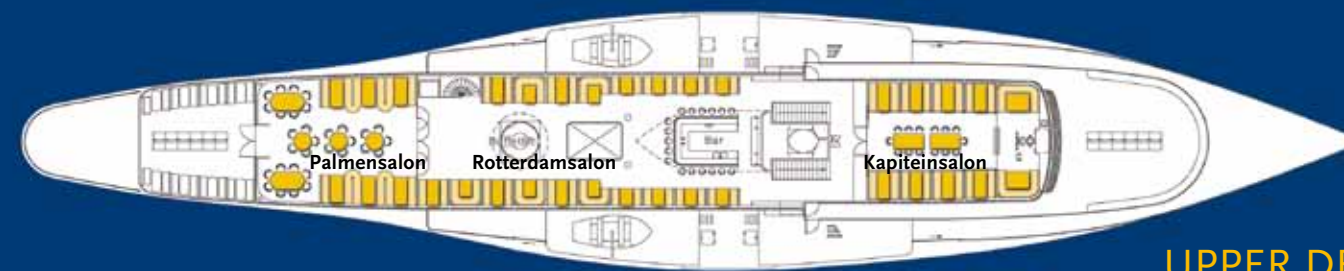


# Paddle Steamer DE MAJESTEIT



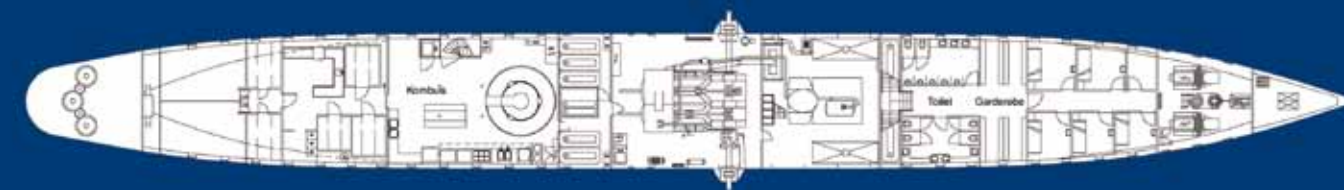
*Welcome on board!*



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



LOWER DECK



# Welcome on board!

*De Majesteit* is one of the biggest and most luxurious paddle steamers of Europe since 1926. After years of sailing the continent as a cruise ship, the ship was restored in 1999. It then became a sailing party location for business and private events. A trip with *De Majesteit* is always a true experience.

The ship is very exclusive. On board, you can count on a royal service with a nostalgic atmosphere. During your stay in one of the monumental salons, you and your guests can enjoy the best of our organization, crew and the brigade of the kitchen.

That's why you are welcome on board! You are going to experience something very exclusive.



