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Grand European Tour **2017 At-A-Glance**



Imagine 15 magical days along the Rhine, Main and Danube Rivers. From Holland's windmill-studded tulip fields to Germany's fairy-tale castles, from the engineering marvel of the Main-Danube Canal to the picturesque vineyards of Austria's Wachau Valley, this epic voyage presents the highlights of Holland, Germany, Austria and Hungary. Savor a decadent *Sachertorte* in a Viennese café and panoramic views of imperial Budapest—and along the way discover the legend of the Lorelei, the ancient art of glassblowing, the music of Mozart and more. Guests who choose this voyage soon see why it is our most popular itinerary.

Sail dates available March to November 2017
Budapest to Amsterdam *or* Amsterdam to Budapest
Ships sailing this itinerary: Viking Longships

Grand European Tour Included Features

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- 15-day cruise with river-view stateroom
- 12 guided tours with audio headset
- All meals: 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners, featuring regional specialties and including Welcome Cocktail Reception & Dinner
- Visit 9 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Culture Curriculum: Enjoy concerts aboard and ashore, ranging from Austrian classics to baroque organ music; attend lectures on current affairs in Germany, Holland & the European Union; learn how to make your own *Rüdesheimer* coffee; experience the wonderful scents of a Viennese market

The Scenic Main River

Everyone knows about the beauty of the Rhine and the Danube's lovely Wachau Valley, but the Main River—an important Rhine tributary—is a little-known scenic treasure. Picture-perfect vineyards and unspoiled hamlets line the river as you sail along; the views are particularly stunning when the fall foliage puts on its annual display.

European Wine Regions

This itinerary takes you through several of Europe's famous wine regions. Enjoy the sun-drenched white Rieslings of the Moselle and Rhine region, the Franconian wines along the Main and the peppery Grüner Veltliners in the Wachau Valley. And, be sure to try the rich dessert wines of Hungary.

Bavarian Bamberg

Founded in 902, Bamberg's Old Town area is a beautifully preserved UNESCO World Heritage Site. Walk past neat rows of patrician houses to the remarkable Old City Hall, sited in the middle of the Regnitz River and accessed by bridges on both sides. Sample the town's famous smoky beer, *Rauchbier*.

Charlemagne's Dream

As far back as 1,200 years ago, Emperor Charlemagne contemplated connecting the Rhine, Main and Danube Rivers to facilitate river travel through Europe. Lack of technical resources prevented this idea from being realized—until the Main-Danube Canal was completed in 1992. Employing ingenious river locks, vessels can now travel 2,200 miles through 10 countries, from the North Sea to the Black Sea. The canal makes this journey possible.

Included Tours:

Budapest city tour
Vienna city tour
Melk Abbey tour
Passau walking tour
Regensburg tour
Nuremberg city tour
Bamberg walking tour
Würzburg city tour

Wertheim walking tour
(Bud-Ams)
Miltenberg walking tour
(Ams-Bud)
Marksburg Castle tour
Cologne walking tour
Kinderdijk windmills

Vienna concert
Schönbrunn tour
Nuremberg WWII tour
Cologne Beer Culture
Mörwald Vineyard (Ams-Bud)
Jewish Budapest
Budapest Horse show

Optional Tours:

Romantic Road excursion

Note: Optional tours are purchased on board ship and are subject to availability and minimum participation.

Grand European Tour

Budapest to Amsterdam Itinerary

Day 1 Budapest, Hungary

- Budapest airport transfer*
- Embark ship
- Free time

Included Meals: Dinner

Day 2 Budapest, Hungary

- Budapest city tour
- Optional Horse show
- Optional Jewish Budapest tour
- Welcome Reception & Dinner

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 Vienna, Austria

- Scenic cruising on the Danube
- Optional classical concert by Viennese Orchestra

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 Vienna, Austria

- Tour of Vienna, a UNESCO Site, including *Ringstrasse*, *Innere Stadt* (“Inner City”), Hofburg Palace, St. Stephan’s Cathedral and State Opera House
- Vienna leisure time
- Optional tour of Schönbrunn Palace, a UNESCO Site

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 Melk, Austria

- Scenic cruising along the Danube River
- Tour of Melk Abbey

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 Passau, Germany

- City tour of Passau including *Veste Oberhaus* and St. Stephan’s Cathedral
- Organ concert
(Please note that the organ concert is not held on Sundays or from November to April.)

