

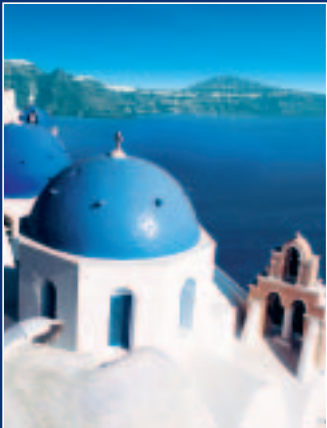
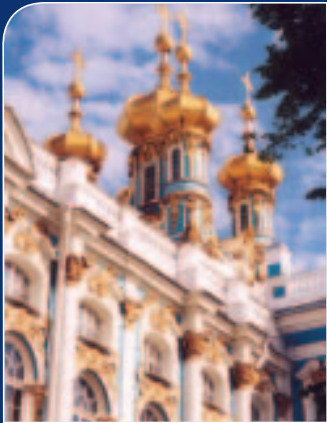


See
André Rieu
in Concert
in Vienna

EUROPEAN MASTERPIECES

Tourneys by river or sea

FULLY ESCORTED FLY/CRUISE/TOUR HOLIDAYS
MAY TO JUNE 2010



*Mediterranean, Scandinavia and Russia, Heart of Europe,
Grand France and the Oberammergau Passion Play*



Just for you! Tailor-made travel arrangements

It's your holiday and you deserve the trip you've always dreamed of so we'd be delighted to tailor the perfect itinerary just for you.

Enjoy a stopover in Hong Kong on the way home, spend time seeing friends or relatives in the UK or explore more of Europe after our cruise/tours.

Enjoy a romantic stay in Paris just like in the movies or live like a local in Tuscany for a while – just like in that novel you've read, or maybe you'd like a coach tour across the continent. Make the most of your journey to Europe and let us organise a detailed, value-for-money package for you that includes accommodation, rail, car hire and transfers to suit your budget and interests.

If you like, we can also craft a holiday for you without the André Rieu concert and itinerary in Vienna and make the subsequent fare reduction for you. Whatever you fancy, the travel 'magicians' at Cruise Express will turn your dreams into reality in a flash.

Flying



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Welcome onboard Swiss International Air Lines, voted by discerning passengers as the best airline in Europe in the prestigious 2009 Skytrax Airlines Awards. Switzerland's acclaimed national airline will whisk you from Hong Kong to the heart of Europe in comfort and style, connecting seamlessly with our Virgin Atlantic flights from Australia to Hong Kong.

Swiss Air flies to 90 destinations in 42 countries with EVERY passenger, no matter what class you're in, enjoying classy touches like refreshing hot towels before landing, a Swiss chocolate to wish you a sweet goodbye after you land, personal TVs, beautifully presented Swiss cuisine and meticulous service that runs like clockwork, as you'd expect from the Swiss.

Meanwhile, Richard Branson's award-winning Virgin Atlantic Airways – UK's second largest carrier – will connect us between Australia and Hong Kong, with ALL passengers receiving pampering amenity kits and more than 300 hours of personal videos on demand.

Spoil Yourself!

Flying BUSINESS CLASS with Swiss International Air Lines & Virgin Atlantic

Live it up the whole way by flying in the front of the plane in Business Class where you will be pampered with roomy sleeper seats, gourmet meals, fine wines and a smorgasbord of entertainment.

A little luxury can be quite affordable, taking advantage of our exclusive Business Class upgrade fares from

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*plus applicable taxes



"The Maestros of stress-free cruising"

It's no surprise to me that Cruise Express has won so many awards for its outstanding service and the non-stop pampering they deliver on their popular escorted voyages. The awards Cruise Express has scored reflect the rewards you will enjoy on one of the fabulous European tours featured in this brochure.

In 2008, I had the pleasure of joining Cruise Express on one of their hosted cruise tours in the Mediterranean and now not a day goes past without me recalling some of the magic moments I experienced on that trip.

When I travel alone, much of my time is consumed by all the details, arrangements and paperwork that inevitably come with an overseas trip but on a Cruise Express tour, everything is taken care of. Your host does all the worrying for you, ensuring all you have to do is relax and have fun with new-found friends. Like me, you'll enjoy the red carpet treatment the whole way and why not? You deserve it!

And your European journey will start on the perfect note or finish with a crescendo when you see André Rieu in concert in Vienna. Refined and indulgent experiences like this are the keys to Cruise Express' success as the maestros of cruising.