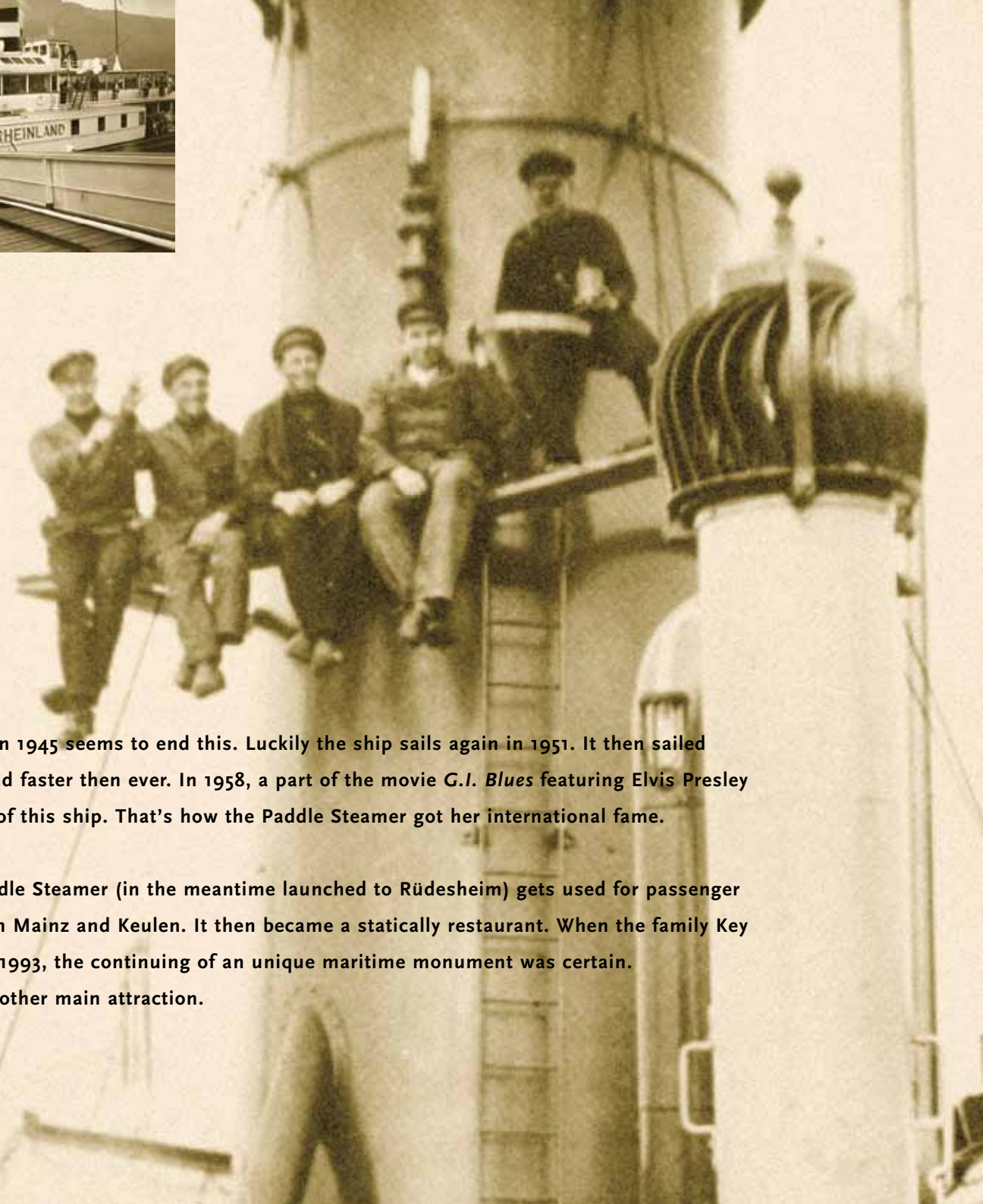
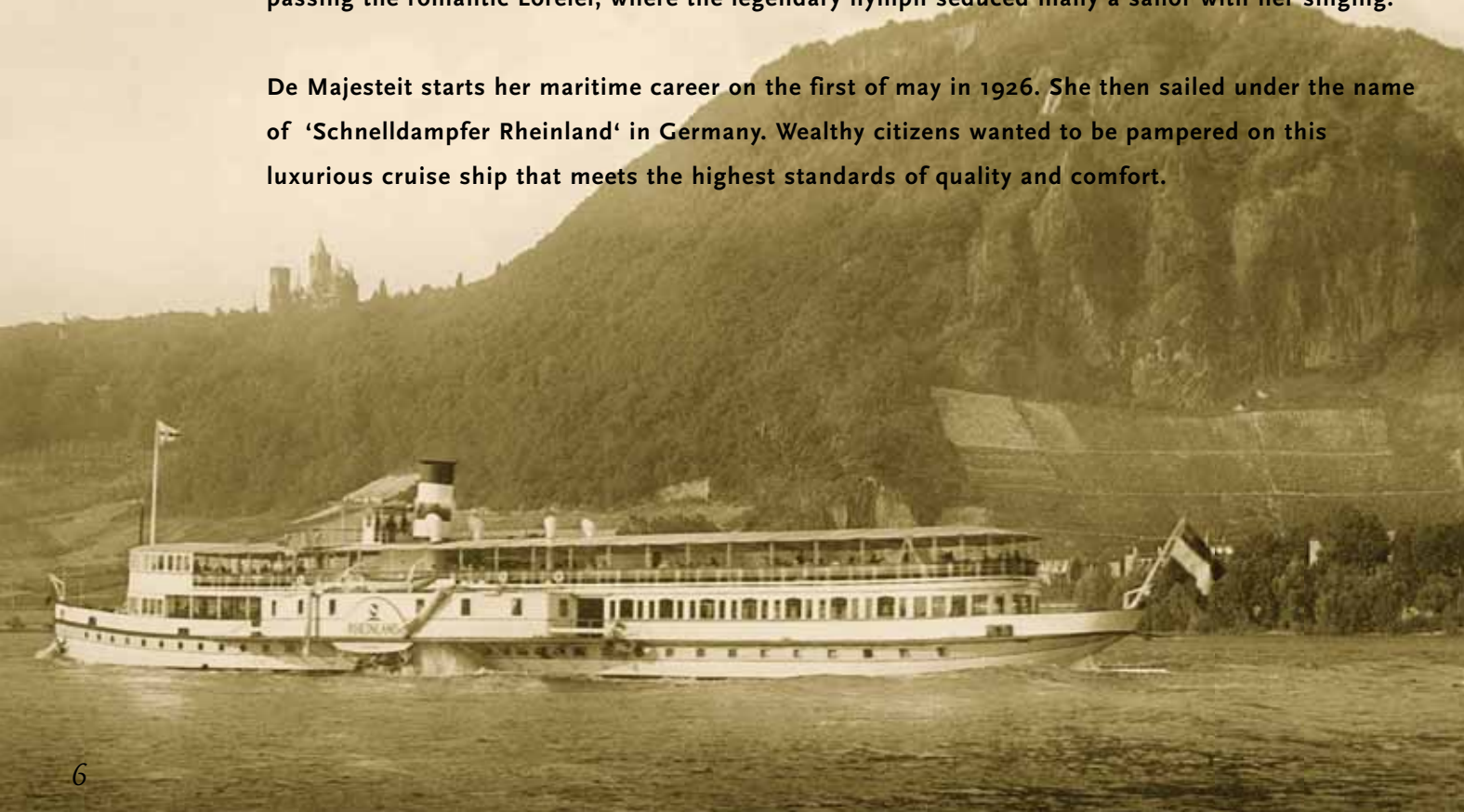




