

# RHINE GETAWAY

## EXPLORING CASTLES & CATHEDRALS



**Departing Monday August 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 for 9 days / 8 nights**

Join us for this delightful European River Cruise Getaway. From Amsterdam to Cologne to Basel, this enchanting 8-day journey takes you past hillside vineyards and rolling meadows. Overlook the Rhine from Germany's best preserved medieval castle. Discover the various culinary traditions of Alsace. Explore the Black Forest and visit a local workshop to see a cuckoo clock-making demonstration. Turreted fortresses, grand cathedrals, historic cities, medieval towns and spectacular scenery of the Middle Rhine - little wonder that the Rhine is one of Europe's best-loved rivers. Journey from Amsterdam to Basel with ports of call in Kinderdijk, Cologne, Koblenz, Heidelberg, Strasbourg and Breisach on this amazing journey which reveals a rich landscape of beauty and culture.

### Ship Highlights

Sailing the most popular itineraries, the award-winning Viking Longships showcase innovative engineering, streamlined design and understated elegance for the most comfortable river cruise experience available.

#### Longship Features:

- 95 comfortable outside staterooms (2 Explorer Suites, 7 Veranda Suites, 39 Veranda Staterooms, French Balcony Staterooms, 25 Standard Staterooms)
- Sun deck with 360-degree views and shaded sitting area; organic herb garden and solar panels; putting green, and walking track
- Aquavit Terrace with a revolutionary indoor/outdoor viewing area at the bow of the ship and grills for al fresco dining
- Observation Lounge and bar with floor-to-ceiling glass doors
- Restaurant with floor-to-ceiling windows for panoramic views
- Library corner and onboard boutique
- Elevator from Middle to Upper Deck only; no elevator access for categories F and E
- Free shipwide wireless Internet service
- Laundry service
- Ecologically friendly hybrid engines producing less vibrations for a smoother ride

## Day to Day Itinerary:

### Day 1: Fly from Sioux Falls to Amsterdam, Netherlands

Overnight Transatlantic Flight

**Aircraft Meals included**

### Day 2: Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Arrive in Amsterdam, then transfer to your ship and board Viking Longship Ingvi for the next 7 nights. After boarding, the afternoon is yours to relax or explore the city on your own. If your arrival schedule permits, you may wish to visit the Rijksmuseum, or the van Gogh Museum next door.

**Dinner included**

### Day 3: Kinderdijk, The Netherlands

This morning we sail to Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for a tour of this ingenious network of windmills and other flood management devices. You learn why the windmills were built and see how they work, plus you enter a working windmill for a tour of its mechanisms and living quarters. Return on board for lunch and an enjoyable afternoon of Dutch diversions: sample handcrafted Dutch cheeses and jenever, a distilled juniper liquor, and take in a culturally enriching presentation on the Dutch Golden Age. We cruise through the night.

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included**

### Day 4: Cologne, Germany

You have a morning tour of Cologne, including a visit to the Dom, Germany's largest cathedral and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After your tour, spend the rest of the day and evening exploring Cologne on your own: Roman ruins, interesting neighborhoods and museums like the Fragrance Museum and the Chocolate Museum. As always, your Program Director can help you plan your free time. Or, join an optional excursion on which you will ascend to the Dom's roof, enjoying up-close views of the cathedral's architecture and bird's-eye vistas of Cologne. Lunch and dinner are served on board; we depart at midnight.

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included**

### Day 5: Koblenz, Germany

Today we proceed along the Rhine, disembarking to tour the 700-year-old Marksburg Castle. Alternately, choose an optional excursion that offers a lively and informative tour of Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, or enjoy an optional guided exploration of Koblenz on foot. After, enjoy an onboard lunch as you cruise the scenic Middle Rhine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where turreted castles and fortresses overlook the river from their hilltop posts. Arrive in Rudesheim in the late afternoon. Spend free time in the pedestrian-only Drosselgasse and sample a glass of locally produced wine at one of the restaurants or wine bars. Dine on board your ship, or in town if you prefer. You may also choose to experience one of our optional dinners on shore tonight. We depart after midnight.

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included**

### Day 6: Heidelberg, Germany

Today we cruise into mid-morning as you enjoy the passing scenery. After breakfast, disembark for a tour of Heidelberg, the home of Germany's oldest university, founded in 1386. Visit the beautiful sandstone ruins of imposing Heidelberg Castle and take in the scenery of the Neckar River Valley and the city's many red rooftops from this hilltop post. Continue with a walking tour through Old Town to Heidelberg's renowned gates. On your way back to your ship, visit the historic town of Speyer and take in views of the imposing Romanesque cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built in the 11th century on the site of a former basilica, the building's design influenced Romanesque architecture for centuries to come, and is the final resting place of eight German monarchs. Its soaring interior features graceful rows of sandstone columns and a large stained-glass window that was installed in the western facade during a later Gothic period.

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included**

### **Day 7: Strasbourg, France**

We dock this morning in Kehl and disembark for a guided tour of Strasbourg. See the European Parliament and tour the interior of the city's famed cathedral. The afternoon is free to further explore this Alsatian city's blend of French and German cultures, resplendent churches, medieval covered bridges, verdant parks and handsome Art Nouveau and modernist architecture. Alternately, join our optional excursion into Alsatian wine country for an informative winery tour and tasting. Or, spend your full day exploring culinary Strasbourg on an optional excursion; as you explore the city and take in its sights, you will savor samples of the renowned Alsatian cuisine, from regional dessert specialties and meats to wine pairings with local foods. On board this evening, enjoy a Taste of Germany dinner event.

