

VIKING NEWS

YOUR PROGRAM FOR TODAY

Wednesday, August 12th 2009

5:15 AM	Anchors Aweigh! <i>Viking Sun</i> departs Amsterdam and sets sail for Utrecht.	3:30 PM	Silversmith demonstration: Enjoy a demonstration by a Schoonhoven silversmith 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.	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.
7:00 AM	Morning Gymnastics: Join us in the lounge for light exercise.	6:00 PM	Anchors Aweigh! <i>Viking Sun</i> departs Schoonhoven and sets sail for Rotterdam.
7:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast: Start your day with a generous breakfast buffet served in the restaurant.	5:30-7:00 PM	Cocktail Hour: Start your evening with one of our cocktails of the day.
8:30-9:00 AM	<i>Viking Sun</i> stops in Utrecht for disembarkation of passengers going on the shore excursion.	6:30 PM	Daily Briefing: Join fellow passengers in the lounge for an information briefing with your Program Director Lucia.
8:30 AM-1:00 PM	Shore Excursion: Gouda tour including a visit to a cheese farm. You will return to the ship in Schoonhoven.	7:00 PM	Maritime Dinner: Our Chef de Cuisine André and Maître d'Hotel Cata invite you for dinner in the restaurant. Bon appétit!
12:30 PM	<i>Viking Sun</i> arrives in Schoonhoven.	8:00 PM	<i>Viking Sun</i> arrives in Rotterdam.
1:00 PM	Lunch: Our wait staff welcomes you for lunch in the restaurant. Enjoy!	9:00 PM	Evening Entertainment: Enjoy the sights and sounds of Dutch Folklore in the Viking Lounge.
1:00 PM	Light Lunch Buffet: A light lunch buffet is offered in the Viking Lounge.		

SHIP'S CONTACTS

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COCKTAILS OF THE DAY

With Alcohol:
Desperador 5.00 €
Without Alcohol:
Bahamas 3.00 €

The Viking Sun team wishes you an unforgettable day!

TODAY'S WEATHER

cloudy with rain

Sunrise: 6:18 AM

Temperature: 14 - 20°C / 57 - 68°F

Sunset: 9:13 PM

Chance of Rain: 15% morning
80% afternoon
15% evening

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF RIVER CRUISES

Gouda

Probably less well known than the cheese which bears the same name, the city of Gouda is nevertheless one of the most popular mid-size cities with visitors, both domestic and foreign. The heart of the city comprises the medieval gothic town hall, a very striking building set in the centre of a large, irregularly shaped market square; the gothic St. John's church, one of the largest churches in the Netherlands, known for its exquisite collection of stained glass windows; the market square itself, which is still a hub of activities, especially during market days on Thursday and Saturday; and the surrounding buildings, many of which bear decorations that date back centuries.

Gouda, unlike for instance Leyden or Delft, did not have a university, but the town's economy was sustained through the ages by a diverse industry and lively trade: cheese, candles, pottery and pipes from Gouda reached all corners of the Low Countries and were traded internationally as well. Even today, Gouda celebrates its traditional industries: the big yellow wheels of cheese are

ubiquitous, the candle factories are as busy as ever and Gouda earthenware is still sold in many stores.

The city is also known for a special treat that has made its way around the world: the syrup waffle, a very thin sandwich cookie with a sticky caramel filling. Depending on the weekday, the sweet scent of the huge *stroopwafel* bakeries permeates the old city. Don't leave Gouda without trying one!

The cheese that Gouda is known for is produced on numerous farms and in many factories, most of which are no longer in the city itself. It is most often produced in wheels well over a foot in diameter. With age, the cheese's flavour becomes more intense, and every Dutchman or -woman has his or her favorite age: many stores offer up to 6 different 'ages', whereby the oldest cheese is often stored for more than a year before consumption.