

VIKING NEWS

YOUR PROGRAM FOR TODAY

Saturday, August 8th 2009

2:15 AM	Anchors Aweigh! <i>Viking Sun</i> departs Koblenz and sets sail for Cochem.	3:45-4:30 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.	6:00-7:00 PM	Cocktail Hour: Start your evening with one of our cocktails of the day.
7:00 AM	Morning Gymnastics: Join Program Manager in the lounge for light morning exercise.	6:30 PM	Daily Briefing: Join fellow passengers in the lounge for an information briefing by your Program Director Lucia.
7:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast: Start your day with a generous breakfast buffet served in the restaurant.	7:00 PM	Viking International Dinner: Chef de Cuisine André and Maître d'Hotel invite you for dinner in the restaurant. Bon appétit!
Approx. 8:00 AM	<i>Viking Sun</i> arrives in Cochem.		
8:30 -10:30 AM	Shore Excursion: Cochem Walking Tour and Wine Tasting.	9:00 PM	Bingo: Join us in the lounge if you are in the mood for some "Bingo" and win one of the three prizes. You can purchase your tickets at reception for the price of 5.- € (cash only). The ticket is valid for three games
11:15 AM	Anchors Aweigh! <i>Viking Sun</i> departs Cochem and sets sails for Cologne.		
12:30 PM	Lunch: Our wait staff welcomes you for lunch in the restaurant. Enjoy!		
12:30 PM	Light Lunch Buffet: A light lunch buffet is offered in the Viking Lounge.	Followed by	Live Music: Mingle with fellow passengers for an after dinner drink while enjoying soft musical entertainment.
4:00 PM	Galley tour: Our executive chef André invites you to tour the galley. Please sign up at the reception desk, and listen for the announcements.	11:00 PM	<i>Viking Sun</i> arrives in Cologne.

SHP'S CONTACTS

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COCKTAILS OF THE DAY

With Alcohol:
Flamingo 5.00 €
Without Alcohol:
Fruit Punch 3.00 €

The Viking Sun team wishes you an unforgettable day!

TODAY'S WEATHER

cloudy

Sunrise:	6:00 AM	Temperature:	15 – 25°C / 59 - 77°F
Sunset:	8:55 PM	Chance of Rain:	5% morning 50% afternoon 50% evening

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF RIVER CRUISES

Cochem

Cochem is located at the beginning of the "Cochemer Krampens," a 20 km long bend in the Mosel, where the Endertbach (Endert creek) flows into the Mosel. Cochem is the chief town of the district; its municipal district of Cond is located on the other side of the Mosel.

Like many places along the Mosel, Cochem was settled by the Celts and then later by the Romans. The castle, whatever its foundations, is said to date back to the 11th century. In 1294, the castle was put under Trier's rule. The energetic Elector Baldwin had the castle expanded into a powerful fortification that was later made into the Electoral Seat of Trier

A chain was used to block traffic here along the Mosel to collect duties.

A particularly catastrophic year for Cochem was 1689 when the troops of Louis XIV conquered the town and its castle, razing everything to the ground. The town recovered again but the castle remained in ruins until 1866 when the Berlin Kommerzienrat Ravené, a wealthy business magnate, bought the ruins and had the castle restored.