



### FULL BOARD PLUS



Cochem



This fabulous cruise takes in the Rhine and Moselle Rivers, Boppard wine festival and the 'Lightning Night on the Middle Rhine' fireworks display. Our exclusively chartered, four star ship MS Carmen, provides 136 guests with a friendly crew, great food, superb service, entertainment and spacious en-suite cabins - all with picture windows. With visits to Cologne, Cochem, Koblenz, Rüdesheim, Andernach and Boppard, this is a magical voyage that will stay in your memory for years to come.

In Boppard you will experience the magnificent wine festival, where winegrowers invite you to the grape harvest celebrations. You will be entertained by music bands and shows whilst browsing the many wine stands offering wine tasting. In the evening marvel at the 'Lightning Night on the Middle Rhine', a spectacular fireworks display which can be enjoyed from the promenade or on-board the MS Carmen. Spectacular pyrotechnics and curtains of fire bathe the riverbank and landmarks in a magical glow, and a flotilla of illuminated riverboats glides beneath mesmerising patterns of light in the night sky.

#### Itinerary:

##### Day 1: London to Cologne

Depart London St Pancras and Ebbfleet in the morning on the Eurostar to Brussels, arriving in just over 2 hours. Continue by coach to Cologne and the MS Carmen. Alternatively travel to and from Cologne by air from regional UK airports - see flight

information and options. Time to settle into your cabin or explore Cologne before dinner. Overnight in Cologne.

##### Day 2: Cologne to Andernach

Early morning we begin our cruise to Andernach, a quiet riverside town with winding streets and historic architecture, far from the madding crowd. Explore on your own or join our optional guided walking tour. Overnight in Andernach.

##### Day 3: Boppard

This morning we sail to Boppard, arriving early afternoon. The town's treasures include romantic squares and small lanes as well as the Rhine Allee (Riverside Promenade), filled with trees and flowers. You can enjoy one of the highlights of the year in Boppard, the Wine Festival. A perfect combination of the romantic setting in the market square, the various wine stands for wine-tasting, music and entertainment. Tonight is the highlight of the cruise as we enjoy the Rhine in Flames festival when the night sky erupts into a million stars with spectacular fireworks displays reflecting in the river's surface. Overnight in Boppard.

##### Day 4: Boppard to Rüdesheim

The spectacle continues this morning as we sail through the Middle Rhine seeing countless castles, fortresses and sleepy hamlets in this, the narrowest and deepest part of the river, marked by the legendary Lorelei Rock. We arrive in Rüdesheim mid-afternoon, with time to take in this gorgeous little town. Our optional 2 hour guided town walk includes the cable car to the Niederwald Monument. Alternatively, our optional tour by land train takes us from the ship through the vineyards and town to the famous Drosselgasse - a unique cobbled lane just 144 metres long, packed with bars, restaurants and live music - to enjoy a delicious Rüdesheimer Kaffee made with Asbach brandy. Overnight in Rüdesheim.

##### Day 5: Rüdesheim to Cochem

Early morning we sail back through the middle Rhine to the more tranquil Moselle River with rolling vineyards and lush greenery. Arriving in Cochem early to mid-afternoon there is time to explore on your



Free Drinks

Over 40s Only

Entertainment

8 Days from £1199pp

### GN EXCLUSIVE CHARTER

DATE - CODE

2018 - 20 September - Tour RN9

DEPOSIT: £200pp

#### INCLUDED:

- Escorted return rail travel from London St Pancras or Ebbfleet to Brussels and coach transfer to Cologne OR return flights with luggage to Cologne - see below
- 7 nights full board plus cruise on the MS Carmen in a single lower deck cabin or sharing a front mid-deck double/twin-bed cabin - upgrades available for twin/double cabins
- Welcome drink on arrival
- Beer, wine & soft drinks served at lunch and dinner and from 6pm to 11pm at the bar
- Afternoon coffee/tea and pastries
- Buffet breakfasts
- Lunches - 4 courses
- Dinners served at your table - 4 courses
- Late night snacks
- Captain's dinner - 5 courses
- Entertainment
- Transfers abroad
- Services of our Cruise Director on Board

#### Accommodation Options:

- Pre/post departure overnight hotel near London St Pancras - 2 to 4-star options - call for availability and prices.

own, or join our optional excursions: visit by mini-coach to the Reichsburg Castle or a guided town walking tour - both include wine tasting, a chance to try 5 wines of this unique region. Wine tasting only also available. Overnight in Cochem.

