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Introduction from the Chairman of Swan Hellenic



Our valued affiliation with NADFAS, now in its second year, continues to develop in a mutually satisfying way. Right from the very start of Swan Hellenic, back in 1954, our Guest Speakers' talks have been an integral part of a Swan cruise, helping to explain the past and illuminate the present. Today, NADFAS Guest Speakers add their own expertise to our cruises, further enriching the on board experience.

With winter and Christmas fast approaching, *Minerva* is heading for sunnier climes and fascinating destinations in India and the Far East, a region last visited in 2004. It is gratifying that these winter cruises, scheduled in response to passenger demand, are now almost sold out.

In response we have recently published our itineraries for Winter 2011/12, when we shall be returning to India and the Far East, with a new selection of cruises that include a return to Myanmar, Vietnam, the islands of Indonesia and the Persian Gulf.

This leaflet looks ahead to May 2011 and features a selection of cruises which might be of particular interest to you. Our meticulously planned itineraries feature some of the great treasures of Italy, including the renowned mosaics in Ravenna, evocative Pompeii and the glories of Florence and Rome. Other cruises feature the iconic Guggenheim museum at Bilbao in Spain, Venice and the towns and cities of the former Venetian Republic such as Dubrovnik in Croatia and Kotor in Montenegro, or ancient Greek sites such as New Corinth and Delphi. Our river cruises on the Danube, Rhine and the Rhône are deliberately focused on the months of May, June and September, when temperatures are comfortable and the cities, towns, churches, museums, vineyards and countryside visited extend a quieter welcome.

Three well known and popular NADFAS Guest Speakers who will be travelling on *Minerva*, or on one of our river cruises, in 2011 anticipate some of the highlights in store. Dr Cathy Oakes will travel on 'A Spanish Summer', while Mrs Jane Angelini will be one the Guest Speakers on 'Hidden Treasures of the Adriatic'. Military Historian Professor Ian Beckett will be the Guest Speaker on next September's Rhine cruise.

With a tailor-made programme of inclusive, escorted shore excursions and included gratuities both on board and ashore, we hope you will choose to travel with us soon, either on *Minerva* or on one of our river cruises.

Sincerely yours

Lord Sterling, Chairman

A valued affiliation between Swan Hellenic and NADFAS



"Our Affiliate programme with Swan Hellenic has been a real success – as Members you have enjoyed the mix of NADFAS Accredited lecturers combined with the quality cruise programme that Swan Hellenic have put together on Minerva. In this winter insert there is a wonderful variety of cruises to enjoy during 2011. If you have not tried the link from our own website to Swan Hellenic please visit the front page www.nadfasc.org.uk and see an even wider selection of cruises."

Judith Quiney, Promotions and Marketing Director, Tour NADFAS



"We are very proud of our affiliation with NADFAS and its continued growth. Our Spring 2011 cruises to the Mediterranean and Aegean are already almost 60% sold, so book early to secure the cruise and cabin of your choice. This leaflet also introduces our 2011 river cruise programme, featuring cruises on the Rhône, Rhine and Danube, which offer the chance to travel in comfort and style through the heart of Europe."

Colin Stone, Managing Director, Swan Hellenic

SPECIAL FARES – SAVE 5%

We are delighted to extend Swan Hellenic's loyalty discount of 5% to all NADFAS members. Please remember to quote NADFAS6 at the time of booking to ensure you receive your 5% saving on the published fares of any cruise in the Swan Hellenic programme.

Cover – Main image: Jeronimos Monastery, Lisbon
Inset images left to right: Bordeaux vineyard, mv *Minerva*, Pisa

AN ITALIAN SERENADE The charm and history of the Bel Paese

15 DAYS DEPARTING MAY 11, 2011

Italy's great 'cities of art', Venice and Rome, have been attracting visitors for centuries, but Italy has much more for the art lover to discover as this cruise around the coast of the Bel Paese will reveal. Explore the mosaics of Ravenna, the hidden gems of Palermo, the history of Cagliari, the Etruscan Tombs of Tarquinia and enjoy maiden calls to Crotona and Gaeta.