Mardi Cole

Mardi Cole, Radio 

Our 2010 European Masterpieces

Red Carpet Cruising by River or Sea

We invite you to waltz through Europe with us in 2010 on one of our exclusive new escorted voyages.

Explore Europe's fabled destinations by river or sea on one or more of the four unique tours we've orchestrated in the Mediterranean, to Scandinavia and Russia, through the heart of Europe and across France.

Relax and live it up in style with us as we discover the jewels of Europe from the sparkling Greek Islands to the dazzling treasures of St Petersburg and from storybook riverside hamlets to French fairytale chateaux which you'll actually get to stay in, creating scores of rich memories.

In 2010 we will take our ever-popular tours an octave higher by offering all our guests – no matter which cruise you choose – the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see classical music supremo, André Rieu in concert amongst the baroque elegance of Vienna – the city of music. A sensory experience that will resound with you forever, this magical concert on May 29, 2010, will prove an exciting prelude to your European adventure with us or a fitting finale before you head home.

The four hosted cruise tours we've handpicked for you in the northern spring of 2010 will showcase different faces of Europe you're certain to fall in love with.

The first of our two ocean holidays with Princess Cruises – 'Mediterranean Melody' – will see you visit Europe's top ports while our 'Scandinavian & Russian Rhapsody' voyage will help you discover the gems of the Baltic. River cruising in Europe is more popular than

ever now, with luxurious cruisers taking you to the historic heart of villages and cities that will take your breath away. Our popular 'Heart of Europe' tour will also steal your heart as you glide leisurely down the storied waters of the beautiful Rhine, Danube and Main rivers, with every bend revealing another castle, medieval village and picture-postcard scenery you'll want to capture yourself.

The pièce de résistance is our own 'Grand France' tour – a splendid, extended sojourn through France that includes two river cruises plus a connecting tour that features stays in lavish, moated chateaux where you'll feel like the king or queen of the castle.

To make the most of your time in Europe you can combine our tours so you can take home twice as many memories. And don't miss the once-in-a-decade Passion Play at

Oberammergau in Germany (see page 11 for details). And as an encore to your holiday, enjoy our low-cost stopover package in Hong Kong on the way home.

A key to our 2010 tours is the fantastic value the all-inclusive itineraries offer. And instrumental to all our tours are our smiling, professional Cruise Express hosts who will take care of all your travel details and ensure your trip is smooth sailing all the way.

As one of Australia's top cruise agencies, Cruise Express is as passionate about you and your holiday as André Rieu is about his music. You won't play second fiddle when you travel with us! On one of our European tours in 2010, you'll be pampered like a star.

Bon Voyage from the Cruise Express team!



"Music to Your Ears"

Europe offers a spectacular symphony of cultures, charms and flavours. Just like the strings on André Rieu's violin, the contrasting tones and melodies of each country combine to create a magnificent medley that puts a song in my heart each time I visit.

For more than 15 years now, 2CH has partnered with the experts at Cruise Express to deliver unique and unforgettable cruise tours that our listeners just rave about. Everything Cruise Express does is first class, with efficient and friendly service their forté. Their meticulous attention to detail, the incredible value they offer and the rich tapestry of experiences they unravel for you will create a hassle-free holiday you'll always cherish. They are the virtuosos of travel!

And more unforgettable moments are on the way in 2010, when Cruise Express ups the tempo with tickets to see the world-famous André Rieu in concert in Vienna – the enchanting city that has inspired his musical genius.

I have had the pleasure of meeting and interviewing the Dutch violinist, composer and conductor and his amazing talent and charm certainly struck a chord with me. Millions of people worldwide have been charmed by his music and now you have the exclusive opportunity to see him perform his beautiful magic in one of Europe's most beautiful cities, Vienna. It promises to be a spellbinding experience you won't want to miss.



Bob Rogers

Bob Rogers, Radio 

MEDITERRANEAN MELODY

20 DAY PACKAGE DEPARTING 12 MAY 2010

Cruise Rome to Venice on Crown Princess

Our Mediterranean Melody begins with two nights in the eternal city of Rome before the mighty Crown Princess takes us to ritzy Monaco and the cultured gems of Florence. Italy's stunning Amalfi Coast and Sorrento appear next on the horizon, followed by the alluring Greek Islands and the amazing ancient ruins of Ephesus, Athens and Olympia where the Olympic torch is lit before each summer and winter Games. After we find you in the maze of walkways and canals in gorgeous Venice, we will whisk you to the celebrated palaces of Vienna where André Rieu will provide an emotional but grand finale to your holiday. And if you're going to be sailing around Italy, why not ask how you can copy Romeo and Juliet by capturing all the scenery from a cabin with its own private balcony!



