



WHAT TO EXPECT ON YOUR FIRST RIVER VOYAGE

Sailing the world's most majestic waterways with Viking



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An introduction to river cruising with Viking

Imagine waking up in a new destination every day, feeling rested, refreshed and ready to explore. This is the beauty of a river voyage: like a floating hotel, your river ship allows you to visit multiple countries with ease as you set sail down the waterways of the world.

We have created this guide for those who have yet to experience the wonders of river cruising, to highlight just what it is like to take a river journey, answer any questions you may have and help you choose the right river voyage for you.

At Viking, we offer an intimate small ship experience, with each Viking Longship designed for its journey, providing comfort and relaxation as you meander along the world's rivers, stopping to explore each fascinating destination you arrive in.

Custom-built to navigate the world's rivers and dock right in the heart of historic cities and enchanting towns, our ships offer direct access that allows you more time to discover the true nature of everywhere you visit.

Our itineraries have been expertly curated to provide meaningful moments for our curious,

well-travelled guests. Offering greater cultural insight and personal enrichment, we give you opportunities every day of your voyage to engage with your destination through its food, landscapes, culture and history.

There's no need to navigate foreign roads, train stations or airports, no checking in and out of hotels each day or trying to find each destination's highlights and hidden treasures, simply unpack once, and we'll take care of the rest.

In the following pages you will find information about river cruising with Viking, including our identical fleet of Viking Longships, our all-outside staterooms and suites, destination-focused dining and what life is like on the rivers.

And to help you plan out your next journey, we have created a seasonal guide to European river voyages, as well as a list of itineraries that align with a variety of interests including art, history or cuisine.

If you have any further questions upon reading this guide, please contact one of our Viking experts, who will be happy to answer your queries.

“Viking's Longships are the incarnation of smooth sailing. I love the big windows, the open-air deck, sitting on the Aquavit Terrace tucking into lunch as scenery and silvery water glides by. There couldn't be a more relaxing way to travel.”

- Brian Johnston, Freelance Travel Writer



VIKING BURI ON THE RHONE



BREAKFAST ON VIKING LONGSHIP

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Top 10 Reasons to choose a Viking RIVER VOYAGE

River cruising has become one of the most popular ways to travel. There are countless reasons why you'll love exploring the world on a Viking Longship. Here are just ten...



AQUAVIT TERRACE ON THE VIKING OSIRIS



ONBOARD WIFI

1. UNPACK JUST ONCE

One of the great joys of river voyaging means you can visit multiple countries or destinations with ease. There's no need to navigate foreign roads, train stations or airports, no packing and unpacking and checking in and out of hotels every day. Simply unpack once and wake up in a new destination every day refreshed and ready to explore.

2. EVERYTHING IS INCLUDED

River voyages are one of the most cost-effective ways to travel. As part of your cruise fare, you'll receive; transportation between destinations, a riverview stateroom, all meals on board with wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner, unlimited Wi-Fi, a guided excursion in every port and more.

3. EXPERIENCE A NEW DESTINATION EVERY DAY

Sit back, relax and enjoy the ever-changing scenery as our elegant Longships gently carry you into a new destination every day. Our river vessels dock in the heart of some of the world's biggest cities as well as the smallest towns, so you are just a short walk from opportunities of discovery. And you'll often explore picturesque villages and towns slightly off the beaten track, that are only easily accessible by river.

4. IT'S SMOOTH SAILING

If it weren't for the water views, you'd hardly know you were on a ship. You are only a short distance from the shoreline, the waters are calm and the slow speed of the river ships provides a gentle smooth sailing experience.



5. EXCURSIONS ARE INCLUDED

With an excursion included in each port, our knowledgeable local guides are passionate about their unique region. They will introduce you to the iconic and the lesser known, so you can soak up the culture, art, history and architecture of your destination while gaining an insight into the local way of life. They will often share stories and traditions passed down through their family generations, that you'll never read in a guidebook.

6. FLEXIBILITY TO EXPLORE YOUR WAY

You can choose to do as much or as little as you like on a Viking voyage. Choose to join a range of included and optional excursions, hike a mountain, cycle a valley, explore on your own, or enjoy an afternoon of quiet solitude, the choice is yours.

