



Viking River Cruise: Rhine



**9 Days September 25-
October 3, 2019**
From \$4590*

Four Countries: Netherlands

- Amsterdam • Kinderdijk;
- Germany: Cologne • Koblenz**
- Speyer • Heidelberg • Rüdesheim
- Breisach (Black Forest); **France:**
- Strasbourg; **Switzerland • Basel**
- All inclusive

Stevie Jay
TRAVEL

Space going fast; only
2 categories left.

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. From Amsterdam and Cologne to Basel, this journey reveals a rich landscape of beauty and culture. Join us for September's fall colors after the summer heat and Oktoberfest is on in Munich—which you can visit after the cruise on an optional extension.

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*Above: Katz Castle on the Rhine; below
Heidelberg in the fall*





In Amsterdam we have free time before embarking on our river journey

Itinerary

Day 1 Wednesday: Central Illinois-Chicago-Overnight flight

Stevie Jay welcomes us aboard our private motor coach to Chicago O'Hare. He hires skycaps to help with luggage for check-in for our flight to Amsterdam.

Day 2 Thursday: Flight arrival-Amsterdam-Embarkation

Arrive in Amsterdam this morning, then we are taken by motor coach to our riverboat. After boarding, the afternoon is yours to relax or explore the city on your own. Perhaps visit the Rijksmuseum, or the Van Gogh Museum next door. We enjoy our first wonderful dinner aboard as we cruise from the city. (D)

Day 3 Friday: 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. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Saturday: Cologne, Germany

Begin your day with a morning tour of Cologne, Germany's fourth largest city. Stroll through Old Town past St. Martin's Church and visit the Dom, Germany's largest cathedral and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Spend your free time enjoying Cologne's atmospheric waterfront, or perhaps join an optional excursion



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sion on which you ascend to the Dom's roof for up-close views of the cathedral's architecture and bird's-eye vistas of Cologne. Afterward, return on board for dinner. Alternately, you may set off on an optional excursion to explore Cologne's spirited beer culture, sampling Kölsch, a light, crisp beer brewed only in Cologne, and enjoying a brauhaus dinner. After, return to your ship for a late-evening departure. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Sunday: Koblenz & Rüdesheim, Germany

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 Rüdesheim 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. (B, L, D)

Day 6 Monday: Heidelberg & Speyer, Germany

Cruise into midmorning as you enjoy the passing scenery. After breakfast, disembark for a tour of Heidelberg,

Cologne, Germany



Kinderdijk, Netherlands

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

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Speyer: Maximilianstraße with the Romanesque cathedral

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. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Tuesday: 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 cul-

tures, 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, 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. (B, L, D)

The Viking Philosophy: our promise to you

- **NOT BE EVERYTHING TO EVERYONE** focus on English-speaking, mature couples with curious minds and an interest in history, culture and geography
- **BE A DESTINATION-ORIENTED CRUISE LINE** get closer to iconic cities and quaint towns
- **OFFER A HIGHLY INCLUSIVE PRODUCT** no nickel and diming
- **BE AN EFFICIENT OPERATOR** pass savings along to guests
- **HIRE THE BEST STAFF IN THE CRUISE INDUSTRY** we have the highest retention rate

Rüdesheim, Germany





Koblentz, Germany

Day 8 Wednesday: 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. (B, L, D)

Day 9 Thursday: Basel, Switzerland-Flight-Chicago-Central Illinois

After breakfast, disembark and proceed to the airport for our same day flight home. Our chartered coach returns to Central Illinois with a new appreciation of Europe and its charms. (B)

Included meals are noted each day with the initials of Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

What's Included: • Round trip motor coach transportation from Central Illinois • Baggage handling tips for skycaps & US drivers • Round trip flights • Round trip transportation from airport to riverboat • Tips for drivers & guides • Travel insurance from AIG/Travel Guard's deluxe group program • End of cruise tips to cruise staff • 20 Meals: 7 Breakfasts 6 Lunches 7 Dinners • \$160 current total taxes & fees, subject to change • Choice of cruise stateroom • Led by Stevie Jay Khachaturian

Accommodations: (7) ^{total number of nights} Cruising (7) *Viking Longship Lofn*

What's Not Included: • 1 Lunch in Amsterdam • Tax/fuel surcharges in effect if any

Strasbourg, France



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#1 RIVER CRUISE LINE

Rated the best of all river cruise lines.