MAY 2010

Wed	12	Depart Australia		
Thu	13	Arrive Rome. Transfer to our hotel Overnight: Hotel Quirinale or similar		
Fri	14	Rome sightseeing tour Overnight: Hotel Quirinale or similar		
Sat	15	Transfer to Civitavecchia Embark Crown Princess	ARRIVE Embark PM	DEPART 6.00 PM
Sun	16	Monte Carlo, Monaco	7.00AM	6.00 PM
Mon	17	Livorno (Florence), Italy	6:00 AM	6:00 PM
Tue	18	Naples (Sorrento & Amalfi Coast), Italy	8:00 AM	7:00 PM
Wed	19	At Sea		
Thu	20	Santorini, Greece	8:00 AM	9:00 PM
Fri	21	Kusadasi (Ephesus), Turkey	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Sat	22	Mykonos, Greece	1:00 PM	6:00 PM
Sun	23	Piraeus (Athens), Greece	6:00 AM	5.45 PM
Mon	24	Katakolon (Olympia), Greece	8.00AM	5.00PM
Tue	25	Corfu, Greece	7:00 AM	5:00 PM
Wed	26	At Sea		
Thu	27	Venice. Disembark Crown Princess this morning Venice sightseeing Transfer to the airport for our flights to Vienna Overnight: Radisson Palais Hotel or similar		
Fri	28	Vienna sightseeing tour Overnight: Radisson Palais Hotel or similar		
Sat	29	Day at leisure in Vienna This evening transfer to the Stadthalle for our André Rieu concert		
Sun	30	Transfer to the airport		
Mon	31	Inflight		

JUNE 2010

Tue 1 Arrive Australia



YOUR HOLIDAY FARES	Single	Twin Share
Inside stateroom (Cat JJ)	\$10,390	\$7,990
Outside stateroom (Cat EE)	\$11,490	\$8,690
Balcony stateroom (Cat BD/BC)	\$14,490	\$9,290

Above fares are in Australian dollars. Other cabin categories are available at a surcharge.

INCLUSIONS

- Return Economy class flights incl. airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- 12 nights on **Crown Princess** with all meals & entertainment
- Pre-paid onboard gratuities
- 2 nights accommodation in Rome including breakfast daily
- 3 nights accommodation in Vienna including breakfast daily
- Category 1 tickets to André Rieu concert including transfers
- Group transfers throughout
- Rome, Venice & Vienna sightseeing tours including the Grand Canal in Venice and Schonbrunn Palace in Vienna
- The services of a professional Cruise Express escort
- Pre departure gathering & welcome aboard cocktail party
- Cruise Express souvenir backpack, cap & lanyard

SCANDINAVIAN & RUSSIAN RHAPSODY

17 DAY PACKAGE DEPARTING 27 MAY 2010

Cruise Copenhagen to Copenhagen on Star Princess

What better ship to show you the many jewels of the Baltic than the giant and glittering Star Princess? After experiencing André Rieu in concert in Vienna, you will fly to Copenhagen and its fairytale castles before setting sail for beautiful Stockholm. Next day you will wake to stylish Helsinki in Finland before a memorable overnight stay in St Petersburg where you will have ample time to trace the footsteps of the Russian Tsars and their opulent palaces. The World-Heritage town of Tallinn will delight the senses and there's an eye-opening visit to Poland before we sail in the wake of the Vikings along pine-lined fjords to Oslo, which will bring to a climax a rhapsody of experiences you will long cherish.



EXCLUSIVE SHORE TOUR PACKAGE AVAILABLE
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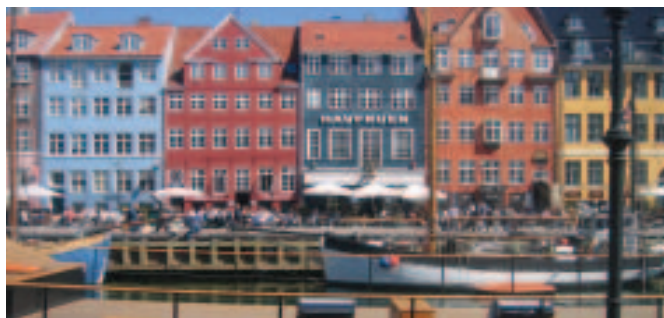
Thu 27	Depart Australia
Fri 28	Arrive Vienna. Transfer to our hotel Overnight: Radisson Palais Hotel or similar
Sat 29	Vienna sightseeing tour This evening transfer to the Stadthalle for our André Rieu concert Overnight: Radisson Palais Hotel or similar
Sun 30	Day at leisure in Vienna Overnight: Radisson Palais Hotel or similar
Mon 31	Transfer to the airport for our flight to Copenhagen Overnight: Radisson SAS Hotel or similar

