



*December 2016*  
**Cruise  
the Rhine  
with the  
LSBA**

The Louisiana State Bar Association is offering an exciting CLE opportunity while cruising the Rhine River. Partnering with Vacations At Sea Travel, the LSBA program will be held Friday, December 9 through Friday, December 16, 2016 aboard the Viking Longship Mani. An hour of CLE will be offered prior to dinner for five nights of the cruise at a cost of \$150 per attorney CLE registrant. The LSBA will invoice registrants for this portion of the trip once they have booked the cruise portion with Vacations at Sea.

Explore castles and cathedrals on this eight-day itinerary through France, Germany, The Netherlands and Switzerland. In Germany, sail past castles commanding the riverbanks, and tour both Marksburg Castle and the ruins of Heidelberg Castle. Admire Cologne, the jewel of the Rhine, with its awe-inspiring Dom, and witness the lush landscape of the Black Forest region. Explore Holland's famous windmills and waterworks, and encounter multicultural Strasbourg in France.

The itinerary will include tours of European Christmas markets. Here, the spirit and romance of the holidays come alive with the scent of gingerbread and the tunes of traditional carols around every corner. Whichever Christmas markets you visit, you'll enjoy a wonderful feast of tasty treats, as well as dozens of stalls brimming with unique and inspiring handcrafted gifts.

Launched in March 2015, the Mani offers state-of-the-art engineering and luxury. Choose from a variety of stateroom types, onboard entertainment options and ship locations from which you can enjoy sailing through the scenery, all the while enriching your time in some of Europe's most remarkable destinations. Enjoy the indoor-outdoor Aquavit Terrace at the bow of the ship, or relax on the Sun Deck. These "green" ships, featuring energy-efficient hybrid engines, solar panels and an organic herb garden, were named to honor prominent members of the Norse pantheon. Each ship carries 190 guests in comfortable, understated elegance, with hotel-style beds and amenities like 40-inch flat-panel TVs and in-room refrigerators.

