

# VIKING NEWS

YOUR PROGRAM FOR TODAY

Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 2009

1:00 AM	<i>Viking Sun</i> arrives in Mannheim.	2:30 PM	<b>Wheelhouse Tour:</b> Join our Captain for a look inside his "kingdom". Please sign up at the reception desk, and listen for the announcements.
6:00-7:00 AM	<b>'Early Bird' Breakfast:</b> Coffee, juice and pastries are offered at the coffee station for early risers.		
7:00 AM	<b>Morning Gymnastics:</b> Join your Program Manager in the lounge for light morning exercise.	3:30-4:15 PM	<b>Tea Time:</b> Have a cup of tea or coffee and enjoy a variety of cakes or pastries in the Viking Lounge.
7:00-9:00 AM	<b>Breakfast:</b> Start your day with a generous breakfast buffet served in the restaurant.	6:00 PM	<i>Viking Sun</i> arrives in Rudesheim
8:30 AM-1:00 PM	<b>Shore Excursion:</b> Coach Tour to Heidelberg. Tour of the castle & Walking tour in the old town of Heidelberg, followed by free time.	6:00 – 6:30 PM	<b>Viking Explorer Society Cocktail:</b> Past passengers meet the Captain and the Hotel manager in the front part of the Viking lounge
1:00 PM	<b>Lunch:</b> Our wait staff welcomes you for lunch in the restaurant. Enjoy!	6:00-7:00 PM	<b>Cocktail Hour:</b> Start your evening with one of our cocktails of the day.
1:00 PM	<b>Light Lunch Buffet:</b> A light lunch buffet is offered in the Viking Lounge.	6:30 PM	<b>Daily Briefing:</b> Join fellow passengers in the lounge for an information briefing by your Program Director Lucia.
1:00 PM	<b>Anchors Aweigh!</b> <i>Viking Sun</i> departs Mannheim and sets sail for Rudesheim.	7:00 PM	<b>German Dinner:</b> Chef de Cuisine André and Maître d'hôtel invite you for a special German dinner in the restaurant. Bon appétit!
1:45 PM	<b>Floating Market:</b> Find good offers and great souvenirs displayed in the reception area!	9:00 PM	<b>Evening Entertainment:</b> Glass Blowing Demonstration in the Viking Lounge.

#### SHIP'S CONTACTS

Reception: +49 174 346 34 47  
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#### COCKTAILS OF THE DAY

With Alcohol:  
Tapico 5.00 €  
Without Alcohol:  
River Night 3.00 €

*The Viking Sun team wishes you an unforgettable day!*

TODAY'S WEATHER

partly cloudy

Sunrise:	6:05 AM	Temperature:	14 - 29°C / 57 - 84°F
Sunset:	8:59 PM	Chance of Rain:	5% morning 5% afternoon 0% evening

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF RIVER CRUISES

**Heidelberg**

More than perhaps any other city in Germany, Heidelberg has become the most pre-eminent icon of the German romantic period. Tourists from all over the world love this city with its ivy-covered castle ruin. The Renaissance-style building suffered severe damage in 1689 during the Wars of Succession, but also as a result of a storm, during which lightning struck the arsenal, which caused an explosion that caused extensive damage.

Heidelberg has been a university town since 1386, and much of its fame derives from its that long tradition. Many of the older, well-preserved buildings that lend their charm to the old center of the city are owned by the university. The most notorious of these is the student jail. Students could end up here for all kinds of rule infractions, and as so many young men ended up here at some time during their time in Heidelberg, it soon became a

rite of passage to spend at least some time in this slammer. In fact, many a student that failed to get into the Big House felt that he had missed out on something crucial to his education...

Visited by Johan Wolfgang von Goethe and a host of other writers and artists in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Heidelberg became the favourite of the art and literature movement of the Romantic period. The city's most famous American visitor arrived more than a century after Goethe. Mark Twain wrote extensively about his travels in Germany, and no other city seemed to have attracted him more than Heidelberg. A book containing the best of his writings of this period, among them a hilarious piece on his attempt to learn German, is still a popular bestseller in Heidelberg.