

14 Nights | Grand European River Cruise | With VIKING FLY FREE

Amsterdam - Kinderdijk - Cologne - Wurzburg - Vienna - Budapest

From **\$8,795** Typically \$10,000 ✈️ pp twin share



Cruise in luxury through the heart of Europe, from Amsterdam to Budapest

Visit some of Europe's most incredible UNESCO heritage-listed sites

Enjoy a range of meals, drinks and fantastic on-shore excursions

ECONOMY FLIGHTS INCLUDED on 2025 and 2026 Sailings!

Description



Do Not Miss Out on flying for **FREE** with VIKING for selected
2025 and 2026 Departures

For selected 2025/2026 River voyages in Europe with included flights are in Economy Class on Viking's choice of airline and from selected major gateway cities in Australia. Advertised price is based on 16 NOV 2025 departure.

Embark on an unforgettable journey through the very heart of Europe with Viking Cruises, where luxury meets adventure, and every moment is a celebration of culture, history, and culinary delights.

Join us as we traverse the picturesque landscapes from Amsterdam to Budapest, or vice versa, on selected dates in 2025 and 2026. Immerse yourself in the richness of Europe's diverse tapestry.

Begin your voyage by admiring the breathtaking Rhine Valley vistas from the vantage point of a 900-year-old castle, where history whispers through the stone walls and the beauty of the landscape unfolds before your eyes. As you sail along the Rhine, Main, and Danube Rivers, you'll witness the charming windmill-dotted waterways of Holland give way to the stunning landscapes of Hungary, each bend in the river revealing a new treasure to behold.

Indulge all your senses as you sample the finest food and wine of Austria's Wachau Valley, where vineyards blanket the hillsides and culinary delights tantalize your taste buds. Delve into the rich cultural heritage of Vienna as



you learn the elegant steps of the Viennese waltz, a dance that has captivated hearts for centuries. Then, lose yourself in the timeless charm of Budapest's Café Gerbeaud, where the aroma of freshly brewed coffee mingles with the sweet scent of pastries, inviting you to linger and savor every moment.

But the journey doesn't end there. Along the way, immerse yourself in engaging encounters with local artisans, historians, and experts who will enrich your understanding of the places you visit. Whether it's a guided tour through historic landmarks, a private tasting of regional delicacies, or a leisurely stroll through quaint cobblestone streets, every on-shore excursion promises to be a highlight of your adventure.

And let's not forget the unparalleled dining experiences awaiting you on board. From gourmet meals inspired by the regions we traverse to carefully curated wine pairings that enhance every dish, our culinary offerings are sure to satisfy even the most discerning palate. Sit back, relax, and let our talented chefs and attentive staff pamper you with the finest cuisine and service, ensuring that every meal is a feast to remember.

So why wait? Join us on this incredible 15-day journey spanning the best of Europe, where every moment is an opportunity to create cherished memories that will last a lifetime. With Viking Cruises, you'll unpack once and experience the wonders of Europe in unparalleled luxury and comfort. Book your adventure today and prepare to embark on the voyage of a lifetime.



Itinerary

Day 1

Australia ✈ Amsterdam

Arrive in Amsterdam, then transfer to your ship.* After boarding, the afternoon is yours to relax or explore the city on your own. If your arrival schedule permits, you may wish to visit the Rijksmuseum, or the van Gogh Museum next door.

Meals Included: Dinner

Day 2

Kinderdijk, The Netherlands

Kinderdijk is a village community in the Alblasserwaard province. This corner of South Holland, part of the scenic Waal and Merwede regions, has long been shaped by Rhine Delta waters. Kinderdijk is most known for its 19 remarkably preserved 18th-century windmills. The charming hamlet is located amid low-lying polders, tracts of land reclaimed from the sea by the power of the windmills and enclosed by embankments, or dikes. This legendary place calls to mind the 1865 novel Hans Brinker, in which a heroic boy plugs his finger into a ruptured dike.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3