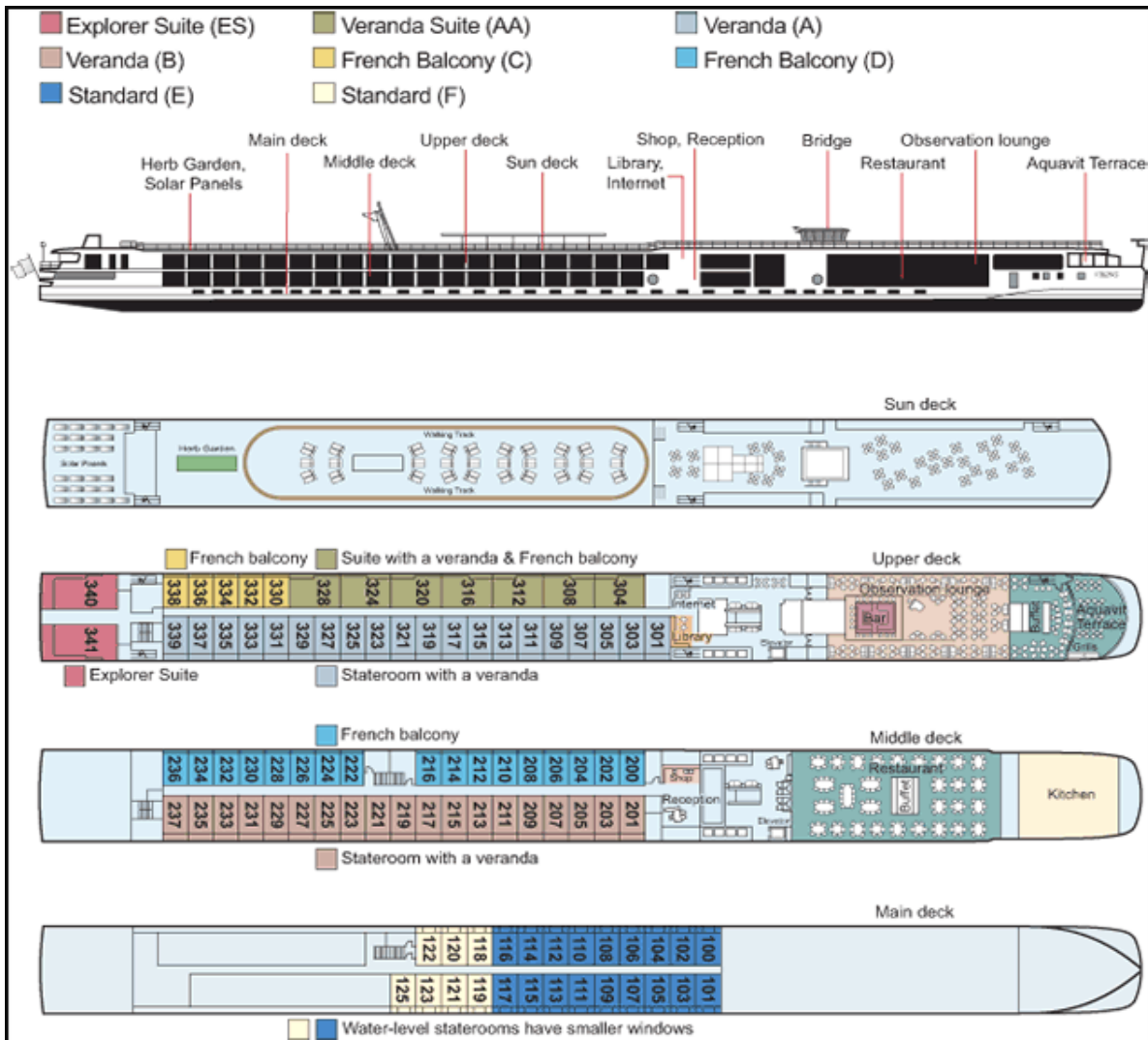


Viking River Cruises is the World's Best River Cruise Line in the *Travel + Leisure* 2015 World's Best Awards readers' survey, a recognition it has received 11 times since 2004. Since its founding in 1997, Viking has received many

accolades from both guests and the travel industry. Viking is the most award-winning river cruise line: since 2004, it has been recognized consistently by both *Condé Nast Traveler* and *Travel + Leisure* for its outstanding quality, as well as being named "Best River Cruise Line" multiple times by Cruise Critic. Viking consistently receives more "bests" from the travel trade as well.

Special LSBA pricing, available only through Vacations At Sea, represents a savings of \$125 per person off of the lowest available rates. The rates below include the LSBA discount. Past Viking passengers will receive an additional \$100 per person discount, or \$200 per person if they have sailed within one year of the date their trip is booked. **For trips paid in full by January 31, 2016, Viking is offering free round-trip airfare from certain gateway cities and for a nominal additional fee (\$300 from New Orleans) from other departure points.** There is currently still availability in the following categories:

- Category AA Veranda Suite \$3,881 per person
- Category A Veranda \$3,181 per person
- Category B Veranda \$2,981 per person



Cruise fare includes:

- Accommodations
  - Daily shore excursions
  - Onboard meals
  - PLUS
  - Culture Curriculum
  - All port charges
  - Welcome Cocktail Reception
  - Complimentary beverages
  - LSBA CLE programming
  - Internet access
- Seven (7) nights in river view stateroom  
Six (6) guided tours with audio headset  
Seven (7) breakfasts; six (6) lunches; seven (7) dinners  
Visit five (5) Unesco World Heritage Sites
- Wine, beer & soft drinks with onboard dinner and lunch  
Specifics dates and times of programs to be announced  
Free Wi-Fi; connection speed may vary

Air taxes, fees, fuel surcharges and transfers are also included when airfare is purchased through Viking.

## ON BOARD VIKING

When you cruise with Viking you sail with the world's leading river cruise company, and you enjoy the rewards of more than 175 years of heritage and a level of expertise second to none. Inspiring destinations, beautifully crafted itineraries, expert tour guides, luxurious ships, fine cuisine, excellent service, remarkable value – Viking's success is defined by all these things, and something else, too: personal attention to every detail.

Sleek and sophisticated, the elegantly understated interiors offer a serene environment in which to unwind and watch the world go by. A choice of lounge areas, bars and a well-stocked library offer plenty of room in which to relax.

### Staterooms

Spacious, light and airy, every stateroom is beautifully appointed, with elegant décor. Cool cottons, warm wools, furniture crafted from the finest materials and televisions with CNN, CNBC and ESPN make it everything you wish for. With hotel-style beds, clever storage and spacious closets, all rooms have a private bath with shower, and most have individual climate control. As always, it is the little things that count: complimentary bottled water, wooden clothes hangers, premium bath products and comfortable slippers to slide into after a busy day exploring.

Whether you choose a stateroom with a picture window, French balcony with sliding glass doors, or a suite with your own veranda, every room makes the most of the spectacular scenery. For a lovely breath of fresh air, the majority of windows open; suites and category A and B staterooms are on the upper decks for best views.

### Dining

Viking's pledge to bring you exceptional choice extends to your dining experience, with a variety of cuisine that you can enjoy where and when you like. Have a leisurely breakfast in the restaurant. Or, take a plate of freshly baked pastries to the sun deck. For a lunch less ordinary, enjoy one of the daily specials in the restaurant or something lighter in the lounge. Lighter choices, vegetarian dishes – Viking chefs work with nutritionists to provide a selection of balanced options. Help yourself to 24-hour cappuccino, coffee or tea.



