



**CALEDONIA SENIOR CENTER PRESENTS**  
**RHINE GETAWAY**  
**WITH VIKING RIVER CRUISES ON THE VIKING EIR**  
**8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS ~ OCTOBER 14 – 21, 2018**  
*Air to depart the US on October 13<sup>th</sup> to arrive in Amsterdam on the 14<sup>th</sup>*

*Experience the highlights of the legendary Rhine in just 8 days. 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.*

**DAY 1 | AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS**

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. (D)

**DAY 2 | 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 on board for lunch and an enjoyable afternoon of Dutch diversions: sample handcrafted Dutch cheeses and jenever, a distilled juniper liquor, and take in a culturally enriching presentation on the Dutch Golden Age. We cruise through the night. (B, L, D)

**DAY 3 | COLOGNE, GERMANY**

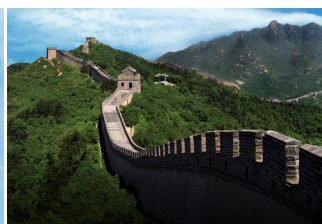
You have a morning tour of Cologne, including a visit to the Dom, Germany's largest cathedral and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After your tour, spend the rest of the day and evening exploring Cologne on your own: Roman ruins, interesting neighborhoods and museums like the Fragrance Museum and the Chocolate Museum. As always, your Program Director can help you plan your free time. Or, join an optional excursion on which you will ascend to the Dom's roof, enjoying up-close views of the cathedral's architecture and bird's-eye vistas of Cologne. Lunch and dinner are served on board; we depart at midnight. (B, L, D)

**DAY 4 | KOBLENZ & RUDESHEIM, GERMANY**

Proceed along the Rhine, disembarking to tour the 700-year-old Marksburg Castle. Alternately, choose an optional excursion that offers a lively and informative tour of Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, or enjoy an optional guided exploration of Koblenz on foot. After, enjoy an onboard lunch as you cruise the scenic Middle Rhine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where turreted castles and fortresses 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 on board your ship, or in town if you prefer. You may also choose to experience one of our optional dinners on shore tonight. We depart after midnight. (B, L, D)

**DAY 5 | HEIDELBERG & SPEYER, GERMANY**

Cruise into mid-morning as you enjoy the passing scenery. After breakfast, disembark for a tour of Heidelberg, the home of Germany's oldest university, founded in 1386. 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. On your way back to your ship, visit the historic town of Speyer and take in views 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 6 | 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. Alternately, join our optional excursion into Alsatian wine country for an informative winery tour and tasting. Or, spend your full day exploring culinary Strasbourg on an optional excursion; as you explore the city and take in its sights, you will savor samples of the renowned Alsatian cuisine, from regional dessert specialties and meats to wine pairings with local foods. On board this evening, enjoy a Taste of Germany dinner event.

## DAY 7 | 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 to see a cuckoo clock-making demonstration, and learn how Black Forest Cake is made. Return to your ship for lunch. This afternoon, perhaps join an optional excursion to the quaint Alsatian town of Colmar. Alternately, choose an optional excursion to visit an open air museum in the Black Forest in the morning; you will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, then travel directly to Colmar in the afternoon. Dine on board this evening and cruise on through the night. (B, L, D)

## DAY 8 | BASEL, SWITZERLAND

After breakfast, disembark and proceed to the airport for your return flight.\* Or, extend your journey with 2 nights in Lucerne or Basel, or 3 nights in Lake Como. (B)

The following meals are included: B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner

### THIS TRIP INCLUDES:

- ~ 6 included shore excursions with local guide & headset
- ~ Complimentary Wi-Fi
- ~ Complimentary beer, wine & soft drinks with onboard lunch & dinner
- ~ Multiple dining venues with open seating
- ~ 24/7 specialty coffees, teas & bottled water
- ~ Aquavit Terrace® and the most al fresco dining on Europe's Rivers
- ~ All port taxes and fees
- ~ Airport transfers on date of embarkation/disembarkation with Viking Air program

- ~8-days; 4 countries; 10 ports
- ~Visit 5 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- ~Culture Curriculum®: enjoy a classical music performance; learn how to create your own Alsatian flammkuchen; observe a traditional glassblower; attend lectures on Germany's current affairs & origins of Rhine River cruising
- ~All onboard meals featuring regional specialties & always available American classics
- ~Welcome Cocktail Reception & Farewell Dinner
- ~Organic herb garden
- ~Open-air walking track
- ~24/7 Guest Services for special requests

Outside Cabin Category	E	\$3,644
French Balcony Cabin Category D		\$3,844
French Balcony Cabin Category C		\$4,044

Balcony Cabin Category	B	\$4,244
Balcony Cabin Category	A	\$4,444

Rates are per person, double occupancy and include roundtrip airfare from Grand Rapids.  
PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL AIR PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ARE NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL FULL PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

**\*\*\*A 3.3% discount off the price is available if entire trip is paid for by check.\*\*\***

**\*\*PASSPORT REQUIRED\*\***

**DEPOSIT POLICY:** A deposit of \$500 cruise + \$395 airfare = \$895 per person deposit due by September 29, 2017 to hold your cabin and airfare. Rates are valid to the end of the month and subject to change on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the next month. Balance due by April 12, 2018.

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