

# Portrait of Europe – Imperial Splendour

with Richard and Susan Harrison-Tustain  
28th August – 26th September 2020

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**This tour is specifically designed  
to allow you time to absorb, savour and  
immerse yourself in 'authentic Europe'.**

Our hand-picked destinations and experiences make this an adventure you will treasure for a lifetime, and combines the wonders, sophistication and history of central Europe with a spectacular, relaxing cruise on the Queen's barge along the river Douro in Portugal.

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## Itinerary

**BB** Bed & Breakfast | **BBL** Bed, Breakfast & Lunch  
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### Friday 28th August 2020 – MUNICH, GERMANY (D)

Let's begin our tour in a fun, relaxed Munich style!. Join us for welcome drinks and nibbles at 6pm in the Hirschgarten Beer Garden. Let the adventures begin! Our authentic hotel is ideally situated for you to explore!

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### Saturday 29th August 2020 – HOHENSCHWANGAU, GERMANY (BB)

We board our luxury coach for the drive to the village of Hohenschwangau. Here we will explore the 'fairy tale' castle Neuschwanstein built by King Ludwig II. A must-see is the Marienbrücke bridge over the Pollat Gorge to shoot the iconic Neuschwanstein photo!

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### Sunday 30th August 2020 – HOHENSCHWANGAU, GERMANY (BB)

Today our coach takes us to see some incredible sights. First stop is Linderhof Palace, then on to Oberammergau, famous for its Passion Play season (performed every 10 years) and its wood carvers. Finally, the Pilgrimage Church of Wies, on the UNESCO World Heritage List since 1983, is something truly special!

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### Monday 31st August 2020 – SALZBURG, AUSTRIA (BB)

The magical, musical city of Mozart's birth. Divided by the Salzach River, with medieval and baroque buildings of the pedestrian Altstadt (Old City) on its left bank, facing the 19th-century Neustadt (New City) on its right.

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### Tuesday 1st September 2020 – SALZBURG, AUSTRIA (BB)

A day for walking and exploring. The area of Getreidegasse and Goldgasse is particularly beautiful with lovely old buildings, excellent restaurants and cafes and great shopping. Mozart's Birth House is nearby and Hohensalzburg (Salzburg Fortress), accessed via a fun funicular ride, provides a great view overlooking the town.

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### Wednesday 2nd September 2020 – SALZBURG, AUSTRIA (BB)

A short coach ride takes us for a photo stop at Schloss Leopoldskron, the beautiful Rococo Palace that was the location for filming 10 of the outdoor scenes for 'The Sound of Music'. Then on to the quirky and entertaining water gardens at Schloss Hellbrunn. We return to Germany for a visit to Berchtesgaden, then Obersalzberg - Adolf Hitler's former mountain residence, the Berghof, and Kehlsteinhaus, popularly known as the 'Eagle's Nest.'

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### Thursday 3rd September 2020 – HALLSTATT, AUSTRIA (BB)

Spectacular mountain scenery accompanies us on our ride to Hallstatt whose beauty, says Lonely Planet, "borders on the surreal and the sublime". This beautiful lake-side village is an ideal place to relax and re-charge.

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### Friday 4th September 2020 – HALLSTATT, AUSTRIA (BB)

We will take the cable car up to the Hallstatt Skywalk for a great view of the lake & mountains, then on to the Salz Welten for a tour of an ancient salt mine dating back more than 3,000 years.

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### Saturday 5th September 2020 – HALLSTATT, AUSTRIA (BB)

If you wish - hire a boat on the lake to provide a restful perspective on the town. Hallstatt Museum gives an insight into the history of this extremely ancient and stunningly beautiful village. Even if you're not a "history buff", this museum is definitely worth a stop.

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### Sunday 6th September 2020 – VIENNA, AUSTRIA (BB)

Ahhh Vienna! This wonderful, historic, imperial city has lots to see and do. Home to the Habsburg Dynasty, the Strauss family of waltz fame, the magic of Mozart and the stupendous genius of Beethoven. We have 3 full days here, so there will be plenty of time to explore.

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### Monday 7th September 2020 – VIENNA, AUSTRIA (BB)

Let's take the 'hop on hop off' bus for a central city orientation. Then we can check out some of the sights ourselves. From our hotel a walk to Stephansplatz will take you past the Vienna State Opera and fantastic shopping possibilities.

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### Tuesday 8th September 2020 – VIENNA, AUSTRIA (BB)

Today brings more chances to explore. Perhaps a visit to the Pasqualati House, once home to Beethoven and visit a Kaffeehaus, a traditional Viennese coffee house, founded as a result of the 17th century Ottoman Turkish siege of the city.

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#### **Wednesday 9th September 2020 – VIENNA, AUSTRIA (BBD)**

Our coach will take us to the hugely impressive Schönbrunn Palace - the main summer residence of the Habsburg rulers. The 1,441-room Baroque palace is one of the most important architectural, cultural, and historical monuments of Austria.

