



ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE
OF AMERICA TOURS

THE HISTORIC RHINE

Legacies of World War II and the Roman Empire

October 22–November 2, 2021 aboard *Royal Crown*

With archaeologist **Michael Hoff**

SPECIAL PAYMENT TERMS

For peace of mind,
**all payments are
100% refundable**
until July 19, 2021.
See inside for more details



DEAR TRAVELER,

I invite you to join Archaeological Institute of America lecturer and congenial host Michael Hoff, a classical archaeologist who specializes in Roman architecture, for this cruise along the Rhine and Moselle rivers aboard the privately-chartered, 45-stateroom *Royal Crown* riverboat.

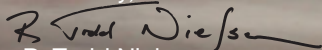
Cruise from Basel to Amsterdam, exploring the region's ancient Roman heritage and 20th-century military history. Visit classic highlights such as Strasbourg, Mainz, and the fairytale castles of the romantic Rhine; a variety of well-preserved ancient Roman cities; and important sites from World War II, including General Patton's famous Third Army crossing in Oppenheim and Operation Market Garden at Arnhem.

On many days, participants are invited to choose the excursion activity that best suits their interests. Some excursions explore ancient Rome's impact on the region, featuring Augusta Raurica, an ancient Roman archaeological site and open-air museum; the Roman ruins at Trier; and Kalkriese, where the Germanic/Roman Battle of the Teutoburg Forest occurred in A.D. 9. Other excursions delve into World War II history along the Rhine and Moselle, from Arnhem's Airborne Museum and Nijmegen's Overloon Museum to the De Oversteek Bridge where American soldiers fought for the liberation of the Netherlands.

During the cruise, travelers will enjoy a series of onboard lectures by Professor Hoff and one or more other experts, view gorgeous scenery, dine in a historic castle, visit vineyard estates to taste regional wines, and sample local craft brews. An optional two-night pre-cruise extension, including stunning Lake Lucerne, and an optional three-night post-cruise extension in the Netherlands are also available.

The *Royal Crown* is an intimate vessel just over half the size of most riverboats in the region. We are sharing this cruise with other organizations, so I urge you to reserve your preferred cabin now. Contact AIA Tours at **800-748-6262** or **aia@studytours.org**.

Sincerely,



R. Todd Nielsen

Director, AIA Tours

Archaeological Institute of America

THIS PHOTO: COLOGNE AT SUNSET

ON THE COVER: COLOGNE; BERNKASTEL; WINE ON THE RHINE; PORTA NIGRA IN TRIER

BACK COVER: VINEYARD ALONG THE MOSELLE RIVER

STUDY LEADER



Archaeological Institute of America lecturer and host

Michael Hoff (Ph.D., Boston U.) is Professor of Art History at the University of Nebraska and a former member of the AIA's Board of Trustees. Professor Hoff is a classical archaeologist who specializes in the Roman period in Greece and Asia Minor. He has wide excavation experience in Greece and Turkey, including Athens, Corinth, Nemea, Crete, and for over

20 years he has been engaged in archaeological research in the region of Rough Cilicia in southern Turkey. Since 2005 Professor Hoff has directed the excavations at the Roman-era city of Antiochia ad Cragum in Rough Cilicia. He is also a specialist in the field of Roman architecture, and will shed light on the well-preserved structural remains of antiquity we will encounter as well as provide necessary background for Roman presence in the region. In addition to many publications, Professor Hoff has participated for over 20 years in the AIA's national lecture program and has directed many university-sponsored study tours to Greece. Professor Hoff is a veteran in hosting AIA travelers on small-ship programs.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Cruise ten nights aboard the privately chartered *Royal Crown* from Basel to Amsterdam, enjoying the **SCENIC RHINE GORGE** and the hillside vineyards and historic castles of the Moselle River.
- ◆ Enjoy carefully curated excursion options throughout the cruise, all included in the tour price, for **SMALL-GROUP EXPERIENCES** and the opportunity to focus on what most interests you.
- ◆ Explore some of Europe's best-preserved **ROMAN RUINS**, including Augusta Raurica, Trier, and Kalkreise, where an epic battle between the Romans and Germanic tribes was fought, and visit the Roman-German museum in Cologne.
- ◆ Visit important **WORLD WAR II SITES**, among them Fort Schoenenbourg, a Maginot Line fortification; strategically critical Allied Rhine River crossings; and Arnhem, where the unsuccessful Operation Market Garden unfolded.

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA AND THE AIA TOURS PROGRAM

The Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) is the oldest and largest archaeological organization in North America. The AIA seeks to educate people of all ages about the significance of archaeological discovery. For more than a century the AIA has been dedicated to the encouragement and support of archaeological research and publication, and to the protection of the world's archaeological resources and cultural heritage. By traveling on an AIA tour you directly support the AIA while personally gaining the benefit of the AIA's network of scholars and worldwide contacts.



