Christmas Markets 4 days from £209

The mouth-watering smell of baked gingerbread, the warming taste of Glühwein, the heart-lifting sight of twinkling outdoor lights. When was Christmas shopping more enjoyable? We’ve witnessed the striking scenery of the stunning Rhine Gorge, called in at typical Rhineland towns and wine centres, seen the medieval town of Koblenz magically illuminated at night, and heard the fables and legends surrounding the famous Seven Mountains. Now we’re in fragrant Cologne indulging in the city’s fabulous Christmas Markets. There’s such a wonderful range of quality items from which to choose; is there a weight restriction on what we can bring back on board Captain?

**Day 3: Koblenz - Cologne**

Leaving Koblenz we cruise down the Rhine to our final destination, and the highlight of our holiday, the fragrant city of Cologne. To help get your bearings you can join our included walking tour pointing out the city highlights before delving into Cologne’s fabulous Christmas Markets. Spreading out from the base of Cologne’s mighty cathedral and into the pedestrianised area is one of the city’s most impressive markets. Shopping is far more appealing and relaxing when we can nibble on sugared almonds whilst wandering through stalls selling everything from wooden toys to tree decorations. In addition to the market around the cathedral, there are four further markets to browse. Heading back down towards the river there’s the Altermarkt (old market) as well as the Neue Markt (new market). For sweet toothed gift recipients, don’t miss the market at the chocolate factory and, for sheer originality, there’s even a market ship berthed on the Rhine.

**Day 4: Cologne - UK**

This morning we bid farewell to our Captain and crew and disembark for the return journey to the UK.
Christmas Markets Extravaganza 4 days from £269

With so many popular Christmas Markets it can be difficult to choose one destination. Our Christmas Market medley cruise is the perfect solution, taking you to some of the biggest and best markets that Europe has to offer. From festive town centres to illuminated caves, we visit the countries of France, Belgium and Holland where you will find Christmas gifts for everyone on your shopping list. And when the shopping’s complete, you can take a step back to relax and absorb the magical atmosphere. So look no further for the ultimate Christmas market experience!

Day 1: UK - Lille - Hasselt
We travel to Lille to see the spectacular Christmas Market, held in the Place Rihour in the town centre. Lille sparkles and glows with joie de vivre and the area is filled with stalls selling arts, crafts, decorations and local specialities. After a couple of hours we continue to Hasselt where we board our ship.

Day 2: Hasselt - Liege
We cruise to Liege, arriving in the early afternoon, where you will find over 170 decorated stalls which make up one of Belgium’s biggest Christmas markets. With a wealth of handmade decorations and traditional crafts, the selection of gift ideas is sure to delight.

Day 3: Liege - Maastricht - Valkenburg (optional)
Casting off this morning, our next destination is Maastricht where the festive ‘Winterland’ event will be in full swing. Part fair, part market, it offers a superb combination of shopping and entertainment in the shadow of the magnificent cathedral. You can browse the market stalls, take to the fairground rides or glide along the ice rink. This afternoon you can join our optional excursion to Valkenburg’s Christmas Market, held in the illuminated quarry tunnels and caves beneath the town, known as the Fluweelengrot.

Day 4: Bruges - UK
Disembarking at Maastricht, we travel to beautiful Bruges for the Christmas Market on the main square. If you have, or know anyone with, a weakness for Belgian chocolates then you’ve come to the right place - the variety is astounding. The cobbled streets and historic buildings make this a beautiful setting for the festive stalls, with the open-air ice rink and horse and carriages adding to the atmosphere. After free time in Bruges we continue the return journey to the UK.

Excursions
Valkenburg Christmas Market £10
All prices shown are per person
Please note alternative dates will be operated in reverse order

Noel Lille Christmas Market
2011 Departures Coach Routes Ferry Crossing Ship
26th November EFGH Dover mps Amsterdam
29th November ABCD Dover mps Amsterdam
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4th December J I Hull mps Amsterdam
5th December ABGH Dover mps Amsterdam
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17th December ABGH Dover mps Amsterdam
Hull Crossings have the addition of 2 nights on board a P&O ferry which is reflected in the price chart below
See pages 38-39 for departure points and more details on the Hull departures

Cabin Prices mps Amsterdam
Code Deck Berths Dover Hull
M2BV Main 2 £269 £349
M3RV Main 3 £299 £379
M2RV Main 2 £309 £389
P2S Promenade 2 £359 £439
P1S Promenade 1 £399 £479
Cabins for sole occupancy are subject to availability and there is a 50% supplement for single occupancy of M2BV, M2RV & P2S
M3RV for twin occupancy is charged as M2RV
See page 44-45 for deck plan
See page 40 for insurance details
Memories of last-minute food shopping and endless cooking will fade away on our Christmas cruise through the most beautiful stretch of the Rhine Valley. With the ship’s friendly crew waiting on you, you can simply relax and gaze out at the spectacular Rhineland scenery gliding by. Everything associated with a perfect Christmas is taken care of; the ship is seasonally decorated, there’s a mountain of delicious festive food and we have prepared a fun-filled programme of entertainment. The hillside vineyards along the Rhine & Moselle valleys may be slumbering over the winter months, but their earlier grape harvests have been bottled into delicious wines for you to sample on our optional excursions. Raise a glass of Riesling to toast your best Christmas ever!

