

# Stitchers' Escapes Cruise 2018



Stitch & cruise with friends . . .  
New, old and those you have yet to meet!

***Awesome European cities, fabulous accommodations, great traveling companions, remarkable sights, and exciting needlework classes ... all we need is you!***

We'll begin our third annual Stitchers' Escapes Cruise in Southampton, UK and travel to three memorable cities: Hamburg, Germany; Oslo, Norway; and Bruges, Belgium aboard Royal Caribbean's Navigator of the Seas.

## **Seven Unforgettable Nights!**

**August 26, 2018 - September 2, 2018**

This is an exclusive cruise for Stitchers' Escapes. You must be booked through our group in order to participate in group activities.

### **CRUISING ITINERARY**

Day 1: Come aboard / Southampton, England  
Day 2: Cruising, classes, and casual stitching!  
Day 3: Hamburg, Germany  
Day 4: Cruising, classes, and casual stitching!  
Day 5: Oslo, Norway  
Day 6: Cruising, classes, and casual stitching!  
Day 7: Bruges, Belgium  
Day 8: Disembark at Southampton

DAY	DATE	Itinerary
SUN	August 26	Embark
MON	August 27	At Sea
TUE	August 28	Hamburg
WED	August 29	At Sea
THU	August 30	Oslo
FRI	August 31	At Sea
SAT	September 1	Bruges
SUN	September 2	Disembark

### **STITCHING OPPORTUNITIES GALORE!**

Bring a project of your own choosing, enjoy the cruise stitch-along project, and take classes from either or both of our onboard teachers: our group leader, designer, and teacher, Jean Farish, and Kelly Clark, nationally known needlepoint teacher. You'll have lots of choices among counted thread and needlepoint classes. Stitchers of all levels are welcome! Kelly and Jean are the kind of teachers who can make beginners comfortable and experienced stitchers challenged. Onboard, we will have a dedicated space for our classes, casual stitch time, and pop-up boutiques in the ship's conference center. This is our very own space and we will put it to good use!

## **FEES & FARES**

Payments, in US dollars, can be made by personal check and credit card. ***Prices are for double occupancy. All cabins have two twin beds that can be converted to a Royal King.***

For each cabin type, we are quoting a Stitcher price that includes the cruise fare, all taxes and port fees, gratuities, group onboard activities, the stitch-along project, and the teaching fee for your choice of one of our included half-day classes. Since the class kits will all be different, this quoted price does not include your half-day class supplies. Additional classes (beyond the half-day class included), pre-cruise London Extravaganza activities, travel insurance, and shore excursions during our ports of call are also not included. The Non-stitcher price is for your traveling companion who does not want the stitch-along project or the included half-day class.

We offer your choice of five stateroom configurations. All include a sitting area, private bath with shower, hair dryer, TV, phone, and 110/220 electrical outlets.

### **6V Interior Stateroom**

Double Occupancy Stitcher: \$1,666 per person

Double Occupancy Non-stitcher: \$1,591 per person

Solo Occupancy Stitcher: \$2769

Just as the name implies, these are the cabins that are in the middle, rather than along the outside of the ship. 150 sqft. We have ten cabins in this category.

### **8N Oceanview Stateroom**

Double Occupancy Stitcher: \$1,821 per person

Double Occupancy Non-stitcher: \$1,746 per person

Solo Occupancy Stitcher: \$3077

These are staterooms with the cool porthole style windows so you can see where we're going. And where we've been. You get the idea. 160 sqft. We have 17 cabins in this category.

### **2D Deluxe Balcony Stateroom**

Double Occupancy Stitcher: \$2,592 per person

Double Occupancy Non-stitcher: \$2,517 per person

Solo Occupancy Stitcher: \$4621

Imagine sitting right outside your own cabin on your private balcony in you pj's and stitching. Yep. I thought you could. Cabin: 184 sqft; Balcony: 50 sqft. We have 28 cabins in this category.

### **2B Superior Balcony Stateroom**

Double Occupancy Stitcher: \$2,798 per person

Double Occupancy Non-stitcher: \$2,723 per person

Just a little larger than the 2D Deluxe Balcony Stateroom. Imagine sitting right outside your own cabin on your private balcony in you pj's and stitching. Yep. I thought you could. Cabin: 199 sqft; Balcony: 65 sqft. We have six 2B's in our group block.

### **J4 Junior Suite**

Double Occupancy Stitcher: \$2,891 per person

Double Occupancy Non-stitcher: \$2816 per person

When you need a little more space for yourself or your stash, the Junior Suite will fit the bill. Roomy private balcony perfect for stitching. Cabin: 297 sqft; Balcony: 65 sqft. Our block of cabins includes just two in this category.

