



Scenic Opal

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Overview of the Scenic Opal Space Ship

- The Scenic Opal is a 135m long ship.
- It has room for 169 guests & 53 crew members.
- There are 13 staterooms (lower deck) & 72 staterooms with balconies.
- Some of the facilities are: Vitality pool on top deck; Panorama Deck on the bow; the Bar & Lounge; the River Café; Portobellos Restaurant; a lift; a Spa Area; a fitness center; a hairdresser and the Crystal Restaurant, with the Table La Rive.
- We sailed on the Opal in December 2015.

The Scenic Opal

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Standard Scenic Cruise Features

- Your own butler (services vary by stateroom category);
- complimentary beverages all day, every day;
- six dining options;
- the Tailormade GPS device;
- balcony suites on the 2 upper decks;
- electronically assisted bikes;
- complimentary Wi-Fi; laundry and airport transfers.
- There are no extra charges for tours or gratuities, but massages and the hairdresser are extra charges.

Electronic Assisted Bikes



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Bar & Lounge



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Dining Options on our Cruise

- The Crystal Dining room serves most of the meals. Breakfast and lunch are buffet style (although there are some items you can order off the menu) and most dinners are served at your table at night.
- **The best dining experience in the Crystal Dining room was the seafood buffet**—it is the best seafood buffet we have tasted on any cruise ship period!
- Other dining venues include the **River Café** (a casual all-day dining place), **Portobellos** and the **Table La Rive**.
- **Portobellos Restaurant** is for 32 guests at one nightly seating, and reservations are necessary, but each guest is given at least one chance to dine there during a 7 day cruise. We thought the five course Italian meal that was paired with Tuscan wines was excellent and a special feature of the cruise.
- You can also get **room service from your butler**, certainly not a standard feature on most river cruise lines.
- During good weather, there sometimes are special meals served on the Sun Deck area.

Crystal Restaurant.



Crystal Restaurant Seafood Buffet



Portobellos Restaurant



Portobellos Restaurant



Portobellos Restaurant



Our Cabin

- Our balcony cabin was 205 square feet, a good size for a river cruise ship.
- It had a comfortable bed, 32 inch flat screen TV, a well-designed bathroom (shower only), and a good size closet with a stocked bar (no extra charge!)
- The **highlight was the Scenic Sun Lounge**—at a push of a button, the glass enclosed lounge converts to an open air balcony—it was awesome!
- **We had a butler**, who escorted us to our cabin and explained his duties and made sure we knew how everything in the cabin was and how it worked

Our Balcony Suite



Our Balcony Suite—It converts to an open air balcony at the push of a button



Our Balcony Suite



Our Balcony Suite Bathroom



Our Balcony Suite



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