



## Sensational Switzerland and a Four Country European River Cruise with Viking. "A Trip of a Lifetime!"

**April 13-25, 2017, Limited Space – Book Early**

Join your friends and travel to a country so beautiful that even pictures cannot do it justice. This tour and cruise has been specially designed by MET Tours after many visits to the area. If ever a destination can be described as "life-changing," it has to be Switzerland and follow that up with an awesome Viking River Cruise with "2 for 1" Cruise Pricing.

After your trans-Atlantic flight to Switzerland, you will be transfers to the upscale lakefront resort of Lucerne, home to celebrities and a place where the Swiss go on vacation. Your three-day visit will allow you to adjust to the time change and explore in comfort.

Included in your vacation at Lake Lucerne is a lake cruise on one of the famous Lucerne Steamers. As one of the most pristine lakes in the world you will be able to see the bottom as you depart shore. You will also enjoy a guided walking tour of the "old-town" and free time.

After Switzerland you board your new "Viking Longship" for an awesome 8-day River Cruise from Basel to Amsterdam. You will visit four countries and feel like you are travelling through history as the "Rivers" were the first transportation in Europe and there are many unique villages to explore. Disembark and enjoy a great two-night stay in exciting Amsterdam with breakfasts, tour and local host!

Viking River Cruises are one of the world's highest rated vacations, our only comments from previous groups was that they wanted to see more. With the strong US Dollar this special MET Tour will show you the beauty of Switzerland and time to explore Amsterdam!

### **Thursday, April 13, 2017**

Flights from the United States to Switzerland. Following your overnight flight to Switzerland, you will be met by your Tour Manager and Driver who will take you to your wonderful lakeside resort.

### **Friday, April 14, 2017 – Lake Lucerne Switzerland**

Check into your First-class-superior, city center or lakefront hotel and relax for a three-day stay. Explore on your own, take a stroll around the lakefront and take in the Alpine views and crisp clean air! Nothing is better to adjust to the time change!

### **Saturday, April 15, 2017 Lucerne and Steamer Cruise**

Lucerne's old city straddles the river; grand resort hotels and picturesque cafes hug the edge of the sparkling lake. Medieval churches, modern museums, ornately frescoed buildings share the city with unique and exclusive boutiques. Your



Guided Walking Tour will show you old-town and the city's landmark all-wooden covered bridges with wonderful murals. In the afternoon you have a lake cruise on one of the famous Luzern Steamers. Incredible alpine vistas will surround and you can also enjoy the historic city view from the water. (B, )

### **Sunday, April 16, 2017 - The World Famous Mt. Titlis in Engelberg**

Free time this morning or take the “optional” excursion to nearby Engelberg and the 10,000 foot Mt. Titlis. The TITLIS ROTAIR gondola rotates its way up towards the snow-covered summit of TITLIS. The world's first revolving gondola transports you up to the mountain station. You will be treated to idyllic panoramic views of steep rock faces, deep crevasses and distant snow-covered mountain peaks. Free time at the mountain top restaurant and shops called the “Top of Europe!”

Later in the day depart for the river port city of Basel. After boarding, enjoy time on your own getting acquainted with the city, or join the “welcome walk” to stretch your legs and get oriented. Dinner is served aboard. (B, D)

(Long awarded the “Best in River Cruising” Viking is awesome. English speaking, no smoking, beautiful new ships with elevators, the best docking locations, late stays in ports to enjoy night life, wonderful staff, fresh local food, beers and wines all included!)

### **Monday, April 17, 2017, Cruise to the Black Forest – 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)

### **Tuesday, April 18, 2107 Cruise to Strasbourg, France**

Arrive in Kehl this morning and disembark for your guided tour of Strasbourg. See the European Parliament and tour the interior of the city's famed cathedral. Free time allows you 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. As always, your Program Director can help you plan your free time. Return to your ship for dinner. (B, L, D)

### **Wednesday, April 19, 2017 Cruise to Heidelberg, overnight stay**

Wake up 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. Afterward, set on a walking tour through Old Town to Heidelberg's renowned gates. Return to your ship for afternoon cruising. Arrive in Rudesheim in the early evening, then 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 spend more time exploring in town if you prefer. You remain docked overnight. (B, L, D)



### **Thursday, April 20, 2017 Cruise to the Marksburg Castle**

This morning, sail along the most scenic stretch of the Rhine, where castles overlook the river from their hilltop posts. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, this part of the Middle Rhine Valley is so beautiful. Arrive in Koblenz this afternoon and disembark for a tour of 700-year-old Marksburg Castle and its museum. Return to your ship for lunch. Later, enjoy some time in this charming town at the confluence of the Moselle and Rhine Rivers. (B, L, D)



### **Friday, April 21, 2017 – Cruise to Cologne and a fun overnight stay**

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)



### **Saturday, April 22, 2017 Cruise to Windmill County, Neatherlands**

We sail along the Rhine during the morning hours, enjoying scenic views. Spend your morning enjoying some popular Dutch diversions: sample Dutch cheeses and *jenever*, a distilled juniper liquor, and try your hand at *sjoelen* (Dutch table shuffleboard). After lunch, your ship arrives in Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for an afternoon 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. Board your ship for departure and dinner. Arrive in Amsterdam after midnight. (B, L, D)



### **Sunday, April 23, 2017 Amsterdam**

After breakfast, transfer to Amsterdam's a centrally located Amsterdam City Centre hotel. Once you get settled, embark on a walking tour through the charming streets and neighborhoods of Amsterdam. The rest of your day is free to enjoy Amsterdam's wonderful restaurants and many attractions; optional, explore the city's art or historical museums, visit the Anne Frank House or take a canal tour by glass-topped boat. (B)



### **Monday, April 24, 2017 Amsterdam**

Enjoy breakfast and a full day at leisure to explore Amsterdam's charming neighborhoods and sample some treats. This evening, you may choose to dine in a local restaurant—Amsterdam offers many establishments in the "grand café" style and is also known for excellent Indonesian cuisine—and enjoy the city's lively nightlife. A local host is available to help you plan your time in Amsterdam so you can make the most of your visit.



