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THE HISTORIC RHINE

Legacies of World War II and the Roman Empire
October 22–November 2, 2021 aboard *Royal Crown*



DEAR TRAVELER,

Cruise along the Rhine and Moselle rivers aboard the privately chartered 45-stateroom *Royal Crown* riverboat from Basel to Amsterdam, **exploring the region's ancient Roman heritage and 20th-century military history.** Visit classic highlights such as Strasbourg, Mainz, and the fairytale castles of the romantic Rhine; a variety of well-preserved ancient Roman cities; and important sites from World War II, including General Patton's famous Third Army crossing in Oppenheim and Operation Market Garden at Arnhem.

On many days, **participants are invited to choose the excursion activity that best suits their interests.** Some excursions explore ancient Rome's impact on the region, featuring Augusta Raurica, an ancient Roman archaeological site and open-air museum; the Roman ruins at Trier, and Kalkreise, where the Germanic/Roman Battle of the Teutoburg Forest occurred in A.D. 9. Other excursions delve into World War II history along the Rhine and Moselle, from Arnhem's Airborne Museum and Nijmegen's Overloon Museum to the De Oversteek Bridge where American soldiers fought for the liberation of the Netherlands.

Throughout the cruise, **travelers will enjoy viewing gorgeous scenery, dining in a historic castle, visiting vineyard estates to taste regional wines, and sampling local craft brews.** An optional 2-night pre-cruise package including stunning Lake Lucerne and an optional three-night post-cruise extension in the Netherlands are also available.

The *Royal Crown* is an intimate vessel just over half the size of most riverboats in the region. Reserve your space now to ensure you enjoy this cruise in the cabin of your choice!

Sincerely,



Steve Ridgway
President
Criterion Travel



HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Cruise ten nights aboard the privately chartered *Royal Crown* from Basel to Amsterdam, enjoying the **SCENIC RHINE GORGE** and the hillside vineyards and historic castles of the Moselle.
- ◆ Enjoy carefully curated excursion options throughout the cruise, all included in the tour price, for **SMALL-GROUP EXPERIENCES** and the opportunity to focus on what most interests you.
- ◆ Explore some of Europe's best-preserved **ROMAN RUINS**, including Augusta Raurica, Trier, and Kalkreise, where an epic battle between the Romans and Germanic tribes was fought, and visit the Roman-German museum in Cologne.
- ◆ Visit important **WORLD WAR II SITES**, among them Fort Schoenenbourg, a Maginot Line fortification; strategically critical Allied Rhine River crossings; and Arnhem, where the unsuccessful Operation Market Garden unfolded.





ROMAN BATHS



KAMPEN



ROMANTIC RHINE



ITINERARY

Friday–Saturday, Oct. 22–23

HOME / BASEL, SWITZERLAND

Depart home on an overnight flight to Basel. Embark the *Royal Crown* and enjoy a welcome reception and dinner.

ROYAL CROWN (R,D)

Sunday, October 24

BASEL

This morning take a walking tour of Basel's medieval Old Town. Steeped in Celtic-Roman history and situated at the crossroads of France, Germany, and Switzerland, much of the ancient city of Basel still stands and is well preserved. An important cultural center, Basel is home to Switzerland's oldest university, where the German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche taught. In the afternoon, choose from one of two options. OPTION 1: Augusta Raurica, site of the oldest known Roman colony on the Rhine. The onsite museum houses important finds from the excavation and details the history of the colony. OPTION 2: The Kunstmuseum Basel, which contains the most important public art collection in Switzerland.

