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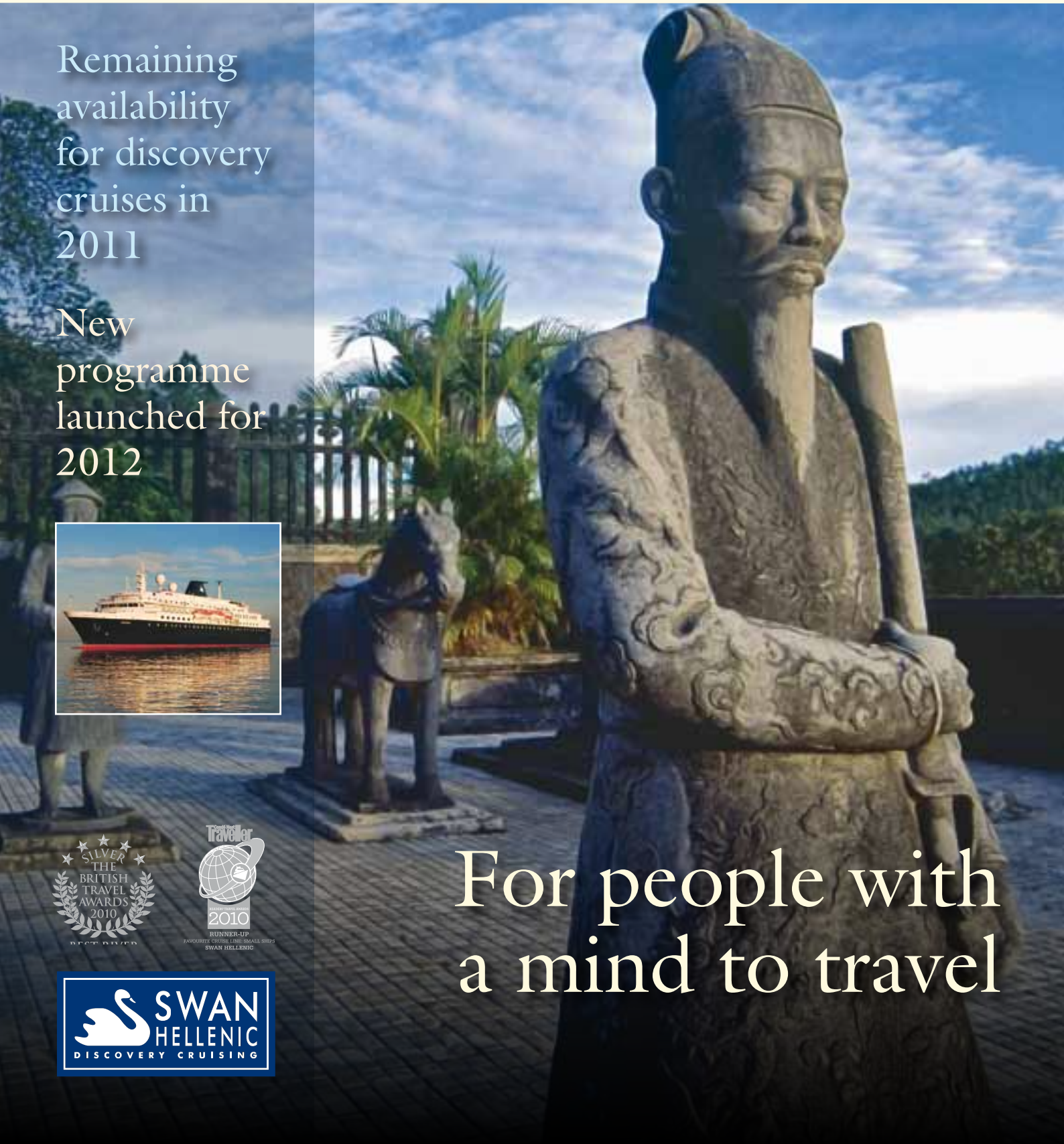
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Remaining  
availability  
for discovery  
cruises in  
2011

New  
programme  
launched for  
2012



For people with  
a mind to travel



# Introducing our eminent Guest Speakers

by Pam Perry, Planning Administration Manager, Swan Hellenic



Our recent online survey revealed that 98% of passengers rated our Guest Speaker programme as either 'important' or 'highly important' when choosing to travel with Swan Hellenic. Our first ever cruise in 1954 was accompanied by leading academics who gave talks pertinent to the sites visited on the inclusive shore excursion programme. This

winning, and much imitated, combination has been the hallmark of a Swan Hellenic cruise ever since and, in recent years, has been much enhanced by NADFAS Accredited Guest Speakers travelling on selected Swan cruises.

