

## **WESTERN EUROPE: A MEDLEY OF MAN-MADE AND NATURAL MASTERPIECES**

Enjoy Western Europe in the most beautiful autumn colours. Accompanied by exclusive classical concerts at select locations ashore and on board, this cruise is a masterful symphony of beautiful coastlines. Culture, architecture and music set the tone.



#### **ITINERARY**

## Day 1 Hamburg

Individual travel arrangements to Hamburg, departure 18.00 hrs Evening cruise on the Elbe

Day 2 Relaxation at sea

## Day 3 Honfleur/France

Honfleur/France, 12.30 - 19.30 hrs

Sail past beautiful coastlines on your way to France and one of





the most attractive places in Normandy: Honfleur at the mouth of the Seine. The birthplace of Impressionism, painters like Renoir, Monet, Pisarro and Cezanne used to meet here. Stroll through the picturesque old town of Honfleur with its timbered houses, historic Vieux Bassin port and the famous church of Sainte Catherine. The Pont de Normandie, built in 1995 to connect Honfleur to Le Havre, is the longest cable-stayed bridge in Europe. Bridging the gap from the past to the present, the experts joining you on your walks will delve deep into the history of the town.

Day 4 St Malo

St Malo, 10.00 - 19.00 hrs

Port, coastal resort, pirate stronghold: the fortified city of St Malo in north-west France is an example of Breton architecture that can be seen from afar. Behind the fortified walls, which you can walk around, the historic town centre will reveal its interesting past. Its narrow streets are filled with the legends of pirates and the seafarer Jacques Carter, who set out to sea from here to discover Canada, which he also named. Off the beaten track, miles of sandy beaches, the picturesque promenade and street art in the harbour are special places to explore. Of course the town also offers some tempting culinary highlights, including Cancale oysters. St Malo is also the perfect starting point for visiting the famous monastery island of Mont-Saint-Michel\*, which has been attracting pilgrims from all over the world for centuries.

Day 5 Relaxation at sea

Day 6 La Pallice

La Pallice (La Rochelle), 07.00 - 17.00 hrs

The coastal city of La Rochelle can be compared with the complex aroma of a cognac - a combination of maturity, tradition and exclusivity symbolising indulgence and savoir-vivre. As you walk around, uncover the secrets of brandy production, which the city is famous for. A walk from the quays in the Vieux Port through narrow, cobbled streets and across lively squares to the old town, with its picturesque half-timbered houses, is like something out of a dream. There are monuments steeped in history to discover throughout the city: on your way, learn about the religious wars and the siege by Cardinal Richelieu in the 17th century. Look forward to some interesting lectures and talks with your experts on art and history, against the authentic backdrop of the coastlines of western Europe.

Day 7 Bilbao/Spain

Bilbao/Spain, 08.00 - 18.00 hrs

The economic and cultural centre of the Basque country is a melting pot of innovation and proud traditions. Over the past few decades, leading international architects have given Bilbao a visible sense of self-confidence. One example of this is an avant-garde building in a class of its own: the Guggenheim Museum designed by Frank O. Gehry, which, with its wafer-thin metal outer shell, lies like a shimmering oversized fish on the banks of the Nervion. Thanks to its daring architecture and exquisite art, this former industrial city has been able to transform itself into a world-class cultural centre. As you make your own explorations of the city or go on guided excursions\*, take in the sights, from the Guggenheim Museum to the Zubizuri bridge and the elegant 19th century buildings.





Day 8 Gijon Gijon, 07.00 - 18.00 hrs

Gijon lies on the beautiful Asturian coast, with its picturesque beaches and charming fishing villages. The city on the Bay of Biscay reveals stunning contrasts: the Plaza Mayor is where the old part of the city meets the new, a picture of traditional and modern Europe. Immerse yourself in the charm of the historic centre with its narrow streets and impressive buildings, including the San Lorenzo church and the Revillagigedo Palace - and in the city's lively cultural life with its museums, festivals and vibrant food scene. In Gijon itself or on excursions\* into the surrounding area with your experts, shed light on the Reconquista, the reconquest of the Iberian peninsula: the crusade against the Muslim conquerors, or Moors, to regain Christian supremacy laid the foundations for modern Spain.

### Day 9 La Coruna

La Coruna, 08.00 - 17.00 hrs

The treasures of Galicia await when your ship arrives in La Coruna, Spain. The Torre de Hercules, the city's impressive landmark, tells of great history from afar - it is the only still active lighthouse from Roman times. Discover the city's architectural history as you stroll through the lively old town and trace the transition from Roman to baroque times San Carlos Garden is an oasis of calm right in the city centre, or you can enjoy the dramatic Atlantic coastline on an invigorating walk along the promenade. La Coruna is also a popular starting point for excursions\* to the pilgrimage site Santiago de Compostela, whose magnificent cathedral combines Romanesque, Renaissance and baroque styles.