# A journey through time

What an amazing view it must have been, standing at the *Maasstation* in Rotterdam, while viewing the arrival and departure of many paddle steamers. Every signal of the steam whistle meant the beginning of an exciting trip to a new destination. For example on the river Rhine, passing the romantic Lorelei, where the legendary nymph seduced many a sailor with her singing.

De Majesteit starts her maritime career on the first of may in 1926. She then sailed under the name of 'Schnelldampfer Rheinland' in Germany. Wealthy citizens wanted to be pampered on this luxurious cruise ship that meets the highest standards of quality and comfort.



A bombardment in 1945 seems to end this. Luckily the ship sails again in 1951. It then sailed more beautiful and faster then ever. In 1958, a part of the movie *G.I. Blues* featuring Elvis Presley is shot on board of this ship. That's how the Paddle Steamer got her international fame.

Till 1983, the Paddle Steamer (in the meantime launched to Rüdesheim) gets used for passenger transport between Mainz and Keulen. It then became a statically restaurant. When the family Key buys this ship in 1993, the continuing of an unique maritime monument was certain. Rotterdam got another main attraction.



For six years, specialists have worked on the restoration of the formal showpiece of the river Rhine. It took a lot of work. With traditional methods and techniques (among others authentic riveters), the result is 'just like back in the day'. Or even better, because the modern facilities like the climate control and audiovisual presentation materials offer you an obviously added value. The majestic steam-engine (a marvelous piece of technique, viewable from the main deck) is completely restored and brought back under steam. The kettle also had to undergo a total revision and received the official approval of the Dutch Steam-engineering.



*The return of past glory*





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The antique piano wing from 1926 is, without doubt the showpiece of this salon. The space is decorated with no-nonsense Art Deco style that was extremely popular in 1920. For example, pay attention to the fan in the carpet, the geometrical accents in the furniture and the luxurious shining metals. The banks and walls are made by hand from exotic wood with wenge and nickel accents. In short, a style that brings you back to a party like in the 'roaring twenties'.

## *Pianosalon* now

Paddle Steamers have always been associated with show and entertainment. For your event on board of *De Majesteit* you can choose out of divers opportunities when it comes to music, artists, entertainment and many more. Every salon has its own music installation.



