

Cochem (inset Bruce Parker & Keith Slater)

FULL BOARD PLUS

Boppard



EXCLUSIVE CHARTER



Free Drinks

Over 40s Only

Entertainment

8 Days from £1899pp

Cologne and the MS Otello. Alternatively travel to and from Cologne by air from regional UK airports – see flight information and options. Time to settle into your cabin before dinner, free drinks and entertainment on board. 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. Explore on your own or join our optional guided walking tour. Free drinks, dinner and entertainment on board. Overnight in Andernach.

Day 3: Andernach to Cochem

Early morning we continue along the Rhine to Koblenz where we enter the tranquil Moselle river with rolling vineyards and lush greenery. Arriving in Cochem early to mid-afternoon there is time to explore on your own or join our optional walking tour with wine tasting - try 5 wines of this unique region. Wine tasting only also available. Free drinks, dinner and entertainment on board. Overnight in Cochem.

Day 4: Cochem to Koblenz

Early morning we cruise back to 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, or join our optional walking tour of the town. Free drinks, dinner and entertainment on board. Overnight in Koblenz.

Day 5: Koblenz to Rudesheim

This morning we sail through the Middle Rhine passing countless castles, fortresses and sleepy hamlets in the narrowest and deepest part of the river, marked by the legendary Lorelei Rock, arriving in

Rudesheim mid-afternoon. 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 Rudesheimer Kaffee made with local Asbach brandy. Free drinks, dinner and entertainment on board. Overnight in Rudesheim.

Day 6: Rudesheim to Boppard

Early morning we sail back through the middle Rhine to Boppard arriving early afternoon. The town's treasures include romantic squares, small lanes and the Rhine Allee (Riverside Promenade), filled with trees and flowers. Enjoy one of the highlights of the year in Boppard, the Wine Festival in the market square, with various wine stands for wine-tasting, music and entertainment. Tonight is the highlight of the cruise as we enjoy the Lightning Night on the Middle Rhine when the night sky erupts into a million stars with a spectacular fireworks display. Free drinks, dinner and entertainment on board. Overnight in Boppard.

Day 7: Boppard to Cologne

We sail from Boppard 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, free drinks and entertainment 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 arriving during the afternoon. Or, transfer to Cologne airport for your flight back to the UK.

Note: Order of itinerary subject to change depending on local conditions.

DATE - CODE

2024
23 Sept from £1899pp RB9

DEPOSIT: By rail £75pp
By air £200pp

INCLUDED:

- Escorted return rail travel from London St Pancras to Brussels and coach transfer to Cologne OR return flights with luggage to Cologne (supplement may apply) - see below
- 7 nights full board plus cruise on the MS Otello sharing a main deck rear cabin - single cabins and upgrades available
- Beer, wine & soft drinks served at lunch and dinner and from 6pm to Midnight at the bar
- Afternoon coffee/tea and pastries
- Breakfasts
- Lunches - 3 courses
- Dinners - 4 courses
- Late night snacks
- Captain's dinner - 5 courses
- Entertainment
- Transfers abroad
- Services of our Cruise Director and Host on Board

Accommodation Options:

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

Join us on this exclusive, fun and friendly cruise on board the 4-star MS Otello, taking-in the Rhine and Moselle Rivers, Boppard wine festival and the 'Lightning Night on the Middle Rhine' fireworks display. Enjoy visits to Cologne, Andernach, Cochem, Koblenz, Rudesheim and Boppard, delicious food, free Drinks and entertainment hosted by Keith Slater plus three nights with Bruce Parker - 'The California Soul Man', both regular performers at our legendary UK party breaks.

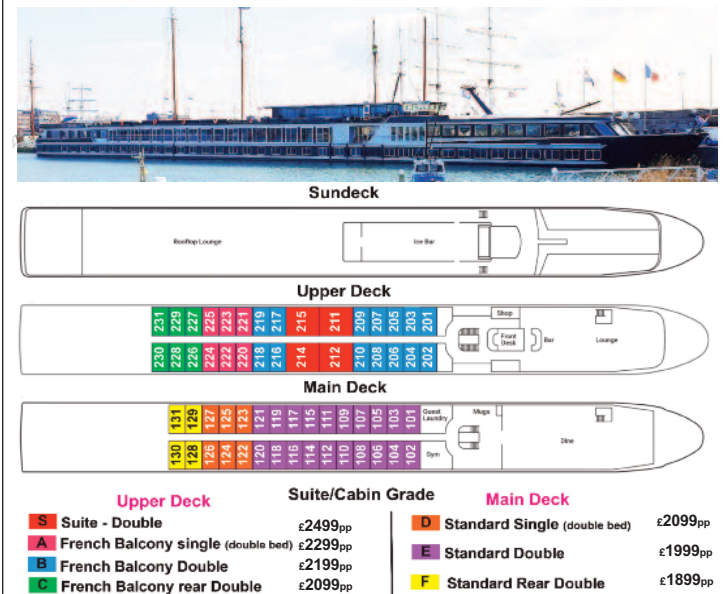
In Boppard, the magnificent wine festival celebrates the grape harvest with wine grower tastings and entertainment. In the evening marvel at the 'Lightning Night on the Middle Rhine' fireworks display and flotilla of illuminated riverboats which can be enjoyed from the promenade or on-board the MS Otello.

