

## Cruises

## CroisiEurope, Classic Vacations Partner on Agent Rewards, Upgrades

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CroisiEurope has announced a new partnership with San Jose-based Classic Vacations.

Through this partnership, CroisiEurope's portfolio of river, canal and coastal cruises through [Europe](#), [Asia](#) and [Africa](#) will be available to travel advisors enrolled in the Classic Connections program. Advisors will earn Classic's **Royalty Rewards** points on the value of the booking and, as an added perk, every reservation booked through the Classic Connections program will receive a complimentary bottle of white wine upon arrival.

The move comes as CroisiEurope gets set to welcome a total of five new ships to the fleet this year: The *MS Miguel Torga* was inaugurated in March 2017 and now operates on the Douro River; the *MS Symphonie II*, which rejoined the fleet in March 2017, and *MS France Douce II*, which will be reintroduced at the end of May, both on the Rhine and Danube Rivers; the *MS Indochine II* will be added to the Mekong in September 2017; and at the end of the year, CroisiEurope will unveil its first ship on Africa's Chobe and Zambezi Rivers, the *African Dream*. The itinerary in Africa will be a combined land and water itinerary, giving guests three nights on board the *African Dream*, a three-night stay in the company's first ever ground accommodations, plus time in Johannesburg and an overnight excursion to Victoria Falls.

Next year, the river cruise line plans to introduce four additional ships to the fleet. Two of those, the *Renoir* and the *Van Gogh*, will be complete remodels of existing ships that will then be re-introduced to the **Seine River** and the **Rhone and Saone Rivers**, respectively. The others will be sibling ships to two existing boats in the fleet. Traveling between **Berlin and Prague**, the *Elbe Princesse II* will be a boutique-class ship with a sleek, contemporary design and large picture windows in 45 outward-facing cabins. CroisiEurope also announced plans to add a second ship on the Chobe and Zambezi Rivers. Ship details have not yet been released, but it will be modeled after the *African Dream*, CroisiEurope said.

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