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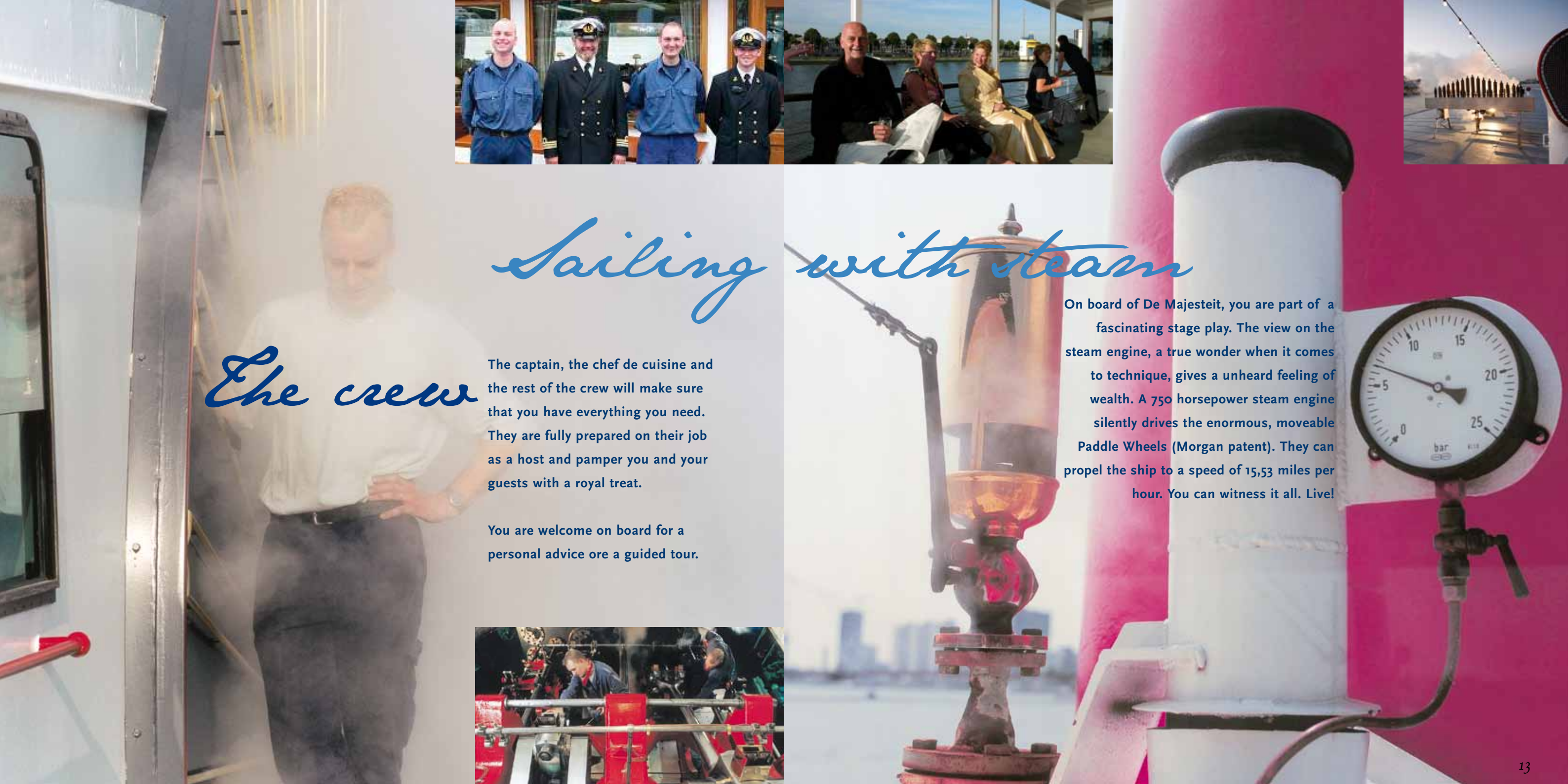
On this promenade, also called the Social Hall, the Prinsesssalon and the Veranda come together. You will run in to each other eventually. For instance, this can happen when you follow a navigational route on the electronic water card. From this place, you have a magnificent view on the spectacle from power and water. During the evening this space on board of the ship turns into a great ball room, a fairy-like ambiance exists. The domain of people who love to dance.