JUNE 2010

		ARRIVE	DEPART
Tue 01	Morning sightseeing tour and transfer to embark Star Princess Copenhagen, Denmark	Embark PM	7:00 PM
Wed 02	At Sea		
Thu 03	Stockholm, Sweden	10:00 AM	5:00 PM
Fri 04	Helsinki, Finland	10:00 AM	6:00 PM
Sat 05	St. Petersburg, Russia	6:30 AM	
Sun 06	St. Petersburg, Russia		6:00 PM
Mon 07	Tallinn, Estonia	7:00 AM	1:00 PM
Tue 08	Gdansk (Gdynia), Poland	9:00 AM	6:00 PM
Wed 09	At Sea		
Thu 10	Oslo, Norway	7:00 AM	2:00 PM
Fri 11	Copenhagen, Denmark Disembark Star Princess. Enjoy a half day tour to Kronborg Castle Transfer to the airport	Disembark AM	
Sat 12	Inflight		
Sun 13	Arrive Australia		

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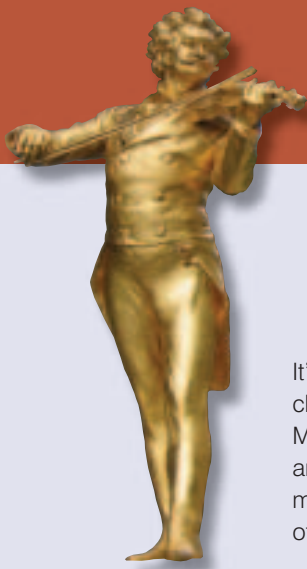
- Return Economy class flights incl. airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- 3 nights accommodation in Vienna including breakfast daily
- Category 1 tickets to André Rieu concert including transfers
- 1 night accommodation in Copenhagen including breakfast
- 10 nights on **Star Princess** with all meals & entertainment
- Pre-paid onboard gratuities
- Group transfers throughout
- Vienna sightseeing tour including visit to Schonbrunn Palace
- Copenhagen sightseeing tour and half day tour to Kronborg Castle
- The services of a professional Cruise Express escort
- Pre departure gathering and welcome aboard cocktail party
- Cruise Express souvenir backpack, cap & lanyard



YOUR HOLIDAY FARES	Single	Twin Share
Inside stateroom (Cat J)	\$9,450	\$7,390
Outside stateroom (Cat EE)	\$10,590	\$8,090
Balcony stateroom (Cat BD/BC)	\$13,190	\$8,790

Above fares are in Australian dollars. Other cabin categories are available at a surcharge.





HEART OF EUROPE

20 DAY PACKAGE DEPARTING 12 MAY 2010

Amsterdam to Vienna on Avalon Artistry

It's hard to beat this tour – one of our most popular trips – to see and feel the heart of Europe. After checking out the Eiffel Tower in Paris, we explore medieval Brugge and the home of Andre Rieu in Maastricht, Holland, before boarding Avalon Artistry for our leisurely cruise along the great Rhine, Main and Danube rivers to Vienna and our date with André Rieu himself. Along the way, your camera's memory card will be tested as one majestic scene after another unfolds like a symphony from the decks of your floating hotel.

MAY 2010

Wed 12 – DEPART AUSTRALIA

Thu 13 – PARIS, FRANCE

After arriving in Paris, we will transfer to our hotel. This evening meet with your Tour Director and travelling companions for a perfect introduction to Paris! Enjoy a welcome dinner and an Illuminations tour of the City of Lights.

Overnight: Millennium Opera or similar (D)

Fri 14 – PARIS

Our orientation tour this morning will feature the Arc de Triomphe, Opéra, Louvre, Notre Dame Cathedral and the Champs-Élysées. For a panoramic view take the elevator to the second level of the Eiffel Tower. Afternoon at leisure.

Overnight: Millennium Opera or similar (B)

Sat 15 – PARIS TO BRUGGE

This morning we depart Paris after breakfast and travel to Brugge. After check in at the hotel enjoy a guided walk and a canal cruise through this charming medieval Belgium gem.

