

VIKING NEWS

YOUR PROGRAM FOR TODAY

Friday, August 7th 2009

6:00-7:00 AM	'Early Bird' Breakfast: Coffee, juice and pastries are offered at the coffee station for early risers.	4:00-4:15 PM	<i>Viking Sun</i> stops in Braubach to drop off passengers for the excursion.
7:30 AM	Morning Gymnastics: Join Program Manager in the Viking lounge for light exercise.	4:00-6:00 PM	Shore Excursion: Visit the spectacular Marksburg castle. This tour includes walks over cobblestones, steps and uneven ground; for passenger safety and enjoyment, we recommend you be in a very good physical condition to participate fully in this castle visit.
7:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast: Start your day with a generous breakfast buffet served in the restaurant.	5:00 PM	<i>Viking Sun</i> arrives in Koblenz.
9:30-11:30 AM	Shore Excursion: Take a mini-train ride to Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Museum, followed by guided tour in the museum. Tour ends in town, mini-train does not return back to the ship. 9:30 AM departure groups 1,2,5 9:45 AM departure groups 3,4	5:30-7:00 PM	Cocktail Hour: Start your evening with one of our cocktails of the day.
12:30 PM	Lunch: Our wait staff welcomes you for lunch in the restaurant. Enjoy!	6:30 PM	Daily Briefing: Join fellow passengers in the lounge for an information briefing by your Program director Lucia.
12:30 PM	Light Lunch Buffet: A light lunch buffet is offered in the Viking Lounge.	7:00 PM	Dinner: Chef de Cuisine André and Maître d'Hotel invite you for dinner in the restaurant. Bon appétit!
1:00 PM	Anchors Aweigh! <i>Viking Sun</i> departs Rudesheim and sets sail for Braubach.	9:00 PM	Oldies Night: Join our onboard musician Nici in the lounge who will play the music from 60 ties & 70 ties & 80 ties.
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.	Saturday, August 8 th 2009	
		2:15 PM	Anchors Aweigh! <i>Viking Sun</i> departs Koblenz and sets sail for Cochem.

SHIP'S CONTACTS

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COCKTAILS OF THE DAY

With Alcohol:
Between the Sheets 5.00 €
Without Alcohol:
Anastazia 3.00 €

The Viking Sun team wishes you an unforgettable day!

TODAY'S WEATHER

sunny

Sunrise:	6:03 AM	Temperature:	17 - 32°C / 62 - 89°F
Sunset:	8:58 PM	Chance of Rain:	5% morning 5% afternoon 5% evening

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF RIVER CRUISES

Rüdesheim

The Ehrenfels castle above the infamous Binger Loch (Bingen Hole), where dangerous shallows historically made navigation on this part of the Rhine rather treacherous, is located in the vineyards between Rüdesheim and Assmannshausen. It was built from 1208-19 by the brothers Wernherr and Philipp von Bolanden. Together with the Mauseturm (Mouse Tower), an outpost located on an island in the river opposite the castle, it served as a toll station. The Bishop of Mainz became the proprietor of the fortress in 1370. In 1688, Ehrenfels fortress was destroyed by the French during the Palatinate War of Succession. Today, it is considered one of the most beautiful and picturesque castle ruins on the Rhine. Rüdesheim itself, at the foot of Ehrenfels' slopes, is home to a number

of smaller 'castles', large mansions, most of which have been continuously occupied, although their functions have changed considerably over time. The former residence of Rüdesheim's Broemser dynasty now houses a museum, a major attraction in Rüdesheim. As one of the first tourist destinations on the Rhine, the city is best known for its Drosselgasse, a narrow street only one block long, lined with wine cafés, many of which feature live entertainment every night.