## *Midships* now

The midship offers numerous opportunities for presentations (up until 200 persons in theatre setup). Widespread audiovisual materials offer you a perfect assistance for your important message, special act or the performance of an artist.







## *The crew*

The captain, the chef de cuisine and the rest of the crew will make sure that you have everything you need. They are fully prepared on their job as a host and pamper you and your guests with a royal treat.

You are welcome on board for a personal advice ore a guided tour.



## *Sailing with steam*

On board of De Majesteit, you are part of a fascinating stage play. The view on the steam engine, a true wonder when it comes to technique, gives a unheard feeling of wealth. A 750 horsepower steam engine silently drives the enormous, moveable Paddle Wheels (Morgan patent). They can propel the ship to a speed of 15,53 miles per hour. You can witness it all. Live!





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Behind a bronze statue of Princes Juliana from 1935 from the sculptor Gerrit Jan van der Veen, you can find the Prinsesssalon.

When you enter the salon you are going back to the nineteenth century, when the Victorian style was popular. In an environment of green, crimson red and gold accents the rustic furniture, the tremendous antique and charming ornament are fully disposed. Here you can enjoy the best comfort that makes De Majesteit so unique.

*Prinsesssalon* now

A true spectacle is our telescopic buffet lift coming from out of the blue and making a fantastic impression. The show lift moves up to the highest deck. Not only the buffets, but also the products and artists can appear in a spectacular way. Success guaranteed.



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Have you ever stood behind the rudder of a Paddle Steamer?

On board of De Majesteit it's possible. In the Kapiteinsalon, the former headquarters,

you can see what the wheelhouse used to look like. The widespread instrument panel, complete with compass, telegraph and of course the DGPS (Digital Global Positioning System), keeps you posted of the speed, the course and the depth every minute.

*Kapiteinsalon* now

The home port of De Majesteit is in Rotterdam. A fascinating world city with an international allure. Through a cruise on the harbour, the guest gets a good example of the latest developments. This variable cruise around the *Nieuwe Maas*, alongside the spectacular skyline and through the old and modern harbours, make an exciting atmosphere.







# Culinary

In the kitchen below, our chef de cuisine and his brigade are preparing the newest gastronomic surprises. They will be presented to you in a surprising way with the help of our telescopic buffet lift. A true spectacle!



The entertainment has to meet high standards, because they also decide the success of the event. That is why you can appeal to divers entertainers and artists that can make your party have more impact.







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Ode to worlds biggest harbour city,  
the home port of De Majesteit.

Paddle Steamers are familiar to this  
harbour. Just like at the Maasstation  
in Rotterdam. Reviving old times in  
the Rotterdamsalon where captains,  
barons of the port and ministers  
meet each other in the  
nautical atmosphere  
of the yacht club.

Massive mahogany and  
lovely wrought ironwork illustrate  
the chic charisma of this desirable  
location on board.

*Rotterdamsalon* now

Big windows offer a royal view to our  
guests. The beautiful lightning globe  
above the monumental bar creates  
an ideal ambiance for pleasant  
conversations. Rotterdam Ahoy,  
cheers!



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The 'beau monde' entertained itself  
in the Palmensalon on board of the  
big transatlantic steamers, in the  
beginning of the twentieth century.  
For many lady's and gentleman this  
salon, that looked like a garden,  
was a beloved meeting place.

The Majesteit also has her  
Palmensalon, inspired by the  
famous French architect Charles  
Mèwes. He is considered as the  
creative brain behind famous places  
to go out like The Ritz in London  
and Paris.

*Palmensalon* now

For those who want to enjoy the  
view of the steam outside, we have  
a promenade deck. This exclusive  
place outside is next to the  
Palmensalon on the upper deck.  
When you walk around, you  
immediately notice that artists  
manufactured everything.