ROYAL CROWN (B,L,D)

Monday, October 25

STRASBOURG, FRANCE

Like many of the region's border cities, Strasbourg has traded hands several times between France and Germany; today, the French capital of Alsace and seat of the European Parliament reflects both cultures—linguistically, architecturally, and gastronomically. Strasbourg features a historic UNESCO World Heritage-designated

city center with 16th-century half-timbered houses and a Gothic cathedral built of red sandstone. Explore the city by coach and on foot, then meander on local boats through the canals of Strasbourg's "Petite France" (the former tanners' and fishmongers' districts). This afternoon, choose from one of two options. OPTION 1: Ouvrage Schoenenbourg (Fort Schoenenbourg), a Maginot Line fortification. Although heavily bombarded during the Battle of France in 1940, it retains all of its original structural elements. OPTION 2: A wine tasting in Alsace, an important wine-producing region in France.

ROYAL CROWN (B,L,D)

Tuesday, October 26

MAINZ, GERMANY

Enjoy a morning of cruising along the beautiful Rhine River to Mainz, where native son Johannes Gutenberg developed movable type printing in 1439. Take a guided tour of the Gutenberg Museum, where you can view a replica of Gutenberg's workshop, observe a demonstration of his printing method, and see a copy of his 42-line Bible, printed between 1452 and 1455. Then take an opportunity to stroll along the banks of the river in the shadow of Mainz's charming architecture.

ROYAL CROWN (B,L,D)

Wednesday, October 27

RHINE GORGE

This morning traverse the scenic Rhine Gorge, the popular name for the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, which earned UNESCO World

Heritage designation in 2002 for its unique combination of geological, historical, cultural, and industrial reasons. This part of the Rhine also features strongly in folklore, including the opera *Gotterdammerung*. After lunch the *Royal Crown* enters the Moselle River and cruises past storybook castles and lush vineyards en route to Bernkastel and Trier.

ROYAL CROWN (B,L,D)

Thursday, October 28

TRIER / BERNKASTEL

Trier is possibly the oldest city in Germany and well known for its Roman and medieval buildings. Visit the well-preserved Porta Nigra city gate, the 4th-century Basilica of Constantine (Aula Palatina), and a 2nd-century A.D. Roman bridge, still in use. After lunch visit, Bernkastel-Kues, an acclaimed wine-growing center on the Middle Moselle and birthplace of one of the most famous German polymaths, the medieval churchman and philosopher Nikolaus von Kues. Enjoy a private tasting of wines, primarily Rieslings, grown on steep-sloped vineyards.

ROYAL CROWN (B,L,D)

Friday, October 29

KOBLENZ

After a morning of cruising, disembark in Koblenz and continue to Narny Castle, the personal residence of Princess Heide von Hohenzollern; a private concert; and a private tour while the ship continues to Remagen. Narny Castle dates back to the 14th century and, since the late 20th century, has functioned as a cultural center featuring concerts, art exhibitions, and



TRIER



NAMEDY CASTLE



MOSELLE RIVER



AUGUSTA RAURICA

the annual Art in the Park week. Continue overland to Remagen to view the Bridge Towers and hear a guest lecture on the Battle of Remagen, when Allied troops unexpectedly capture the Ludendorff Bridge over the Rhine in March 1945 and seriously thwarted German military operations in the area.

ROYAL CROWN (B,L,D)

Saturday, October 30

COLOGNE

Arrive in Cologne after a morning of on-board lectures and cruising. Germany's fourth most populous city straddles the Rhine near Germany's borders with Belgium and the Netherlands, and is home to one of Europe's oldest and largest universities. Tour Cologne Cathedral, the city's most famous and most beloved landmark and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Also visit the Roman-German Museum to view a large collection of artifacts from the Roman settlement on which modern Cologne is built. This evening enjoy free time for independent exploration in Cologne.

ROYAL CROWN (B,L,D)

Sunday, October 31

ARNHEM, NETHERLANDS

Today choose from two optional activities. OPTION 1: Park Kalkriese, archaeological site of a pivotal Germanic tribes' victory over the Romans in A.D. 9. The museum highlights ongoing research in the area. OPTION 2: A walking tour and museum visit in Kampen, a former Hanseatic League city with one of the best-preserved old town centers in the Netherlands.