- We would rank the pacing as a "1 or 2" where leisurely is "1" & on the go is "5". The reason for the double rating is that you can choose to take all the included shore excursions or skip some—you control how much or little you want to do.
- Want choices? If the included excursion does not appeal to you, there will be other specialty excursions offered. They are at an extra cost.
- Often compared to an ocean cruise, we feel that this does not quite give the right impression. Ocean cruises can only travel to coastal cities or occasionally make long distances to interior cities. Either way this can mean extra travel by coach or rail. The riverboats ply the true highways of Europe: the great rivers! This means you are docked in or very close to the olden centers of the cities. So one can walk off the boat and be right where you want to be without a long drive through the suburbs.
- Viking has a strong philosophy that has made it so popular to Americans. First they severely limit smoking to a small area on the Sun Deck—a high proportion of Europeans smoke and would never put up without being able to smoke at meals and other interiors parts of the boat.



Heidelberg

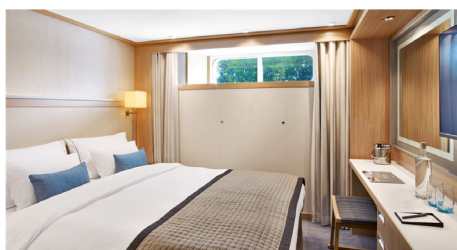
All but 1 Meal Included:

Beer, house wine & soft drinks are **included** with lunch & dinner. If you want to order wines by the bottle or premium drinks, Viking has a Silver Spirits Package available at an extra charge.

Current special air fares included at the cost of \$599 per person!

The special rates can increase at beginning of the next month so do not delay in booking. Viking River Cruises does not discount cruises at the last minute. Instead they give the best values to the customers who book early. Over time they increase their air fare "add-on" as their riverboats fill up. So better to not wait—book as soon as you can.

But what if you or a family member becomes ill or has an accident? That's why we include AIG/Travel Guard Travel Insurance when you book. It even waives the pre-existing conditions exclusion. **As long as you are medically able to travel when you book, you are covered.** Note that Medicare does not cover you overseas! But our plan does! See plan details for more information and other coverage features.



Stateroom with window: Categories E-F



Suite with veranda: Category AA



Stateroom with French "Balcony": Cat. C-D



Stateroom with Veranda: Categories A-B

Deck Plans

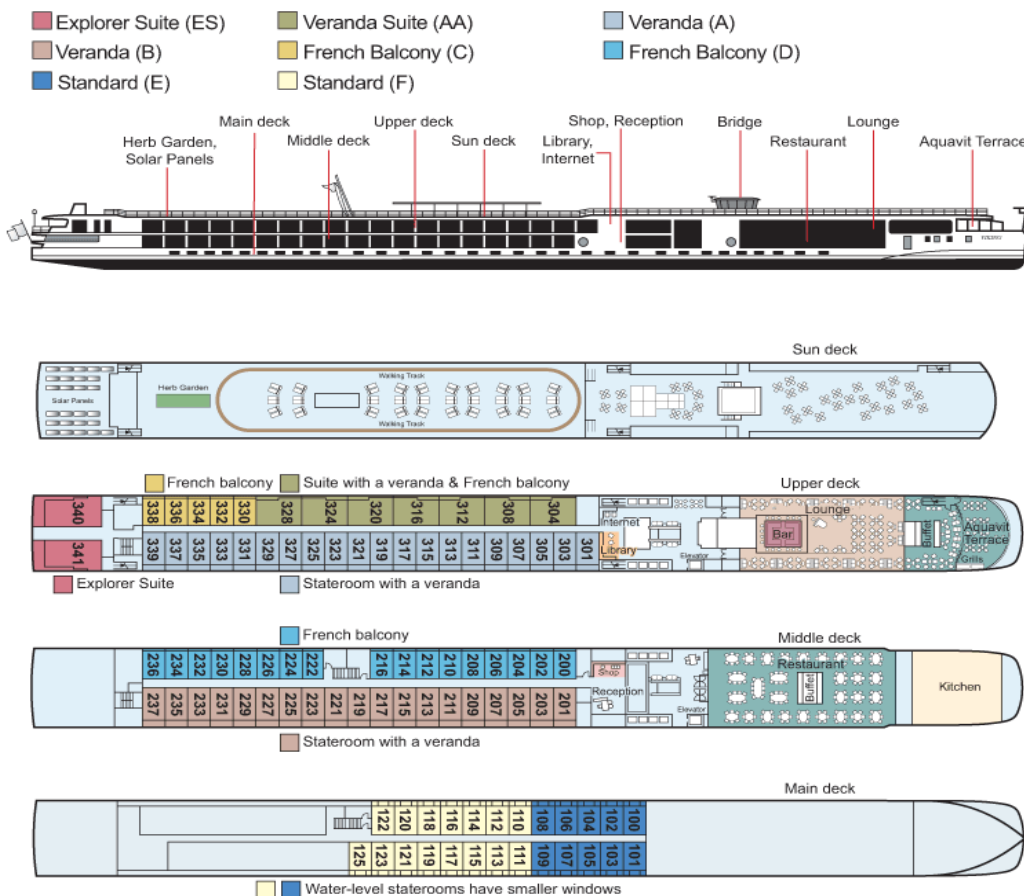
Reasons to choose each category:

