

# DUTCH & BELGIAN DISCOVERY

JOURNEYS  
by Van Dyke   
Canadian owned since 1980



River Cruise

16 Days

\$10,995 CAD

All inclusive from, per guest, double occ.

April 17 to May 2  
2021



# Discover Netherlands & Belgium

Sail through the rivers of time on a Journey through the Netherlands and Belgium.

From soaring medieval cathedrals that scrape the sky to the haunting relics of World Wars, bear witness to cities unchanged by the passage of centuries, and pay homage to those who passed before. At every stop of this Journey, from the largest flower garden in the world at Keukenhof Gardens to the extraordinary Grand Place in Brussels city center, beauty and history are ever-present.







## ① Kinderdijk, the Netherlands

Stand in awe while learning about the national symbol of Holland. Used for flood prevention and water management, 19 outstanding windmills were built in Kinderdijk, playing a vital role in the Netherlands' history.







## ② Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Cruise along the heart and soul of the Netherlands. Boasting an iconic and elaborate canal system, stunning artistic heritage, adoring narrow houses with gabled facades, Amsterdam blends old-world charm with modern luxuries.



A close-up photograph of a field of red poppies. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The background is a soft-focus blue sky. A small black insect is visible on one of the green stems in the lower right.

## ③ Flanders Fields, Belgium

A vivid symbol of remembrance graze through a field of poppies when visiting the famed Flanders fields. Find yourself reciting favourite lines from the renowned poem “In Flanders Fields,” as you are surrounded by historic memorials.





## ④ Keukenhof Gardens, the Netherlands

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Spend time at the most beautiful tulip garden in all of Europe and the largest garden in the world. With over seven million gorgeous flower bulbs planted and blooming annually, Keukenhof Gardens is an invigorating display of colour and nature that is too perfect for words.







## ⑤ Brussels, Belgium

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Venture into the most beautiful market square while visiting Brussels. Amble through quaint corridors on your way to the Grand Place where the opulence and rich decor will leave you awe-struck.







## ⑥ Bruges, Belgium

With a history dating back 2000 years, the captivating city of Bruges is like stepping back in time. Cruise right into the heart of the oval-shaped city centre of Bruges, Belgium's most beautiful jewel. Admire market squares lined by splendid churches, whitewashed houses, and soaring towers, including the iconic Belfry of Bruges. A medieval fairytale, the city is filled with gothic charm.





# Journey Itinerary

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## Day 1

# DEPART FOR AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

Start your Journey with us by enjoying a private car pick up service from your home. Upon arrival at the airport, guests departing from the Toronto airport are assisted with their check-in. Meet your Journey Manager and fellow guests, and board your flights to Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Our Journey Manager travels with you to take care of all the details, allowing you to embrace your Journey.

### Overnight flight







## Day 2

# WELCOME TO AMSTERDAM

Known for its artistic heritage, elaborate canal system, energetic nightlife and narrow houses with gabled facades, Amsterdam is the Netherlands' mandated capital. After arriving in Amsterdam, we will enjoy a short drive through the city. After a light lunch, we will transfer to the port to board the Avalon Imagery II, your elegant home for the next 14 days. This evening, savour the captain's welcome reception, followed by a welcome dinner. (B,L,D)

**Avalon Imagery II (14 nights)**



## Day 3

# ARNHEM

Our day begins in Arnhem. Visit the Airborne Museum of Hartstein commemorating the 1944 WWII Battle of Arnhem. We then rejoin the ship in Nijmegen, where we enjoy lunch onboard. In the afternoon, we visit a windmill and a family-operated fruit and flower farm. Then enjoy a carriage ride through the Ooijpolder nature reserve, home to herons, storks, birds of prey and wild horses. Following our visit, we will return to the ship in Nijmegen. Enjoy dinner as we set sail for Maastricht. (B,L,D)







## Day 4

# MAASTRICHT

Maastricht is a vibrant city with a deep history and culture. We arrive just before lunch and embark on a guided walking tour of this enchanting city with a cobbled old town and medieval-era architecture. Maastricht offers new surprises around every corner including the Gothic-style church Sint Janskerk, and the Romanesque Basilica of St. Servatius, which houses a significant collection of religious art. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure to explore this one-of-a-kind city. This evening, we enjoy live entertainment on board as we sail overnight to Namur, Belgium. (B,L,D)