## RHINE GETAWAY ITINERARY

(MEALS INCLUDED – B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner)

### Day 1 Basel, Switzerland

Arrive in Basel, then transfer to your ship. After boarding, the afternoon is yours to relax or explore the city on your own. (D)

### Day 2 Breisach, Germany

Arrive in Breisach this morning, gateway to the Black Forest. Take a scenic excursion through the area's renowned mountain landscape, rolling meadows and dense forests. Once there, visit a local workshop and see a cuckoo clock-making demonstration. Return to Breisach or choose an optional excursion to the quaint Alsatian town of Colmar. Dine aboard and cruise on through the night. (B, L, D)



### Day 3 Strasbourg, France

We dock this morning in Kehl and disembark for a guided tour of Strasbourg. See the European Parliament and tour the interior of the city's famed cathedral. The afternoon is free to further explore this Alsatian city's blend of French and German cultures, resplendent churches, medieval covered bridges, verdant parks and handsome Art Nouveau and modernist architecture. Dine

aboard and enjoy free time this evening in the amiable little city of Kehl. (B, L, D)

### Day 4 Heidelberg & Speyer, Germany

Cruise through the morning as you enjoy breakfast and the passing scenery. Arrive in Mannheim and disembark for a tour of Heidelberg to see Germany's oldest university, founded in 1386. Then, visit the beautiful sandstone ruins of imposing Heidelberg Castle and take in the scenery of the Neckar River Valley and the city's many red rooftops from this hilltop post. Continue with a walking tour through Old Town to Heidelberg's renowned gates.

Rejoin the ship in Speyer this afternoon and take some time to look around. You dock in full view of the imposing Romanesque cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built in the 11th century on the site of a former basilica, the building's design influenced Romanesque architecture for centuries to come, and is the final resting place of eight German monarchs. Its soaring interior features graceful rows of sandstone columns and a large stained-glass window that was installed in the western facade during a later Gothic period. (B, L, D)

### Day 5 Koblenz & Rudesheim, Germany

Proceed along the Rhine, disembarking to tour the 700-year-old Marksburg Castle and its museum. Enjoy an onboard lunch as you marvel at this scenic passage, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where castles overlook the river from their hilltop posts. Arrive in Rudesheim in the late afternoon. Spend free time in the pedestrian-only Drosselgasse and sample a glass



of locally produced wine at one of the restaurants or wine bars. Dine aboard your ship, or in town if you prefer. We depart after midnight. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 6           Cologne, Germany**

Continue along the Rhine this morning; arrive in Cologne and disembark for a walking tour. Stroll through Old Town past St. Martin's Church, and spend some time inside Cologne's Dom, a remarkable Gothic cathedral whose construction began in 1248 and was only completed in 1880. Explore the dockside taverns, cafés and shops on your own. As always, your Program Director can help you plan your free time. Dinner is served aboard and we remain docked until late evening. (B, L, D)



#### **Day 7           Kinderdijk, The Netherlands**

This morning we sail to Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for a tour of this ingenious network of windmills and other flood management devices. You learn why the windmills were built and see how they work, plus you enter a working windmill for a tour of its mechanisms and living quarters. Return aboard for lunch and an enjoyable afternoon of Dutch diversions: sample handcrafted Dutch cheeses and *jenever*, a distilled juniper liquor, and try your hand at *sjoelen* (Dutch table shuffleboard). We cruise through the night. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 8           Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

After breakfast, disembark and proceed to the airport for your return flight.\* Or, extend your journey with two 2 additional nights in Amsterdam. (B)

### **BOOK YOUR LSBA CLE ADVENTURE TODAY**

A deposit of \$500 per person plus the passport names and dates of birth of all passengers are required to hold a cabin. Space is extremely limited and some categories have already sold out. Final payments must be paid by June 10, 2016. Changes or cancellations are subject to penalties imposed by both Viking and Vacations At Sea.

**THIS JUST IN – Through January 31, 2016, Viking is offering risk-free cancellation on all 2016 new river cruise bookings. Ask for "Risk-Free Cancellation Waiver." Viking guests enjoy peace of mind knowing that if they decide to cancel for any reason, they get their money back (less a \$50 per person fee from Vacations at Sea).**

Travel insurance is available through the cruise line or an independent company. Viking also offers airfare and transfers, and pre- and post-cruise hotel stays. Information is available through Vacations At Sea. For more information or to book, contact Diane LaHoste at 504-482-1572; 800-749-4950; 504-606-7638 (cell) or [diane@seavacations.com](mailto:diane@seavacations.com). Additional information on Viking and the Rhine Getaway itinerary is available online at [www.vikingrivercruises.com](http://www.vikingrivercruises.com).