

VIKING NEWS

YOUR PROGRAM FOR TODAY

Wednesday, August 5th 2009

1:00 AM	Anchors Aweigh! <i>Viking Sun</i> leaves Breisach and sets sail for Kehl.	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.
6:00-7:00 AM	'Early Bird' Breakfast: Coffee, juice and pastries are offered at the coffee station for early risers.	5:00 PM	Question & Answer: Our Captain Karl-Heinz Berressen, Hotelmanager Thomas Brossmer will answer all questions you may have in the Viking Lounge.
7:00 AM	Morning Gymnastics: Join your Program Manager in the Viking Lounge for light exercise.	6:00 PM	Anchors Aweigh! <i>Viking Sun</i> leaves Kehl and sets sail for Mannheim.
7:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast: Start your day with a generous breakfast buffet served in the restaurant.	5:30-6:30 PM	Cocktail Hour: Start your evening with one of our cocktails of the day.
8:00 AM	<i>Viking Sun</i> arrives in Kehl.		
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Shore Excursion: Strassbourg Bus City tour & walking tour.	6:30 PM	Daily Briefing: Join fellow passengers in the lounge for an information briefing with your Program Director Lucia.
1:00 PM	Lunch: Our wait staff welcomes you for lunch in the restaurant. Enjoy!	7:00 PM	Dinner: Chef de Cuisine André and Maître d'Hotel invite you for dinner in the restaurant. Bon appétit!
1:00 PM	Light Lunch Buffet: A light lunch buffet is offered in the Viking Lounge.		
2:00, 3:00, 4:00PM	Free shuttle from the ship to Strasbourg - Parc De L'Etoile	9:00 PM	Music Quiz: Join your Program Department and on-board musician Nico in the lounge for an entertaining international music quiz.
2:30, 3:30, 4:30 PM	Shuttle departs back to the ship from Strasbourg - Parc De L'Etoile (please pick up a ticket at the reception)		

SHIP'S CONTACTS

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COCKTAILS OF THE DAY

With Alcohol:
Camuray 5.00 €
Without Alcohol:
Primadona 3.00 €

The Viking Sun team wishes you an unforgettable day!

TODAY'S WEATHER

sunny

Sunrise:	6:07 AM	Temperature:	13 - 29°C / 55 - 84°F
Sunset:	9:00 PM	Chance of Rain:	0% morning 5% afternoon 5% evening

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF RIVER CRUISES

Strasbourg

The capital of Alsace, University city and diocese, the seat of the European Council, the European Human Rights Commission, the European Economy Foundation and venue of the European Parliament. This birthplace of the future united Europe is situated at the junction of important traffic lines on the left bank of the Rhine. With its high-rising Minster and the countless town houses dating back to the 16th and 17th century, Strasbourg still preserves its old imperial town character, but also features French influences with the buildings erected in the 18th century in Louis XV. style during the time of the French cardinal bishops and its many mansard houses.

Around 16 AD, the Romans laid the foundation for Argentoratum castle. The Alemannians established a new settlement on its ruins in the 4th century, which went by the name of Strataburgum in the 6th century. In 842, Ludwig the German and Karl the Bald

confirmed their alliance against Lothar I. here with the Strasbourg Oaths. As an Episcopal city since 1003, Strasbourg attained great wealth especially through shipping and trading. After fights with the bishops and the nobility, the city became a free imperial town in 1262. At times it was the wealthiest and most glamorous city in the German Empire. Arts and sciences were flourishing. In the 14th century, the Dominican priests and mystics Master Eckhart and Johannes Tauler acted here. In 1434, Johannes Gutenberg developed the art of letterpress printing here. Right in the middle of the peaceful period, Louis XIV occupied the town in 1681, but the city still retained certain autonomy until 1793. The influences of French culture first became evident with the reign of Napoleon. After the German-French war in 1870/71, the city became a part of the German Reich and remained as such until the end of WW I.