## Day 5

# NAMUR, BELGIUM

In Namur, a thriving modern university sits in the shadow of one of Europe's mightiest fortresses in a dramatic symbol of Belgium itself. The city is now a university town with a vibrant student population. Experience this balance firsthand as we visit the great citadel's underground tunnels before emerging to tour its bustling old town. Following lunch, enjoy some free time in the afternoon and after dinner to stroll and explore Namur's cobblestone lanes, home to sunny cafés and bookshops. Ancient yet new, grand yet welcoming, Namur truly is a city like no other. (B,L,D)

### Overnight in Namur







## Day 6

# LIÈGE

Liège is the economic and cultural center of the Wallonia region. No city encapsulates the free-spirited citizens of Belgium quite like Liège. We take a guided tour of the “Fiery City” of Liège with its beautiful ancient quarters, peculiar alleys, and romantic streets. Then we visit Fort De Loncin, built as part of the Fortifications of Liège in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century in Belgium and destroyed during World War I. After lunch on the boat, enjoy some free time before sailing in the evening and overnight towards Antwerp. (B,L,D)



## Day 7

# ANTWERP

We embark on a morning walking tour of Antwerp, where our local guides will share this beautiful city with us, to discover the works of Peter Paul Rubens and the Cathedral of Our Lady. Sitting on the River Scheldt, Antwerp is Belgium's biggest port and second-largest city after Brussels. During our visit wander down the cobbled lanes lined by cozy cafés and quaint bars. As we return to our boat for lunch, we will set sail for Brussels. Enjoy an evening cocktail as you savour the sights of the river Scheldt. (B,L,D)







## Day 8

# BRUSSELS

Today, we tour Brussels, an ancient yet modern city. We take a walking tour through the quaint avenues of Belgium's capital to the 'Grand Place.' Surrounded by opulent guild halls and anchored by the magnificent City Hall and the spectacular Maison du Roi (the "King's House"), this UNESCO World Heritage Site is known for its aesthetic wealth. We will be docked in Brussels for the next 36 hours, so take the opportunity to sample Brussels hearty cuisine and famous beer. (B,L,D)

### Overnight in Brussels



## Day 9

# BRUGES

Belgium's most beautiful jewel, Bruges is known for winding canals, cobbled streets, and medieval buildings. Its oval-shaped, historic city centre features several market squares lined by splendid churches, whitewashed houses, and soaring towers including the iconic Belfry of Bruges, a medieval bell tower overlooking Market Square. (B,L,D)

### **Journeys Exclusive Excursion – Bruges City Tour**

Join us on a Journeys by Van Dyke exclusive excursion to Bruges – Belgium's most beautiful jewel. Our all-day excursion includes a guided walking tour as well as a boat cruise through the beautiful canals of one of Europe's best-preserved medieval cities. Following some free time to enjoy lunch in the Market Square, we will make a stop at the Adegem Canadian War Cemetery before returning to the ship.







## Day 10

# GHENT

Ghent, “The Diamond of Flanders,” is one of the country’s most entrancing cities. Our morning tour of the city will take us to St. Bavo’s Cathedral, which houses an impressive number of art treasures including the baroque high altar in white, black and red flamed marble, a major work by Rubens, the ‘Calvary Triptych’, tombs of the Ghent bishops, and the world-famous Adoration of the Mystic Lamb painted by Hubert and Jan van Eyck. Lunch will be on board, before an evening of live entertainment as we cruise to Bossuit. (B,L,D)



## Day 11

# FLANDERS FIELD

During the First World War, Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae penned a poem in the midst of rows of poppies in Flanders field. The poppies in his poem are used today as vivid symbols of remembrance and new growth amidst the devastation of war. It is amidst poppies that our full-day is spent in Ypres. Beginning with the museum in Ypres, we learn about the invasion of Belgium and the permanent remembrance ever since. Then we visit the battlefields, cemeteries, memorials and private collections. We will enjoy a light supper, before we take part in the Last Post Ceremony. Taking place every evening under the imposing arches of the Menin Gate, the town of Ypres gathers for the sounding of the Last Post bugle call. (B,L,D)







## Day 12

# MIDDELBURG & VEERE, THE NETHERLANDS

Middelburg, the capital of Zeeland, boasts one of Europe's most beautiful town halls. A monumental town, an important city during the colonial times, overflows with a wealth of historical buildings and monuments reflective of those golden times.