Day 1: UK - Cologne
We travel to the vibrant city of Cologne and board our ship, where you can relax and enjoy the festive atmosphere.

Day 2: Cologne - Andernach
Christmas Eve starts with our included Cologne Highlights walking tour. After lunch we cruise up river to Andernach, where the remainder of the day can be spent exploring the streets and riverside promenades of this attractive walled town. This evening we gather together for a traditional German Christmas dinner.

Day 3: Andernach - Rüdesheim
Merry Christmas! We continue cruising up river through the dramatic narrow Rhine Gorge to the typical Rhineland town of Rüdesheim. Following a traditional British Christmas lunch, you have the option of joining our Rüdesheim Delights excursion which includes a visit to the wonderful mechanical music museum of Siegfried and a mug of Glühwein. This evening you can venture into the captivating street called the Drosselgasse or relax on board and enjoy the entertainment.

Day 4: Rüdesheim - Koblenz
Boxing Day sees us retracing our route down the Rhine Gorge as far as the walled city of Koblenz, where the Moselle meets the mighty Rhine. This afternoon you can relax on board, explore medieval Koblenz or join our optional excursion into the magical Moselle Valley.

Day 5: Koblenz - Bonn
Continuing our course back down the Rhine, we pass the Siebengebirge (Seven Mountains) and head for Bonn, the birth place of Ludwig van Beethoven, where you can join the Bonn Highlights excursion to acquaint yourself with this former capital and University City.

Day 6: Bonn - Cologne
We complete our cruise on arrival in the city of Cologne where you are free to explore. Alternatively you can join our optional Romantic Rhine Towns excursion, visiting the pretty towns of Linz and Königswinter, which has a beautiful setting in the Siebengebirge.

Day 7: Cologne - UK
This morning we bid farewell to our Captain and crew and disembark for the return journey to the UK.
New Year Rhine Cruise

5 days from £399

A resolution made now to spend New Year with the Captain and his crew on board our ship will be the best decision made all year! The cracking New Year’s Eve party on board and the atmosphere around the medieval town of Koblenz, will surely only confirm how right that decision was. We’ll cruise the Rhine’s most romantic waters, learn of the myths surrounding the Lorelei Rock and have the opportunity to taste Cochem’s delicious local wine and apple strudel. As we set course for our final destination of Cologne, we may not want to bid farewell to our hosts and friends but at least we leave with fond memories.

Day 4: Koblenz - Cologne

Very quietly, so as not to disturb those needing a lie-in, our optional excursion to the Romantic Rhine Towns departs this morning as the ship cruises on to Cologne in time for lunch. In the afternoon you can join our included Highlights tour to familiarise yourself with the largest Rhineland city, famous for its huge gothic Cathedral, traditional pubs and of course eau de Cologne. You can round off the visit by a spot of window shopping in the city’s renowned shopping centres.

Day 5: Cologne - UK

This morning we bid farewell to our Captain and crew and disembark for the return journey to the UK.

Day 1: UK - Andernach

We travel to Andernach and board our ship where you can relax or venture into the attractive Rhineland town before this evening’s entertainment.

Day 2: Andernach - Rüdesheim

Casting off this morning we cruise up river, through the dramatic narrow Rhine Gorge, to the pretty town of Rüdesheim. After lunch you can join our optional Rüdesheim Delights excursion which includes a visit to the wonderful mechanical music museum of Siegfried and a mug of Glühwein. This evening you are free to explore so be sure to visit the Drosselgasse, a narrow cobbledstone street which is the town’s cultural heart, and perhaps try a Rüdesheim coffee.

Day 3: Rüdesheim - Koblenz

New Year’s Eve starts with us retracing our route down the Rhine Gorge as far as Koblenz. Here you can relax on board, explore the walled city or join our optional excursion into the magical Moselle Valley. Be sure to pack your “glad rags” for tonight’s highlight, our wonderful New Year’s Eve Gala Dinner and Party Night.

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Special pre-book package price £30

Saving per person £9

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Travel Arrangements

Free Regional Departures
On many cruises you can take advantage of our convenient and free regional coach departures as shown on page 39. This means that you can join the holiday and travel in comfort on a modern executive coach, from a town or city near you. You then travel with our coach from Dover to Calais on a comfortable ferry before joining our ship at the embarkation point as shown in the cruise itinerary.

Coach seats are allocated prior to departure and take into account, as far as possible when your booking is made and any preference requested. There are a limited number of seats toward the front of the coach (usually the first three rows) that can be reserved at the time of booking for just £10 per person.

Your Touring Coach
Experience has taught us that the quality of your vehicle will make a huge difference during the course of your holiday, not only on the journey to and from our ship, but whilst making the most of some of the exciting excursions that we have arranged for you. That is why we only use chartered executive coaches for our cruise programme complete with toilet and air conditioning, ensuring that the time you have with us is as comfortable and enjoyable as it can possibly be.

