

# VIKING NEWS

YOUR PROGRAM FOR TODAY

Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009

6:00 AM **'Early Bird' Breakfast:** Coffee, juice and pastries are offered at the coffee station for early risers.

7:00 AM **Morning Gymnastics:** Join your Program Manager in the library for light morning exercise.

7:00-9:00 AM **Breakfast:** Start your day with a generous breakfast buffet served in the restaurant.

9:00 AM -1:00 PM **Shore Excursion:** Bus transfer to the old town, followed by walking tour & visit of the Art Museum. For Leisurely tour please sign up at the reception.

1:00 PM **Lunch:** Our wait staff welcomes you for lunch in the restaurant. Enjoy!

1:00 PM **Light Lunch Buffet:** A light lunch buffet is offered in the Viking Lounge.

2:30 PM **Boat drive on the Rhine:** Join us for an hour scenic drive by Rhy Taxi. Please sign up at the reception. Boat trip costs 15 €. Cash only, please.

3:30-4:15 PM **Tea Time:** Have a cup of tea or coffee and enjoy a variety of cakes or pastries in the Viking Lounge.

5:30 - 7:00 PM **Cocktail Hour:** Try one of our special cocktails and listen to live music by our musician Dimo in the Viking Lounge.

6:30 PM **Daily Briefing:** Join fellow passengers in the lounge for an information briefing by your Program Director Lucia.

7:00 PM **Welcome Cocktail:** Captain Alexander Krieger and the Hotel Manager Thomas Brossmer have the pleasure to invite you for a toast in the lounge.

7:15 PM **Welcome Dinner:** Chef de Cuisine André and Maître d'hôtel Janos invite you for dinner in the restaurant. Bon appétit!

9:00 PM **Live Music:** Mingle with fellow passengers for an after dinner drink while enjoying soft musical entertainment. Try one of our cocktail specials!

Midnight **Anchors aweigh** *Viking Sun* leaves Basel and sets sail for Breisach.

## SHIP CONTACTS

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## COCKTAILS OF THE DAY

With Alcohol:  
Golden Ginger 5.00 €  
Along the river:  
Canaria 3.00 €

TODAY'S WEATHER

partly cloudy

Sunrise: 6:08 AM

Temperature: 15 – 22°C / 59 - 71°F

Sunset: 9:05 PM

Chance of Rain: 10% morning  
5% afternoon  
10% evening

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF RIVER CRUISES

**Foundation Beyeler**

Over a period of fifty years, in parallel to their successful activity as gallery owners, Hildy and Ernst Beyeler built up an exceptional collection of works by modern masters. Their collection, which was transferred to a foundation in 1982, was first publicly exhibited in its entirety at the Centro de Arte Reina Sofía in Madrid in 1989. Currently comprising around 200 works, the Beyeler Collection documents a very personal view of modern art and an unerring ability to recognize quality.

**Weather in Basel**

The canton of Basel-Stadt lies on the Upper Rhine, in the triangle formed by neighbouring France to the west and Germany to the north. Basel is the main city of Switzerland's northwestern region and forms the bridgehead from German-speaking Switzerland to the European Union. Topographically, Basel has the lowest altitude of all Swiss cities north of the Alps. The 'Dreiländereck' (the triangle formed by Switzerland, France, and Germany) is at 244 meters above sea level. The city covers an area of 37 square kilometers on both sides of the Rhine, embedded in the triangle between the Swiss Jura,

Black Forest (Germany), and Vosges mountains (France). As it passes through Basel, the Rhine bends sharply northward and, becomes much wider as it flows into the Upper Rhine Plain. Basel is a traditional traffic junction. The city lies at the crossroads of the north-south and east-west rail systems; its EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg provides connections to the European and international airline network.

Its position in the Rhine valley gives Basel an exceptionally mild climate, influenced as it is by Mediterranean air currents that flow up from the Rhone valley through the Belfort Gap. As a result, compared with the Swiss midlands, Basel enjoys an above-average amount of sunshine and only rarely disappears in autumn fog.