ROMAN BATHS



KAMPEN



ROMANTIC RHINE



ITINERARY

Friday–Saturday, October 22–23

HOME / BASEL, SWITZERLAND

Depart home on an overnight flight to Basel. Embark the *Royal Crown* and enjoy a welcome reception and dinner.

ROYAL CROWN (R,D)

Sunday, October 24

BASEL

This morning take a walking tour of Basel's medieval Old Town. Steeped in Celtic-Roman history and situated at the crossroads of France, Germany, and Switzerland, much of the ancient city of Basel still stands and is well preserved. An important cultural center, Basel is home to Switzerland's oldest university, where the German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche taught. In the afternoon, choose from one of two options. **OPTION 1:** Augusta Raurica, site of the oldest known Roman colony on the Rhine. The onsite museum houses important finds from the excavation and details the history of the colony. **OPTION 2:** The Kunstmuseum Basel, which contains the most important public art collection in Switzerland.

ROYAL CROWN (B,L,D)

Monday, October 25

STRASBOURG, FRANCE

Like many of the region's border cities, Strasbourg has traded hands several times between France and Germany; today, the French capital of Alsace and seat of the European Parliament reflects both cultures—linguistically, architecturally, and gastronomically. Strasbourg features a historic UNESCO World Heritage-designated

city center with 16th-century half-timbered houses and a Gothic cathedral built of red sandstone. Explore the city by coach and on foot, then meander on local boats through the canals of Strasbourg's "Petite France" (the former tanners' and fishmongers' districts). This afternoon, choose from one of two options. **OPTION 1:** Ouvrage Schoenenbourg (Fort Schoenenbourg), a Maginot Line fortification. Although heavily bombarded during the Battle of France in 1940, it retains all of its original structural elements. **OPTION 2:** A wine tasting in Alsace, an important wine-producing region in France.

ROYAL CROWN (B,L,D)

Tuesday, October 26

MAINZ, GERMANY

Enjoy a morning of cruising along the beautiful Rhine River to Mainz, where native son Johannes Gutenberg developed movable type printing in 1439. Take a guided tour of the Gutenberg Museum, where you can view a replica of Gutenberg's workshop, observe a demonstration of his printing method, and see a copy of his 42-line Bible, printed between 1452 and 1455. Then take an opportunity to stroll along the banks of the river in the shadow of Mainz's charming architecture.

ROYAL CROWN (B,L,D)

Wednesday, October 27

RHINE GORGE

This morning traverse the scenic Rhine Gorge, the popular name for the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, which earned UNESCO World

Heritage designation in 2002 for its unique combination of geological, historical, cultural, and industrial reasons. This part of the Rhine also features strongly in folklore, including the opera *Gotterdammerung*. After lunch the *Royal Crown* enters the Moselle River and cruises past storybook castles and lush vineyards en route to Bernkastel and Trier.

ROYAL CROWN (B,L,D)

Thursday, October 28

TRIER / BERNKASTEL

Trier is possibly the oldest city in Germany and well known for its Roman and medieval buildings. Visit the well-preserved Porta Nigra city gate, the 4th-century Basilica of Constantine (Aula Palatina), and a 2nd-century A.D. Roman bridge, still in use. After lunch, visit Bernkastel-Kues, an acclaimed wine-growing center on the Middle Moselle and birthplace of one of the most famous German polymaths, the medieval churchman and philosopher Nikolaus von Kues. Enjoy a private tasting of wines, primarily Rieslings, grown on steep-sloped vineyards.

ROYAL CROWN (B,L,D)

Friday, October 29

KOBLENZ / REMAGEN

After a morning of cruising, disembark in Koblenz and continue to Narny Castle, the personal residence of Princess Heide von Hohenzollern, to enjoy a private concert and tour while the ship continues to Remagen. Narny Castle dates back to the 14th century and, since the late 20th century, has functioned as a cultural center featuring concerts, art exhibitions, and



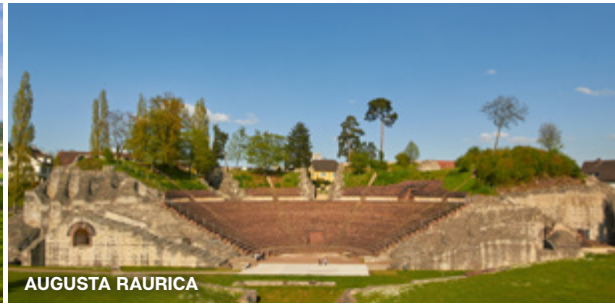
TRIER



NAMEDY CASTLE



MOSELLE RIVER



AUGUSTA RAURICA

the annual Art in the Park week. Continue overland to Remagen to view the Bridge Towers and hear a guest lecture on the Battle of Remagen, when Allied troops unexpectedly captured the Ludendorff Bridge over the Rhine in March 1945 and seriously thwarted German military operations in the area.