What happens if a regional departure isn’t available on your selected cruise.
If there is no regional departure point we can arrange for you to receive National Express vouchers redeemable for your journey to and from Dover. This service costs just £30 per person, with a £10 supplement if travelling from Scotland. Please indicate your requirement on the booking form and we will forward your travel voucher with your final documentation. Please note: if you are aged over 60, or have a disability, you may be eligible for a cheaper fare. If you book direct with National Express. Please check departure times and points with your local National Express office before booking your vouchers.

Car Parking at Dover or Hull Docks
We offer a superb value for money parking option for only £7.50 per day at Dover Eastern Docks. Simply call our reservations team to book or mark the appropriate box on the booking form.

Car Parking at Hull Docks is £5 per 24hrs payable upon departure from the car park. We are unable to pre-book parking at Hull. See page 39 for more information on ferry crossings from Hull.

Overnight Hotel Accommodation
Why not take advantage of our special rate that we have negotiated with hotels close to Dover port. For just £89 per night for a twin/double bedroom, or £75 for a single room at The Ramada Hotel Dover or the Ashford International Hotel you can enjoy a good night’s sleep and awaken refreshed and ready for an included breakfast prior to meeting up with your fellow passengers when the coach collects you from the hotel. An added bonus is that the room rate includes parking for your vehicle for the duration of your cruise (subject to availability and conditions and it may be necessary to park at a nearby car park). If you wish to select this option, please make your requirements known to our Reservations Team at the time of booking as the number of rooms available at this special rate are limited.

Eurostar Rail Travel
Where travel by Eurostar is not included in your selected holiday it is still possible to journey to and from your ship by rail. Boarding at either London St Pancras International or Ebbstfeet in Kent, you can be whisked effortlessly along by Eurostar whilst relaxing in your reserved seat. You have the freedom to stretch your legs whenever the mood takes you and purchase drinks and snacks from the buffet carriage. From Brussels the efficient continental rail network will take you to our ship berthed in either Holland or Germany. This fast mode of transport costs £160 per person for the Standard Class return journey from London to Holland and £250 per person for the Standard Class return journey from London to Germany. You could even begin the adventure with fine food and champagne served at your seat in First Class (prices available on request).

Ferry Crossings from Hull
For cruises with sailings available from Hull, our outward and return ferry crossings sail overnight between Hull and either Rotterdam or Zeebrugge. You can relax in the ship’s coffee shop and perhaps enjoying a snack. Dinner can then be taken in either the ship’s buffet or à la carte restaurants (drinks and meals not included, see Meal Package option below). If a simple, relaxed evening in the ship’s quiet room doesn’t appeal, why not head along to the Sunset Show Lounge where live music and entertainment should be underway, or sit back and enjoy a Hollywood blockbuster in one of the on board cinemas. There are on board shopping areas and some of the P&O ferry ships have a casino.

Overnight Sleeper Trains
Overnight accommodation is in a comfortable non-smoking cabin with en-suite washbasin, wc and shower. All 2-berth cabins have either one lower and one upper berth, or two lower berths. If you wish, you can up-grade to either a premier or club cabin; please discuss with our Reservations team if this option appeals to you.

Meal Package on the Hull Ferry
£42 per person for dinner and breakfast on the outward and return crossing. Drinks purchased separately.
Please note: the cruise itinerary will be as shown on the appropriate pages of this brochure, with the addition of 2 nights on board the P&O ferry or Hull Ferry.

Travelling by Air
Some of our river cruises offer a choice of regional airports. We have given times for flights from Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted. Please note that flights from regional airports are subject to availability at the time of booking. Details of which airports we can offer are given on the cruise price panel.

Independent Air Travel
The availability of low cost air travel to destinations such as Amsterdam and Cologne/ Bonn, opens up a new dimension to your River Cruise Line holiday. Flying can suit those on a tight schedule, or alternatively, introduce the flexibility to lengthen your holiday. Should you choose to independently make your way to join our cruises on the Rhine or Moselle, the price of your holiday will naturally be reduced. For details of how this option affects the holiday price, as well as precise information on our cruising schedule, speak to our Reservations Team who will be happy to advise you.

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**KEY TO PICK UP POINTS**

Pick up points in black apply to cruises on the mps Amsterdam, mps Lady Anne and ms Princess.

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**Essex**
- Basildon
- Brentwood
- Chelmsford
- Clacton-on-Sea
- Colchester
- Dagenham
- Harlow
- Loughton
- Romford
- Southend on Sea

**Hampshire**
- Aldershot
- Andover
- Basingstoke
- Eastleigh
- Fareham
- Fleet Services
- Havant
- Old Colwall
- Petersfield
- Portchester
- Portsmouh
- Ringwood
- Romsey
- Southampton
- Waterlooville

**Hertfordshire**
- Bishop’s Stortford
- Cheshunt
- Hertford
- Hemel Hempstead
- Hitchin
- Rickmansworth
- South Mimms Services
- Stevenage
- Watford
- Welwyn Garden City