##### Day 6: Cochem to Koblenz

Early morning we set sail for Koblenz arriving early afternoon. You will be free to explore on your own, we recommend taking the cable car over the Rhine to the imposing Ehrenbreitstein fortress - surely one of the area's greatest attractions, or join our optional walking tour of the town. Overnight in Koblenz.

##### Day 7: Koblenz to Cologne

We sail from Koblenz in the early morning enjoying a relaxing day on board, before arriving in Cologne early afternoon. Time perhaps to visit the magnificent gothic Cathedral before a farewell dinner on board. Overnight in Cologne.

##### Day 8: Cologne to UK

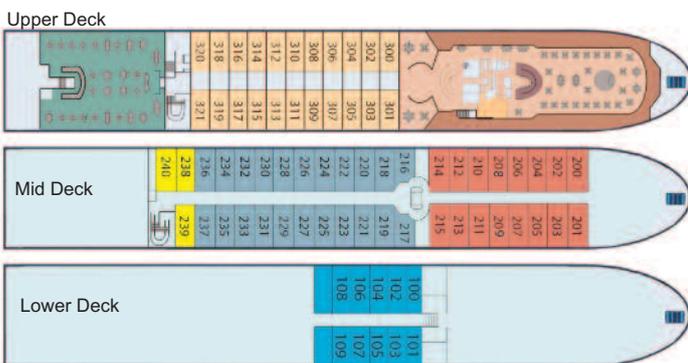
After Breakfast we disembark and transfer by coach to Brussels where we take the Eurostar to London St Pancras and Ebbfleet arriving during the afternoon. Or, transfer to Cologne airport for your flight back to the UK, transfer to Cologne airport for your flight back to the UK.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

- Andernach guided walk 1.5hrs **£10pp**
- Rüdesheim Highlights - land train tour to Drosselgasse & Rüdesheimer Kaffee **£18pp**
- OR Rüdesheim guided walk & cable car to Niederwald Monument - 2hrs **£18pp**
- Cochem Reichsburg Castle & 5 Wine tasting **£29**
- OR Cochem Walking tour & 5 Wine tasting **£23**
- OR Cochem 5 wine tasting **£16**
- Koblenz guided walk **£10pp**

Excursions must be booked prior to departure. 10% excursion discount when you pre-book 1 in every town above. All operate subject to minimum numbers.

### MS Carmen Deck Plan & Cabin Prices



#### Suite/Cabin Grade:

<b>A</b> Upper Deck french balcony twin or double	£1499pp	<b>C</b> Mid Deck ½ French Balcony Rear	£1299pp
<b>B</b> Mid Deck ½ French Balcony	£1399pp	<b>D</b> Mid Deck Standard Front	£1199pp
		<b>E</b> Lower Deck Single Cabins	£1199pp



The MS Carmen



The bar



Twin/double bed cabin with full-size beds (not bunks) and a large window

### FLIGHT INFORMATION & OPTIONS

Heathrow, Stansted  
Manchester, Dublin, Edinburgh,  
Southend

- Flights are possible from these airports with a choice of airline, outbound and inbound time combinations to suit your preference. All are subject to availability at time of booking and some may have a suppt.
- Flights include 1 checked in bag (usually no more than 20kgs) and 1 carry on bag per person - weight and size subject to airline rules.
- Flight time around 2 hours each way.
- Please call us on 01895 83 33 33 to discuss your flight requirements.