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#### **Thursday 10th September 2020 – PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC (BB)**

Prague, like Vienna, has an over-abundance of wonderful sights and things to do. A walking tour will be a great way to orient ourselves.

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#### **Friday 11th September 2020 – PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC (BB)**

Amongst the sight and activities to experience in Prague are: Saint Vitus Cathedral - #1 of 1,026 things to do in Prague and Prague Castle. The Jewish Quarter (Josefov) - located between the Old Town Square and the Vltava River. Its torrid history dates from the 13th century.

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#### **Saturday 12th September 2020 – PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC (BB)**

Staromestske namEsti - #2 of 1,026 things to do in Prague!! The most significant square of historical Prague, it was founded in the 12th century and has been witness to many historical events. Old Town Hall with Astronomical Clock. The Old Town Hall is one of the most significant monuments in the Czech Republic.

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#### **Sunday 13th September 2020 – PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC (BB)**

Wenceslas Square - The lively centre of Prague's commercial, social and cultural life, with shops, cafes, hotels and nightclubs lining its main avenue. Gallery of Steel Figures. Fascinating steel sculptures. Just off Wenceslas Square.

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#### **Monday 14th September 2020 – NUREMBERG, GERMANY (BB)**

Our route to Nuremberg takes us close to the Pilsner Urquell brewery. It would be rude not to pay them a visit and tour their brewery wouldn't it? Nuremberg, Bavaria's second-largest city, was for centuries the undeclared capital of the Holy Roman Empire and the preferred residence of most German kings. "Nuremberg shines throughout Germany like a sun among the moon and stars".

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#### **Tuesday 15th September 2020 – NUREMBERG, GERMANY (BB)**

The Altstadt - the old town centre with markets, shopping, restaurants is rated #1 of 150 things to do in Nuremberg. A visit to the Toy Museum is a must for those who enjoy 'worlds in miniature'. This afternoon our coach will take us to the The Documentation Center, in the still unfinished Congress Hall on the former Nazi Party Rally Grounds. It houses the "Fascination and Terror" exhibition examining the causes, context and consequences of Nazi tyranny.

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#### **Wednesday 16th September 2020 – FRANKFURT, GERMANY (BBD)**

On our drive to Frankfurt a 'must see' on the way is the town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber famous for its well-preserved medieval buildings, and part of the popular Romantic Road through southern Germany. Visit Kathe Wohlfahrt's Christmas Shop which has the glitz and magic of Christmas all year round.

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#### **Thursday 17th September 2020 – PORTO, PORTUGAL (BB)**

Our direct flight to Porto delivers us to this opulent city on the banks of the River Douro. This afternoon we have time to explore and take in the vibe of this city full of charms.

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#### **Friday 18th September 2020 – MV SPIRIT OF CHARTWELL, RIO DOURO, PORTUGAL, 7 NIGHT LUXURY CRUISE (BBLD)**

Begin the day with a 'Culinary Backstreets' walking tour from Decadent to Down-home in the Heart of Porto'. At the Vila Nova de Gaia pier we step aboard our splendid, privately chartered Royal Cruise Barge The Spirit of Chartwell (used by QE2 on the River Thames for her Diamond Jubilee), our home for the next 7 days - exclusively ours!

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#### **Friday 25th September 2020 – PORTO, PORTUGAL (BBD)**

After our farewell breakfast we disembark at 9am. Now it's time to enjoy a late morning and an afternoon to relax and mooch at your leisure. In the evening we will meet for our special farewell traditional dinner!

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#### **Saturday 26th September 2020 – PORTO, PORTUGAL (BB)**

Sadly it's time to say "adeus"...for now! Our tour ends after another beautiful breakfast, we go our separate ways after a holiday packed full of diversity, awe-inspiring experiences and life-long memories. See you next time!

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## MV Spirit of Chartwell

The MV Spirit of Chartwell defines luxury river cruising and sets the standard for service and quality. She was selected to carry the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh in a flotilla of more than 1,000 vessels on the river Thames during the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. The finest interior furnishings, the impressive amount of space, and the high number of staff members per guest, create an elegant atmosphere; an environment where every need is predicted and promptly attended to during the calm passage through Portugal's majestic Douro River Valley. Our 'Portrait of Europe' tour will be chartering the Spirit of Chartwell, so our group will have her exclusively for this cruise of a lifetime!

## Meet your tour guides

Recognised as one of New Zealand's favourite artists, Susan Harrison-Tustain enjoys an extraordinarily successful career as an internationally acclaimed and award winning artist, mentor and tutor. Her husband Richard has worked as a European Tour Leader for many seasons and was in the New Zealand wine industry for 15 years.