ROYAL CROWN (B,L,D)

Saturday, October 30 COLOGNE

Arrive in Cologne after a morning of on-board lectures and cruising. Germany's fourth most populous city straddles the Rhine near Germany's borders with Belgium and the Netherlands, and is home to one of Europe's oldest and largest universities. Tour Cologne Cathedral, the city's most famous and most beloved landmark and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Also visit the Roman-German Museum to view a large collection of artifacts from the Roman settlement on which modern Cologne is built. This evening enjoy free time for independent exploration in Cologne.

ROYAL CROWN (B,L,D)

Sunday, October 31 ARNHEM, NETHERLANDS

Today choose from two optional activities. OPTION 1: Park Kalkriese, archaeological site of a pivotal Germanic tribe's victory over the Romans in A.D. 9. The museum highlights ongoing research in the area. OPTION 2: A walking tour and museum visit in Kampen, a former Hanseatic League city with one of the best-preserved old town centers in the Netherlands.

Afternoon tea will be taken in Middachten Castle, a monumental Dutch manor house originally built in the 12th century. ALL: This evening enjoy an optional walk at sunset across the modern De Oversteek Bridge in Nijmegen, where the American soldiers who died here fighting for the liberation of the Netherlands are honored every night with the lighting in slow succession of street lamps spanning the bridge.

ROYAL CROWN (B,L,D)

Monday, November 1 ARNHEM

Today choose from one of two full-day options. OPTION 1: Visit Frost Bridge, named after the British officer in command at Arnhem, and the Airborne Museum, dedicated to the Battle of Arnhem. Also explore the Overloon War Museum in Nijmegen, located on the site of the Battle of Overloon, a World War II tank and infantry battle that occurred in September and October 1944 in the aftermath of Operation Market Garden. OPTION 2: Explore the Kröller-Müller Museum, a national art museum and sculpture park that boasts the second-largest collection of van Gogh paintings and a fine assemblage of modern and contemporary sculptures. Those who wish may enjoy optional cycling in the surrounding Park Hoge Veluwe.

ROYAL CROWN (B,L,D)

Tuesday, November 2 AMSTERDAM / HOME

After breakfast and disembarkation, transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)



October 20–23 OPTIONAL PRE-CRUISE EXTENSION IN SWITZERLAND

Spend two nights in Basel and immerse yourself in the alpine scenery of Lake Lucerne. Visit several of the city's chocolatiers to learn about the history and traditions that make Swiss chocolates some of the most sought after in the world.

Further details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.



November 2–5 OPTIONAL POST-CRUISE EXTENSION IN HOLLAND

Visit highlights and top sites in Amsterdam, The Hague, Delft, and Haarlem, including a canal cruise and viewings of timeless art by Dutch masters.

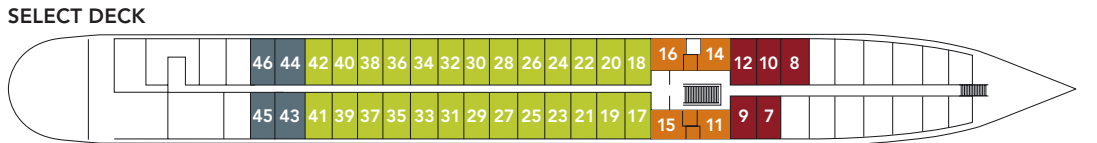
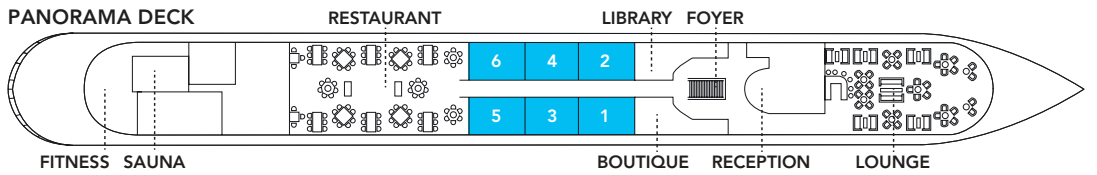
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ROYAL CROWN