Overnight: Crowne Plaza or similar (B)

Sun 16 – BRUGGE TO AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

Visit the hometown of Andre Rieu. Maastricht has been featured as the site of many of his concerts. A guided tour will take us through this medieval town. Continue on to Amsterdam. Holland's delightful 700 year old city is sophisticated and modern, with a rich and fascinating history. The works of famous Dutch masters can be seen in world-renowned museums such as the Rijksmuseum. This afternoon the crew of your vessel welcome you onboard "Artistry". (B,D)

Mon 17 – AMSTERDAM

There is no better way to see Amsterdam than by canal boat, cruising through the elegant grachten lined with stately homes. Afterwards our river cruise sets sail for Cologne. (B,L,D)

Tue 18 – COLOGNE, GERMANY

Cologne is one of Germany's largest cities whose river skyline is dominated by the soaring twin spires of its magnificent Gothic cathedral. The Romano-Germanic Museum located next to the cathedral is a must for history buffs! Try a Kölsch in one of the many taverns and shop for a bottle of 4711, the original "eau de cologne". (B,L,D)

Wed 19 – RHINE GORGE TO RÜDESHEIM

The dramatic Rhine Gorge is the most beautiful stretch of river. Pass the legendary Rock of the Lorelei where sweet songs of local beauties lured enchanted sailors to their doom. Pretty Rudesheim is the perfect example of a Rhine Valley wine town. Visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum. Explore the Drosselgasse, pick up some souvenirs and be sure to try one of the vintages in any of the little wine taverns. (B,L,D)

Thu 20 – MILTENBERG

Located on the Main River, Miltenberg is a picturesque village that thrived on income from river traffic. Its cultural wealth and affluence are reflected in the beautiful medieval and Renaissance houses and the Gothic splendour of the Merchant Hall. (B,L,D)

Fri 21 – WÜRZBURG

Known as the "Pearl of the Romantic Road", Würzburg is surrounded by sloping hills covered with vineyards. The magnificent Bishop's Residenz is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B,L,D)

Sat 22 – BAMBERG

Another UNESCO World Heritage Site is medieval Bamberg with its breathtaking cathedral, the Old Town Hall straddling the river and serpentine streets with charming houses and 18th-century mansions. (B,L,D)

Sun 23 – NUREMBERG

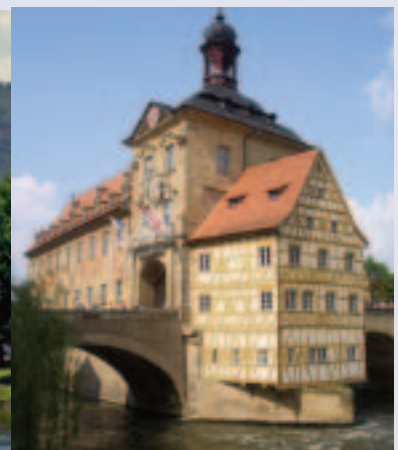
Although Nuremberg suffered extensive damage during WWII, much of it was restored to its original style. Marvel at this historic city with its fabulous Gothic churches and elegant patrician houses. Nuremberg's traditions include its famous Lebkuchen, toy making and metal working. (B,L,D)

Mon 24 – REGENSBURG

One of Germany's best preserved medieval cities, Regensburg's architectural highlights include the Old Town Hall and the beautiful old white and gold chapel. (B,L,D)

Tue 25 – PASSAU

Ideally located at the confluence of the rivers Inn, Ilz and Danube, Passau is a city of graceful arcades and cobblestone streets. St. Stephen's Cathedral houses the world's largest church organ with over 17,000 pipes. (B,L,D)



CRUISE THE RHINE, MAIN & DANUBE RIVERS

Wed 26 – GREIN/MELK, AUSTRIA

Melk lies right in the heart of the Wachau wine region, famous for its magnificent Benedictine Abbey which dominates the town from its commanding hill site, and is one of Europe's largest monasteries. At the foot of a bluff in the shadow of its castle Grein's turreted houses on the main square offer excellent photo opportunities. (B,L,D)

Thu 27– VIENNA

Vienna, known as the "City of Music", inspired the creative genius of Mozart, Beethoven and Strauss. Once the centre of the mighty "Hapsburg Empire", Austria's capital has much to offer; the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse and awe inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral, to name just a few of the sights. Shop in the Kärntnerstrasse and enjoy Sachertorte or Apfelstrudel in a neighbourhood café. (B,L,D)

Fri 28 – VIENNA

Disembark Avalon Artistry and transfer to your hotel.
Overnight: Radisson Palais Hotel or similar. (B)

Sat 29 – VIENNA

Enjoy a day at leisure exploring the city.
This evening transfer to the Stadhalle for the André Rieu concert.
Overnight: Radisson Palais Hotel or similar. (B)