**Kent**
- Ashford
- Ashford Hotel
- Bluenose
- Canterbury
- Chatham
- Dartford
- Dover
- Dover Hotel
- Faversham
- Folkestone
- Elham
- Maidstone Services
- Medway Services
- Orpington
- Rochester
- Sittingbourne
- Sevenoaks
- Tunnel Bridge

**Lancashire**
- Blackburn
- Blackpool
- Bolton
- Burnley
- Lancaster
- Preston
- Wigan

**Leicestershire**
- Hinckley
- Leicester
- Loughborough
- Market Harborough
- Market Harborough
- Scunthorpe

**Lincolnshire**
- Gainsborough
- Gainsborough
- Grimsby
- Lincoln
- Scunthorpe

**Mercia**
- Liverpool
- Southport
- St Helens

**North Yorkshire**
- Great Yarmouth
- Norwich
- Thirsk

**Northumberland**
- Alnwick
- Berwick upon Tweed
- Morpeth

**Northamptonshire**
- Kettering
- Northampton
- Rushden
- Wellingborough
- Wellingborough

**Norfolk**
- Great Yarmouth
- Norwich
- Thetford

**North Wales**
- Bangor
- Bethesda
- Caernarfon
- Caernarfon
- Flint
- Queensferry
- Llandudno
- Mold
- Prestatyn
- Rhyl
- St Asaph

**Nottinghamshire**
- Mansfield
- Newark
- Nottingham
- Nottingham

**Oxfordshire**
- Banbury
- Oxford
- Witney

**Shropshire**
- Oswestry
- Shrewsbury
- Telford

**Somerset**
- Bridgwater
- Taunton
- Yeovil

**South Wales**
- Abergavenny
- Bridgend
- Cardiff
- Carmarthen
- Llanelli
- Newport
- Penarth
- Pontypridd

**South Yorkshire**
- Barnsley
- Doncaster
- Rotherham
- Sheffield

**Staffordshire**
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- Stoke on Trent
- Tamworth
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**Suffolk**
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- Guildford
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- Staines
- Weybridge
- Woking

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- Fort William
- Inverness
- Irvine
- Kilmarnock
- Lochaber
- Moffat
- Pitlochry
- Perth
- Stirling

**Scotland**
- Berwick upon Tweed
- South Shields
- Sunderland
- Inverness
- Kilmarnock
- Lochaber
- Moffat
- Pitlochry
- Perth
- Stirling

**Tyne & Wear**
- Newcastle upon Tyne
- South Shields

**Warwickshire**
- Leamington Spa
- Nuneaton

**West Midlands**
- Birmingham
- Coventry
- Solihull
- Sutton Coldfield
- Wolverhampton
- Walsall
- West Bromwich

**West Sussex**
- Burgess Hill
- Bognor Regis
- Chichester
- Crawley
- Haywards Heath
- Littlehampton
- Worthing

**Wiltshire**
- Swindon
- Salisbury

**Worcestershire**
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General Information

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is a vital aspect to booking a holiday, giving you protection against unforeseen circumstances that could otherwise spoil your holiday. It is important that you purchase travel insurance that properly covers your participation in whatever activities you may undertake at the time that you make your booking. To assist you with this, we have arranged competitive travel insurance from Travel & General Insurance Company plc to specifically meet your needs on your holiday.

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There is no age limit. See important information and booking conditions for more information.

Optional Excursions

To further enhance your cruise we offer a wide range of excursions, allowing you to explore further and sample the local culture. From wine tasting to walking tours and cities to waterfalls, full details will be sent with your holiday confirmation or are available on request. It is wise to book early to secure your place as some of the excursions are subject to availability.

Special Occasions

Add the finishing touch to your cruise with our tempting range of special occasion gifts and make your celebrations truly memorable. It doesn’t even have to be a special occasion, maybe you want to surprise a loved one, treat a friend or enjoy a spot of self-indulgence. Whatever the reason, it’s the little things that count and with our super prices you won’t need to push the boat out!

Our selection of Special Occasion gifts

Birthday Celebration £29
- Birthday Cake
- Bottle of wine (red or white)

Anniversary Celebration £49
- Bottle of sparkling wine
- Flowers or basket of fruit

Extra special celebration (any occasion!) £65
- Cake
- Bottle of Champagne
- Flowers
- Chocolates or basket of fruit
ms Princess

The ms Princess has a capacity of 102 passengers and provides a unique blend of home comforts combined with sophisticated comfort. Whether you take a seat at the pretty bar, the lounge or in the welcoming restaurant with piano, it certainly won’t take long to feel at home on board of this ship.

Cabin accommodation
Cabins are located over two decks and are equipped with twin beds, air conditioning and are comfortably furnished with bathroom facilities, TV, telephone, hair dryer and a mini safe. A limited number of cabins are available with an additional upper bunk.

Wonderful Food
All meals are freshly prepared on board and include a buffet breakfast, three course lunch and four course dinner.

Life on board
The Princess combines sophisticated comfort with a unique cosiness. From the partially covered Sun Deck to the welcoming lounge bar and restaurant, with its piano, there is plenty of space to relax and enjoy the views gliding by. All decks are accessible with stairs and a stair lift.