Later, enjoy a scenic cruise to Veere, a picture-perfect town with a busy yacht harbour, arriving in time to explore with a walking tour of this former fishing village which dates back to the early 16<sup>th</sup> century.

From Veere we will visit the Delta Works. The largest flood-protection system in the world, it remains one of the "Seven Wonders of the Modern World." (B,L,D)



## Day 13

# KINDERDIJK & ROTTERDAM

The windmill is a national symbol in Holland, and today we learn why as we tour Kinderdijk, the site of 19 windmills built in 1740. Following lunch, we will enjoy a tour of Rotterdam, the Netherlands' second-largest metropolis and Europe's busiest port. Nearly levelled during World War II, Rotterdam now stands as a beacon of resilience, with its rebuilt architecture and diverse cultures marking it as a unique, modern metropolis. Today, Rotterdam is known for its lively cultural life, top-class museums, and diverse, multi-ethnic community – truly a 21<sup>st</sup> century city. (B,L,D)







## Day 14

# KEUKENHOF GARDENS & HAARLEM

Marvel 32 hectares of Europe's most beautiful tulip garden. After we visit Haarlem, a major flower-growing district outside Amsterdam. (B,L,D)

### **Journeys Exclusive Excursion – Keukenhof Gardens**

This morning, we visit the most beautiful tulip garden in Europe – Keukenhof. With over seven million flower bulbs planted and blooming annually over 32 hectares, this splendid floral display is one of the world's largest flower gardens.

On our return to the ship, we enjoy lunch, before an afternoon visit of Haarlem, a major flower bulb growing district outside of Amsterdam. Following our return on board, delight in an evening of river cruising as we return to Amsterdam.



## Day 15

# AMSTERDAM

Floating down Amsterdam's canals is one of the most memorable ways to discover the city's sights and attractions. Everything in Amsterdam seems a bit more magical when viewed from a boat. We explore Amsterdam's UNESCO protected canal ring before returning to the ship for lunch, and an afternoon of free time to enjoy your final moments of our time in Amsterdam. This evening on board, join your fellow guests and toast to your Captain and crew at our farewell dinner. (B,L,D)







## Day 16

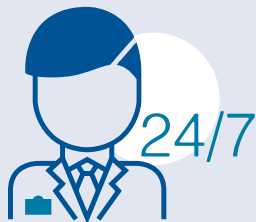
# FAREWELL

Today we bid “tot ziens” to our new friends and make our way to the airport for our flight home. Enjoy our private car to your home. (B)



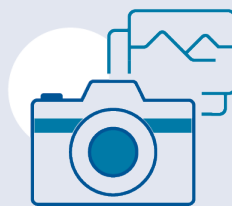
# Signature Inclusions on this Journey

In addition to our essentials, your Journey includes our following Signature Inclusions:



## 24/7 Professional Journey Manager

- Will travel with you from Canada and handle every detail
- In addition to knowledgeable local guides



## Memorable Private Excursions

- Private excursions crafted by our team
- All sightseeing & entrance fees included



## Private Car Pick-up Service

- Within a 200-kilometre radius, let your Journey begin in elegant comfort with a private chauffeured car to the airport



## Generous Tips & Gratuities

- For the porters, local guides, hotel staff & many more, paid by us on your behalf

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## Our essentials included with your Journey:

- **14 nights** on the Avalon Imagery II
- **All meals included** (14 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 14 dinners)
- **Round-trip airfare** from Toronto with Air Canada
- **All taxes** as well as port & service charges
- **"Whisper" radios** included for use during excursions
- Flights from select Canadian gateways for only \$100
- Other gateways & travel classes available
- Porterage for one piece of luggage per person
- Complete information & assistance leading up to your departure
- Branded overnight carry-on or backpack



