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CANALS TO CHATEAUX: CRUISE FROM AMSTERDAM TO BORDEAUX

This voyage from Amsterdam to Bordeaux follows the North Sea and Atlantic coasts through Belgium and France, linking grand mercantile cities with historic ports and island landscapes. From Amsterdam's canal-lined streets, the route calls at Oostende before crossing to Normandy's artistic harbour of Honfleur. The walled corsair city of Saint-Malo and the Breton port of Roscoff lead to rugged Belle-Île-en-Mer, before sailing south to Bordeaux, gateway to some of France's most celebrated vineyards.



ITINERARY

Day 1 Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Amsterdam is a gorgeous Dutch city where a boat cruise along the canals gets to the heart of things. Yet, the magic also unfolds while strolling through narrow streets and crossing the hundreds of bridges. It houses a treasure trove of fabulous art museums, including the Rijksmuseum, adorned with Dutch Masters, conveniently located near the Van Gogh Museum. To the south, picturesque stretches of countryside with windmills line the canals.

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Day 2 Oostende (Belgium)

Once a retreat for European nobility, Oostende's charm lies in its sandy beaches, boardwalk, racetrack, 19th-century Belle Époque architecture, beachfront cafes and a harbour with seafood stalls. The Atlantikwall, a network of WWI and WWII bunkers, is now an open-air museum. Other museums include the Ensor Museum with James Ensor's maritime artworks, the Mercator aboard a 1930s three-masted ship, and Mu.ZEE, displaying Belgian art from the 1830s.

Day 3 Honfleur (France)

Honfleur in Normandy has attracted artists for centuries, including Impressionist Claude Monet, with many works on display at The Eugene Boudin Museum. Set on the Seine estuary in the department of Calvados (known for apple brandy), this picturesque harbour town has cobbled streets and colourful 16th- to 18th-century townhouses around the Vieux Bassin (old harbour). The 15th-century St. Catherine's Church is built entirely of wood by shipwrights.

Day 4 Saint-Malo (France)

The medieval coastal city of Saint-Malo is a labyrinth of streets. Dating back to the 12th century, Saint-Malo was once a haven for pirates and a stopping point for merchant ships. Today, colourful shops sit alongside aromatic markets, cafes and restaurants serving oysters, crepes and cider. Intra-Muros, the ancient walled town, forms the heart of Saint-Malo, where the striking Gothic and Romanesque Cathedrale de St Malo dominates the skyline.

Day 5 Roscoff (France)

The charming French port of Roscoff sits on a peninsula at Brittany's tip. Despite a history of privateers and smugglers, the

little city is known for its richly decorated merchants' houses. Near the port, a local hotelier created an exotic garden growing more than 3,500 species of plants from the Southern Hemisphere. Roscoff is also the origin of Onion Johnnies, Breton farmers who crossed to England to sell Roscoff pink onions on their bikes.

Day 6 Belle-Ile-En-Mer (France)

Belle-Île, the largest Breton island and second largest in mainland France, is known for its mild climate, rugged cliffs and stunning panoramas. The island features preserved moors, dunes and diverse flora and fauna. In the main town, Le Palais, is Citadelle Vauban, a star-shaped fortress. Other notable sites include the historic water tank Aiguade de Vauban, a museum on Sarah Bernhardt and the Grand Phare lighthouse overlooking Donnant Beach.

Days 7 - 8 Bordeaux (France)

Bordeaux, a key port city in southwestern France, is the heart of the French wine industry. The Cite du Vin, an interactive wine museum, and the UNESCO-listed 18th-century old city highlight its cultural and architectural significance. Surrounded by famed wine regions like Medoc, Graves, Sauternes, Pomerol and Saint-Émilion, Bordeaux blends rich history with world-class gastronomy and markets like Capucins and Chartrons.

Please note:

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YOUR SHIP: DIANA

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Launched in 2023, SH Diana provides elegant and spacious 5-star accommodation for 192 guests in 96 spacious staterooms and suites, the vast majority with large balconies. Operated by an onboard team of 140 she provides a high level of personal service, exploring the Mediterranean and its famous sites of antiquity. Now sit back, relax and take a moment to get to know this amazing new ship, purpose-designed for our unique cultural expedition cruises. Named after the Ancient Roman goddess of light, the moon, hunting and the wilderness, SH Diana been specially designed for worldwide cruising to explore the most inspiring and inaccessible places on earth. Building on the outstanding amenities of her sister ships, she adds a dedicated Multifunctional Room next to the Observation Lounge, a Private Dining Room for special occasions, and two tenders which bring guests a comfortable alternative to Zodiacs for expedition landings. A Polar Class 6 ice-strengthened hull combines with extra-large stabilisers to make your journey as comfortable as possible. SH Diana has been designed for immersive experiences, with extensive outside deck areas, multiple observation points and bright, open and relaxing public spaces with unobstructed views. The pleasure and safety of our