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Venetian Palazzos • Byzantine Mosaics • Cruising Kotorford • Norman Architecture of Palermo • Pompeii • Etruscan Tombs

YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE

Professor Dame Averil Cameron – Late Antiquity and the Byzantine World

The Rt Revd Stephen Oliver – Theology

Mr Richard Osborne – The Music of Italy

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£1,867pp[†]

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£2,940pp



Doge's Palace, Venice



A MEDITERRANEAN PALETTE From Italy to Portugal in colourful detail

15 DAYS DEPARTING MAY 25, 2011

Discover a landscape of artists on a journey from Italy to the Iberian Peninsula. Marvel at the Renaissance city of Pisa, the French Riviera of Picasso and Matisse, Gaudi's surreal works of art in Barcelona and the Moorish architecture of Seville's Alcazar before enjoying the eclectic collection of art in the Gulbenkian Museum in Lisbon. A true odyssey of art inspiration and history, enhanced with informative and insightful presentations from *Minerva's* Guest Speakers.

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Pisa • Provence • La Sagrada Familia • Guadalquivir River Transit • Overnight Seville • Jeronimos Monastery

YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE

Professor William Vaughan – Art History

Mr Graham Archer CMG KStJ – 20th Century History

Mr James Thompson - Architecture

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INSIDE CABIN

£1,686pp[†]

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Park Guell, Barcelona



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Hidden Treasures of the Adriatic

by Mrs Jane Angelini

On all *Minerva* voyages one is inevitably drawn into the history and culture of seafaring people and places. The ports in which the ship berths are generally of long-standing historical significance, sometimes ancient.

During the cruise Hidden Treasures of the Adriatic the ship will call at an exceptionally rich and diverse range of such ports, where the sea is an integral part of the city. Livorno, a small Roman port later to be ruled for three centuries by the Medici family and serve their maritime interests; Messina, a thriving port since the period of Greek colonisation of Sicily, played a particularly important role in the Middle Ages when it became one of the main ports of departure for European knights on their way to the Crusades; Brindisi, a major centre of Roman naval power and maritime trade, also became a privileged port for the Holy Land. Most especial of all is Venice, the most beautiful city in the world, where the Doge was metaphorically married to the sea and once a year used to sail into the lagoon and throw the Blessed Ring into the water as a sign of eternal fidelity. Venice and the sea are indeed inseparable and nowhere else has the pulse and throb of a maritime city been so well preserved. The Venetians badly needed the Dalmatian coastal cities, with their fortified ports, for mooring their merchant fleets which plied the Croatian coast on their expeditions to the East. Pula, the strategically important island of Hvar, and the beautiful bay of Kotor were all under Venetian control. In the 14th century Dubrovnik, ancient Ragusa, broke away from Venetian rule and formed its own fiercely independent Republic, becoming a hugely important trading power and rival to Venice. Similarly Piraeus, the chief harbour of Athens, and Corinth were trading rivals in classical times.

The great diversity of the many port cities we visit on this cruise, their maritime history and the role of artistic patronage as a corollary to trade, is something that has, from the start, triggered my interest and enthusiasm in the *Hidden Treasures of the Adriatic*.



A Spanish Summer

by Dr Cathy Oakes

Sailing down the west coast of France on *Minerva* is a luxurious option in comparison with walking the route to north west Spain where Santiago de Compostela is situated at the far corner of Galicia and where, from the ninth century, the remains of the Apostle James were believed to be buried. Thousands of pilgrims from all over Europe walked for months to cover the distance to this shrine and as a result the city became a treasure house of medieval art and culture. Pilgrims still do that walk but we shall arrive in style and en route hear about the pilgrim journeys of the Middle Ages not only to Santiago but to Rome too and even to more local shrines such as Canterbury and St Albans.

Further on in our cruise we will see the remarkable culture of Islamic Spain and reflect on the rich cultural interchange between Christendom and the Moslem world at a similar period. A final medieval theme will be represented by the visits to Lucca and Pisa where architecture and sculpture, especially of the c12th and c13th, survives in abundance in the cathedrals and churches and their remarkable furnishings. The cruise as a whole provides a broad picture of the rich and various visual traditions of the European Middle Ages.