NADFAS Accredited Guest Speakers recruited for 2012 include George Hart, Dr Steve Kershaw, Sam Moorhead, Hilary Hope Guise, Professor Ian Beckett, Nirvana Romell and Louise Schofield. They will be joining Guest Speakers such as Professor Alexei Leporc, a curator at the State Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg (*Venice & the Adriatic*) and the geologist and broadcaster, Professor Iain Stewart (*Treasures of the Near East*). Guest Speakers travelling on *Minerva* for the first time include the historian and author of *Rubicon*, *Persian Fire* and *Millennium*, Tom Holland, the archaeologist Professor Chris Gosden who has a Chair of European Archaeology at the Institute of Archaeology, Oxford, and Nigel McGilchrist who has just published, to great acclaim, a 20 volume series on the art, archaeology, history and natural phenomena of the Greek Islands. They will be travelling on *A Byzantine Legacy*, *East of Java* and *Hellenic Highlights* respectively.

It is always a pleasure to welcome back established and highly rated NADFAS Accredited Guest Speakers – as it is to invite new speakers – knowing that their talks will fascinate and intrigue and that lively conversations around the dinner table will be relished by both passenger and Guest Speaker alike.

2012 promises to be an interesting year!



## An experience that will live with you:

- Travel in country house style comfort with around 320 like-minded passengers
- Discover the history and culture of civilisations ancient and modern
- Travel with eminent Guest Speakers, who bring you closer to each destination
- Dine in the restaurant of your choice in the company of your friends
- Travel with a British company, established in 1954

## Exceptional Inclusive Value:

- Enjoy a tailor-made programme of inclusive escorted shore excursions
- Be assured of exceptional value for money, including all tips on board and ashore.

## SPECIAL FARES – SAVE 5%

We are delighted to extend Swan Hellenic's loyalty discount of 5% to all Tour NADFAS members. Please remember to quote SWNAD08 at the time of booking to ensure you receive your 5% saving on the published fares of any cruise in the Swan Hellenic programme. NADFAS benefits from each booking.

# Picture Perfect

Following the competition highlighted in the last issue, we are delighted to announce Inga Chapman from Winchester as the winner, who will receive six bottles of wine as her prize. Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry. We are always interested to hear from our passengers so, if you have anything you would like to say, please email [nadfas@swanhellenic.com](mailto:nadfas@swanhellenic.com). Any articles or images received may be used in future issues inside the NADFAS Review and featured in our online library at [www.swanhellenic.com/library](http://www.swanhellenic.com/library).

*My first Swan Hellenic experience was the Roman Africa Minerva cruise last November. We boarded in Valletta before sailing on to Sicily, Tunisia, Libya, Rhodes and Cyprus. North east Africa was very peaceful, welcoming and brimming with the most incredible ancient remains. There was certainly no indication of the events which started unfolding just a few weeks later.*

*As a solo traveller I was quickly made to feel very welcome by Swan Hellenic's wonderful staff. There really is a family atmosphere onboard and I also made firm friends with other passengers with whom I am still in touch. We all enjoyed the superb food and hospitality onboard within the choice of beautiful restaurants and bars.*

*The informative lecture programme, from our outstanding speakers, offered fascinating historical and cultural insights which greatly enhanced my enjoyment and appreciation of the many marvellous excursions included. Lectures were even repeated on our cabin televisions to ensure that everyone got the most out of these. We were also extremely fortunate to have Shirley Williams as our very eloquent and entertaining after dinner speaker on this voyage!*

*This trip provided infinite photo opportunities but the two images I have chosen to include here are of the beautiful village of Sidi Bou Said near Tunis plus one of the many political signs which we saw around Libya but which I imagine are fewer in number now.*