Sun 30 – VIENNA TO AUSTRALIA

This morning enjoy free time in Vienna. Transfer to the airport (B)

Mon 31 – Inflight

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Tue 01 – ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

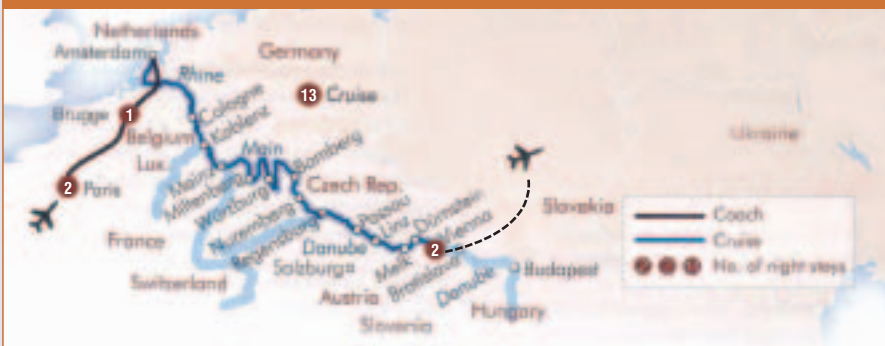
(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner



INCLUSIONS

- Return Economy class flights incl. airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- 2 nights accommodation in Paris including breakfast daily
- 1 night accommodation in Brugge including breakfast
- 13 nights on **Avalon Artistry** including port charges and onboard gratuities
- Superb meals and premium wines with dinner onboard **Avalon Artistry**
- Comprehensive sightseeing as listed in the itinerary
- 2 nights accommodation in Vienna including breakfast daily
- Group transfers throughout
- Category 1 tickets to André Rieu concert including transfers
- The services of a professional Cruise Express escort
- Pre departure gathering & welcome aboard cocktail party
- Cruise Express souvenir backpack, cap & lanyard

CRUISE ITINERARY



YOUR HOLIDAY FARES		Single	Twin Share
E	Indigo Deck (Forward)	\$13,990	\$10,390
D	Indigo Deck (Aft)	\$14,290	\$10,950
B	Sapphire Deck (Forward)	\$15,790	\$11,590
A	Sapphire Deck (Aft)	\$15,990	\$11,690
P	Royal Deck	\$16,390	\$11,990

Above fares are in Australian dollars. Cat B, A & P cabins feature sliding glass doors.

GRAND FRANCE



Grand France

26 DAY PACKAGE DEPARTING 27 MAY 2010

Paris, Normandy & Romantic Chateaux

19 DAY PACKAGE DEPARTING 27 MAY 2010

Provence, Burgundy & Romantic Chateaux

17 DAY PACKAGE DEPARTING 5 JUNE 2010

Following the success of our 2009 cruise tour through France, our new-look Grand France program is even better, with more opportunities to live it up like royalty in enchanting chateaux in the famed Loire Valley. Our full 26-day tour includes two seven night cruises and a seven night tour through the most romantic countryside you could dream of. Cruise north along the Seine River aboard the luxurious **River Baroness** with visits to Rouen, the beaches of Normandy and Giverny made famous by Claude Monet. Our tour through the heart of France's wine region features memorable overnight stays in moated castles and a visit to the walled medieval town of Carcassonne. Then board the deluxe **River Royale** on the Rhone River at Vincent Van Gogh's town of Arles by the Mediterranean and north through legendary Provence and Burgundy and the Romanesque cities of Viviers and Lyon.

MAY 2010

Grand France AND Paris, Normandy & Romantic Chateaux

Thu 27 – Depart Australia

Fri 28 – Arrive Vienna. Transfer to our hotel.
Overnight: Radisson Palais Hotel or similar

Sat 29 – Vienna sightseeing tour including visit to Schonbrunn Palace. This evening transfer to the Stadthalle for our André Rieu concert.
Overnight: Radisson Palais Hotel or similar (B)

Sun 30 – Transfer to the airport for our flight to Paris. On arrival transfer to our ship. Embark River Baroness. (B,D)

Mon 31 – LES ANDELYS

This strategically important town prompted Richard the Lionheart to build a fortified castle. Walk to the English King's stronghold and admire the remains of the impressive Chateau Gaillard. (B, L, Captain's Welcome Dinner)

JUNE 2010

Tue 01 – ROUEN

Visit the stunning gothic cathedral of Rouen, the haunting medieval quarter and the Gros Horloge, a renaissance clock tower that arches overhead. End at Vieux Marche, where Joan of Arc was punished for her defiance. (B, L, D)