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included**

### **Day 8: Breisach, Germany**

Arrive in Breisach this morning, gateway to the Black Forest. Take a scenic excursion through the area's renowned mountain landscape, rolling meadows and dense forests. Once there, visit a local workshop to see a cuckoo clock-making demonstration, and learn how Black Forest Cake is made. Return to your ship for lunch. This afternoon, perhaps join an optional excursion to the quaint Alsatian town of Colmar to discover the storybook charm of its streets lined with medieval, Gothic and Renaissance buildings, and visit a fine arts museum. Alternately, choose an optional excursion that explores Colmar's World War II history. Dine on board this evening and cruise on through the night.

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included**

### **Day 9: Basel, Switzerland – transfers & return flights to Sioux Falls, SD**

Alas, after breakfast this morning it's time to disembark and travel to the airport for your return flights to Sioux Falls, SD.

**Breakfast Included plus meals aboard aircraft**





## Staterooms & Pricing:

Viking Longships offer you a choice of stateroom category. From spacious Veranda Staterooms and French Balcony Staterooms with a sliding glass door, to two-room Veranda Suites, each offering understated elegance and sweeping river views

### All Staterooms offer:

- Hotel-style beds 79 inches x 63 inches (with optional twin-bed configuration)
- Voltage: 220V and 110V in stateroom & roomy wardrobe with wooden hangers
- Individual climate control & space under bed for storing suitcases
- Bathrobe and slippers available upon request
- Telephone, refrigerator, safe, hair dryer & bottled water replenished daily
- Private bathroom with shower and premium bath products
- Sony 40-inch flat-panel TV with premium entertainment package including: BBC News, CNBC, CNN, National Geographic, TNT Series, Sky Sports, videos on demand and "View From the Bridge"

### Different Stateroom Types:

**Standard Stateroom (Category E & F) is a 150 sq. ft. Stateroom with a half-height picture window:**



Category F is \$3,995 per person based on Double Occupancy

Category E is \$4,095 per person based on Double Occupancy (slightly better position on the ship)

**French Balcony Stateroom (Category C & D) is a 135 sq. ft. Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors that open to create a French balcony**



Price for both categories is \$4,495 per person based on Double Occupancy

**Veranda Stateroom (Category A & B) is a 205 sq. ft. Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors that open to a full-size veranda**



Category B is \$4,695 per person based on Double Occupancy  
Category A is \$4,895 per person based on Double Occupancy (one deck higher than Category B)

**Finally, we offer the Veranda Suite Stateroom (Category AA)**

- Suite size: 275 sq. ft.
- Full-size veranda off the spacious living room
- Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors, known as a French balcony, in the bedroom
- Large private bathroom
- Two flat-panel TVs
- Complimentary laundry services
- Welcome champagne, daily fruit basket, mini-bar with wine, beer, soft drinks (replenished daily)
- In-suite premium bathrobes & slippers, binoculars & complimentary shoe shine service



Category AA is \$6,495 per person based on Double Occupancy

## Itinerary at a glance:

**Price:** from \$3,995 per person based on double occupancy

**Starts:** Monday August 27<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Ends:** Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup> 2018

## What's included?

- Round trip coach class air from Sioux Falls to Amsterdam and return from Basel/Zurich
- Overnight Transatlantic Flight then 7 nights aboard Viking Longship Ingvi & all transfers
- All meals once on board with complimentary Beer and House Wines served with lunch and Dinner
- Visits to UNESCO Sites plus Enrichment lectures & Destination Performances
- 24-hour specialty coffees, teas & bottled water & unlimited free WI-FI
- All on board Gratuities plus all taxes and fees & one complimentary shore excursion in each port
- Depending on final numbers, a round trip transportation & pre departure overnight package may be offered from the Black Hills to Sioux Falls at an additional cost.

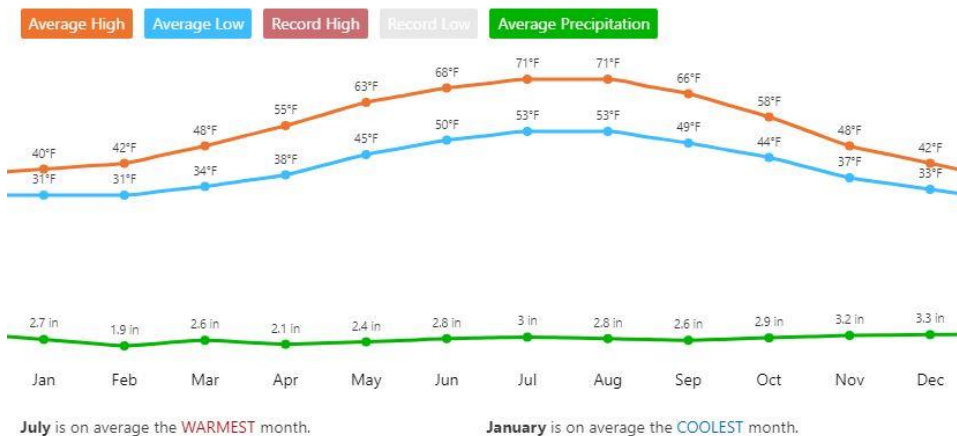
## How to book

- Deposit due of \$1,000 per person
- Final Balance due February 7th 2018

## What you'll need

- A full Passport is required for this tour and a most definitely a Camera for the amazing sights
- Some Euro's in Cash for tipping & major credit cards for purchases

## Weather



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