*I have found the Swan Hellenic podcasts very informative and I also look forward to reading the emails and newsletters which tempt me with new destinations! I am leafing through the brochure at the moment and hope to book for another Minerva experience in the not too distant future!*

I J Chapman, Winchester. UK



Pictures by Inga Chapman

# Remaining availability for Summer 2011

*Minerva* spends the summer visiting the beautiful islands of the Mediterranean, Adriatic and the Aegean, before heading to Dubai to begin her winter season in the Far East. With a number of cruises already fully booked and only a handful of cabins remaining on selected cruises for 2011, we strongly recommend booking now if you would like to travel on board *Minerva* this year.



| Departs | Cruise   | No. of days | Inside from | Outside from | Balcony cabin from |
|---------|--|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 19 Aug  | A SPANISH SUMMER featuring Guest Speaker Dr Cathy Oakes<br>Portsmouth, Sark, La Coruña, Oporto, Cadiz, Malaga, Cartagena, Mahon, Alghero, Calvi, Livorno   | 15          | £1,718pp†   | £2,621pp     | £5,262pp           |
| 2 Sep   | HIDDEN TREASURES OF THE ADRIATIC featuring Guest Speaker Mrs Jane Angelini<br>Livorno, Messina, Brindisi, Venice, Pula, Hvar, Dubrovnik, Kotor, Sarande, Itea, New Corinth, Corinth Canal, Piraeus | 15          | £2,051pp†   | £3,191pp     | £6,392pp           |
| 30 Sep  | GREEK AND TURKISH ODYSSEY featuring Guest Speaker Professor Ian Beckett<br>Istanbul, Thessaloniki, Mythemna, Mytilene, Chios, Milos, Kos, Kusadasi, Fethiye, Nauplia, Piraeus                      | 15          | £1,813pp    | £2,853pp     | £5,580pp           |
| 14 Oct  | VOLCANOES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN<br>Piraeus, Corinth Canal, Katakolon, Pylos, Catania, Naples, Palermo, Lipari, Trapani, Porto Empedocle, La Goulette, Valletta                                      | 15          | £1,808p     | £2,811pp     | £5,537pp           |
| 23 Nov  | THE FRANKINCENSE ROUTE<br>Sharm el Sheikh, Safaga, Djibouti, Salalah, Muscat, Fujairah, Dubai  | 15          | £1,658pp    | £1,896pp     | £3,881pp           |

One of the World's most captivating regions –  
*in fascinating depth*

Following the unprecedented success of *Minerva's* 2010/11 season in the Far East, she is returning to this region for winter 2011/12 with a fascinating choice of itineraries, arranged by our experienced planners in meticulous detail. Highlights of this season include her return to Myanmar, Burma on our Christmas and New Year cruise, a visit to Gandhi's birthplace in Porbandar, India, a chance to experience the fascinating culture of Vietnam, cruise the Kerala backwaters of India or explore the exclusive conservation island of Sir Bani Yas.

*With so many wonderful sights to choose from, why not combine them on a 'Grand Voyage'?*

At Swan Hellenic we offer the opportunity of combining two or more successive cruises, allowing you to visit a plethora of fascinating countries and ports in one magnificent holiday. What other way would you be able to discover so many different destinations in depth, yet at a leisurely pace, unpacking only once? Whilst of course enjoying the comfort of your country-house environment in the company of a wide-ranging panel of eminent Guest Speakers. Speak to our reservations team for more information and to tailor-make your very own Grand Voyage.



# Winter in the Far East

## COLOURS of INDIA

7 DECEMBER – 21 DECEMBER 2011

**CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**  
Off the beaten track Musandam Peninsula  
• Visit Gandhi's birthplace • Cruise Kerala Backwaters • Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage

Cruise the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean, from the United Arab Emirates to the pearl of the Indian Ocean, Sri Lanka. Learn more about Islamic, Hindu and Buddhist cultures and the trade that unites them and explore intricate temples, colonial towns and colourful local markets.

**GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE**  
**Dr Robert Bradnock** – India  
**Mr James Parry** – Gulf history, wildlife and conservation  
**Canon Dr Andrew Wingate** - Theology  
**Sir Rob Young** - History and contemporary issues

**TWIN FARES FROM**  
INSIDE CABIN £2,133  
OUTSIDE CABIN £2,803  
BALCONY CABIN £5,795



## MYSTERIES of the INDIAN OCEAN

21 DECEMBER 2011 – 5 JANUARY 2012

**CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**  
Temple of the Tooth • Remote Andaman Islands • Schwedagon Pagoda • Two nights in Yangon • Colonial Georgetown

Celebrate Christmas and New Year as you cruise the Indian Ocean and Andaman Sea from Sri Lanka to Singapore, discovering countries shaped by their colonial past, peoples, cultures and religions. Explore the little-visited Andaman Islands and a rare opportunity to sail to Yangon (Rangoon).

**GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE**  
**Professor Graham Chapman** – Geography of India & South East Asia.  
**Professor Felipe Fernandez-Armesto** – Indian Ocean and Colonial history.  
**Dr Phillip Cribb** – Botany, spices and plant hunters.  
**Canon Ralph Godsall** - Religions

**TWIN FARES FROM**  
INSIDE CABIN £2,233  
OUTSIDE CABIN £2,898  
BALCONY CABIN £5,985



## KINGDOMS of SOUTH EAST ASIA

26 JANUARY – 15 FEBRUARY 2012

**CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**  
Sail out of Hong Kong Harbour • Halong Bay Cruise • Culture of Vietnam • Sail the Saigon river to Ho Chi Minh • Grand Palace, Bangkok

A unique and compelling opportunity to discover Vietnam in depth, visit royal Phnom Penh in Cambodia, sail up the Chao Phraya river to Bangkok in Thailand and enjoy the delights of Singapore.

**GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE**  
**Mr Michael Saunders** – Southeast Asian history.  
**Mrs Kim Jane Saunders** – Southeast Asian culture, arts and crafts.  
**Professor Lord Harries of Pentregarth** – Religions of the area and their visual representation in culture

**TWIN FARES FROM**  
INSIDE CABIN £3,211  
OUTSIDE CABIN £4,698  
BALCONY CABIN £9,320



## FROM MALAY to MUMBAI

26 FEBRUARY – 12 MARCH 2012

**CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**  
Metropolis of Singapore • Colonial Georgetown • Temple of the Tooth Kerala Backwaters • Old Goa • Mumbai

The scent of spices on the trade winds, lingering images of former colonial empires and the sights and sounds of rural India create a relaxing cruise from Singapore, through the Straits of Malacca and across the Indian Ocean, to the Indian subcontinent and the Malabar coast. A perfect way to banish the winter blues.

**GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE**  
**Professor Graham Chapman** – Economic development of South East Asia and India.  
**Professor VT King** - Anthropology  
**The Rt Revd Graham James** - India today  
**Professor Tony Stockwell** - Colonial / modern history

**TWIN FARES FROM**  
INSIDE CABIN £2,409  
OUTSIDE CABIN £2,846  
BALCONY CABIN £5,985



## INTO THE PERSIAN GULF

12 MARCH – 27 MARCH 2012

**CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**  
Gandhi's Birthplace • Cruise Musandam Fjord • Explore Desert & Oases • Overnight in Dubai • Charming City of Muscat

Ply the waters of the Arabian Sea from India to the Persian Gulf. A fascinating cruise that contrasts India's vibrant cities with the wealth of the Gulf states and explores an ever changing landscape from the colourful northern coast of India to the deserts, oases and mountains of the Arabian peninsula.

**GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE**  
**Mr Robin Kealy** - Emerging economies  
**Mr Carl Phillips** - Archaeology of Oman  
**Mr James Parry** - Arabia wildlife

**TWIN FARES FROM**  
INSIDE CABIN £2,366  
OUTSIDE CABIN £3,321  
BALCONY CABIN £6,603



# Spring 2012 aboard *Minerva*

From the remote beauty of the Sinai peninsula, sail on to southern Turkey and follow the Lycian coast to Santorini and Athens; transit the spectacularly narrow Corinth Canal, taking advantage of *Minerva's* size and call at small Greek ports and the walled cities of the Adriatic; from Rome enjoy the breathtaking scenery and fascinating cities of the Mediterranean before arriving home in Portsmouth.