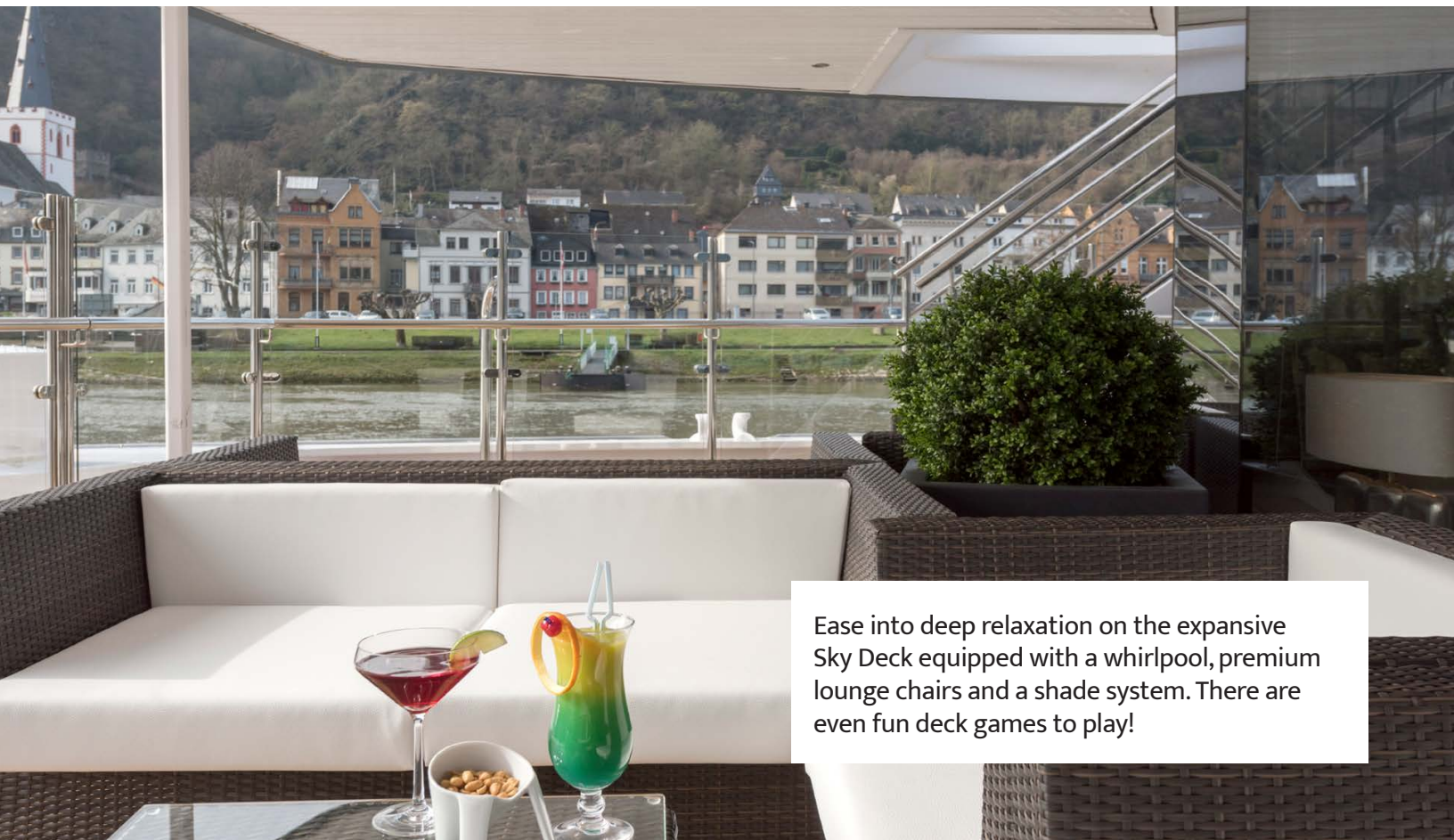
Sailing along the Dutch and Belgian waterways, explore all the beautiful ports and harbours of The Netherlands on a beautiful ship catering to 128 pampered guests.