Our Selection of Cruise Ships
Welcome aboard the mps Lady Anne
Chartered exclusively to the River Cruise Line
Owner and Captain of the mps Lady Anne, Wido Arts, has brought together an experienced and amiable crew whose paramount importance is your comfort and enjoyment. Indeed, it’s greatly due to the warm and relaxed atmosphere created on board that our passengers return year after year, even several times in the same year! The mps Lady Anne is a floating “home from home”.

Cabin Accommodation
A choice of cabin accommodation is offered on three levels from single berths on the Passenger Deck to 2 berth cabins with panoramic windows on the Main and Promenade Decks. All cabins, from single berths to triple berths, have outside views, ample heating, a safe and private facilities with washbasin, shower and wc; two superior cabins on the Promenade Deck also offer a bath with shower attachment. Please note: stair lifts lead from the Sun Deck to the Promenade Deck, Promenade Deck to the Main Deck and the Main Deck to the restaurant area of the Passenger Deck (the lift does not give access to the Passenger Deck cabins). The ordinary stairs are quite steep and those to the Passenger Deck are particularly steep, therefore the cabins on the Passenger Deck are NOT RECOMMENDED for people with any sort of difficulties with stairs.

Please also note that 3 berth cabins are 2 lower bunks and 1 upper bunk.

Wido
Lady Anne Hand

Wonderful Food
Delicious meals are freshly prepared in the ship’s galley before being served in the attractive restaurant on the Passenger Deck. Breakfast is buffet style with a selection of hot and cold dishes to choose from. Lunch is also buffet style whilst dinner is generally a four-course set menu. Don’t be deterred from booking an excursion for fear of missing your lunch, the mps Lady Anne galley will provide you with an appetising packed lunch. Early risers are treated to free tea and coffee, whilst everyone is served complimentary mid-morning tea or coffee in the lounge. You’re therefore amply catered for whilst on board the mps Lady Anne from your first dinner on boarding to your final buffet breakfast on departing. Please note: vegetarian options and dietary requirements can be catered for upon request.

Life on board
On warm days, daytime cruising is largely spent on the ship’s Sun Deck with its “garden-style” seating. Just relax and admire the scenery drifting past, enjoy the breeze and the sun warming your face, this is river cruising at its best. Even when the climate dictates that you remain tucked inside the spacious lounge bar you still have an awareness of open spaces and breathtaking scenery around you due to the magnificent panoramic windows. This delightful lounge is where the on board entertainment and get-togethers take place. With a dance floor, well-stocked bar and comfortable seating for everyone, it’s the ‘hub’ of the ship. Just below on the Main Deck a small souvenir shop keeps you supplied with postcards, maps and a selection of souvenirs. Life on board the mps Lady Anne is so relaxed and enjoyable that you’ll want to post cards back home to tell everyone what they’re missing!

Captain Wido
Owner and Captain of the mps Lady Anne, Wido Arts, has brought together an experienced and amiable crew whose paramount importance is your comfort and enjoyment. Indeed, it is greatly due to the warm and relaxed atmosphere created on board that our passengers return year after year, even several times in the same year! The mps Lady Anne is a floating “home from home”.

NB: Stairways to the passenger deck cabins are very steep and not suitable for anyone with mobility difficulties.
Welcome aboard the mps Amsterdam
Chartered exclusively to the River Cruise Line

Captain Arnold, Purser Marloes and the crew take great pride in making our passengers feel at home. From the moment your luggage is lifted on board to the time it is delivered back on shore, your comfort, well being and, of course, enjoyment is their priority. Accommodating 98 passengers, a warm atmosphere surrounds the ship with passengers and crew soon becoming friends.

Cabin Accommodation
All cabins were completely refurbished during the winter of 2009 and offer ensuite facilities with a shower, wash basin and toilet. Twin cabins have a practical fold up construction that allows one of the twin beds to be transformed into a seat during the day. The cabins are located on both the Promenade and Main Decks, with the 36 cabins on the Main Deck being only accessible via a stairway. A chair lift interconnects the cabins and public rooms on the Promenade Deck with the Sun Deck. All of the 13 Promenade Deck cabins benefit from panoramic windows, whilst the cabins on the Main Deck have sliding windows placed at a higher level which permits plenty of natural light, but due to the height it makes them more difficult to see out of. The M2BIV cabins at the front part of the ship on this deck level also have their view obscured in part by the ship’s bulwarks. Very little time is spent in the cabins anyway; there’s too much going on around the Sun and Promenade Decks!

Wonderful Food
A principal part of a cruise is undoubtedly the quality of the food served. The mps Amsterdam won’t disappoint with breakfast, lunch and dinner all freshly prepared on board and served in the attractive restaurant, which also has the benefit of magnificent views through its panoramic windows. Breakfast is buffet style with a choice of hot and cold dishes. Lunch is a three course set menu along with dinner which is generally a four-course set menu. Don’t be deterred from booking an excursion for fear of missing your lunch, the mps Amsterdam’s galley will provide you with an appetising packed lunch. Early risers are treated to free tea and coffee, whilst everyone is served complimentary mid-morning tea or coffee in the lounge. You’re therefore amply catered for whilst on board the mps Amsterdam from your first dinner on boarding to your final buffet breakfast on departing. Please note: vegetarian options and dietary requirements can be catered for upon request.