Cologne, Germany

Cologne reveals its Roman heritage in its city layout and the ancient ruins that lie scattered through the town. Cologne's modern plazas and Hohe Strasse host welcoming shops, enticing restaurants and Cologne boutiques. Of note is the city's 14th-century cathedral, a stunning example of Gothic artistry and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Having survived Allied bombs during World War II, the cathedral's imposing twin spires are visible for miles and its stained glass windows fill the interior with brilliant colored light. Its steps lead to a platform with astounding views.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4

Koblenz, Germany

Koblenz is a traditional German city, founded more than 2,000 years ago. This former trading settlement rests on a massif of the Middle Rhine Highlands. Its cobblestone streets, wood-beamed houses adorned with flowers, ancient market square and medieval churches recall the fairy-tale Germany of old. At the “German Corner,” a massive equestrian statue of Prince William I observes the lovely riverside scene. The famed Teutonic Knights set up their first base here in 1216. The Romanesque Basilica of St. Castor, Koblenz’s oldest building, dates to 836.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5

Scenic Sailing: Main River, Spessart

Journey along one of Germany’s most important waterways today, passing landscapes that embody the country’s scenic beauty and storybook charm. You will sail by quaint riverside villages, undulating farm country and the sylvan forests of the Spessart woodlands. Along the way, you just may lose yourself in the dreamy canvases of half-timbered houses, historic castles and splendid palaces. This is the Germany once ruled by dukes and brought to magical life by the imagination of the Brothers Grimm, who grew up in the town of Hanau and wove fantastic tales from these banks..

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6

Würzburg, Germany

Surrounded by Franconian vineyards, Würzburg was heavily damaged during World War II, but has since been completely restored. This prestigious university city is a jewel of baroque architecture. Its most pristine example of pomp and glory is the great Bishops’ Residenz palace, built in 1744 for the prince-bishop; his unwavering support of artists is evidenced by the sweeping staircase and magnificent ceiling frescoes by Tiepolo. Other landmarks include the medieval, statue-lined Old Main Bridge and Marienberg Fortress, originally a Celtic hill fort and later residence of the bishops. The city remains a major wine-making center, hosting Germany’s oldest and largest vineyard.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7

Bamberg, Germany

Founded in 902, Bamberg remains a medieval-looking city known for its symphony orchestra and rauchbier, specialty smoked beer. The city's winding streets are filled with baroque patrician houses and are home to the stunning 11th-century Cathedral of Holy Roman Emperor Heinrich II, housing his tomb and that of Pope Clement II. Bamberg is especially noted for its Altes Rathaus, or Old Town Hall, situated on a twin-arched bridge over the Regnitz River, and for the old bishop's houses: the 16th-century Alte Hofhaltung (Old Court) and 17th-century Neue Residenz (New Residence).

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8

Nuremberg, Germany

The second-largest city in Bavaria, Nuremberg is filled with traditional half-timbered houses and Gothic churches with intricate spires. Although nearly destroyed during World War II, the remaining medieval city walls stretch some three miles and feature original gateways and 80 original watchtowers. Nuremberg is well known historically for its metal and toy craftsmanship. But it is infamous for its role in World War II, first as the site of Zeppelin Field's Nazi rallies and later as the site of the war crimes trials at the Palace of Justice that captured the attention of a generation.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9

Regensburg, Germany

Having escaped major damage during World War II, the picturesque town of Regensburg is one of Europe's best-preserved medieval cities, the oldest city along the Danube and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Old Stone Bridge, constructed in the 12th century, is a masterpiece of medieval engineering with its 16 arches. St. Peter's Cathedral is widely considered Bavaria's best Gothic architectural work. The old town's Neupfarrplatz square is a cross section of history—it was once a thriving Jewish quarter, a bustling marketplace and the site of Nazi book burnings.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10

Passau, Germany

Founded by the Celts over 2,000 years ago, Passau is one of Bavaria's oldest cities. Known as the "City of Three Rivers," it rests at the confluence of the Inn, Ilz and Danube rivers. The city has long enjoyed its strategic position and grew to great economic and political power because of it. The legacy of its past prosperity lives on in graceful arcades, colorful houses with rococo facades and the glorious baroque St. Stephen's Cathedral, home to one of Europe's largest pipe organs. Passau is also where two nations meet; it is here that the German-Austrian border begins.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11