Afternoon tea will be taken in Middachten Castle, a monumental Dutch manor house originally built in the 12th century. ALL: This evening enjoy an optional walk at sunset across the modern De Oversteek Bridge in Nijmegen, where the American soldiers who died here fighting for the liberation of the Netherlands are honored every night with the lighting in slow succession of street lamps spanning the bridge.

ROYAL CROWN (B,L,D)

Monday, November 1

ARNHEM

Today choose from one of two full-day options. OPTION 1: Visit Frost Bridge, named after the British officer in command at Arnhem, and the Airborne Museum, dedicated to the Battle of Arnhem. Also explore the Overloon War Museum in Nijmegen, located on the site of the Battle of Overloon, a World War II tank and infantry battle that occurred in September and October 1944 in the aftermath of Operation Market Garden. OPTION 2: Explore the Kröller-Müller Museum, a national art museum and sculpture park that boasts the second-largest collection of van Gogh paintings and a fine assemblage of modern and contemporary sculptures. Those who wish may enjoy optional cycling in the surrounding Park Hoge Veluwe.

ROYAL CROWN (B,L,D)

Tuesday, November 2

AMSTERDAM / HOME

After breakfast and disembarkation, transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)



October 20–23

OPTIONAL PRE-CRUISE EXTENSION IN SWITZERLAND

Spend two nights in Basel and immerse yourself in the alpine scenery of Lake Lucerne. Visit several of the city's chocolatiers to learn about the history and traditions that make Swiss chocolates some of the most sought after in the world.

Further details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.



November 2–5

OPTIONAL POST-CRUISE EXTENSION IN HOLLAND

Visit highlights and top sites in Amsterdam, The Hague, Delft, and Haarlem, including a canal cruise and viewings of timeless art by Dutch masters.

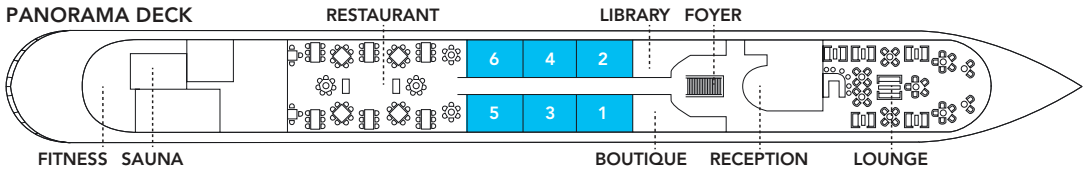
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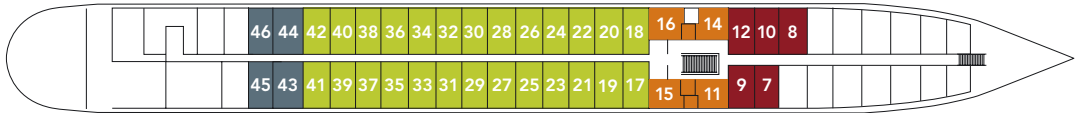
ROYAL CROWN



With the nostalgic charm of a glamorous 1930s yacht and the comfort and service of a four-star vessel, the elegant 45-stateroom *Royal Crown* is perfect for cruising European waterways. Spacious teak decks blend with elegant public rooms and staterooms appointed with mahogany, rosewood, and marble, rich fabrics, and specially designed furniture. All passenger cabins have picture windows (Panorama Deck) or two large portholes (Select Deck) for expansive views. The cabins are fully air-conditioned and heated with individual climate control and have a flat-screen television, ample wardrobe space and bedside drawers for storage, and a small combination safe. En suite bathrooms are equipped with a shower and hair dryer. Public amenities include a library, boutique, elegant Art Deco-inspired lounge with panoramic views, and a dining room with open seating. The Lido Deck features a large sun deck running almost the entire length of the vessel, the Lido bar, a putting green, and a large-scale chessboard.



