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ROCKIN':
Musical
guide
Stefanie

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NORTH SEA-FARING



SHIP SHAPE:
The Magellan and, right, Aalborg in Denmark. Far right, inside the ship



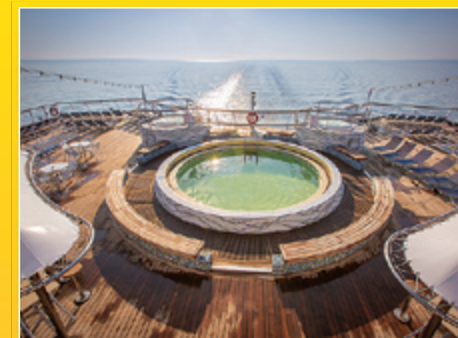
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THE Magellan visits five northern European ports and next sets sail from Tilbury, Essex, on October 1 for eight nights. Fares start from £399 per person for an inner cabin.

Cruise & Maritime Voyages ships – Magellan, Marco Polo, Astor and Astoria – sail from eight UK ports.

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Stefanie Hempel does regular Beatles tours in Hamburg. For more information visit hempels-musictour.com.



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ON a busy street corner a girl pulls a ukulele from its case, strikes a chord and starts to belt out Twist And Shout, stomping her feet to the rhythm.

It is, of course, the Beatles song that swept to the top of the charts in the UK and USA in 1963. But the years have moved on since then. We are in Hamburg, Germany, in summer 2015 and I'm one of a party of tourists grouped around uke-player-cum-tour-guide Stefanie Hempel as she gives us a nostalgic look back at the Beatles' hits.

Our exact spot is Beatles-Platz, off the Reeperbahn, the red-light district where the Liverpool band played for two years before they became famous.

And Stefanie took us back to those days on a tour of the clubs where the band learned their trade the hard way. John Lennon once said: "I grew up in Liverpool but I came of age in Hamburg."

So we twisted and shouted our way to the Indra club where the Fab

by **ALEC STUTTARD**

Four did eight-hour stints, the Kaiserkeller and the Star club – the only one still open.

Hamburg was just one of five northern European cities we visited on a cruise aboard Magellan, the flagship operated by Cruise & Maritime Voyages out of Tilbury in Essex.

It is the ship's maiden season with CMV and, although the vessel is 30 years old, it has had a major refit to bring it into the 21st Century.

She carries 1,250 passengers accommodated in 726 cabins spanning nine passenger decks serviced by eight lifts.

SHORE IS FAMOUS:
The Little Mermaid statue in Copenhagen

CMV describes the vessel as having an intimate feel compared with today's "mega" resort-style ships. So there are no climbing walls or ice rinks – and no kids!

Our first port of call was Amsterdam, famed for its canals, art galleries and museums. There is only one way to see what this city has to offer and that's by canal boat.

Our guide was anxious to tell us the quality of the canal water was so good you could drink it. He promptly filled a bottle, held it up to prove that it was indeed very clear, and offered it to me.

I have to admit, I declined the invitation.

We discovered people live on the canals as well as travel down them. Their houseboats have their own class system too, from palatial vessels filled with luxury furnishings to more down-at-heel tubs that need a lick of paint.

After an overnight sail up the Elbe River we arrived in Hamburg. It may be a surprise to some that this huge city actually has 2,300 bridges – more than Venice and Amsterdam combined.

Wonderful Copenhagen was next and a short walk takes you to the Little Mermaid statue, sitting on a rock a few yards from the shore. Then it was into the city where you can visit

Amalienborg Palace, home of Denmark's Royal Family,

and the Tivoli Gardens, a legendary amusement park.

There are even more canals to sail on here and at Nyhavn (New Harbour in English) you can see the house where Hans Christian Andersen wrote some of his famous fairytales.

Here too are restaurants and bars where you can taste the local delicacy – raw herring pickled in a variety of flavours. I tried three of them, one of which had been given the curry sauce treatment. Delicious.