Melk, Austria

Set amid an important wine-growing region of picturesque villages and fairy-tale castles, the charming city of Melk lies at the base of the Wachau Valley. An imposing 900-year-old Benedictine abbey, a stunning example of baroque architecture, overlooks the town from its dramatic hilltop location. This architectural treasure has 365 windows, one for each day of the year, and the views from its expansive balcony are stunning. Its beautiful library houses priceless medieval manuscripts and marvelous frescoes by Paul Troger, and its meticulously kept grounds are inviting and picturesque.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12

Vienna, Austria

Renowned as the "City of Waltzes," Austria's capital city of Vienna is Europe's center of classical music. Strauss and Mozart composed many of their finest pieces here. Vienna's musical history is matched by the elegant, graceful architecture that lines the Ringstrasse, the wide boulevard encircling the Inner City. Baroque, neo-Renaissance, Gothic-Romanesque and other splendidly styled structures, from the Hofburg Palace to the Vienna State Opera, take the breath away with their grand facades. Vienna has a more intimate side too: inviting footpaths lead through green parks and its famed Viennese cafés sweeten any stay with coffee and the city's delectable Sachertorte.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 13

Vienna, Austria

Vienna is considered one of Europe's greatest cultural hubs. Its art scene has long been established with the Hapsburg's collection of fine art, now housed at the Kunsthistorisches Museum. Today, Vienna's modern side showcases street art murals that don the side of buildings along the banks of the Danube. Ingrained in local life is the long-embraced tradition of coffeehouses; UNESCO includes Viennese coffeehouse culture on its list of Intangible Cultural Heritages. It is considered one of life's pleasures to while away an afternoon over an Einspänner coffee and a pastry.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 14

Budapest, Hungary

Riverside beauty and a vibrant cultural scene blend together in Budapest to form one of Europe's most rewarding cities. Hungary's enchanting capital straddles the banks of the Danube, with traditional hillside Buda on one side and modern Pest on the other. By day, stunning art nouveau buildings, stalwart castles and grand palaces set the stage for inspiring strolls and long soaks in thermal spas. By night, the shimmering lights of the Parliament building dance across the waters of the Danube, the Chain Bridge uniting it all as a dramatic centerpiece.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 15

Budapest, Hungary

Bid farewell to your fellow guests and journey home. Or spend more time exploring, perhaps joining one of our extensions.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- International Flights (This deal comes with a flight credit* that can be used with Viking to book your flights)
- 14 nights in a Standard River-view stateroom
- One complimentary shore excursion in every port of call
- Free Wi-Fi (connection speed may vary)
- Visits to UNESCO Sites
- Enrichment lectures & Destination Performances
- Beer, wine & soft drinks with onboard lunch & dinner
- 24-hour specialty coffees, teas & bottled water
- Port taxes & fees
- Gratuities

***Flight Credit:** For 2025 and 2026 departures, there is an included Flight Credit of \$2400 per person that can be used to book your international airfares. Please advise on check out your departing city.

***NOTE** flights are released 10 months in advance. If your chosen itinerary exceeds the credit amount, you will need to pay the difference.

Accommodation: A Luxury VIKING vessel in a Riverview Stateroom

Direction of Sailing: Please note before making any further arrangements, speak with your Customer Service Consultant to confirm the direction of travel as this program operates in both directions.

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Child Policy: Children are not permitted on this tour package.

Single Supplement: Call us for a quote!

Insurance: All guests must have travel insurance to participate on this tour and will be required to show this prior to departure.

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Exclusions

- Items of a personal nature
- Transfers
- Travel Insurance
- Any visas needed

Upgrades: Please enquire with us for a quote and to confirm the availability of your preferred upgrade option onboard the ship.

Availability: The current promotion is very popular and has a very small amount of cabins available. For ALL sailings, please contact us to check availability on your preferred date.

Fitness: Level of fitness: All participants should be in good general health, able to walk reasonable distances over sometimes uneven terrain, and stand during excursions. All guests must be able to



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You must have a passport with at least 6 months validity from the time of travel

Travel Insurance: We recommend Covermore travel insurance. To quote and book, please click [HERE](#).

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