SELECT DECK



PROGRAM RATES (PER PERSON)

CATEGORY		DOUBLE	SINGLE
JUNIOR SUITE	(SELECT DECK) 145 sq ft; twin beds; two portholes	\$5,995	\$9,495
SUPERIOR SUITE	(SELECT DECK) 145 sq ft; twin beds; two portholes	\$6,495	\$10,495
DELUXE SUITE	(SELECT DECK) 145 sq ft; twin beds; two portholes	\$6,995	\$11,495
PREMIUM SUITE	(SELECT DECK) 150 sq ft; queen bed; two portholes	\$7,995	–
ROYAL SUITE	(PANORAMA DECK) 200 sq ft; queen bed; four large windows	\$10,995	–

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including **ten nights aboard *Royal Crown*** • Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations • Transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates • **Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers, and shipboard personnel for all group activities** • Entrance fees and port charges • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • **House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners** • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Complete packet of pre-departure information • Professional tour manager throughout the program

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The pace of this tour is moderately active with considerable walking each day, often over very uneven and cobblestoned terrain, and extended periods of standing. The ship has no elevator, so guests should be capable of navigating stairs while cruising. Participants must be in good health and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff. By forwarding the deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/ herself or other participants.

GROUP SIZE

This program is limited to 76 participants, including travelers from Yale and the National Trust.

A NOTE ABOUT COSTS

Tour costs are based upon current fuel prices, currency values, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.



RHINE RIVER

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To reserve a place, please complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel, to: Criterion Travel, 4250 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton, OR 97005. For more information or to reserve by phone, please call (888) 328-2089 or (650) 328-2089; or email res@critteriontravel.com. You may also fax the completed reservation form to (650) 560-6400.

PROGRAM RATES

DO NOT INCLUDE

- U.S. domestic and international airfare
- Passport/visa expenses
- Medical expenses and immunizations
- Travel and trip cancellation insurance
- Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days
- Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour
- Airline baggage charges
- Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted

- Laundry or dry cleaning
- Telephone, fax, internet, and email charges
- Room service
- Other items of a personal nature

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Trip-cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Complete Terms and Conditions including Statement of Responsibility will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed "Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause" is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

notice of cancellation is received before July 16, 2021. Cancellations after July 16, 2021: all payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. NOTE: Criterion Travel accepts no liability for any airline cancellation penalties incurred with the purchase of nonrefundable tickets.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve space on this program. you may complete the reservation form included in this brochure and mail it with your check or credit card information to Criterion Travel, 4250 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton, OR 97005. Or you may fax the completed reservation form to (650) 560-6400. if you have questions, please call (888) 328-2089 or email res@critteriontravel.com. Final payment is due June 22, 2021. For those who register after June 22, 2021, full payment is due upon registration.

HEALTH

All participants should be in good health and capable of keeping up with an active group of travelers. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the passenger certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers.

ITINERARY CHANGES

The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Criterion Travel reserves the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

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CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Upon payment of the \$1,000 per person deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be in effect until they are received in writing and confirmed by Criterion Travel. Payments are 100% refundable if written

NAME #1 (as it appears on passport) BIRTHDATE

NAME #2 (as it appears on passport) BIRTHDATE

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP or POSTAL CODE

HOME PHONE MOBILE PHONE

E-MAIL 1

E-MAIL 2

PAYMENT

Please charge the deposit to my credit card (circle one):

VISA MC AMEX DISCOVER

NAME ON CREDIT CARD

CARD # EXP. DATE SECURITY CODE

SIGNATURE AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD DATE

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel) to reserve _____ place(s) on **The Historic Rhine**

SINGLE TRAVELERS

I prefer to have single accommodations (*limited availability*)
or I plan to share accommodations with:

_____ or I'd like to know about roommates

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of June 22, 2021, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin category preference:

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Bed Preference (not guaranteed): One bed Two beds

I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein:

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