Life on board
Days are largely spent up on the ship’s spacious Sun Deck, with its partially covered terrace and plentiful seating. Enjoy the breeze and the sun warming your face and a 360 degree span of uninterrupted views; this is river cruising at its best. Even if the weather is a little inclement, the comfortable lounge bar on the Promenade Deck still allows you to take in these magnificent views through its large panoramic windows. This is also where the on board entertainment and get-togethers take place. With a spacious dance floor, well-stocked bar and seating for everyone, this is the “hub” of the ship. The entire ship, including cabins, benefits from air conditioning.
A visit to the souvenir shop by reception should satisfy many basic needs including those all important postcards to tell everyone back home what they’re missing! Should you feel the need for some quiet time with a good book, the ship’s small library is also available to service your requirements.

Captain Arnold
Promenade Deck cabin
Lounge Bar
Lounge
Restaurant
Bar
Hotel
Estate
Decks
Promenade Deck Plan
The mv Esmeralda can accommodate 126 passengers and offers an excellent level of comfort, a family atmosphere and is air-conditioned throughout. It has a spacious and inviting lounge with bar at the front of the promenade deck and a restaurant at the front of the main deck. It is a pleasure to relax on the partially covered sun deck.

Cabin accommodation
All cabins are stylishly furnished with twin beds, shower and toilet and have picture windows, satellite TV, telephone, a safe deposit box.

Wonderful Food
Meals are freshly prepared on board and include a buffet breakfast, three course lunch and four course dinner. For dinner you have a choice of main course and if you are up late a midnight snack is also available. Morning coffee and afternoon tea is served every day.

Life on board
The Esmeralda offers a high level of comfort with daylight spent in the spacious lounge or up on the partially covered Sun Deck. Meals are served in the restaurant on the Main Deck, before relaxing in the lounge with a refreshing drink and enjoying the entertainment. There is a lift between the Promenade Deck and Main Deck and a stair lift between the Promenade Deck and Sun Deck.

ms Russ
The ms Russ is a comfortable five-deck vessel accommodating 260 passengers in outside cabins equipped with private facilities, radio, air-conditioning, refrigerator and 220-volt power sockets. All of our cabins benefit from large scenic windows. With your comfort in mind, this floating hotel has a restaurant, a piano bar, coffee bar, cocktail buffet, a conference hall, a solarium, a sauna, a beauty room, a medical room, a souvenir shop and, of course, a large sun deck. It is a pleasure to relax on the partially covered sun deck.

Sister to the MS Van Gogh, the MS Camargue was built in 1995 and refurbished in 2006. The cabins are spread across 2 decks and offer a selection of triple, double, twin and single beds. All of the cabins are comfortably furnished with en-suite facilities, hair dryer, satellite TV, radio, safe, air conditioning/central heating and a 220v electricity supply. Public rooms and facilities onboard include a dining room, lounge bar with a dance floor, a gift shop and a large sun deck with plenty of deckchairs. Full board accommodation is included within the holiday price, with one evening meal being taken ashore at an establishment owned by top French chef Paul Bocuse. Drinks with meals on board are also included. These include house wine, water, beer, fruit juice and one coffee.

ms Van Gogh
Built in 1999, the two-deck MS ‘Van Gogh’ accommodates 158 passengers in its 78 comfortable cabins, all of which have outside views ensuring that the wondrous passing scenery is never far away. Each of the cabins is equipped with an en-suite shower and toilet, central heating, air conditioning, 220V electricity, hairdryer, radio, satellite TV and safe. Onboard public facilities for passengers include a large lounge-bar with a dance floor, an a la carte restaurant, a gift shop and a large sun deck with plenty of deckchairs. Full board accommodation is included within the holiday price, with one evening meal being taken ashore at an establishment owned by top French chef Paul Bocuse. Drinks with meals on board are also included. These include house wine, water, beer, fruit juice and one coffee.

ms Fernão de Magalhães
Named after the famous Portuguese explorer, Ferdinand Magellan, this 3 star ship was built in 2003 and offers light and spacious accommodation for 142 passengers across 3 decks. All of the cabins have a large panoramic window and are well equipped with a shower, WC, TV, radio, internal phone, hairdryer, safe and air conditioning. Public areas include a lounge bar, a partially covered sun deck with a swimming pool and a restaurant which offers excellent cuisine.
Booking Conditions 2011

2. Booking your holiday

We reserve the right to raise or lower prices at any time before your confirmation invoice has been issued, you must notify us in writing if you do not agree with this policy. If you do not agree with this policy, we may cancel your booking and refund any money you have paid. If we do this, we will not be liable to you for any loss or injury you suffer as a result of the cancellation.

3. Payment

Payment for your confirmed booking can be made by credit card, debit card or cheque. If you are paying by cheque, we will hold your booking for 21 days from the date of the cheque. We recommend that you send us a copy of the cheque as a means of confirmation.