Wed 02 – ROUEN (NORMANDY BEACHES)

Spend the day at the beaches at Normandy – site of the D-Day Invasion by the Allied forces during World War II. Visit the American Cemetery at Colleville, the allied landing sites at Omaha beach, the battlefield of Pointe du Hoc and Mulberry Harbor at Arromanches. (B, L, D)

Thu 03 – CAUDEBEC (HONFLEUR)

Travel overland to Honfleur, a charming French harbor town favoured by artists such as Courbet and Monet. Go on a walking tour from the former smuggler's harbor of Vieux Bassin through the pedestrian streets to the medieval town center. (B, L, D)

Fri 04 – VERNON (GIVERNY)

Visit Monet's home in his beloved village of Giverny. Explore Monet's house and stroll through the gardens where you'll see the familiar Japanese bridge and water garden shaded by weeping willows. (B, L, Captain's Farewell Dinner)

Provence, Burgundy & Romantic Chateaux

Sat 05 – Depart Australia

Grand France AND

Paris, Normandy & Romantic Chateaux

Arrive Paris and enjoy a city tour. (B, L, D)

Sun 06 – PARIS

Provence, Burgundy & Romantic Chateaux

Arrive Paris

Grand France AND Paris, Normandy & Romantic Chateaux

Disembark River Baroness after breakfast. Transfer to Chateau d'Esclimont, a Renaissance-style chateau hotel, set in the heart of a 60-hectare park. Tonight meet your Tour Director and fellow passengers for a Welcome Dinner. Overnight: Chateau d' Esclimont (B,D)

Mon 07 – SAINT SYMPHORIEN LE CHATEAU – LOIRE VALLEY

After breakfast we explore the Loire Valley. The region, named a UNESCO world heritage site, served rich princes, kings and dukes as a playground from the 15th to 18th century. Lush country houses and chateaux dot the landscape. Visit Chambord – the amazing castle of King Louis XVI. Overnight: Chateau des Sept Tours (B,D)



FROM NORMANDY TO THE MEDITERRANEAN



Tue 08 – LOIRE VALLEY (Courcelles de Touraine)

Visit the spectacular castle of Chemenonceaux – an impressive sight with turrets, drawbridge and stylized moat from the 16th century. Our next stop will be the charming town of Tours. The wide 18th century avenues and formal public parks invite for a stroll or perhaps enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning to the our chateau. Overnight: Chateau des Sept Tours (B,D)

Wed 09 – BORDEAUX REGION – SAINT EMILION

Leaving the Loire region this morning, we pass the historic town of Poitiers and break for lunch in Cognac. Explore this charming compact town with narrow streets and medieval half timbered houses built on the slopes above the banks of the River Charente. World famous names like Hennessy, Martel, Remy Martin and Courvoisier are based here. We continue to St Emilion where the surrounding vineyards produce full bodied, deep coloured red wine. Overnight: Chateau Grand Barrail (B, D)

Thu 10 – BORDEAUX REGION – SAINT EMILION

Visit the city of Bordeaux – built on the bridging point on Garonne River. Over the centuries, Bordeaux has developed to become famous for the full bodied red wine of the same name produced in the surrounding countryside. Return to St Emilion in the afternoon to enjoy a wine tasting. Overnight: Chateau Grand Barrail (B, D)

Fri 11 – SAINT EMILION – CARCASSONNE

Continue south this morning, passing the city of Toulouse en-route to Carcassonne. The medieval citadel of Carcassonne is truly spectacular, its fortified walls and turrets visible for miles before actually reaching it. Walt Disney was said to have taken inspiration for Sleeping Beauty's castle from it. Stay in the spectacular "Hotel de la Cite" – a truly luxurious property in a unique setting in the old citadel. Overnight: Hotel de la Cite (B,D)

Sat 12 – CARCASSONNE – AIX EN PROVENCE

From Carcassonne, continue through the Languedoc to the historic region of Provence. Provence was an important and prosperous part of the Roman Empire seen in the wealth of remains ranging from amphitheatres to temples and aqueducts. The thriving old town of Aix is one of the most appealing in the whole of France. Its attractive streets and squares are full of interesting shops, cafes, restaurants and markets. Art enthusiasts can follow in the footsteps of the artist Paul Cezanne. Overnight: Chateau de la Pioline (B,D)

Sun 13 – Paris, Normandy & Romantic Chateaux

Transfer to the airport and fly home

Grand France AND Provence, Burgundy & Romantic Chateaux

Transfer to Arles. Embark on River Royale. (B,D)

Mon 14 – ARLES – AVIGNON

During your walking tour discover Vincent Van Gogh's Arles as well as the fascinating wealth of Romanesque monuments such as the Roman Amphitheatre and Constantine's Roman Baths. (B,L,Captain's Welcome Dinner)

YOUR HOLIDAY FARES based on Cat 3	Twin Share	Upgrade to Cat 2	Upgrade to Cat 1
Grand France	\$13,990	\$650	\$1225
Paris, Normandy & Romantic Chateaux	\$11,490	\$325	\$650
Provence, Burgundy & Romantic Chateaux	\$10,790	\$450	\$899

Above fares are in Australian dollars. Single supplements available on request.