Both Susan and Richard have travelled extensively and draw from this expertise when they hand pick stunning destinations and create unforgettable experiences for their tour guests. They are delighted with their 2020 European "Portrait of Europe - Imperial Splendour" tour as it combines the magnificent culture, art and history of central Europe with the wonderful edginess, opulence and cuisine of Porto on the banks of Portugal's Douro River.

"Our tours are about creating leisurely paced holidays that spring from our unique mix of skills - beginning with our wide experience in travel, painting, photography, wine appreciation and cuisine. It's a great combination that works extremely well for our tour guests and allows unique additional options. I think the best testament comes from those who want to return again and again" says Susan.

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## What's included

- Fully escorted by Susan and Richard from Munich to Porto
- 29 nights accommodation (including river cruise) with meals as specified. (All breakfasts included)
- 7 nights cruising the Douro River on the MV Spirit of Chartwell in twin-bed rooms - with all onboard meals (including wine, beer, water, coffee & tea with meals). Gratuities also included on river cruise
- Porterage throughout based on 1 suitcase per person
- Luxury air conditioned coach
- Painting with Susan and Photography with Richard
- Wine appreciation tasting with Richard
- Meeting and welcome drinks and dinner at tour start in Munich
- Guided visit of Neuschwanstein Castle
- Visit to Linderhof Palace, Oberammergau and the Pilgrimage Church of Wies
- Funicular and castle visit of Hohensalzburg (Salzburg Fortress)
- Photo stop for Schloss Leopoldskron & visit to water gardens of Schloss Hellbrunn
- Visit to Obersalzberg and Hitler's 'Eagle's Nest'
- Hallstatt Skywalk funicular and salt mine guided tour
- Big Bus evening guided orientation tour of Vienna
- Visit to the Kunsthistorisches Museum (Art History Museum) Vienna
- Visit to the Belvedere Palace, Vienna to view The Kiss and other works of Gustav Klimt
- Audio guided 40 room Grand Tour of Schönbrunn Palace, Vienna
- Heurigen (wine tavern) Vienna Woods visit and dinner
- Classical music concert in St Anne's Church, Vienna
- Guided walking tour of Prague Castle and surrounds
- Pilsner Urquell brewery tour
- Visit to the Nazi Party Rally Grounds Documentation Centre Museum, Nuremberg
- Visit to the medieval Romantic Road town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber
- Altstadt (old town) of Frankfurt and dinner at traditional Frankfurt eatery
- Flight from Frankfurt to Porto
- Culinary Backstreets cuisine walking tour with at least 10 tasting stops in Porto
- Farewell dinner and drinks in Porto
- Gratuities to drivers and guides for excursions on land and river portion of this itinerary

**\$22,700\* Twin Share per person, land only**

**Single Supplement \$5,675.00**

## What's not included

- International Airfares pre and post tour
- Travel Insurance (this is mandatory)
- Currency fluctuations
- Passport and Visa fees
- Personal meals and beverages (unless included in the itinerary)
- Items of a personal nature
- Suggested optional land excursions, tours and visits (unless included in the itinerary)

\*Terms and Conditions. Confirmation for the cruise booking must be secured by a NZ\$2,500 per person non-refundable deposit, which is required within 3 business days of the reservation and a second deposit of NZD\$7,500 per person is due on or before Wednesday 28 August 2019. The balance of the tour is required on or before Wednesday 24 June 2020. All payments are to be made by Cash, Cheque, EFTPOS or Direct Internet Banking or credit card, including Q Card or Gem Visa. Credit Card payment will incur a 2.5% surcharge for Visa or Mastercard and 5% for Amex. A FULL & COMPREHENSIVE Travel Insurance policy must be purchased at the time of paying your deposit. Pricing is based on per person twin or double share accommodation and Fixed Twin Cabin with Ensuite. All pricing is in NZ Dollars. Tariff and exchange rates used are based in effect as at February 2019. As changes in exchange rates may occur, we reserve the right to adjust prices accordingly. It is our policy to try to present true costs of our holiday inclusive of all airlines and cruise line taxes, levies and surcharges. Please accept however that these taxes and levies are not within our control, therefore if a new tax, levy or surcharge is to be introduced or increased, we reserve the right to pass on any increase in cost. Events beyond our control, such as currency fluctuations, changes in the price of aviation, coach and ship fuel, or changes to the cost of services and facilities may result in prices charged to you being different. If unforeseen circumstances beyond our control require us to make necessary changes to your holiday, we reserve the right to cancel or reschedule departures and itineraries. When it is necessary to change a hotel, the company reserves the right to substitute accommodation of at least a similar standard. Should unforeseen circumstances require a change to the tour escorts the company reserves the right to do so. Amending your flights will be subject to availability and any additional cost will be advised. Cruise lines reserve the right to change ports of call at any time including during the cruise itself. Documents will be received 30 days prior to travel.