Day 10 Viana do Castelo/Portugal Viana do Castelo/Portugal, 12.00 - 19.00 hrs

A journey into the past will take you to the medieval lanes of Viana do Castelo, one of the most beautiful towns in Portugal. Between the ocean and the mountains, the history of exploration and architecture flow together at the estuary of the River Lima. Churches and monasteries, palaces and fountains illustrate the craftsmanship of the past. Stroll through the historic centre or walk up to the Santa Luzia Basilica on the hill for an impressive panoramic view. The town has successfully made the leap into the present day with the help of contemporary Portuguese architects. Souto Moura, Fernando Tavora and Alvaro Siza Vieira are just a few names - take a detailed look at their works together with your experts on board. In Viana do Castelo, it will once again become clear how Hapag-Lloyd Cruises shows you the way from your own front door to a new understanding of Europe.

## Day 11 Leixoes (Porto)/Portugal

Leixoes (Porto)/Portugal, arrival 08.00 hrs

#### Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.





## YOUR SHIP: HANSEATIC INSPIRATION

YOUR SHIP: Hanseatic Inspiration

**VESSEL TYPE:** 

LENGTH:

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:** 

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:** 

The HANSEATIC inspiration, a small, state-of-the-art expedition ship with a maximum of 230 guests, offers a perfect blend of adventure and comfort for explorers seeking to uncover the world's wonders. As an international vessel conducting cruises in both English and German, it brings over 30 years of expertise from a market leader in German-speaking countries to every journey. Each expedition is a masterpiece, passionately crafted to reveal far-flung worlds--be it icy realms, tropical paradises, wildlife havens, or cultural gems--making every voyage a unique discovery aboard this exceptional ship. Features of all cabins and suites An ocean view with even more: exclusively outside cabins and suites, almost all with balconies or French balconies Spaciously designed - enjoy a relaxing stay in rooms from 21 m<sup>2</sup>/226 ft<sup>2</sup> up to 71 m<sup>2</sup>/764 ft<sup>2</sup> in size Exceptionally equipped for example, with binoculars, Nordic Walking poles, air conditioning, coffee machine and mini bar (free of charge) and 24-hour cabin service Separable beds Rain shower and heated wall in bathroom (e.g. for towels and wet parkas) Extensive infotainment with live broadcast and recordings of expert presentations, forwardview camera, navigation chart, films and much more Restaurants Aboard the HANSEATIC inspiration, a

new kind of freedom blends adventure and pleasure with a culinary journey across three exceptional restaurants. The spacious HANSEATIC Restaurant offers flexible mealtimes and a free choice of seating, serving a daily-changing menu of global flavors inspired by local specialties, paired with fine wines and supported by attentive 24-hour cabin service. At the Lido Restaurant, guests can savor breakfast under the open sky or enjoy a perfectly grilled steak from the outdoor barbecue, complete with panoramic views and an open show kitchen. The specialty restaurant Nikkei fuses fine Japanese creations with modern Peruvian cuisine, delivering a unique dining experience that elevates exploration to new heights--all while bars in the Observation Lounge and HanseAtrium offer favorite drinks against stunning backdrops, from Nordic fjords to icy Antarctic vistas. Fitness and Wellness On the HANSEATIC inspiration, an extraordinary time out awaits after thrilling Zodiac rides, challenging hikes, or Arctic adventures. Unwind in the Ocean Spa, where a Finnish sauna with stunning ocean views, a gentle steam sauna, an ice fountain, and a relaxation room rejuvenate your senses, complemented by professional massages, cosmetic treatments, and eco-friendly products made from natural, vegan ingredients. Stay active in the 100 m<sup>2</sup> fitness room or separate course room--both with ocean vistas--guided by a fitness coach offering personalized advice and a variety of courses, either indoors or on deck. The pool area, with its flexible canopy, invites relaxation year-round, featuring water loungers, a whirlpool, and a bar, ensuring a perfect blend of indulgence and revitalization against the backdrop of the open sea. Knowledge Shore excursions and Zodiac rides come alive



with deeper context through fascinating presentations in the HanseAtrium, a high-tech lounge where experts share daily precaps and recaps, doubling as an atmospheric evening bar for films and discussions. The Ocean Academy enhances the journey with a Study Wall and interactive poster of scientific insights, microscopes for exploring hidden wonders alongside experts, and Study Seats--with swivel touchscreens--for personal dives into science. Supported by travel diaries and destination videos, this immersive experience broadens horizons with cutting-edge tools and



expertise.



# **INSIDE YOUR SHIP**

Balcony Cabin. From French Balcony Cabin. From





Grand Suite. From

Junior Suite. From





Outside Cabin. From

Panoramic Cabin. From



# **PRICING**

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Panoramic Cabin. From	£4689 GBP pp
Outside Cabin. From	£4689 GBP pp
French Balcony Cabin. From	£5846 GBP pp
<b>Balcony Cabin. From</b>	£6342 GBP pp
Junior Suite. From	£8804 GBP pp
<b>Grand Suite. From</b>	£11980 GBP pp