Dubrovnik, Croatia



Rouen, Normandy



Antequera, Spain



Hvar, Croatia

RIVERS & VINEYARDS

Discover the true taste of Spain, Portugal and France

15 DAYS DEPARTING JUNE 8, 2011

From the port houses of Oporto, to the Rioja region of northern Spain, and the world-famous wine region of Bordeaux, *Minerva* makes her way leisurely around the Iberian peninsula, along the west coast of France and home to Portsmouth.

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Port wine tasting • Picos de Europa • Rioja & Bordeaux • Gironde & Seine river transits • Rouen

YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE

Dr Richard Hall – Archaeology of Spain and France
Mr Sam Hunt – Grand Tour/Lisbon Earthquake
Mr Christopher Campbell – Wine (*Lisbon to Bordeaux only*)
A representative from Marinelifie

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£1,610pp†

OUTSIDE CABIN

£2,556pp



Oporto, Portugal



A SPANISH SUMMER

The Iberian Peninsula and Mediterranean islands

15 DAYS DEPARTING AUGUST 19, 2011

From the green coasts of Spain and Portugal, to the true home of 'typical' Spain, Andalucia, *Minerva* cruises to Spain's most important naval port, Cartagena, before calling at three of the Mediterranean's prettiest islands, Menorca, Sardinia and Corsica.

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Santiago de Compostela • Mediterranean Islands • Alhambra Palace • Roman Cartagena • Pisa • Lucca

YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE

Professor Simon Keay – Archaeology
Dr Philip de Souza – Ancient and Maritime History
The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dr Richard Chartres – History



Your NADFAS Guest Speaker
Dr Cathy Oakes – Medieval Europe

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Jerez, Spain



HIDDEN TREASURES OF THE ADRIATIC

Coastal highlights of Italy, Croatia and Greece

15 DAYS DEPARTING SEPTEMBER 2, 2011

Enjoy the late summer sunshine in the Mediterranean and among the beautiful islands of the Adriatic. See the beautiful cities of Venice and Dubrovnik, cruise amongst the scenic islands and fjords of Croatia, and transit the Corinth Canal.

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Scenic Croatian cruising • Sail past Stromboli • Pisa • Taormina • Venice • Dubrovnik • Kotor Fjord • Corinth Canal transit

YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE



Your NADFAS Guest Speaker
Mrs Jane Angelini – The Arts

The Revd Robin Griffith-Jones – Architecture and Theology
Dr Caroline Malone – Archaeology Dr Simon Stoddart – Archaeology
Dr David Cordingly – Maritime History

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The Corinth Canal



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JUNE 11, SEPTEMBER 10 & 17, 2011
• 8 DAYS FROM £1,515pp

If you've a taste for the finer things in life, an interest in history, a love of nature, then let Swan Hellenic take you from the châteaux and vineyards of Burgundy to the Côtes du Rhône and the salt marshes of the Camargue by way of cities Roman and Medieval. Amid lavender landscapes that inspired the Impressionists, warm to the region the French call the Midi.

Itinerary:

- Lyon • Chalon-sur-Saône • Tournus • Mâcon • Viviers • Arles • Avignon • Lyon

Your Swan Hellenic Guest Speakers:

- The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dr Richard Chartres** – Bishop of London and Dean of HM Chapels Royal (cruise departing June 11)
- Professor Richard Holmes** – Emeritus Professor of Military History at Cranfield University (cruise departing September 10)
- Dr Penny McCracken** – art historian (cruise departing September 17)
- Mr Humphrey Burton** – music (cruise departing September 17)

Inclusive Shore Excursions:

- Benedictine Abbey in Cluny • Ardèche Gorge • Avignon and Palais des Papes • Walking tour of Arles • Lyon city tour • Beaune and Hôtel Dieu

Transportation Options:

- Air and rail (Eurostar and TGV)



Arles, The Rhône



Le Pont d'Avignon, Avignon



A-ROSA Stella



Karlskirche, Vienna



CRUISE THE RHINE SEPTEMBER 3, 2011 • 8 DAYS FROM £1,515pp

With castles silhouetted high over the river, it's easy to conjure a world of feudal barons jealously guarding the slopes over which their crests and pennons held sway. This latest addition to Swan's river cruise selection has a host of lovely surprises in store. Towns where minsters rise over manicured gardens, rocks where Wagner tales were set and half-timbered streets where French, German and Swiss each welcome the visitor.

