

ROMANTIC DANUBE 7 DAY CRUISE

2024

DAY 1

Budapest, Hungary

Welcome to Budapest, capital of Hungary. Transfer to your ship from the airport.* After boarding, the afternoon is yours to relax or do a bit of exploring. After dinner on board tonight, enjoy an evening cruise on your ship to admire Budapest's beautiful scenery from the vantage point of the Danube River. (D)



DAY 2

Budapest, Hungary

Your morning begins with a panoramic tour of the Pest side of the city. Journey along Andrásy Avenue and see the 19th- and 20th-century mansions, National Opera House, Parliament Building and Chain Bridge. Stop in Heroes' Square to learn more about Hungarian history, then cross the Danube to Buda's Castle District. Visit Matthias Church and enjoy brilliant views of the Danube and the beautiful Hungarian Parliament building from Fishermen's Bastion. Rejoin your ship in Visegrád for lunch as we cruise along the scenic Danube River. Enjoy a midafternoon Viennese coffee workshop, complete with apple strudel. (B, L, D)



DAY 3

Vienna, Austria

Today we tour the Austrian capital of Vienna. Ride along the Ringstrasse, which replaced the city walls in the mid-19th century. See some of the city's baroque architecture, including the world-famous Opera House, St. Stephen's Cathedral and Hofburg Palace. Return to your ship for lunch. The rest of the day is yours to further explore. As always, your Program Director can help you plan your free time. Or, you may choose to join us for an optional excursion. Perhaps visit Schönbrunn Palace, erected in 1778 and admired as the "Versailles of Vienna," or go behind the scenes at the Spanish Riding School to see its famed Lipizzaner stallions. This evening, you might enjoy an optional classical concert or celebrate the bottling of this year's wine vintage among the locals at a high-spirited optional Heurigen dinner. (B, L, D)tem 1 of 7:

Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna



DAY 4

Krems, Austria

After breakfast, disembark in Krems and set off for Göttweig, a working Benedictine abbey that owns many of the vineyards along the Danube. See the splendid ceiling fresco in its imperial stairwell, one of the largest in the world. Visit the abbey church, a masterpiece of baroque architecture. Alternately, you may instead choose to explore your environs by bicycle, enjoying a ride along a riverside bike path considered one of Europe's most scenic. Afterward, rejoin your ship and cruise leisurely through the captivating Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Taste some local Austrian specialties during lunch on board, taking in views of attractive towns and castle ruins along the way. (B, L, D)

Wachau by the Danube, Austria



DAY 5

Passau, Germany

Arrive this morning in Passau, at the confluence of the Inn, Ilz and Danube Rivers. Your guided walk along the town's narrow streets takes you through Old Town and past traditional patrician houses. See the New Bishop's Residence and visit the impressive baroque St. Stephen's Cathedral with its ornate interior. Inside, you are treated to a special concert played on the 17,000-pipe organ, considered Europe's largest church organ.† Enjoy lunch on board your ship, and return to the city for further exploration on your own before departing. Alternately, you may instead journey into the countryside on an optional excursion to a local farm where you will have the opportunity to join a festive Bavarian party, experiencing traditional German music and food and tasting locally brewed beer. Or, you may choose a full-day optional excursion to explore glorious Salzburg; visit the Italianate Old Town, see settings from the film *The Sound of Music* and enjoy lunch at Austria's oldest restaurant. (B, L, D)

†Passau organ concert is available May 1–October 31 only and is closed on Sundays.