With the nostalgic charm of a glamorous 1930s yacht and the comfort and service of a four-star vessel, the elegant 45-stateroom *Royal Crown* is perfect for cruising European waterways. Spacious teak decks blend with elegant public rooms and staterooms appointed with mahogany, rosewood, and marble, rich fabrics, and specially designed furniture. All passenger cabins have picture windows (Panorama Deck) or two large portholes (Select Deck) for expansive views. The cabins are fully air-conditioned and heated with individual climate control and have a flat-screen television, ample wardrobe space and bedside drawers for storage, and a small combination safe. En suite bathrooms are equipped with a shower and hair dryer. Public amenities include a library, boutique, elegant Art Deco-inspired lounge with panoramic views, and a dining room with open seating. The Lido Deck features a large sun deck running almost the entire length of the vessel, the Lido bar, a putting green, and a large-scale chessboard.



PROGRAM RATES (PER PERSON)

CATEGORY		DOUBLE	SINGLE
JUNIOR SUITE	(SELECT DECK) 145 sq ft; twin beds; two portholes	\$5,990	\$9,490
SUPERIOR SUITE	(SELECT DECK) 145 sq ft; twin beds; two portholes	\$6,990	\$10,990
DELUXE SUITE	(SELECT DECK) 145 sq ft; twin beds; two portholes	\$7,990	\$12,490
PREMIUM SUITE	(SELECT DECK) 150 sq ft; queen bed; two portholes	\$8,990	—
ROYAL SUITE	(PANORAMA DECK) 200 sq ft; queen bed; four large windows	\$11,990	—

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including **ten nights aboard *Royal Crown*** • Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations • Transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates • **Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers, and shipboard personnel for all group activities** • Entrance fees and port charges • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • **House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners** • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Complete packet of pre-departure information • Professional tour manager throughout the program

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The pace of this tour is moderately active with considerable walking each day, often over very uneven and cobblestoned terrain, and extended periods of standing. The ship has no elevator, so guests should be capable of navigating stairs while cruising. Participants must be in good health and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply.

GROUP SIZE

This program is limited to 76 participants, including travelers from the Archaeological Institute of America, Yale University and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE
U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Travel and trip cancellation insurance • Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days • Personal excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Airline baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, fax, internet, and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

INSURANCE
Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

A NOTE ABOUT COSTS
Program rates are based upon current fuel prices, currency values, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS
To reserve space, return the completed reservation form with your \$1,000 per person deposit to: AIA Tours, P.O. Box 938, 47 Main St., Suite One, Walpole, NH 03608-0938 or fax to 603-756-2922. Balance of payment is due 120 days prior to departure (June 24, 2021). We accept checks, payable to 'Eos Passenger Account – AIA RhineCRI10/21' as well as VISA, MasterCard and American Express for deposits. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt. Credit cards are NOT accepted for final payment.

PASSENGER CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS
Cancellations must be received in writing by AIA Tours. All payments are fully refundable if your cancellation is received by July 19, 2021 (95 days prior to departure). Cancellations received after July 19, 2021 are 100% nonrefundable. For this reason, we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. Refunds cannot be made to participants who do not participate in any part of the program, who do not complete the tour for whatever reason, or whose entry into any country or hotel or aboard any cruise vessel on the itinerary is delayed or denied.

TRIP CANCELLATION & REFUNDS
If the program is cancelled by AIA Tours or Criterion Travel, our tour operator, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on our part. However, if trip cancellation, itinerary changes, and/or delays are mandated by causes beyond our control, the participant shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by AIA Tours or Criterion, or else receiving a

refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as AIA Tours and Criterion are able to recover on the participant's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc. Neither AIA Tours nor Criterion shall have any obligation or liability to the participant beyond the foregoing.

HEALTH
All participants should be in good health and capable of keeping up with an active group of travelers. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the passenger certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers.

ITINERARY CHANGES
The itinerary and study leader presented for this tour are subject to modification and change by AIA Tours and Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, AIA Tours and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

RESPONSIBILITY
By submitting your deposit, you are bound to the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure. Due to space limitations these are not AIA Tours' complete Terms & Conditions, which are available upon request, can be viewed on-line at www.aiatours.org, and will be sent to you along with a Release of Liability requiring your signature.

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PAYMENT

☐ Please charge the deposit to my credit card (circle one):

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☐ Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person, payable to “Eos Passenger Account – AIA RhineCRI10/21”) to reserve _____ place(s) on **The Historic Rhine**

SINGLE TRAVELERS

☐ I prefer to have single accommodations (*limited availability*) or ☐ I plan to share accommodations with:

or ☐ I'd like to know about roommates

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of June 24, 2021, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin category preference:

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Bed Preference (not guaranteed): ☐ One bed ☐ Two beds

I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein:

SIGNATURE DATE

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