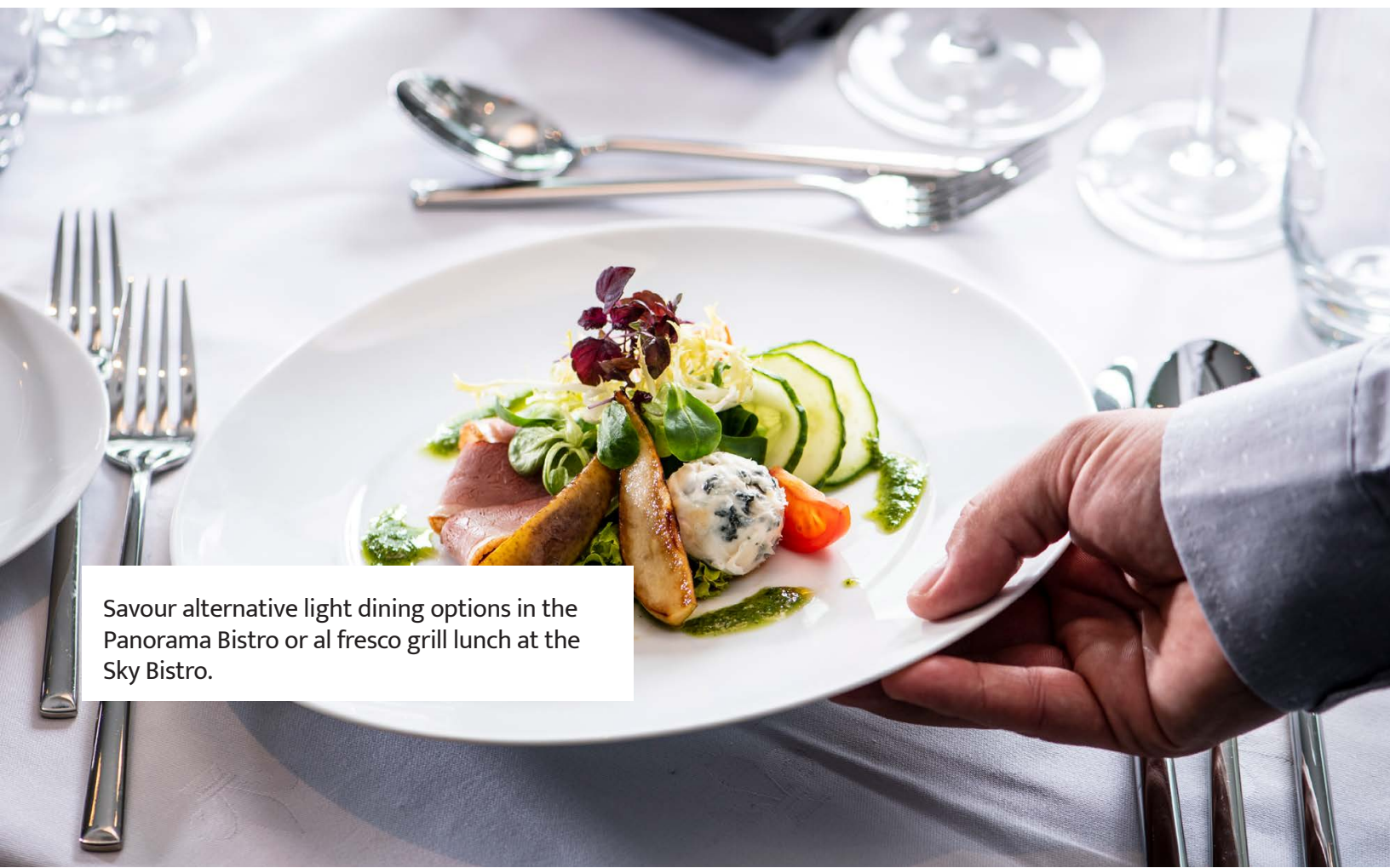
# Discover the Avalon Imagery II







Ease into deep relaxation on the expansive Sky Deck equipped with a whirlpool, premium lounge chairs and a shade system. There are even fun deck games to play!



Savour alternative light dining options in the Panorama Bistro or al fresco grill lunch at the Sky Bistro.