4. Your contract

A binding contract comes into existence when we issue your confirmation invoice. It will be subject to the laws of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or for any other foreign jurisdiction, the courts of England and Wales will have jurisdiction. Any dispute arising from or connected with your contract must be dealt with by the courts of England and Wales. If you are a member of our company, you and we agree to be bound by any written agreement to which either of us is a party or in which either of us is to be referred to arbitration if you so wish under a special scheme (the "IDRS Agreement") and in any event in accordance with the rules of the IDRS. Any such arbitration will be final and binding on the parties to the dispute. You are advised to consult with your solicitor before you enter into any contract with us for the purposes of the IDRS Agreement.

5. Our rights

We do not accept any responsibility for loss, damage or loss of and/or damage to any luggage or personal possessions. Any such loss or damage is subject to the terms of any wording used by us on our websites, in any advertising, in our brochures, in any documentation. If failure to have any necessary travel or other documentation involves death, personal injury or illness). Disputes arising out of, or in connection with, the booking or travel arrangements executed hereunder, shall be subject to the laws of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or any other foreign jurisdiction, the courts of England and Wales will have jurisdiction. Any dispute arising from or connected with your contract must be dealt with by the courts of England and Wales. If you are a member of our company, you and we agree to be bound by any written agreement to which either of us is a party or in which either of us is to be referred to arbitration if you so wish under a special scheme (the "IDRS Agreement") and in any event in accordance with the rules of the IDRS. Any such arbitration will be final and binding on the parties to the dispute. You are advised to consult with your solicitor before you enter into any contract with us for the purposes of the IDRS Agreement.

6. Special requests and medical conditions

At the time of booking, we will try to pass on your reasonable requests regarding suitable bedrooms. We cannot accept any guarantee that you will be allocated a specific type of room or a room on the same floorplan or with a view over a certain area. However, if we are able to meet your request, we will inform you of the result as soon as possible. We do not guarantee to meet your request if you have failed to notify the complaint or claim entirely in accordance with clause 19(5) or clause 21(3) as a result of, "force majeure".

7. Changing your holiday

If you change your mind about your confirmed booking, you may be able to change your holiday as long as you give us at least five days notice before the date of your departure. If we accept your request to cancel your booking, we will refund you the full price paid to us for the cancelled portion of your holiday. If we are unable to provide an alternative holiday that is similar, we may cancel your booking and refund any money you have paid. If we do this, we will not be liable to you for any loss or injury you suffer as a result of the cancellation. If you cancel your booking, you will be liable for all amendment fees which are not refundable in the event of cancellation. If you do not notify us of your cancellation, we will assume that you have requested the holiday to continue as booked.

8. Our responsibility

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Important Holiday Information & Insurance

Your Financial Protection & Peace of Mind

The River Cruise Line, a trading division of Diamond Shortbreak Holidays Ltd, is a Member of ABTA with membership number W0552. ABTA and ABTA Members help holidaymakers to get the most from their travel and assist when things don't go according to plan. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct. For more information on ABTA, the Code of Conduct and the arbitration scheme available to you if you have a complaint, contact ABTA, 30 Park Street, London SE1 9EQ, tel 020 3117 0581 www.abta.com.

We also hold an Air Travel Organisers Licence, number 9357, granted by the Civil Aviation Authority. When you buy a flight or package which includes a flight from us you will receive a Confirmation Invoice from us confirming your arrangements and your protection under our ATOL Licence number 9357. In the unlikely event that our airline or the CAA will ensure you are not stranded abroad and will arrange to refund any money you have paid to us for an advance booking. For further information visit the ATOL website at www.atol.org.uk

Insurance

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Important declaration

An insurance policy can only provide cover in respect of an accident, illness or an event / occurrence which is sudden, unforeseen and beyond your reasonable control. All material facts, such as your employment circumstances or your medical history or the medical history of your immediate family, must be disclosed to us. Failure to provide this information may mean that you will not be covered in the event of a claim.

Summary of Cover

Cancellation Up to £3,000
Travel Delay Up to £100
Missed Departure Up to £300
Personal Accident Up to £15,000
Medical Emergency Expenses Up to £5,000,000
Emergency Hospital Benefit Up to £500
Personal Possessions Up to £1,500
Lost Travel Documents Up to £500
Personal Liability, up to £1,000,000
Personal Expenses Up to £2,000,000
24-hour Medical Emergency Service Included

An “excess” applies to certain sections of the policy, full details and all terms and conditions are provided in the policy booklet. If you or any members of your immediate family have a pre-existing medical condition, or have suﬀered from a serious, chronic or re-occurring illness or if you are waiting to go into hospital as an in-patient, you must declare it to Healthcheck on 0845 408 0585. Details regarding cancellation by us or by you are given in our Booking Conditions.

Passport and Visa Requirements for British Citizens

A passport is essential for all holidays in this brochure and should be valid for at least 3 months beyond the date of return (6 months for Switzerland). If you do not have a passport, you should enquire at your local Passport Office at least twelve weeks before departure. Visas - Holders of passports other than British Citizen passports should check with the relevant Embassies for details of passport and visa requirements. It is the responsibility of the traveller to ensure that all passport and visa requirements are met and are in force before they travel. If your passport is in the final year of its validity, you should contact the Embassy of the country concerned before making travel plans.