## EGYPT and the LEVANT

11 APRIL – 25 APRIL 2012

### CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Pyramids of Giza • Alexandria Library • Krak des Chevaliers • Suez Canal Transit • Santorini

Join *Minerva* as she explores Egypt, one of the world's great civilisations, and Syria, renowned for its ancient cities and Crusader castles. Sail through the Suez Canal to the faded charms of Alexandria, sail on to Turkey and follow the Lycian coast to Santorini and Athens.

### GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE

 Mr George Hart - Levant and Egypt

Professor Malcolm Barber - Crusades  
The Rt Revd Tim Stevens - Classics  
Mr Gerald Butt - Modern Middle East

**TWIN FARES FROM**  
INSIDE CABIN £2,143  
OUTSIDE CABIN £2,898  
BALCONY CABIN £5,909



## A CLASSIC SPRING

25 APRIL – 8 MAY 2012

### CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Acropolis • Corinth Canal Transit • Delphi • Ionian & Dalmatian Coast Scenic cruising • Dubrovnik Walled City • Kotor Fjord • Monreale

From Athens, *Minerva* transits the narrow Corinth Canal before cruising the Ionian Sea calling at small Greek ports, walled cities of the Adriatic, and the island of Sicily. A delightful springtime cruise, with the joy of seeing wild flowers along the way.

### GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE

 Mr Sam Moorhead - AD410 - The Year that Shook Rome

 Dr Steve Kershaw - Classics

Dr Phillip Cribb - Botany

**TWIN FARES FROM**  
INSIDE CABIN £2,048  
OUTSIDE CABIN £2,751  
BALCONY CABIN £5,382



## A MEDITERRANEAN MASTERPIECE

8 MAY – 22 MAY 2012

### CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Côte d'Azur • Mahon Harbour • Alhambra Palace & Gardens • Jerez • Santiago de Compostela

An enticing blend of Mediterranean islands, the French Riviera, Andalusian coast, the Algarve and Green Spain create an idyllic early summer cruise, highlighting cities of history, art and architecture, gardens and breathtaking scenery.

### GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE

Mr Tim Earl - Wildlife  
Professor Christopher Andrew - Contemporary history

**TWIN FARES FROM**  
INSIDE CABIN £1,891  
OUTSIDE CABIN £2,732  
BALCONY CABIN £5,368



# New for 2012 with Swan Hellenic

Our new brochure for 2012 is now available featuring a wide range of cruises aboard *Minerva* from the UK to the Mediterranean and the Levant, the Black Sea and on to Oman. Our range of no-fly cruises from Portsmouth has been extended this year to feature some fascinating itineraries around the Baltic, the British Isles, Norway, France and Ireland.



| Departs     | Cruise   | No. of days | Inside from | Outside from | Balcony cabin from |
|-------------|--|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 22 May 2012 | ST PETERSBURG AND THE BALTIC<br>Portsmouth, Kiel Canal, Ronne, Visby, Stockholm, St Petersburg, Tallinn, Gdansk, Copenhagen, Portsmouth  | 16          | £2,371pp    | £3,349pp     | £6,712pp           |
| 06 June     | TREASURES OF THE BRITISH ISLES<br>Portsmouth, Port of Tyne, Edinburgh, Scrabster, Stornoway, Tobermory, Oban, Anglesey, Belfast, Isles of Scilly, Dartmouth, St Peter Port, Portsmouth | 15          | £2,067pp    | £2,941pp     | £5,829pp           |
| 20 June     | MIDSUMMER IN NORWAY<br>Portsmouth, Bergen, Kristiansund, Tromsø, Honningsvåg, Alta, Trollfjord, Leknes, Geiranger, Akrafjord, Portsmouth   | 16          | £2,328pp    | £3,302pp     | £6,612pp           |
| 05 July     | A FRENCH ACCENT featuring Guest Speaker Hilary Hope Guise<br>Portsmouth, Amsterdam, Ostende, St Malo, Bordeaux, La Rochelle, Belle Île, Brest, St Peter Port, Honfleur, Portsmouth     | 15          | £2,043pp    | £2,898pp     | £5,738pp           |
| 19 July     | GARDENS OF THE CELTIC FRINGE<br>Portsmouth, Dublin, Portrush, Killybegs, Glengarriff, Cork, Isles of Scilly, Falmouth, St Peter Port, River Seine Transit, Rouen, Portsmouth           | 14          | £1,896pp    | £2,698pp     | £5,330pp           |