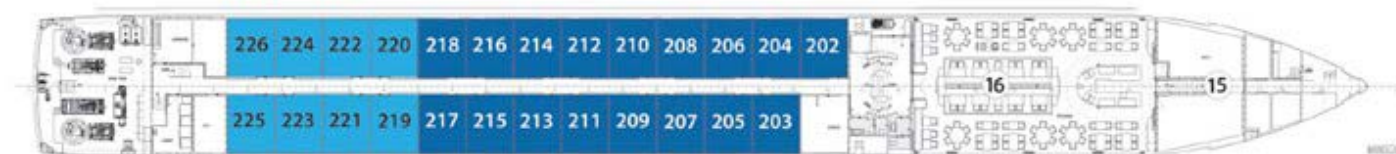
### SKY DECK



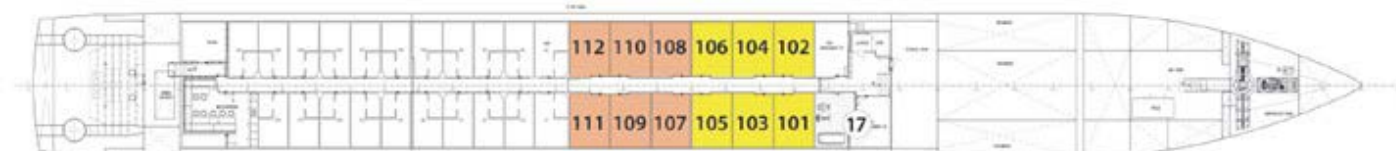
### ROYAL DECK



### SAPPHIRE DECK



### INDIGO DECK



## DECK PLAN

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|---|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Sky Lounge                                    | 6 Deck Game Area     | 12 Elevator       |
| 2 Navigation Bridge                             | 7 Observation Lounge | 13 Lobby          |
| 3 Sky Grill                                     | 8 Panorama Bistro    | 14 Club Lounge    |
| 4 Whirlpool                                     | 9 Panorama Lounge    | 15 Galley         |
| 5 Premium Lounge<br>Chairs and Shade<br>Awnings | 10 Bar               | 16 Dining Room    |
|   | 11 Reception         | 17 Fitness Center |

## CATEGORIES

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|--------------------|---|
| <b>Royal Suite</b> | Royal Deck   Royal Suites               |
| <b>Cat. P</b>      | Royal Deck   Panorama Suites            |
| <b>Cat. A</b>      | Sapphire Deck Forward   Panorama Suites |
| <b>Cat. B</b>      | Sapphire Deck Aft   Panorama Suites     |
| <b>Cat. D</b>      | Indigo Deck Aft   Deluxe Staterooms     |
| <b>Cat. E</b>      | Indigo Deck Forward   Deluxe Staterooms |

# Deck Plan



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# Fares & Staterooms



## E — Deluxe Stateroom

172 sqft

The Deluxe stateroom offers the perfect place to relax after a day of exploring the finest sights in Europe. Atop your Comfort Collection bed with Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, you are sure to find bliss.

- Choice of double or twin bed configuration
- Luxurious mattress toppers & European-style duvets
- L'Occitane bath products along with bathrobes & slippers
- Nightly turn-down service
- Flatscreen television with satellite service
- Well-stocked minibar
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Individual climate control

Double Occupancy  
**\$10,995**

Single Occupancy  
**On Request**



## D — Deluxe Stateroom

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- Nightly turn-down service
- Flatscreen television with satellite service
- Well-stocked minibar
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Individual climate control

Double Occupancy  
**\$11,995**

Single Occupancy  
**On Request**

Prices are per guest in CAD, all taxes included.



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# Fares & Staterooms



## B — Panorama Suite

200 sqft

The Panorama suite offers uncompromised views of the rivers and sights of Europe. Atop your Comfort Collection bed or sitting area, enjoy watching the world move by through your retractable, wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling panorama window.

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- Flatscreen television with satellite service
- Well-stocked minibar
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Individual climate control

Double Occupancy  
\$13,995

Single Occupancy  
On Request



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- Well-stocked minibar
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- Individual climate control

Double Occupancy  
\$14,195

Single Occupancy  
On Request

Prices are per guest in CAD, all taxes included.