

# Introducing *Astoria*



Renamed for the 2016 Season of cruises from the West Country port of Bristol Avonmouth, the beautifully appointed 550-passenger *Astoria*, formerly the *MV Azores*, with her classic profile, fine lines and range of on-board amenities, is every inch the perfect complement to her sister ships. Originally built as a transatlantic liner and beautifully restored and maintained as a premium-rated cruise ship, *Astoria* offers all the comforts, convenience and the warm welcome that is the hallmark of all CMV operations. *Astoria* is a perfect home from home, both small enough to offer an intimate, friendly atmosphere, and large enough to offer a relaxed environment to ensure your holiday enjoyment.

## Welcome Aboard!

*Astoria's* short season of cruises from Bristol in early 2016 includes a trio of UK waters cruises calling at some of our remoter outposts, a 'south to the springtime sun' sailing down to the islands of the Azores, and a marvellous voyage to glorious Western Norway, seen at its best in late spring.

Fully stabilised and air-conditioned, Portuguese-registered *Astoria* offers well appointed public areas and comfortable cabins arranged on eight passenger decks served by two lifts and wide stairwells.

The ship boasts an elegant marbled reception, a stylish, two-sectioned restaurant, alternative buffet dining, and a choice of five other lounges and bars, including the a main show room.

## Spotlight on *Astoria*

- With a passenger complement of around just 550, *Astoria* offers traditional cruising in the classic style
- *Astoria's* friendly, attentive crew exudes the warmest of welcomes
- Amenities include a pool, lounges and bars, stylish restaurant and buffet dining, shop, beauty salon, fitness and beauty centre, library, cinema and traditional wrap-around promenade deck
- First-class entertainment, interesting guest speakers and some fascinating ports of call add to your cruise holiday pleasure

## Ship's Profile

### Cruise Line:

Cruise & Maritime Voyages

### Gross Tonnage:

16,144grt

### Registry:

Madeira, Portugal

### Classification Society:

RINAf, Portugal

### Passenger Capacity:

277 cabins (550 passengers)

### Built/last refurbished:

1994/2013

### Cruising Speed:

16.5 knots

### Passenger Decks:

8

### Lifts:

2

### Electric Current:

220v

### Stabilised and air-conditioned

### Officers & Crew:

International

### Cruise Staff & Entertainers:

British & International

### Dimensions

**Length:** 160.07m (525.1ft)

**Beam:** 21.03m (68.9ft)

**Draft:** 7.60m (24.9ft)



A traditional 'walk-round' promenade deck serves to enhance the sense of cruising in the classic style, with the relaxed atmosphere added to by the well-equipped fitness centre, the beauty salon with its sauna and massage facilities and the outdoor pool, which is overlooked by the Sun Deck.

*Astoria* also boasts shops, a casino, a library and a card room, all of which vie for your attention during your time aboard.

## Adult-Only Cruising

As with her fleet-mates, *Astoria* operates as an 'adult-only' vessel, with bookings accepted from teenagers above the age of 16 when accompanied by an adult.



“ We liked the *Azores* very much because it was a cruise ship for a small amount of people. The staff were exceptional, friendly and helpful. The food was excellent and plentiful. Our cabin steward looked after us extremely well.

Mr G, Penarth

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# Life *on* board

## *Astoria*



Smaller and more intimate than her fleet-mates, *Astoria* offers a wonderful range of on-board amenities, as well as plenty of places in which to find a quiet corner to curl up with a book, or to rest and relax, especially during days at sea.

With the emphasis on warm and friendly cruising, there's always something happening, arranged by the Cruise Director and the team, and published in the daily bulletin. Whether it's a light-hearted quiz, a port lecture, an exercise class or dance instruction, should you wish to join with your fellow passengers, there is no shortage of choices with which to occupy your time - and that's all before you've stepped ashore to explore - either under your own steam, or on an organised shore excursion.

When evening comes, *Astoria's* restaurant, lounges and bars put on another cloak, as the ship becomes a warm intimate home from home.