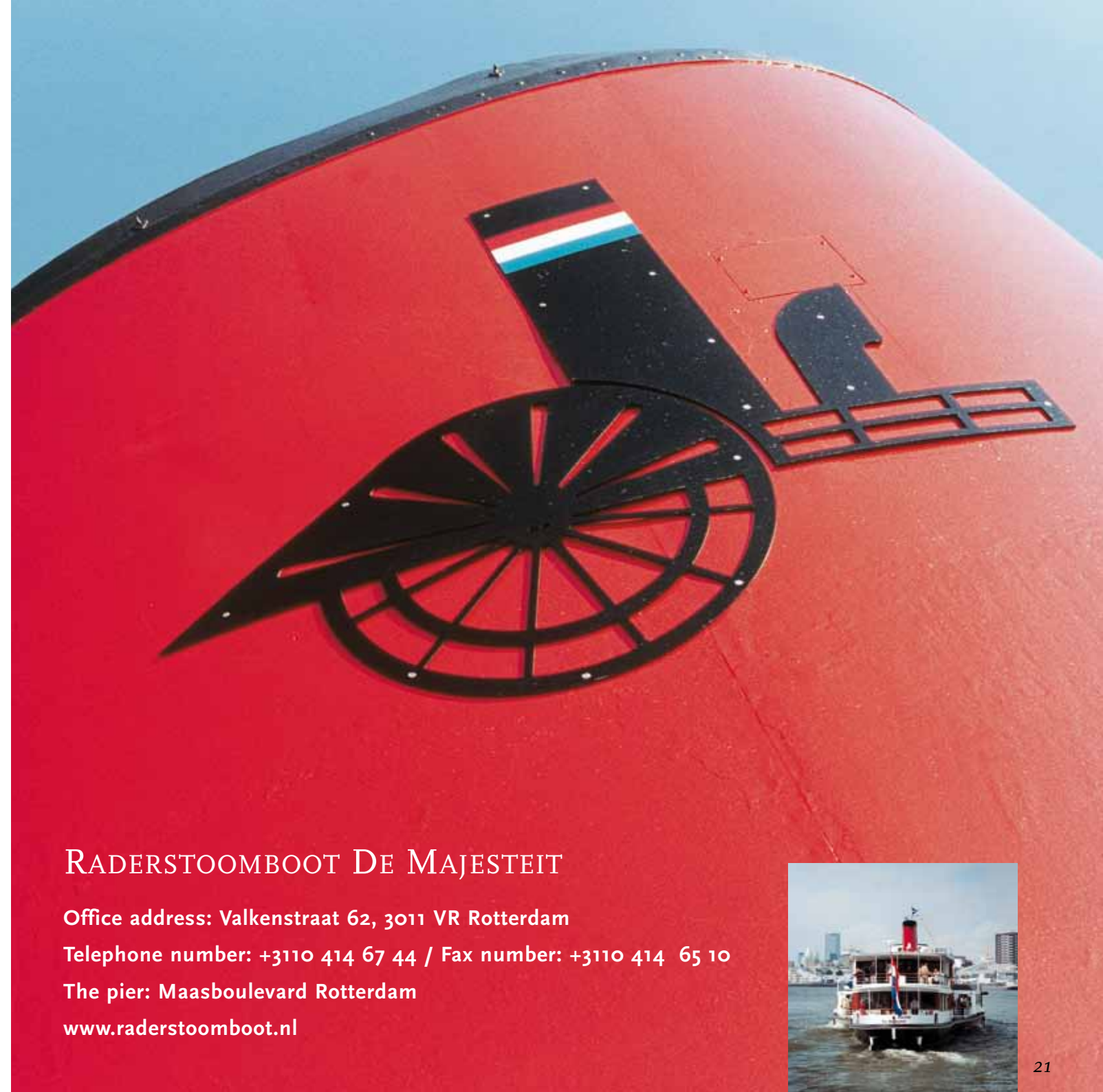
# Reservation INFORMATION

## ALWAYS THE RIGHT DESTINATION!

DEALER DAY  
KICK-OFF MEETING  
CONGRESS DINNER  
RECEPTION  
PRODUCT PRESENTATION  
JUBILEES  
HIRING THE ENTIRE BOAT  
PARTY FOR EMPLOYEES  
THEME PARTY'S  
SENIOR DAY  
PARTY FOR BUSINESS RELATIONS  
AMALGAMATION PARTY

With Paddle Steamer De Majesteit you can always give your party the right destination. For every festive and business goal, our organising team, the entire crew and the chef de cuisine and his team, are always available: 365 days a year and 7 days a week. For small groups with a minimum of 4 persons and for bigger groups, we create exclusive experiences that will be remembered for a long time. Be surprised (again) by De Majesteit. If you need further information or advice, please feel free to contact us.

With a nautical greeting,  
Klemens and Christine Key



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