Itinerary:

Day 1: UK to Cologne

Depart London St Pancras in the morning on Eurostar to Brussels, arriving in just over 2 hours. Continue by coach to

MS Otello Deck Plan & Cabin Prices



OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

- Andernach** guided walk 1.5hrs **£19pp**
- Cochem** Walking tour & 5 Wine tasting 2.5hrs **£40pp**
- OR Cochem** 5 wine tasting 1hr **£29pp**
- Koblenz** guided walk 2hrs **£19pp**
- Rudesheim** Highlights - land train tour to Drosselgasse & Rudesheimer Kaffee 1.5hrs **£40pp**
- OR Rudesheim** guided walk & cable car to Niederwald Monument - 2hrs **£39pp**

Excursions must be booked prior to departure. 20% excursion discount when you pre-book 1 in every town above. All operate subject to minimum numbers.

FLIGHT INFORMATION & OPTIONS

Heathrow, Stansted
Manchester & Edinburgh

- Flights are currently possible from these airports, subject to availability at time of booking the flights, and a supplement may apply. Alternative UK departure airports may become available - we will look at all options when you book.
 - Flights include 1 checked in bag (usually no more than 20kgs) and 1 carry on bag per person - weight/size subject to airline rules.
 - Flight duration around 2 hours.
 - Transfer time to ship around 30 mins.
- Please call us on 01895 83 33 33 to discuss flight options.**

MS Carmen & MS Otello ★★☆☆



GN Holidays & Voyages is chartering the four-star MS Carmen & MS Otello for four exclusive cruises in 2024. The Carmen and her sister ship Otello were built in 1995, completely renovated in 2017 by former owner Uniworld and further updated by present owners in 2023. They are identical in size and space and can accommodate up to 126 guests in a variety of well-equipped, en-suite cabins with hotel style beds.

The impressive Reception on the Upper deck gives access to the welcoming lounge and bar, with bar stools, easy chairs, booth style seating, a dance floor and state of the art entertainment equipment. The Sun deck has sun loungers, chairs and a panoramic, conservatory style bar so you can enjoy 360 degree views no matter the weather.



RESTAURANT

The restaurant features large picture windows and is light and airy with modern decor, furnishings and a relaxed, informal atmosphere. Diners can enjoy generous buffet breakfasts, three course lunches and four course dinners.



SUN DECK

FACILITIES - Wifi is available throughout the ship, there is a coffee station available to guests 24/7 and a shop on board.

SHIP'S STATS - Length: 110 metres • Breadth: 11.40 metres • Max passenger Capacity: 126
• Passengers decks: 3

Note: MS Carmen shares its name with, but is not the MS Carmen we chartered before 2022.

RECEPTION



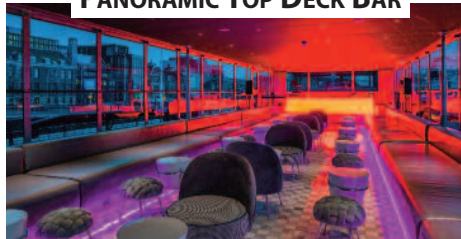
LOUNGE



BAR



PANORAMIC TOP DECK BAR



LOUNGE



DECKS & CABINS: On the Upper deck you'll find the reception, lounge and bar, plus *French Balcony suites, doubles and single (with double bed) cabins.

On the main deck is the restaurant and coffee station, plus standard double and single (with double bed) cabins - all with picture window.

There is a stair lift between the upper deck reception and the main deck.

Cabins all have a double hotel style bed, TV, Wifi, safe, hair dryer, individually controlled heating and cooling system, shower and WC.

*'French Balcony' is a sliding patio door with a railing at waist height placed directly behind the glass - there isn't a separate space/balcony you can walk out onto.

Please note: When docking ships can be moored side by side so views from the cabin may be obscured.

UPPER DECK STANDARD CABIN



MAIN DECK STANDARD CABIN



SUITE



SUITE - The Carmen and Otello have 4 suites. These spacious and luxurious cabins boast two patio style windows, a sitting area and desk. They come with all the facilities of the standard cabin but are double the size with a larger bathroom.