Danube river, Passau Germany



DAY 6

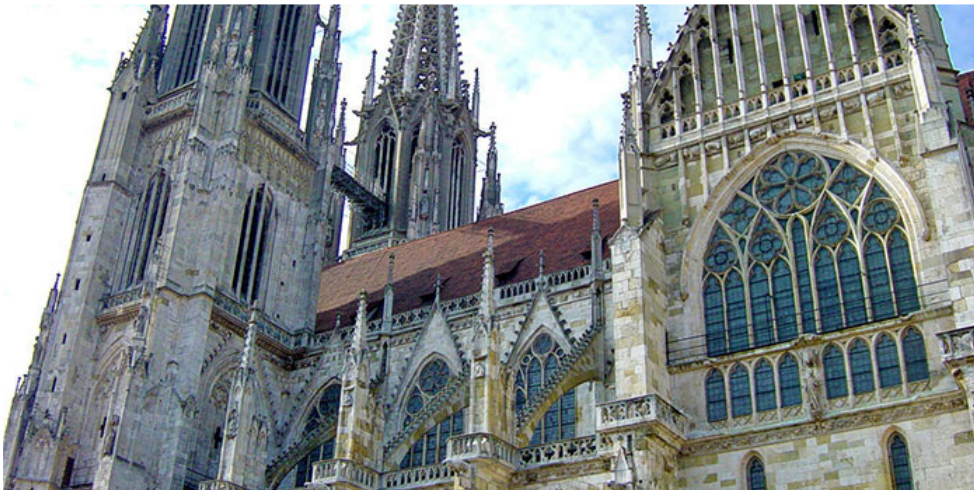
Regensburg, Germany

After breakfast, meet your local guide for a walking tour through the scenic town of Regensburg, considered one of Europe's best preserved medieval cities. See one of the largest groupings of 13th- and 14th-century church spires, towers and patrician houses north of the Alps. You also encounter the 12th-century Old Stone Bridge, St. Peter's Cathedral and a number of idyllic courtyards. Take time to stroll the streets, shop or visit Germany's oldest restaurant, the Alte Würstküche. Lunch is served on board your ship.

This afternoon, enjoy scenic cruising along the Danube River, or take an optional excursion to visit Weltenburg Abbey and experience a short cruise through a stunning mountain pass, one of the most breathtakingly scenic bends in the Danube Narrows. Travel by road to Kelheim and board a ferryboat to explore the 400-foot chalk cliffs and dramatic scenery of the Danube Narrows. Visit Weltenburg Abbey*, renowned for the dark ale brewed here by monks since 1050, then rejoin your ship in Kelheim in time for dinner. Alternately, you may choose a full-day optional excursion to see the highlights of the grand city of Munich. (B, L, D)

* Weltenburg Abbey tour is available from May–October only.

Regensburg Cathedral, Germany



DAY 7

Nuremberg, Germany

When you awake this morning, your ship will be on the Main–Danube Canal, an engineering marvel that stretches 106 miles from Kelheim on the Danube to Bamberg on the Main River. It began as Charlemagne’s dream in 793 and was completed in 1992 with 16 locks that raise the water level 1,332 feet. Today, it enables river travel from the North Sea to the Black Sea.

Disembark in Roth to take a shuttle directly to Nuremberg and begin exploring; or, stay on board to enjoy cruising this legendary canal and arrive in Nuremberg, Bavaria’s second largest city, around lunchtime. After lunch, take a city tour that features a drive to Zeppelin Field, the former Nazi parade grounds, and Congress Hall. You will also drive by the Palace of Justice, the venerable vestige of the Nuremberg Trials. Then visit medieval Nuremberg Castle. Your tour comes to a close with a walk from the imperial palace grounds, past the Albrecht Dürer House and on to the Main Market Square with its elaborate Gothic fountain. Afterward you have some time on your own to explore.

Alternately, you can join an optional World War II tour. Visit Zeppelin Field on foot, see Congress Hall and spend time at the illuminating Documentation Center Museum. After, visit Courtroom 600 at the Palace of Justice (unless court is in session) before heading to Nuremberg’s medieval Old Town, enclosed within ancient city walls. (B, L, D)

River in Nuremberg



DAY 8

Nuremberg, Germany

After breakfast, disembark and proceed to the airport for your return flight.* Or, extend your journey with 3 nights in Prague, Czech Republic, including a tour of Old Town and Prague Castle. (B)

* Ground transfers are included with Viking Air purchase.

Schöner Brunnen, Nuremberg



Itinerary: Romantic Danube

Pre Extension: Hotel/Ship Check-in: 04 September 2024

Post Extension Date: 11 September 2024

Direction: BUD-NUR

Optional Pre Extension:

Ship: VIKING VAR

Highlights of the Danube River

A Danube River cruise unveils Europe's rich and dramatic history. Glittering cultural capitals, lush vineyards, magnificent monasteries and endless scenic splendor line the river's banks. Here are some sample highlights you will see with Viking:

- Enchanting Passau, set where three rivers meet
- Lush vineyards of the Wachau Valley
- The baroque splendor of Melk Abbey
- Vienna's elegant architecture
- The splendid Benedictine Abbey of Göttweig
- Scenic beauty of the picturesque Danube Bend
- Budapest's stunning Chain Bridge and Parliament Building
- Soaring cliffs of the scenic Iron Gate
- Romania's rural culture and rich folklore
- Belgrade's impressive Kalemegdan Fortress

A 3 day pre stay in Budapest and/or 3 day post stay in Prague can be added. Cost available upon request.