***We have a limited number of cabins for solo occupancy.***

## DEPOSIT INFO AND HOW TO REGISTER

*Please read carefully.*

Your registration will be secure with a \$500 per person deposit for double occupancy cabins; \$750 deposit for solo occupancy cabins. Your balance will be divided into equal payment amounts with specific payment dates, the last of which will be May 15, 2018.

In the event you would have to cancel for any reason and we can fill your place, the following refund schedule will be in effect:

Until May 15, 2018: 100% of total funds paid, less \$150

Between May 16, 2018 and July 15, 2018: 50% of total funds paid to date, less \$150

This option is not available after July 15, 2018.

In the event you would have to cancel for any reason and we cannot fill your place, the following refund schedule will be in effect:

Until March 15, 2018: 100% of total funds paid, less \$150

Between March 16, 2018 and May 15, 2018: 100% of total funds paid, less \$250

Between May 16, 2018 and July 15, 2018: 50% of total funds paid to date, less \$350

After July 15, 2018: No refund

**Registration is open via our new website!**

[www.stitchersescapes.com](http://www.stitchersescapes.com)

To register, be prepared to pay the \$500 or \$750 deposit and have the following information:

- Your name as it appears on your passport\*\*
- Passport number\*\*
- Cabin preference (cabins are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis)

\*\*If you have not yet received your passport, you can fill in your legal name and supply your passport number later.

\*We do not keep a list of people who want to come and are seeking roommates. We encourage you to use your own network and social media to find a suitable roommate. Our Stitchers' Escapes group Facebook page is a good way to let it be known that you want to join the cruise and are looking for someone to share a cabin. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stitchersescapescruise/>

***Upon receipt of your registration application, we will confirm availability of your cabin preference and then send you a PayPal invoice which you can pay one of three ways: by check, by credit card, or by your PayPal account.***

## OUR SHIP

Our home away from home will be aboard Royal Caribbean's Navigator of the Seas with 15 Decks and 1,636 cabins for a maximum of 3,926 passengers ... and 100 of them will be enjoying the cruise with the exclusive Stitchers' Escapes group! This is a beautiful ship. We took our first Stitchers' Escapes Cruise on a sister ship, Explorer of the Seas, and found she was just the right size: large enough to impress, small enough to get around easily.

We have booked the conference center for our classes and casual stitch gatherings and 63 sleeping cabins in five categories for the stitchers and their non-stitching companions.

Navigator has all the usual features: fitness center that offers yoga and tai chi, three pools (including an adults-only solarium pool), and seven whirlpools. It also has a FlowRider and rock-climbing wall for

the adventuresome; an ice-skating rink, basketball court, running track, and mini-golf to help us stay on the move; and complimentary Broadway-style entertainment, an ice-skating show, Vegas-style casino, and 11 bars, clubs, and lounges that never have a cover charge. And there's duty-free shopping, too!

### **PRE-CRUISE LONDON EXTRAVAGANZA**

Plans are underway for an optional add-on before the cruise begins. You can enjoy all or part of the 5 days extravaganza, based in London with special rates in a to-be-announced hotel in the heart of the city. One aspect is already definite: we'll start with a tour of Highclere Castle, aka Downton Abbey! We are working on special class offerings at the Royal School of Needlework at Hampton Court Palace. We'll have to see the the iconic sights like Big Ben and the Tower of London and visit the major museums. And of course we'll have tea and scones! Details to come.

### **WHY CRUISE?**

You mean besides getting away from it all? How about uninterrupted stitching? Being with friends? Sound good? We actually have some practical reasons, too. Did you know that by the time you pay for a shared hotel room, the hotel room taxes, three meals a day plus tips, and throw in even a little bit of entertainment, you have pretty much paid for a cruise? And you have paid for it all before you even leave home so you don't need to think about anything except the stash you are going to buy! Yeah, we thought you'd see it our way.

### **WHO CAN COME?**

Stitchers and all kinds of non-stitchers: spouses, family, friends and even friends of friends. You get the idea. There will be plenty to do!

### **WHY CRUISE WITH OTHER STITCHERS?**

Need you ask? There is nothing more fun than traveling with like-minded people!

### **WILL YOU NEED A PASSPORT?**

Yes!

### **WHY MAKE A RESERVATION SO FAR IN ADVANCE?**

63 cabins are on hold for our group. Once these cabins are spoken for, there is no guarantee that you'll get the rates quoted here.

### **WHY A STITCHERS' ESCAPES CRUISE?**

Because we want to cruise and stitch with you!

### **GOT QUESTIONS?**

Email general cruise questions to Jean:

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