



CRUISE COMMERCE

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**Christmas Greetings from Cruise Commerce**

Dear Partners,

On behalf of the entire Cruise Commerce team I wish you all a very merry Christmas after a very challenging year. I hope you may enjoy these days with the warmth of your families. I wish you all lots of positive energy for the year to come, in which we will hopefully see light at the end of the tunnel. I look forward to seeing you all in the near future, so that we may quickly rebuild our industry back to where we left it in 2019. Take care of yourselves, your families and your colleagues.

Warm regards,

Roderik van Veelen

## Christmas in 2021

### \*\*\* Ms River Voyager \*\*\*



**The five-star MS River Voyager which can hold a 176 passengers was built in 2016. This beautiful vessel, will take you to all destinations in spacious and luxurious cabins, with all suites on the top deck. With a bistro bar as well as a lounge at the back of the ship where you can enjoy the view of the stars as you cruise along.**





**Available for Rhine cruises on the following cruises:**

**Christmas Markets:**

**29.11.2021 - 03.12.2021 - Cologne-Cologne (full charter)**

**03.12.2021 - 06.12.2021 - Cologne-Cologne (full charter)**

**06.12.2021 - 10.12.2021 - Cologne-Cologne (full charter)**

**10.12.2021 - 14.12.2021 - Cologne-Cologne (full charter)**

**14.12.2021 - 18.12.2021 - Cologne-Cologne (full charter)**

**18.12.2021 - 22.12.2021 - Cologne-Cologne (full charter)**

**Christmas Cruise:**

**22.12.2021 - 28.12.2021 - Cologne-Cologne (full charter)**

**New Year's Cruise:**

**28.12.2021 - 02.01.2022 - Cologne-Cologne - SOLD OUT**

**Routes and rates can be discussed with our sales team!**

*\*all schedules are subject to availability and change by the shipping company*

**Contact us today!**





### **\*\*\* Ms Serenade 1 \*\*\***



**The four-star plus MS Serenade 1 was built in 2005 and refurbished in 2018. This excellent vessel creates the perfect synergy between the luxury of an ocean liner and the intimacy and coziness of a river cruise ship. All bathrooms are equipped with both a shower and a bath tub, a unique feature in the river cruise industry.**



**Available for Rhine (Germany) cruises on the following cruises:**

**Christmas Markets:**

**29.11.2021 - 03.12.2021 - Düsseldorf-Cologne (full charter)**

**03.12.2021 - 07.12.2021 - Cologne-Cologne (full charter)**

**07.12.2021 - 11.12.2021 - Cologne-Cologne - SOLD OUT**

**11.12.2021 - 14.12.2021 - Cologne-Cologne (full charter)**

**14.12.2021 - 18.12.2021 - Cologne-Cologne (full charter)**

**18.12.2021 - 21.12.2021 - Cologne-Cologne (full charter)**

**Christmas Cruise:**

**21.12.2021 - 28.12.2021 - Cologne-Cologne - SOLD OUT**

**New Year's Cruise:**

**28.12.2021 - 02.01.2022 - Cologne-Cologne (full charter)**

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**Did you know?**





### ***The surprising story behind Dickens's A Christmas Carol***

Charles Dickens's classic Christmas tale *A Christmas Carol* was published over 170 years ago, in 1843. Since then, there have been countless stage, screen, and radio adaptations of the classic story. The first film adaptation was a short silent movie version in 1901, titled *Scrooge; or, Marley's Ghost*. There have been opera and ballet versions, an all-black musical called *Comin' Uptown* (1979), and even a 1973 mime adaptation for the BBC starring Marcel Marceau. The Muppets, Mickey Mouse, and Mr Magoo have all featured in adaptations of the book.

Dickens wrote *A Christmas Carol* in six weeks during October and November 1843, and it appeared just in time for Christmas, on 19 December. The book's effect was immediate. Thomas Carlyle, the Scottish historian (whom Dickens greatly admired), went straight out and bought himself a turkey after reading *A Christmas Carol*. The book has been credited with popularising the phrase 'Merry Christmas', a greeting which, prior to Dickens's story, was not widely used. The term 'Scrooge' has entered the language – and the *Oxford English Dictionary* – as shorthand for a tight-fisted and miserable person (although whenever we refer to a Christmas-hater as 'a Scrooge' we overlook the fact that Dickens's character comes to embrace the holiday as a time of goodwill and good cheer at the end of the narrative). 'Bah! Humbug!' has become a universally recognised catchphrase.

Of course, the success of the novel didn't single-handedly create, or popularise, the modern idea of Christmas. Dickens himself acknowledged the influence of Washington Irving on his Christmas work. But Dickens's book was part of a wider culture which helped to form the modern conception of the Christmas holiday. *A Christmas Carol* has a special place in the literary history of Christmas, and is worth celebrating whether as a 'gospel', a 'carol', or simply a very good tale – and, of course, is always worth rereading.

## **Christmas during lockdown - what to do?**



### **Create a virtual reality Christmas party**

The beauty of the internet is that everything is accessible! And if you can't go to see Santa – then maybe he can come to see you! We're all used to the good old Zoom parties now. Imagine the Zoom Christmas Parties! If you'd like some idea for quiz questions check out our [Mumbler Quiz blog!](#)

Virtual quizzes have become the new way to have fun on a Saturday night. Plan one for the bank holiday and invite all your best friends to join you on a video app of your choice.

View this [handy guide](#) with ideas on how to format your virtual quiz, as well as question ideas.

### **Get crafty with some baubles**

Instead of digging out your old dust-covered decs from the attic, why not spend a fun evening in making your own? Try [Hobbycraft's Fillable Baubles](#), [Not On The High Street's Paint-Your-Own Ceramic Baubles](#), or [Baker Ross's Cardboard Baubles](#).

### **Have a festive filmathon**

Nothing gets us in the Christmas spirit quite like a duvet day packed with festive films. Here are our [13 favourite Christmas films on Disney Plus](#) and the [best Netflix original Christmas films](#). Plus, did you know that [Kristen Stewart](#) and [Dan Levy](#) are teaming up for a Christmas [rom-com](#)? It's like all our Christmases have come at once! It's about a woman whose plans to propose to her girlfriend are scuppered when she realises her girlfriend has yet to come out to her conservative parents. Watch the trailer below and stream on Hulu from 25th November.



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