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 Regensburg, Germany

- Tour Regensburg, a UNESCO Site including Gothic St. Peter’s Church, Old Town Hall and Old Stone Bridge

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 Nuremberg, Germany

- Nuremberg city tour including Palace of Justice and Market Square
- Optional World War II historical tour including a visit to The Documentation Center
- Nuremberg leisure time

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 Bamberg, Germany

- Tour Bamberg, a UNESCO Site, including the cathedral
- Free time to explore Bamberg

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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* Airport transfers included when air is purchased from Viking River Cruises Transfers must be with flights that arrive/depart on ship or included hotel check-in or check-out day only.

Grand European Tour
Budapest to Amsterdam Itinerary continued

Day 10 Würzburg, Germany

- Würzburg city tour including Bishops' Residence, a UNESCO Site
- Optional Romantic Road excursion
- Glass-blowing demonstration

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11 Wertheim, Germany

- Walking tour
- Free time to explore Wertheim

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12 Middle Rhine & Koblenz, Germany

- Scenic cruising along the Middle Rhine, a UNESCO Site
- Tour of Marksburg Castle
- Free time in Koblenz

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 13 Cologne, Germany

- Walking tour including Old Town and Cologne Cathedral
- Free time to explore Cologne
- Cologne Brauhaus Culture optional

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 14 Kinderdijk, The Netherlands

- Tour the windmills of Kinderdijk, a UNESCO Site
- Dutch cheese & jenever tasting

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 15 Amsterdam, The Netherlands

- Disembark
- Amsterdam airport transfer*

Included Meals: Breakfast

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Amsterdam to Budapest Itinerary continued

Day 11 Melk & Krems, Austria

- Tour of Melk Abbey
- Scenic cruising through Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Free time to explore Krems
- Optional Mörwarld Vineyard visit

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12 Vienna, Austria

- Tour of Vienna, a UNESCO Site, including *Ringstrasse*, *Innere Stadt* (“Inner City”), Hofburg Palace, St. Stephan’s Cathedral and State Opera House
- Vienna leisure time
- Optional tour of Schönbrunn Palace, a UNESCO Site

Optional classical concert by Viennese Orchestra

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 13 Vienna, Austria

- Free day to explore Vienna

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 14 Budapest, Hungary

- Tour Budapest, a UNESCO Site, including the National Opera House, Heroes’ Square, Parliament, Fishermen’s Bastion, Matthias Church, Chain Bridge and Elizabeth Bridge
- Optional Jewish Budapest
- Optional Horse show

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 15 Budapest, Hungary

- Disembark
- Budapest airport transfer*

Included Meals: Breakfast

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The Viking Experience

Quietvox Tour Earphones

With our Quietvox tour earphones, there are no worries about missing any interesting details during your shore excursions. Each guest will receive a lightweight, portable receiver that can be worn around the neck or slipped into a pocket. The comfortable earpiece with individual volume control allows you to hear your guide's comments no matter where you are standing and makes every place on your tour the "best seat in the house."

Onboard Enrichment

Culture Curriculum. To help you further appreciate the countries that you will visit, we complement your shore excursion with a broad range of immersive activities, on board and ashore. Your cruise includes concerts aboard and ashore, ranging from Austrian classics to baroque organ music; lectures on current affairs in Germany, Holland & the European Union; a lesson on how to make your own *Rüdesheimer* coffee; a visit to a Viennese market

Expert Program Directors. Viking River Cruises Program Directors are selected for their comprehensive knowledge of the regions you will be visiting. They have a fine appreciation of each destination's nuances and a genuine passion for travel and are there to help from the first moment to the end of your journey. If you have any questions, would like recommendations or have any concerns during your itinerary, do not hesitate to contact your Program Director.