1. For the view: any category above E & F.
2. Sitting out on your veranda B & above.
3. For convenience to the Lounge, Aquavit Terrace and Sun Deck: Upper Deck's C, A or AA.
4. For convenience to the boat's exit, restaurant and reception Deck Middle Deck's D or B.
5. Economy: the lower (Main) deck's E & F, but without elevator access from the lower deck.

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The Black Forest from Breisach, Germany



Prices, per-person total*

Type/Category	Deck	Size Square Feet	Price Double	Price Single
Standard Still Open (wide but high window)				
F	Lower	150'	\$4,590	7,993
E	Lower	150'	4,698	8,208
French "Balcony" SOLD OUT (sliding window (no actual balcony))				
D	Middle	135'	5,341	9,494
C	Upper	135'	5,555	9,923
Veranda SOLD OUT (with sliding glass doors to veranda sitting area)				
B	Middle	205'	5,770	10,352
A	Upper	205'	5,984	10,781
Veranda Suite SOLD OUT (with sliding glass doors to veranda sitting area)				
AA	Upper	275'	7,806	14,513

Important Notes: on the Viking deck plans at left, Main deck is the lowest deck so we call it lower for clarity. Boarding and disembarking is from the middle deck. Elevator is from Middle to Upper Deck only; **no elevator access for categories E & F**. Limited availability in B, C, E & AA.



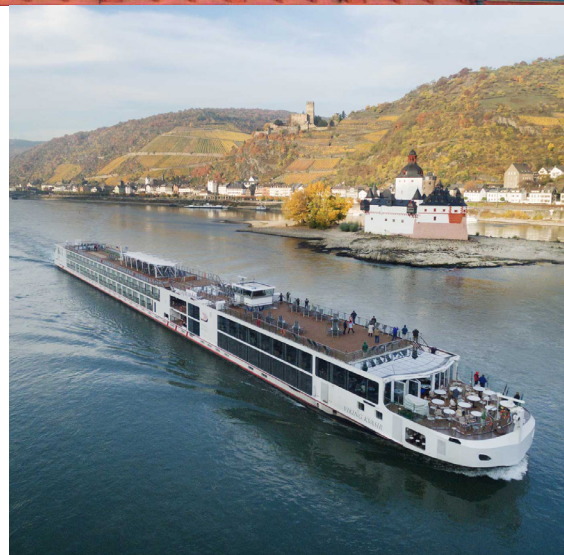
Basel, Switzerland

More included features than most packages:

- More time seeing the sights and relaxing since you unpack once and yet visit many places.
- Local departure from Central Illinois cities on a private motor coach.
- Travel insurance covers a variety of occurrences like being unable to go due to illness or accident (also including your roommate or a family member).
- Also included: **all tips** (yes, guides, drivers *and* cruise staff), all baggage handling, drinks at meals.
- Better to pay a rate that's a good value now than having to keep digging into your wallet along the way. You could end up paying more on another tour or not have as carefree of an experience.

*All prices are per person, based on occupancy. • Document required for US Citizens is Passport valid for at least 6 months AFTER your return date; no visa or shots at this time. Other citizens should consult their consulate. • Insurance coverage included is the Deluxe Group Plan from Travel Guard and for coverage details see webpage, steviejaytravel.com/insurance covering cancellation charges; other terms at steviejaytravel.com/terms which are incorporated by reference. • Price and details are subject to change each month. Option for Oktoberfest extension will be released in late fall. Paying your balance (due by May 31) by "e-check" saves you at least \$107 or more depending on category chosen. Specialty optional tours are provided as an extra-cost alternative to the included shore excursions. Acct#190925s
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• Decatur • Springfield
• Bloomington • Chicago O'Hare
or call for a quote from other cities. Tour Coordinator is Stevie Jay, email: stevie@steviejaytravel.com; **book online** or call 217-840-9913 to charge your credit card for the \$1200 per person deposit *including insurance* (balance due May 31). Or mail check to Stevie Jay Travel LLC, 4413 Trostshire Cir, Champaign IL 61822



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