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# Cruising to the Heart of the Baltic

## Group Cruise with Nicholas Merchant

26<sup>th</sup> May 2019 • 13 nights • Sails from Southampton • *Braemar* • M1913  
From only **£1,699** per person

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| Date             | Arrive   | Depart     | Destination                     |
|------------------|----------|------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>MAY 2019</b>  |          |            |                                 |
| Sun 26           |          | PM         | <b>Southampton</b>              |
| Mon 27-Tue 28    |          |            | <i>Cruising</i>                 |
| Wed 29           | early am | late pm    | <b>Copenhagen, Denmark</b>      |
| Thu 30           |          |            | <i>Cruising</i>                 |
| Fri 31           | early am | late pm    | <b>Helsinki, Finland</b>        |
| <b>JUNE 2019</b> |          |            |                                 |
| Sat 01           | early am |            | <b>St Petersburg, Russia</b>    |
| Sun 02           |          | late pm    | <b>St Petersburg, Russia</b>    |
| Mon 03           |          |            | <i>Cruising</i>                 |
| Tue 04           | early pm | late night | <b>Rønne, Bornholm, Denmark</b> |
| Wed 05           | early am | late night | <b>Travemünde, Germany</b>      |
| Thu 06           | early am | late pm    | <i>Cruising Kiel Canal</i>      |
| Fri 07           |          |            | <i>Cruising</i>                 |
| Sat 08           | AM       |            | <b>Southampton</b>              |



This itinerary takes you in close to five distinctly different ports, reducing walking distances and the need for buses. You'll experience the grandeur cathedrals and palaces in St Petersburg and Copenhagen; the extraordinary ruins of medieval Bornholm; the cool vibe of Finland's capital and the picturesque German countryside surrounding the Kiel Canal.

Arriving into Copenhagen, the delights of the Danish royal palaces and castles are all within easy reach from *Braemar's* city centre docking location. Historic sites well worth exploring include the attractive Nyhavn waterfront district and Tivoli Gardens.

Peterhof Palace and the Church of the Saviour on Spilled Blood.

The contrast that awaits on the Danish island of Bornholm is a dramatic one. While Rønne's pretty cobbled streets and half-timbered houses are interesting in their own right, it's the 13<sup>th</sup> century Hammershus – the largest castle ruins in Northern Europe – which presents the standout moment at this destination. Travemünde follows, where *Braemar* docks close to its charming streets, lined with traditional houses, shops and cafés. The adventure concludes with a scenic cruise through the stunning Kiel Canal, a feat only possible for smaller ships.

Charming Helsinki is your next port of call to explore. The UNESCO-listed sea fortress and the neoclassical architecture of Senate Square sit alongside many wonderful galleries, museums and shops. An overnight stay in St. Petersburg follows. This stylish city is a treasure trove of iconic landmarks, including the Hermitage and Faberge Museums,

### Recommended experiences

- ▶ Savour St Petersburg's grand architecture
- ▶ Discover Copenhagen's castles and palaces
- ▶ Visit Scandinavia's largest medieval fortification

**All included in your cruise price:** Comfortable en-suite accommodation • Breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, five-course à la carte dinner, late night buffet and self-service tea & coffee • Varied daytime activities • Lectures and talks • Swimming pools, Jacuzzis and gym • Choice of live evening entertainment • 3 formal nights • Overnight stay in St Petersburg

For bookings and enquires please call our friendly **Reservations Department** on **0800 0355 141**, quoting **GRP0263** and Cruise Code **M1913**



Nicholas Merchant's career has mirrored his abiding interest in antiques. He has worked for some of the major auction houses in London and in the provinces as well as running his own successful reference book business, devoted to the Decorative and Fine Arts, with which he exhibited in Europe and America.

His particular interest is English 18<sup>th</sup> century furniture and country houses. However, his interests are broad and he likes to discuss the art and artefacts in their historical context.

Lecturing has taken Nicholas to the United States, South Africa, Europe and all over the United Kingdom, including the Victoria and Albert Museum. Since joining the panel of lecturers of the Arts Society, formerly NADFAS, he has given many hundreds of talks on the Decorative and Fine Arts both in the UK and overseas.

Nicholas was recently chosen as the West Yorkshire Representative for the ART FUND. This prestigious organisation is responsible for ensuring the rescue of works of art which are in danger of leaving the country.



Nicholas Merchant

**Lectures and shore tours available on this cruise include:**

- ▶ Palaces in and around St Petersburg
- ▶ The collections of Peter The Great and Catherine The Great
- ▶ The work of Ilya Repin. The greatest of Russia's 19<sup>th</sup> century painters
- ▶ The Hanseatic League, its influence on art and architecture
- ▶ Treasures of the Rosenberg

**Group Prices:**

| Room type            | Price from |
|----------------------|------------|
| Interior             | £1,699pp   |
| Ocean View           | £1,999pp   |
| Superior Ocean View  | £2,499pp   |
| Balcony Twin         | £3,249pp   |
| Balcony Suite        | £3,949pp   |
| Single Interior Room | £2,799     |



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