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Other Dates and Itineraries are available!

Ship Information:

Var - Norse Goddess of Oaths

The Norse goddess of oaths, Var is a truth seeker. She oversees all agreements and contracts, particularly marriage vows made between men and women, which were known as *várar* in Old Norse. Hence, she is the goddess of betrothal.

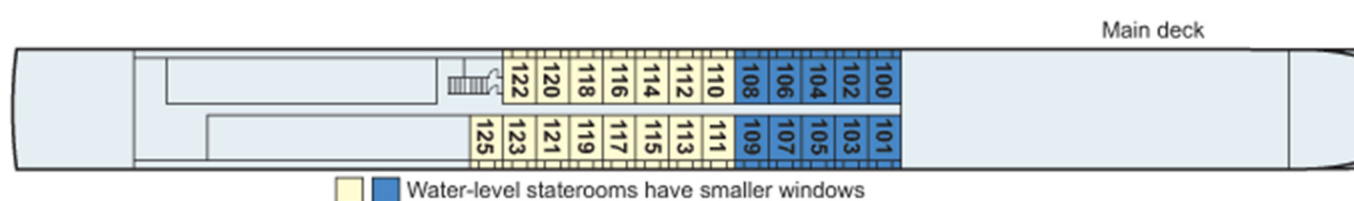
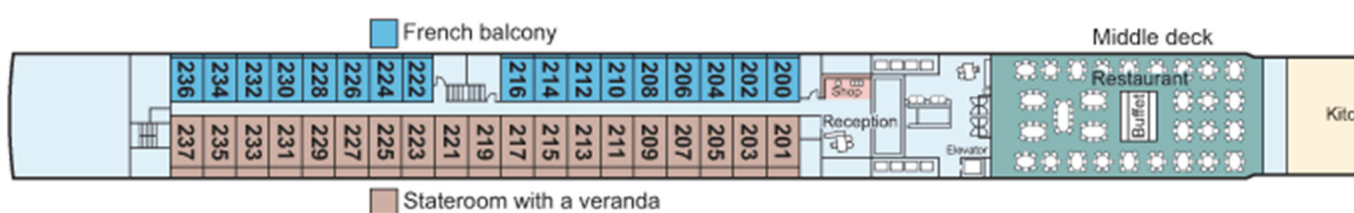
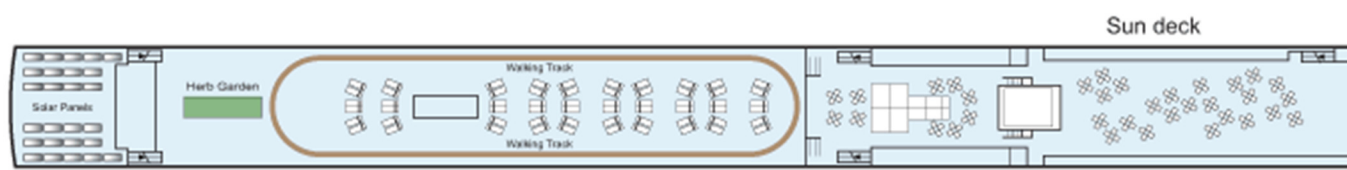
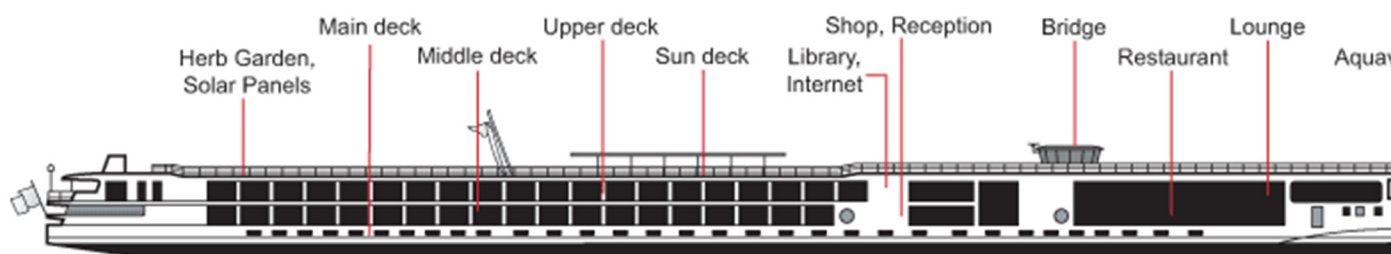
Longship Features