### **Tuesday, April 25, 2017 Amsterdam**

After breakfast depart for the Amsterdam International Airport and your same-day flight home. (B)

**Group Pricing: Per person based on Double Occupancy**

**F \$4,399.00, E \$4,499.00, D \$5,199.00 C, \$5,499.00 B, \$5,549.00** (other rates on request).

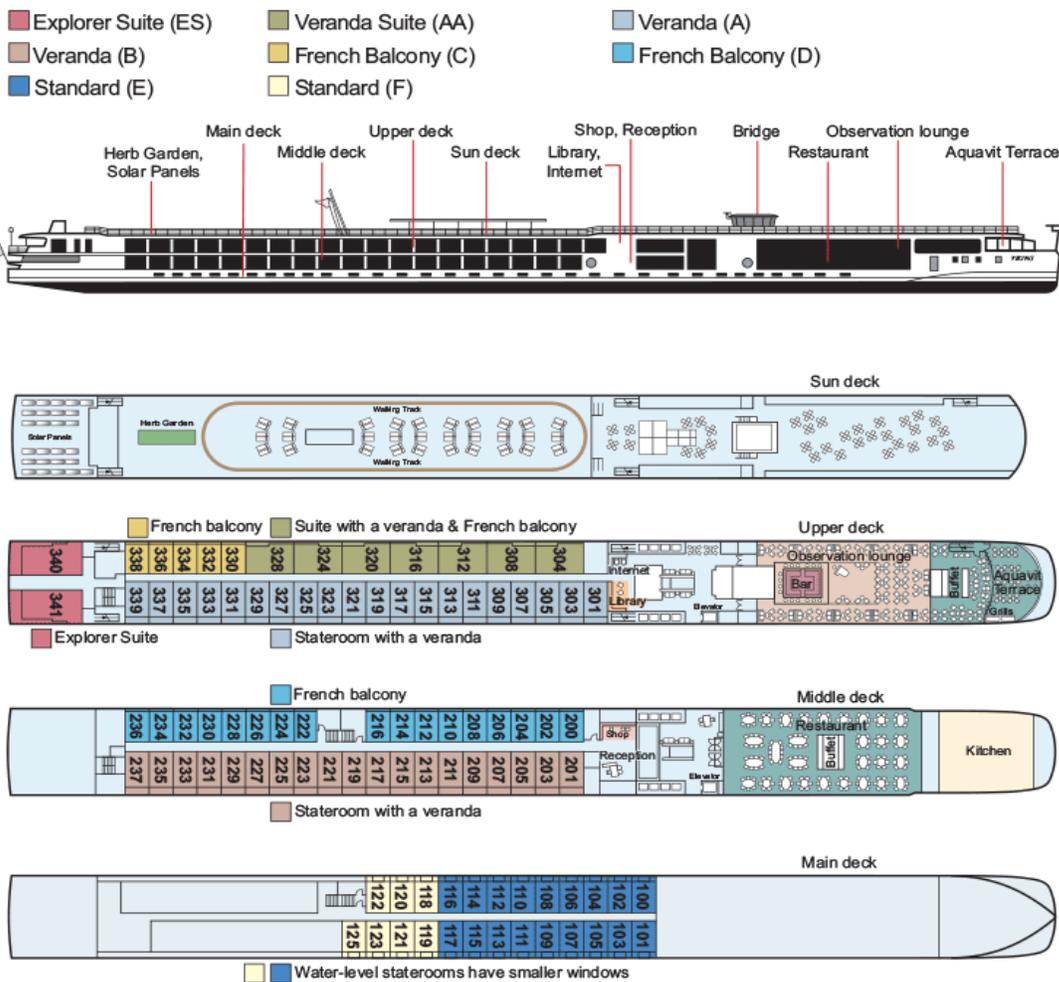
**Includes:** Roundtrip Viking Airfare, Three-Day Pre-Cruise Switzerland Tour, Three-Day Post-Cruise Amsterdam Stay, Viking River Cruise based on category. Prices feature Viking “2 for 1” rates for the cruise and Viking Air-Plus Reduced Air Fare. Rates valid to August 5, 2016.

**Comparing with an Ocean Cruise?**

On your Viking River Cruise, you will be on one of the newest, finest ships on the river. The new Viking “Longboats” and all Viking Cruises have won top awards from all the top magazines and Trip Advisor. Your “Shore Excursions” are included, shore excursions on an Ocean Cruise are all extra and average \$100 per day. Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks, Cappuccinos, bottled water is included, they are expensive on an Ocean Cruise. There are only 150 people on the cruise. Don’t like crowds, Ocean Ships carry 4,000!

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