Tue 15 – AVIGNON

Nestled in the lush hills of the Rhône Valley, lies the medieval walled city of Avignon. Named the "City of the Popes," it was the centre of the Catholic Church in the 14th century when the Palace of the Popes was the equivalent of today's Vatican. (B,L,D)

Wed 16 – VIVIERS – TOURNON

Charming Viviers has retained much of its old charm and was developed around its Romanesque cathedral. Our tour in Viviers starts at the Old Town with an introduction to the city. We'll stop by Rue Cheverrie, Porte Riquot, Maison des Chevaliers, Rue du Chateau and Maison Elementaire du Commercant. Finally, we'll walk through the medieval streets of this charming town on our way back to the ship. (B,L,D)

Thu 17 – TOURNON, TAIN L'HERMITAGE, LYON

Among the famous vineyards, the twin cities of Tournon/Tain L'Hermitage provide the perfect setting for those who are true connoisseurs of chocolate and wine. Celebrate the region by indulging in some Côte du Rhone wines and a tasting arranged by the Valrhona School of Chocolate. (B, L, D)

Fri 18 – LYON

The city was founded by Julius Caesar about 2000 years ago, and as a result, it has a wealth of Roman remains, as well as many impressive museums, renaissance architecture galore, and – of course – world-renowned cuisine. Walk through the renaissance quarter with its maze of medieval passageways or simply relax with a glass of Beaujolais at one of the many taverns. (B, L, D)

Sat 19 – CHÂLON-SUR-SAÛNE

In the heart of Burgundy, Châlon is an important centre for France's wine trade. From here, we will journey to nearby Beaune to visit the famous Hospices de Beaune. Marvel at the multicoloured rooves of this architectural jewel that has become one of the symbols of Burgundy. (B, L, Captain's Farewell Dinner)

Sun 20 – CHALON-SUR-SAONE (BEAUNE)

Disembark River Royale and transfer to the airport (B)

Mon 21 – Inflight

Tue 22 – Arrive Australia

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner



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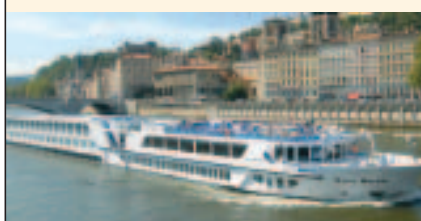
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If 2010 is the year you plan to travel to Europe, then you've timed your visit well, with the rare chance to witness the famous, once-in-a-decade Passion Play in Oberammergau.

Residents of the Bavarian German town near Munich vowed that if God spared them the full horror of the Bubonic plague in the 1600s, they would perform a play every 10 years to depict and celebrate the life and death of Jesus. The death rate suddenly plunged and true to their word, villagers brought to life Jesus' story in the cemetery where plague victims were buried. Locals have been performing their famous Passion Play once a decade ever since, with the next, bigger-than-ever performances to be staged in the picturesque town between May and October, 2010.



More than 2000 passionate villagers – around half the population of Oberammergau – will star in the colourful play in 2010, drawing more than half a million visitors from around the world. The epic, eight-hour show, depicting Jesus' final dramatic days in Jerusalem, includes a three-hour dinner break and is now staged on a special outdoor theatre stage against the rolling, pine-clad hills of Bavaria. Arriving in the afternoon, around 4700 people watch the play in comfort from undercover seats on a heated floor.

The Oberammergau Passion Play is a truly unforgettable event and a premium experience you should include in your European holiday in 2010. If you miss it, you'll have to wait another 10 years to see it!

The easiest way to obtain tickets to this much-anticipated event and reserve accommodation in the town is to book well in advance through a travel agent as part of a package.

Cruise Express can offer you two-night 'Stay and Play' packages from \$1890.00 per person, including tickets to the Passion Play, 2 nights accommodation and sightseeing. The Oberammergau packages and tours can be added to any of our cruise tours in 2010. Ask for details.



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