7. THE FOOD IS EXCEPTIONAL

Food is one of the best ways to experience a destination. Our world-class chefs use locally sourced ingredients to prepare meals, regional specialities and everyday classics that are bursting with fresh, local flavours. While our thoughtful wine list enhances your meal, with

handpicked selections and onboard tastings that showcase an area's quintessential varietals. Enjoy personalised service in The Restaurant, or dine al fresco on the Aquavit Terrace – the only outdoor restaurant on the rivers of Europe.

8. TRAVEL WITH PEOPLE JUST LIKE YOU

Laid-back, easy-going and sociable, that's the Viking Way. There's no butlers, white gloves or formal nights, just a relaxed and casual ambience on board. We've created an unfussy environment that is perfect for mingling with like-minded guests.

9. SEE MORE, DO MORE, LEARN MORE

Discover more about the people, culture, history and cuisine of every destination. You will spend longer in each port and enjoy entertaining talks, cooking demonstrations and lively performances on board to bring your destination to life. All included of course.

10. THE WI-FI IS INCLUDED

We know most people want to stay connected, even when they're on holiday, which is why we include unlimited free Wi-Fi every day of your journey. And you'll just need one passcode to remember!



Discover why our loyal guests LOVE RIVER VOYAGES

*Here we share the river voyage experiences from
some of our valued past guests*

We know well that our Viking guests are experienced travellers who crave authentic experiences that provide them with a deeper understanding of the world. And so who better to explain what it's like to embark on a river voyage than those who know us best—our past Viking guests.

"As we sailed quietly down the smooth waters of the Rhine, sitting outside on the deck, we both drifted off thinking on how the castles were built, by so few, in a short period of time... Then the Viking team gently tapped our shoulder, it was time for our hot chocolate drink and warm biscuit."

Kerry V., Viking Past Guest



MIDDLE RHINE VALLEY

LIFE ONBOARD

*"The overall feel and adventure of the *Grand European Tour* river voyage, the feeling of safety, inclusiveness and importance, the very high care factor of all staff members and cleanliness of the ship makes me want to do it all over again."*

Karen W., Viking Past Guest

ALWAYS INCLUDED..

"It's the small things that say 'relax, you're on holiday'. Included beverages—coffee anytime, anywhere and wine with your meal."

Rachel A., Viking Past Guest



SUNSET DRINKS ON THE AQUAVIT TERRACE

NO KIDS

"... a child-free environment full of calm and serenity, away from a world of chaos and disruption." *Toni H., Viking Past Guest*

FIRST TIME EXPERIENCE

"It was my first river voyage, Amsterdam to Budapest. It was a fantastic experience. Would love to do another soon."

Maria D R., Viking Past Guest

STATEROOM

"What's not to like on a Viking river voyage. French balcony, comfortable bed, great modern cabin layout, lovely fixtures and fittings. Ooh La La."

Barbara P., Viking Past Guest

"It's like being in a five-star luxury hotel with the bonus of waking to a new destination each morning. Chic understated elegance with magnificent views."

Jennie G., Viking Past Guest



RELAXING ENVIRONMENT



FRENCH BALCONY VIEW



FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL STAFF

STAFF

"Nothing makes the onboard experience more special than the interaction with staff who are always so friendly, helpful and positive in their outlook."

B. Leverton, Viking Past Guest

"One of my outstanding experiences is the superb service by the several waiters in the dining room, the amazing service made me feel like I was the only person in the room, I felt like a Queen."

Phyllis C., Viking Past Guest

LIFE ON THE RIVERS

Our elegant ships will gently carry you into some of the most incredible cities and picturesque towns



The rivers have their own captivating and unique way of life. If you have never been on board a river ship, there are a few things to know that may surprise you.

RIVER LOCKS

River locks are an engineering marvel used since the 14th century in Europe. They are designed to allow vessels to overcome the height differences of rivers, enabling them to navigate the length of a river seamlessly. You will experience lock navigation on many European rivers, the Mississippi and the Nile. Europe has some of the highest locks in the world, with some up to 25 metres high. Some itineraries will only transit a few locks, while others will pass through up to 77 locks over 15 days.

