



MS Europa



MS Hanseatic



MS Bremen



MS Columbus



The Fleet

Hapag-Lloyd's fleet is comprised of four ships, the luxurious flagship **MS Europa**, the luxury expedition ship **Hanseatic**, the small, premium ship **Columbus**, and the premium expedition ship **Bremen**. (Bremen is not marketed outside German-speaking Europe.)

The flagship of Hapag-Lloyd is the MS Europa, a 28,000-gross-ton ship that carries just over 400 passengers in all-suite accommodations. She offers unparalleled pampering by a crew of 275. Launched in 1999, she has just undergone a refit that altered her children's playrooms and exercise rooms and added a bar.

MS Columbus, at 15,000 tons and carrying 420 passengers, was built in 1997 for the express purpose of navigating the Great Lakes. She has a retractable bridge that allows her to clear the locks in the St. Lawrence Seaway. She is a premium ship, staffed by a crew of 170. Launched in 1993, The MS Hanseatic weighs in at just over 8,000 tons and carries 184 passengers in all-outside accommodation, served by a crew of 125.



Onboard

Each ship in the Hapag-Lloyd fleet has its own personality. The MS Europa is a full-service, deluxe ship that offers the highest level of service and luxury. All passenger accommodations are outside suites, most with private veranda. Each suite is equipped with television, stocked mini-fridge, walk-in closet, safe, hair dryer and premium toiletries. There are four restaurants onboard, and the entire complement of passengers can be accommodated in the main dining room in one seating. In addition, there are two specialty restaurants seating 40 persons each, one offering Asian cuisine, the other, Italian. There is a Lido restaurant serving buffet breakfast and lunch (with made-to-order entrees) and a bistro service at dinner. There are six bars. Entertainment consists of lectures during the day and classical and jazz recitals in the evening. Dress is conservative. There is a fitness center, a golf simulator and a small spa and sauna. There is a bright, cheerful children's room, a teen room and a hobby room for adult crafts.

The MS Columbus specializes in destination cruising. The onboard ambience is informal. The single restaurant is able to seat all passengers in one sitting. The compact accommodations include both inside and outside cabins with a few suites. There are no verandas. There is an outdoor swimming pool and ample deck space, a library and a spa. There are two bars. Lectures focus on the areas visited.

The MS Hanseatic was built to travel to the edge of the ice field in the Arctic and to sail the coasts of Antarctica. She has innovative environmental controls that limit her impact on the seas she sails. Small groups of 10 to 12 passengers are guided on explorations of some of the world's least accessible places. She carries Zodiac craft to enable passengers to get close to the places she visits. While an expedition ship, she is luxurious with all outside cabins, the smallest of which measures 237 square feet. There are no verandas. Each cabin boasts a marble bath, telephone, television, minibar and e-mail. The ship has a sauna, solarium, whirlpool and gym. The restaurant seats all passengers in a single sitting, and there is an alternative Asian restaurant in the evening. Onboard lectures illumine the ports visited, augmented by video instruction. Evenings might find passengers dancing to a combo or listening to a classical recital.



Itineraries

Six months of the year the MS Europa follows the sun on a world cruise that takes it to the Americas, the South Pacific, Asia and the Middle East. The rest of the year the MS Europa sails out of Germany to Scandinavia and the Baltic and on fly-cruises in the Mediterranean. The world cruise is divided into segments, and almost no one sails the entire circumnavigation, choosing instead two- to three-week segments. In Europe there are short three-night cruises up to longer 18-night cruises. Most fall in the 10- to 14-night range.

The MS Columbus spends six weeks each fall in the Great Lakes. After leaving the Great Lakes at the end of the foliage season, this ship too follows the sun for six months. Other seasons find it in the same parts of the world as the MS Europa. Cruises average in length from 10 to 18 nights. The MS Hanseatic travels the world for much of the year. It is an expedition vessel capable of exploring remote coasts worldwide. The MS Hanseatic has an ice-hardened hull and sails to the Arctic regions of northern Europe in summer, the branches of the Amazon in fall, the Antarctic continent in (Northern Hemisphere) winter and the smallest islands of the South Pacific. Cruises range from 12 to 18 nights and longer.

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