guests is paramount at all times, cared for by our attentive crew and seasoned expedition leaders. Cutting edge hygiene technology protects the health of all on board to the highest standards and includes air conditioning with UV sanitisation systems. SH Diana's 96 staterooms, including 11 suites, are each a superbly comfortable home from home and all feature panoramic sea views, a flame-effect fireplace, original works of art, plush couches, premium pocket sprung mattresses, en-suite bathrooms with glass-enclosed rain showers, and Egyptian cotton towels, bathrobes and sheets. A pillow menu offers customised head and neck comfort during rest, while a large flat screen TV, espresso machine with Illy premium coffee, tea making facilities with the finest Kusmi teas, and a minibar with refreshments enhance relaxation at any time. In-room dining is of course available at all hours. Wheelchair access Guests who use wheelchairs must bring their own, as we have only a small number of wheelchairs stored onboard for emergencies. To ensure ease of movement on the ship, wheelchairs and mobility aids must be no wider than 65cm. All mobility or medical equipment brought on board must be capable of being carried safely and must be declared before sailing. To ensure that all guests can safely evacuate during an emergency, guests requiring a wheelchair can only be accommodated in our ADA-accessible cabins. We offer an Oceanview and a Balcony stateroom on Diana. These staterooms are specifically designed to be completely ADA compliant and have a fully operable wheelchair-access wet unit. Diana has two lifts, serving every passenger deck apart from the Stargazing top deck, which is, therefore, more difficult to access, as are the Aft Marina and

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Swan's Nest forward observation platform. Also, we don't have special equipment to access the swimming pool, jacuzzi, or sauna. Otherwise, the ship is entirely at your disposal. Many of the expeditions ashore in remote places are by Zodiac. Boarding these boats and returning aboard can present challenges for wheelchair users, as can navigating uneven terrain. These challenges are by no means always insurmountable, though, and our highly experienced crew is trained to provide reliable advice and assistance. They will make every effort to ensure wheelchair-using guests enjoy a memorable experience at each destination. Our general guidance, however, is to recommend wheelchair users travel with a companion for their ease and enjoyment. If you prefer to remain aboard, our panoramic interiors and ample open decks ensure an immersive, intimate experience of your inspiring



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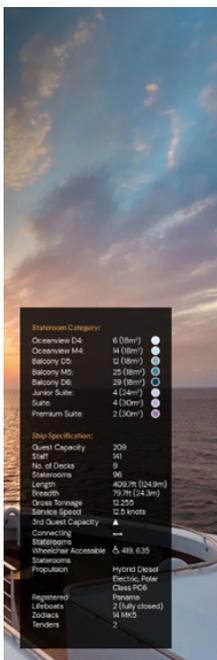
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INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Stateroom Category:

- Oceanview D4 6 (88m²) ●
- Oceanview M4 14 (88m²) ●
- Balcony D5 12 (88m²) ●
- Balcony M5 25 (88m²) ●
- Balcony D6 29 (88m²) ●
- Junior Suite 4 (126m²) ●
- Suite 4 (126m²) ●
- Premium Suite 2 (126m²) ●

Ship Specification:

- Guest Capacity 209
- Crew 101
- No. of Decks 9
- Staterooms 98
- Length 402.7m (1243ft)
- Breadth 79.9m (243ft)
- Gross Tonnage 12,205
- Service Speed 12.5 knots
- 1st Guest Capacity 11

Connecting: Staterooms

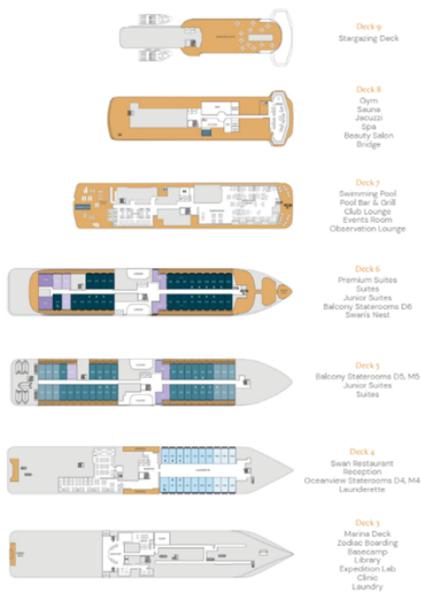
Wheelchair Accessible: 5, 491, 635

Staterooms: Hybrid Diesel, Electric, Polar Class PC6

Registered: Lifboats 2 (fully closed)

Deck: 14 M/C

Tenders: 2



Balcony D5



Balcony D6



Balcony M5



Junior Suite



Oceanview D4



Oceanview M4



Premium Suite

Suite



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PRICING

25-Aug-2027 to 01-Sep-2027

Oceanview D4	£3805 GBP pp
Suite	£6665 GBP pp
Junior Suite	£5705 GBP pp
Premium Suite	£7615 GBP pp
Oceanview M4	£4005 GBP pp
Balcony D6	£4565 GBP pp
Balcony M5	£4375 GBP pp
Balcony D5	£4189 GBP pp