General Physical Fitness

Our tours and cruises are not physically demanding, however, *because of the nature of many of the sites you will be visiting, this tour may not be appropriate for guests with certain medical conditions and physical restrictions.* Walking tours are often on uneven ground or cobblestones and may include stairs and steep inclines. If you have concerns or questions, please discuss the nature of your itinerary with your Viking River Cruises Travel Consultant.

Complimentary Wine, Beer & Soft Drinks with Onboard Dinner and Lunch Service

Enjoy complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks with onboard dinner and lunch service. We feature two varietals of wine—one white and one red—that pair beautifully with our onboard menu of contemporary and regional specialties.

Before You Go

Visit our website at vikingrivercruises.com (or vrc.com) where you can not only learn more about all the places you might go with Viking, but you can also immerse yourself in the experience from the comfort of your own home. There is information abound and you can watch videos of destinations, take a virtual tour of a cruise ship or get a list of recommended readings.

Passports & Visas

Passports are necessary however no visas are required for U.S. citizens for this itinerary. Non-U.S. citizens, please check your consulate for visa information.

Viking's All-Inclusive Airfare & Transfers

For your convenience, you can purchase roundtrip trans-oceanic air travel directly from Viking in conjunction with your river cruise or cruisetour. Viking's air packages are a great value because they include your transfers between airport and ship or hotel. And, when you reserve your air with Viking and purchase Viking's all-inclusive travel protection policy, your air travel is covered by the policy as part of your Viking itinerary. Select from more than 165 different gateways (additional gateways available) in economy or the upgraded service of Premium Economy or Business Class (trans-oceanic portion); once your reservation has been made, we will confirm your flight schedules 75 days before departure.

E-Check Program

Viking offers special incentives when you pay via e-check (electronic debit to your checking account)—a quick and convenient way to pay for your vacation. Ask for details when making your reservation.

Viking Travel Protection

Even after planning and booking a cruise with Viking, an emergency or illness may cause you to cancel or delay your trip. We certainly hope this does not happen, but if it should, please make sure you are protected. With this program—no matter what the unexpected circumstances are—you are covered. Travel protection prices start at only \$319 per person.

Average Monthly Temperature (avg high / avg low), °F

City	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Amsterdam	37 (40/33)	39 (46/31)	43 (48/37)	47 (54/37)	54 (62/46)	59 (66/51)	62 (70/55)	63 (70/55)	58 (65/51)	52 (58/47)	44 (48/40)	40 (43/37)
Budapest	30 (36/27)	34 (39/28)	45 (54/36)	54 (61/45)	63 (72/52)	68 (77/57)	67 (75/59)	72 (81/59)	64 (73/54)	54 (61/45)	43 (46/37)	34 (37/30)
Cologne	36 (40/32)	38 (43/33)	43 (49/37)	48 (56/41)	56 (64/48)	61 (64/48)	64 (73/56)	64 (73/56)	59 (65/52)	53 (58/47)	43 (47/39)	38 (42/35)
Melk	31 (36/26)	32 (39/27)	41 (50/34)	48 (58/38)	57 (68/47)	62 (73/53)	66 (77/56)	65 (77/56)	58 (69/50)	48 (57/41)	39 (43/34)	33 (38/29)
Vienna	34 (38/29)	37 (43/31)	43 (51/37)	52 (61/43)	68 (75/59)	66 (75/57)	70 (79/61)	70 (79/60)	60 (68/53)	52 (58/45)	42 (46/37)	34 (38/30)

*Information contained in this document is subject to change without notice