## Swan Rivers programme expanded for 2012

Due to popular demand, Swan's Rivers programme for 2012 now includes the Moselle, a tributary of the Rhine, as well as additional departure dates for the Danube, Rhône and Rhine. Travel in comfort and style through the heart of Europe aboard one of A-ROSA's elegant river vessels, in the company of a renowned Swan Hellenic Guest Speaker and an on board Swan Hellenic team.

### Remaining availability for 2011

The Rhine - Depart UK September 3 2011  
The Rhône - Depart UK September 10 and 17 2011  
8 days from £1,515 per person



**THE RHÔNE**  
Fly or Rail/Cruise  
Depart UK 2012  
May 12 & 19  
June 9 & 16  
September 1 & 8  
8 Days from £1,639 per person

**THE DANUBE**  
Fly/Cruise  
Depart UK 2012  
April 29  
September 23  
8 Days from £1,449 per person

**THE RHINE**  
Fly or Rail/Cruise  
Depart UK 2012  
June 24  
8 Days from £1,639 per person

**THE MOSELLE & RHINE VALLEY**  
Fly/Cruise  
Depart UK 2012  
September 15  
8 Days from £1,663 per person

# Your first port of call is a brochure...

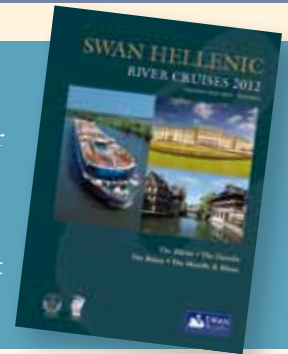


## SWAN HELLENIC DISCOVERY CRUISES 2011 & 2012

Travelling in comfort and ease with around 320 other like-minded passengers aboard *Minerva*, your floating country house hotel, is remarkably good value including all tips on board and ashore, and a programme of tailor-made shore excursions. Along the way, renowned Guest Speakers share their knowledge and passion for each location visited, uncovering the past and explaining the present. To find out more about the 2011 /12 programme to the Far East and Europe, request a brochure on 0844 822 0677 or visit [www.swanhellenic.com/nadfas](http://www.swanhellenic.com/nadfas)

## SWAN'S EXCLUSIVE RIVER CRUISES 2012

Swan Hellenic is delighted to bring you an exciting choice of award-winning European River Cruises in 2012. Our unique brand of discovery cruising, coupled with A-ROSA's superior fleet of river cruisers, means you can enjoy discovering the heart of Europe with many of the ingredients that mark out Swan's traditional ocean-going voyages. Rivers include the Danube, Rhône, Rhine and The Moselle. Request a brochure on 0844 822 0677 or visit [www.swansrivercruises.co.uk/nadfas](http://www.swansrivercruises.co.uk/nadfas)



## Enjoy a 5% Tour NADFAS loyalty discount with our sister cruise companies

The key to a Voyage of Discovery cruise is simplicity itself – see more, do more.

Small enough to reach out-of-the-way ports, yet large enough to make light work of crossing the great oceans, *Discovery* avoids the excesses of today's mega-liners. You travel in the company of expert guest speakers with none of the crowds, noisy nightclubs or casinos that can spoil a cruise holiday. Great value is assured as all gratuities, service charges and port taxes are included in your fare.

For more information or to request a brochure call 0843 218 9342 (quoting VODNAD11) or visit [www.voyagesofdiscovery.co.uk](http://www.voyagesofdiscovery.co.uk)

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A delightful on board ambience combines with the highest standards of service and cuisine to provide a journey of unparalleled luxury and relaxation.

For more information or to request a brochure call 01756 704704 or visit [www.hebridean.co.uk](http://www.hebridean.co.uk)



To book or request a brochure call (QUOTE SWNAD08)

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