



## **‘Magna Carta’ – River Thames – 2019**

7 days - Limited to 8 guests

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The River Thames runs throughout the tapestry of English history, and 'Magna Carta' takes you on a voyage of discovery. Cruising between Henley and Hampton Court, you see picturesque villages and royal palaces, stop at Windsor Castle and the Astors' lush Cliveden Estate and Gardens, raise a pint at what is reputed to be the oldest inn in England, and visit traditional craftsmen at work in a boatyard that has lined the Thames for more than 300 years.

## **Itinerary**

### **DAY 1 SUNDAY**

Meet in London for a traditional English cream tea before transferring to 'Magna Carta,' moored at Hampton Court. After a reception and captain's welcome, sit down to a gourmet dinner on board.

**'Magna Carta' | Meals: Dinner**

### **DAY 2 MONDAY**

Visit Hampton Court Palace, built by Cardinal Wolsey in the early 16th century. Wander through the 60 acres of beautiful riverside gardens with their famous maze before an afternoon cruise to Bell Weir Lock at Runnymede.

**'Magna Carta' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

**DAY 3 TUESDAY**

This morning, you may use the fitness and spa facilities at the newly-refurbished Runnymede on Thames Hotel. In the afternoon, visit Windsor Castle, built in the 11th century by William the Conqueror and still inhabited by the modern-day Royal Family.

**'Magna Carta' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

**DAY 4 WEDNESDAY**

Cruise to Boveney Lock for a private tour of Dorney Court, which has been owned by the Palmer Family for 450 years. It has provided a lovely setting for films such as Poirot and The Other Boleyn Girl. After lunch, 'Magna Carta' has special permission to moor at Cliveden Reach. Once home to Waldorf and Nancy Astor, the estate has enjoyed a glittering history as a hub for society events.

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**DAY 5 THURSDAY**

At Cookham this morning, visit Stanley Spencer's gallery with time to walk in the village he loved and frequently painted. At Hurley-on-Thames, observe traditional craftsmen at work in Peter Freebody's boatyard, a fixture on the Thames for more than 300 years. Then explore the 11th-century village, perhaps visiting the public bar at Ye Olde Belle, reputed to be the oldest inn in the country.

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**DAY 6 FRIDAY**

This morning cruise to Henley-on-Thames, where 'Magna Carta' moors beside the famous Regatta rowing course. After an early lunch, take a drive to Oxford, one of England's oldest university towns. Tour Christ Church, Oxford's grandest college, before returning to 'Magna Carta' for a gala farewell dinner to end the memorable week.

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**DAY 7 SATURDAY**

After breakfast, transfer back to London where your journey ends.