### Dining on *Astoria* - always a pleasure!

As you would expect from a cruise holiday where the accent is on the traditional, dining on board *Astoria* will invariably be one of the high points of the day, even if all your resolutions about calories and exercise are broken the minute you sit down!

The traditional two-sectioned *Olissipo Restaurant* offers delicious fare at lunchtime and in the evenings, while the *Lotus Lounge* offers alternative buffet dining. Expect to be looked after by friendly, attentive waiters

who, together with the ship's chefs, do their very best to ensure each meal is a special experience - with 'Healthy Choices' for the calorie-conscious.

Wherever you choose to eat, you can accompany your meal with a selection from the ship's extensive and reasonably priced wine list. During each cruise there will be a Captain's Welcome and Farewell Party, as well as other themed dinners, when the menus will reflect the cuisine of the day's port of call.

Of course, all meals on board *Astoria*, including morning coffee and afternoon tea and cakes, are included in the great value cruise prices.



## First-class Entertainment

Night-time entertainment is focused on the *Calypso Lounge*, where you are treated each evening to a glittering performance by the ship's troupe. Sit back as the talented team of singers and dancers entertains you with some first class cabaret and floorshows. *Astoria* boasts no less than four other bars and lounges, so whether it's sophistication in the *Sirenes* piano bar, a quiet night-cap in the *Aeolos* bar, or the beat of the disco in *Muses* night club, there's something for all tastes until you retire, perhaps after a final 'turn on the deck'.

## Your floating home... ... from home!

On any cruise, especially those of more than a few days' duration, you'll want to be assured that your chosen cabin is much more than a 'bed for the night', and that you can look forward to a good night's sleep and some 'home-from-home comforts'.

The wide range of cabins on board *Astoria* offers accommodation to suit all pockets and preferences. All passenger cabins offer private facilities with shower and bath, a TV, a hairdryer and personal safe. Superior and Deluxe cabins and Suites offer extra touches such as minibar/fridge, bathrobes and slippers and even champagne on embarkation. Outside cabins offer picture windows and portholes.

Cabins have a variety of twin and double beds, with upper berths for three and 'friendly four' sharing passengers. Outside cabins also offer porthole or larger windows.

## Upgraded Cabins on *Astoria* - where little touches mean a lot

Passengers looking to mark a special occasion, or to treat themselves to a little more luxury, can choose the added comforts and benefits of a deluxe cabin, junior suite, balcony suite or the Owner's Presidential Suite. Each of these upgraded cabins comes with several additional benefits designed to enhance the enjoyment of your holiday, and which will make a cruise on board *Astoria* an all-the-more-memorable experience.

Additional benefits in all upgraded cabins include tea/coffee-making facilities, larger Flat Screen TV screen, complimentary bathrobes and slippers, mini-bar (charge), enhanced bathroom amenity pack, Cabin Breakfast Service, fresh fruit bowl replenished throughout the cruise, use of a golfing umbrella for taking ashore, a complimentary cotton tote bag and a welcome bottle of wine and mineral water on arrival.

Passengers who choose to book *Astoria's* well appointed Junior Suites will, in addition to all the above benefits, enjoy Priority Embarkation, a welcome bottle of champagne and fresh flowers, priority boarding at tender ports, a special 'At Your Leisure' disembarkation service and complimentary UK daily or Sunday newspaper delivered on disembarkation day.

In addition to all the above benefits and services, passengers who choose to book *Astoria's* Owners Presidential Suite accommodation will receive complimentary laundry service throughout their cruise, will be served pre-dinner hors-d'oeuvres each evening, enjoy complimentary DVD hire from the ship's library, a well stocked bookshelf for holiday reading and confirmed ship's restaurant seating requests and shore excursion reservations for tours of a minimum of 40 participants.

All *Astoria's* De Luxe cabins, Junior Suites and the Owners Suite are located in prime positions on board the ship. Please consult the Deck Plan for details, or call our cruise specialists to discuss your requirements.