Itinerary:

- Cologne • Rhine Gorge • Mainz • Speyer • Strasbourg • Basel • Breisach • Mannheim • Cologne

Your Swan Hellenic Guest Speaker:

Professor Ian Beckett – visiting Professor of Military History at the University of Kent

Inclusive Shore Excursions:

- Walking tour of Mainz • Half-day tour of Strasbourg • Walking tour of Basel • Bruchsal Palace at Speyer • The Habsburg fortress town of Breisach • The fringes of the Black Forest from Freiburg-im-Breisgau • Schwetzingen Palace Gardens

Transportation Options:

- Air and rail (Eurostar and TGV)

CRUISE THE DANUBE

MAY 15, 2011
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Brightly coloured bell towers, imposing bastions that tower over equally impressive city bridges, remote wine villages and great cathedrals and grand palaces that still echo with the sounds of some of the world's best-loved composers. The Danube links all of these, an infectious blend that marries charm with sophistication, Habsburg legacies with Magyar reinvention, the Baroque with the avant-garde.

Itinerary:

- Passau • Melk • Esztergom • Danube bend • Budapest • Bratislava • Vienna • Dürnstein • Passau

Your Swan Hellenic Guest Speaker:

Professor Jeremy Black – Professor of History, University of Exeter

Inclusive Shore Excursions:

- The Benedictine Abbey in Melk • Walking tour in Esztergom with a visit to the Basilica • Budapest city tour • The world's second largest Baroque château at Gödöllő • Evening concert in Bratislava • Walking city tour of Bratislava and visit the Primatial Palace • City sightseeing in Vienna • Walking tour of Dürnstein

Transportation:

- Air

The Rhine

by Professor Ian Beckett FHistR



As an international trade route from earliest times, the Danube seems to have had a continually unifying effect on central and eastern Europe. By contrast, the history of the Rhine has always betokened division. For the Romans it was the frontier between the Celts and the Germanic peoples. Charlemagne forged a Frankish empire, centred on Aachen, being crowned Holy Roman Emperor in 800. But his empire was divided at his death in 814, the Rhine becoming a political frontier between France and Germany.

For Germans in particular, the Rhine always had symbolic significance, associated with national myths such as that of the Nibelungenlied, and of the Lorelei.

It was a disputed frontier, however, for though a natural frontier, the Rhine was not a linguistic one. Frequent Franco-German conflict is reflected in the celebrated song, Die Wacht am Rhein, composed during a period of tension in 1840. The conflict is also exemplified by the changing status of both Alsace-Lorraine, and also of the Rhineland in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Alsace and Lorraine changed hands in 1870, 1919, 1940 and 1945, while there was a short-lived Rhenish republic in 1923. Armies crossed the Rhine during the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars and the Franco-Prussian War, while the obstacle of the Rhine was the focus of the last battles in the West in 1944-45: American forces captured an intact bridge at Remagen on 7 March 1945, and British forces crossed on 24 March (Operation Varsity).

The Rhine provides fascinating stories whether that of the Holy Roman Empire from Charlemagne to the Habsburgs, whose original territories were on the Rhine; the drama of Elizabeth Stuart, the 'Winter Queen', during the Thirty Years War; the relationship between Napoleon and Germany; or the allied advance to the Rhine in 1944-45.

Professor Ian Beckett will be travelling on the Rhine cruise AQU110903 (September 3 – 10, 2011).



Bruchsal Castle, Rhineland, Germany

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SWAN HELLENIC DISCOVERY CRUISES 2011/12

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Experience Swan Hellenic's unique brand of discovery cruising with A-ROSA's fleet of superior river cruisers, and discover the joy of travelling through Europe by way of its rivers and waterways. As our river cruises in May and June are now almost fully sold out, please enquire about our September departures if you wish to travel on one of our river cruises in 2011. NADFAS members will receive 5% loyalty discount on all published cruise fares in the Swan Hellenic programme.

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