Coach Travel

Passengers using our complimentary coach transfer service should be aware this may involve an early departure. This may on occasion be the day before the date of arrival for those who live a long way from the port. Please be aware that in order to accommodate as many passengers as possible, the coach will usually call at other pick-up points after your own on its journey to the port of departure. A minimum number of passengers are required for the pick-up point to operate. In the unlikely event that your chosen pick-up point does not achieve sufficient numbers, we will offer the nearest available option or the ferry port.

Air Travel

Where your holiday includes scheduled air travel, it is in economy class. Regional flights are subject to availability and, in some cases, may be at a higher supplement than shown in the brochure. The majority of airlines now operate all non-smoking flights. This brochure is issued on the sole responsibility of the tour operator; it is not issued on behalf of and does not commit the airlines mentioned therein or any airline whose services are used in the course of these tours. The responsibility of IATA airlines in connection with these tours is limited to the carriage of passengers and their luggage, in accordance with the conditions of carriage of the participating airlines. Please note: for flights within the UK you normally require photographic proof of identity, such as a passport or other acceptable documents.

Check In/Out Times

To allow time for cleaning etc passengers joining the cruise vessel are not able to board until 6pm and must vacate their accommodation by 9am on the last day, to allow time for cleaning etc.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted on any of the coaches operating our holidays, however regular stops will be made during the journey. On board our cruise vessels smoking is only permitted on the sun deck.

Optional Excursions

Optional excursions will operate subject to weather conditions and minimum numbers for each excursion. Changes to the advertised optional excursion programme are rare, but we do reserve the right to amend the programme at any time. The order in which optional excursions operate may vary according to local circumstances.

2012 Brochure Advance Registration

Our 2012 brochure will be published in early 2011. If you wish to make an advanced booking prior to this you can do so by contacting our reservations team on 0800 655 6449

How To Book

Call us on 0800 655 6449

We recommend that you make a provisional booking by telephone to reserve your preferred departure date.

We will hold a provisional booking for 48 hours pending receipt of your signed booking form, deposit (full payment if booking within 8 weeks of departure) and insurance premium.

If you wish to pay by Visa, MasterCard or UK Maestro your booking can be confirmed by telephone on the understanding that you have read and understood our booking conditions.

Book online at: www.liverpoolcruiseclub.co.uk
# Booking Form 2011

Please complete all sections in block capitals

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## IMPORTANT:
All types of accommodation are subject to availability. The accommodation reserved for you will be confirmed on your invoice.

## ADDRESS OF THE PERSON SIGNING THE BOOKING FORM FOR CORRESPONDENCE

Name: ____________________________
Address: __________________________
Postcode: _________________________
Daytime tel: Std (____) No. _______
Mobile Number: ____________________
E-mail address: ____________________

## HOLIDAY & DELAY INSURANCE

Holiday insurance is compulsory on all our holidays. Our holiday insurance will automatically be added to your confirmed booking unless you provide details of your alternative insurance (including delay insurance) which provides equivalent or greater cover. Please state below the name of the alternative insurer together with the policy number and 24hr emergency telephone number.

Own Insurance - Company: ____________________________
Policy number: ________________________________
24hr emergency tel: no. ________________________

## SPECIAL REQUESTS (Very Important)

We want everyone to enjoy completely successful holiday arrangements, therefore if you have a special request you MUST clearly note it on your booking form even if you have advised us verbally. At the time of booking you MUST give full details in writing of any medical condition/disability which may affect your booking. Failure to notify us in writing of any special request prior to departure may result in your request not being accommodated or additional charges.

## HOTEL & CAR PARKING (Crossings from Dover)

Please tick if you wish either to be pre-booked (the total will be added to your invoice).

CAR PARKING [ ]

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION: DOVER HOTEL [ ] ASHFORD HOTEL [ ]

Twin or double room Pre Cruise [ ] Post Cruise [ ]

Single room Pre Cruise [ ] Post Cruise [ ]

## OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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## EUROSTAR & RAIL

- £160pp UK - Holland
- £250pp UK - Germany

## NATIONAL EXPRESS

National Express Voucher £30 per person. (£10 pp supplement from Scotland)

## PAYMENT

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## PAYMENT BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARD

TYPE OF CARD: Visa/Mastercard [ ] Delta/UK Maestro [ ] Switch issue no. _______

CARD NO: ________________________________
SECURITY CODE: ________ (Last 3 digits on reverse of card)
EXPIRY DATE: ____________________________

PLEASE NOTE
Payment of balance by Credit Card will incur an administration fee of 2%. There is no fee for deposits paid by credit card. There is no fee for payment by Debit Card. Cheques/Postal Orders should be made payable to The River Cruise Line.

I sign and confirm that I am the first named passenger on the booking form above. On behalf of all those named I accept the conditions of booking in this brochure. If this booking is made within eight weeks of departure, I will enclose full payment with this booking form.

Signature ____________________________ Date __________

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