

VIKING NEWS

YOUR PROGRAM FOR TODAY

Friday, August 14th 2009

5:30 AM	<i>Viking Sun</i> arrives in Ghent.	6:00-7:00 PM	Cocktail Hour: Start your evening with one of our cocktails of the day.
6:00-7:00 AM	'Early Bird' Breakfast: Coffee, juice and pastries are offered at the coffee station for early risers.	6:30 PM	Daily Briefing: Join fellow passengers in the lounge for an information briefing by your Program Director Lucia.
7:00 AM	Morning Gymnastics: Join your Program Manager in the lounge for light exercise.	7:00 PM	Dinner: Chef de Cuisine André and Maître d'Hotel Cata invite you for dinner in the restaurant. Bon appétit!
7:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast: Start your day with a generous breakfast buffet served in the restaurant.	9:00 PM	Raffle Draw followed by Memories of your cruise: Enjoy your cruise at a glance!
9:00 AM -5:30 PM	Shore Excursion: Full day excursion to Bruges including lunch.		
12:00 PM	Lunch: For passengers staying on board, our wait staff welcomes you for lunch. Enjoy!		
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 PM	Anchors Aweigh! <i>Viking Sun</i> departs Ghent and sets sail for Antwerp.		

SHIP'S CONTACTS

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

With Alcohol:
Banana Lumumba 5.00 €
Without Alcohol:
Chocolate Banana 3.00 €

The Viking Sun team wishes you an unforgettable day!

TODAY'S WEATHER

partly cloudy

Sunrise: 5:26 AM

Temperature: 13 - 23°C / 55 - 73°F

Sunset: 9:56 PM

Chance of Rain: 10% morning
5% afternoon
10% evening

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF RIVER CRUISES

Brugge

It is hard to imagine a city in the Low Countries with a more intact medieval city center than Brugge. If the paintings of the Old Masters evoke visions of small towns with cobblestone streets, canals lined with brick houses, ornate gables and quiet courtyards, Brugge seems to be the city in all of these pictures.

Known for its lace and its chocolate, Bruges originally was an active trading port, which developed strong ties to Scandinavia, and thus avoided the ransacking by Norsemen that other cities in the Low Countries experienced in the Middle Ages. Eventually Brugge's port, which had a open connection to the North Sea, silted up, and the slow, gradual decline of the city proved it's saving grace. Wealthy no more, the residents did not have the funds for contant urban renewal, and the city as it appears today is quite frankly the result of a lack of money to

destroy its beauty by subsequent development.

Antwerp

Located on the banks of the Schelde, Antwerp is Belgium's most important port city, and it ranks as one of the world's largest. Shaped by trade and industry, the city has also been home to many artists, most notably Pieter Paul Rubens, arguably Belgian's most famous painter of all time. Many of his works are kept in the fine arts museum, but some may be seen in the city's cathedral, one of the largest Gothic buildings in Europe. Nearby is the city's main square with the statue of an intrepid young man by the name of Brabo, who is throwing away a giant hand, cut off the arm of the ogre Antigoon, an act which gave the city its name: Antwerpen comes from Handwerpen, hand throwing...