- 95 comfortable outside staterooms (25 Standard Staterooms, 22 French Balcony Staterooms, 39 Veranda Staterooms, 7 Veranda Suites, 2 Explorer Suites)
- All suites feature two full-size rooms with a veranda off the living room & a French balcony in the bedroom
- Sun Deck with 360-degree views & shaded sitting area; organic herb garden & solar panels; putting green & walking track
- Aquavit Terrace & Lounge, a revolutionary indoor/outdoor viewing area at the bow of the ship for al fresco dining
- Viking Lounge & Bar with floor-to-ceiling glass doors
- Restaurant with floor-to-ceiling windows for panoramic views
- Library & onboard shop
- Elevator from Middle to Upper Deck only; no elevator access for categories E & F
- Free Wi-Fi (connection speed may vary)
- Laundry service
- Ecologically friendly hybrid engines producing less vibrations for a smoother ride
- 40" flat-screen TV with infotainment system featuring Movies On Demand, plus CNBC, CNN, National Geographic & more

Deck Plan

SELECT A STATEROOM TYPE

- Explorer Suite (ES)
- Veranda Suite (AA)
- Veranda (A)
- Veranda (B)
- French Balcony (C)
- French Balcony (D)
- Standard (E)
- Standard (F)



Stateroom Features

Standard Stateroom (E, F)

- Stateroom size: 150 sq ft
- River-view stateroom with half-height picture window
- Hotel-style bed 79 in x 63 in (with optional twin-bed configuration); luxury linens & pillows
- Free Wi-Fi (connection speed may vary)
- 40" flat-screen TV with infotainment system featuring Movies On Demand, plus CNBC, CNN, FOX, National Geographic & more
- 110/220 volt outlets & USB ports
- Telephone, safe, refrigerator, hair dryer & individual climate control
- Private bathroom with spacious glass-enclosed shower, heated bathroom floor & anti-fog mirror
- Premium Freyja® toiletries; plush robes & slippers available upon request
- Bottled water replenished daily
- Stateroom steward & twice-daily housekeeping
- Space under bed for storing suitcases
- Roomy wardrobe with wooden hangers
- View the Standard in our [360° Longship Tour](#)

French Balcony Stateroom (C, D)

- Stateroom size: 135 sq ft
- River-view stateroom with floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door to create a French balcony
- Hotel-style bed 79 in x 63 in (with optional twin-bed configuration); luxury linens & pillows
- Free Wi-Fi (connection speed may vary)
- 40" flat-screen TV with infotainment system featuring Movies On Demand, plus CNBC, CNN, FOX, National Geographic & more
- 110/220 volt outlets & USB ports
- Telephone, safe, refrigerator, hair dryer & individual climate control
- Private bathroom with spacious glass-enclosed shower, heated bathroom floor & anti-fog mirror
- Premium Freyja® toiletries; plush robes & slippers available upon request
- Bottled water replenished daily
- Stateroom steward & twice-daily housekeeping
- Space under bed for storing suitcases
- Roomy wardrobe with wooden hangers
- View the French Balcony in our [360° Longship Tour](#)

Veranda Stateroom (A, B)

- Stateroom size: 205 sq ft
- River-view stateroom with floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door opening to a full-size veranda
- Hotel-style bed 79 in x 63 in (with optional twin-bed configuration); luxury linens & pillows
- Free Wi-Fi (connection speed may vary)
- 40" flat-screen TV with infotainment system featuring Movies On Demand, plus CNBC, CNN, FOX, National Geographic & more
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