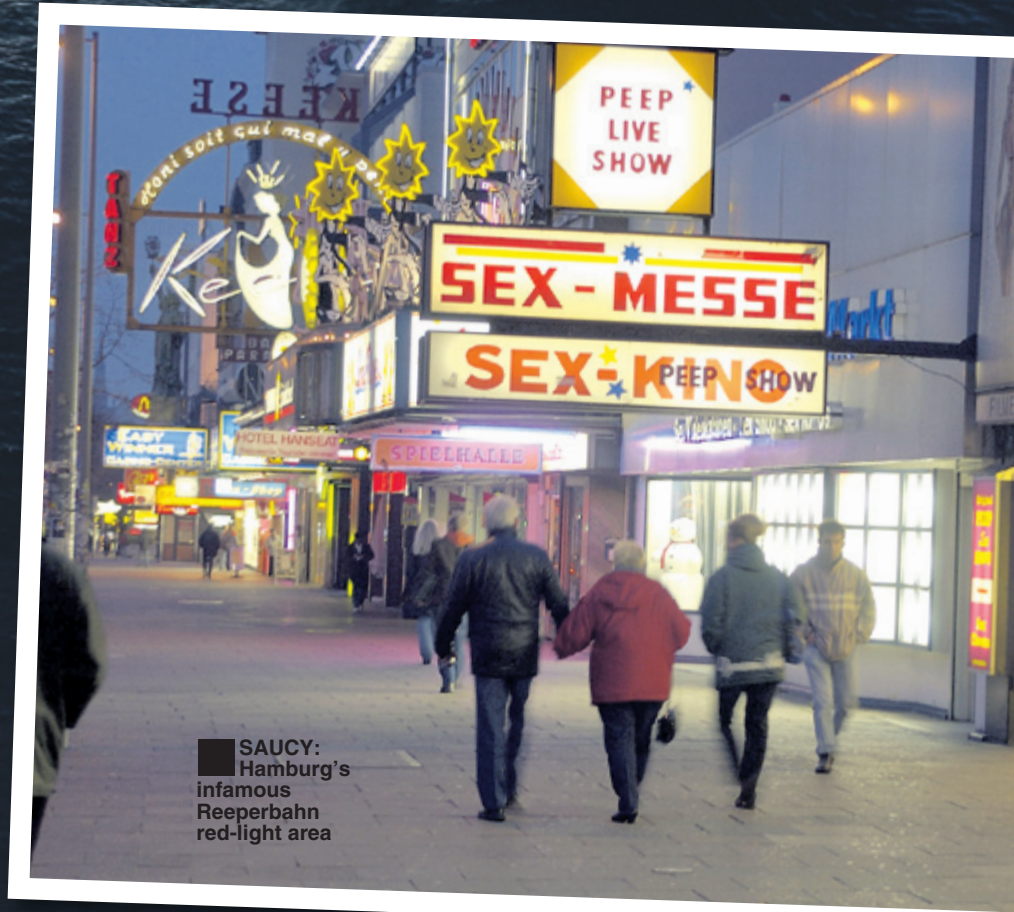
The delightful city of Helsingborg in Sweden is just across the water from Denmark and has a history of wars with its neighbour.

But they are at peace now and there are many great reasons for visiting the city. It has beautiful beaches stretching for miles and a castle called Sofiero with gardens reputed to be the best in Europe.

The city is dominated by the imposing Karnan Tower, formerly a watchtower to keep an eye on invading Vikings.

Finally we docked at Aalborg in Denmark, where we were greeted by a ten-gun salute and a band on the quay. It turned out Magellan was built at the local shipyard 30 years ago and civic leaders decided to push the boat out, so to speak. Hundreds of locals turned out to say hello to the vessel which they hadn't seen since it left in 1985.

It was a fitting finale to a cruise that had been, to quote a phrase synonymous with the Beatles, a truly Magical Mystery Tour.



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