As your ship approaches a lock, the forward door opens, allowing the ship to enter the lock compartment with the door closing behind. The lock compartment is then filled with water or emptied of water as your ship raises or lowers to the new river level height. The far door then opens, allowing your ship to continue on its way. Your Captain will expertly navigate your ship through these locks, sometimes with only centimetres to spare on each side. Lock transit is a fascinating experience, and your Captain will invite you to the sundeck for some lock transits to experience this remarkable engineering marvel up close.

HIGH AND LOW WATER LEVELS

From time to time, the rivers can experience

unusually high or low water levels making navigation through locks or under bridges difficult. Viking has two key advantages to handling water level disruptions. First, we own and operate our ships. We have a Switzerland-based nautical team and a network of local partners and authorities that focus on monitoring and adapting to current water levels so that you experience the least possible disruption.

Second, we strategically launch sister ships on the same itinerary, sailing in opposite directions. This tactic allows us to implement a ship swap in the event of low or high water. This is typically seamless as you and your luggage are transferred to an identical stateroom on a sister ship sailing in the opposite direction. These advantages allow us to minimise the impact that water levels can have on an itinerary, meaning you can focus on enjoying yourself, rather than worrying about potential changes or cancellations.

DOUBLE DOCKING

Viking owns many dock locations along the rivers, and we strive to arrange the most convenient docking available. On occasion, due to limited space or local regulations, ships may be required to dock alongside each other. During this time the view from your stateroom may be impeded temporarily and you may need to pass through another ship (or the other ship's guests may pass through yours) to embark or disembark.

To cross from one ship to another you may simply walk right through, or there could be a number of different decks, this depends on factors such as the height of the dock, to the type of ship we are docked next to and the tidal levels of the river on the day.



VIKING LONGSHIP IN ONE OF THE MANY RIVER LOCKS



AQUAVIT TERRACE, VIKING LONGSHIP

VIKING LONGSHIPS

Award-winning, state-of-the-art sister ships

GUESTS: 190 LENGTH: 443 FT. DECKS: 4 STATEROOMS: 95

Two Explorer Suites

At 445 sq. ft. each, these suites feature separate sleeping and sitting rooms, and a private wrap-around veranda offering 270° views.

Organic Herb Garden

A delightful green space that enhances your cuisine with fresh, just-picked flavours.

Viking Lounge

Linger over the tunes from a baby grand piano while comparing notes about the day's adventures with your new friends.

Solar Panels

Help make our ships the greenest on the rivers.

Walking Track

The perfect place for exercising and taking in fresh air.

Energy-Efficient Hybrid Engines

Reduce vibrations for a remarkably smooth ride, which means no motion sickness.

25 Standard Staterooms

All with river views.

Seven Veranda Suites

Located on the Upper Deck, these suites feature separate sleeping quarters, with a French balcony, and a sitting room with a full veranda. They measure 275 sq. ft.

39 Full-Size Veranda Staterooms

22 Staterooms with French Balconies

The largest deluxe staterooms afloat on Europe's rivers.

Atrium

Our soaring lobby, awash with light, where our Guest Services staff can help you customise your explorations ashore.

Library

Read up on your next destination with our thoughtfully curated book collection.



Since their launch, our Viking Longships have received acclaim for their innovative design, outstanding quality and state-of-the-art engineering. On board, guests find serene Scandinavian-style spaces, where every room is beautiful and functional, quiet and filled with light. With the most al fresco dining options on the rivers, featuring regional cuisines and always-available western classics, Viking's guests can truly dine in their destination.

Viking Bar

Enjoy a drink and settle in to marvel at the beautiful scenery.

Sun Deck

Relax outdoors in the sunshine or under an umbrella and watch the ever-changing panoramas.

Complimentary Ship-Wide Wi-Fi

So you can stay connected to the world around you.

Floor-to-Ceiling Windows

Maximise natural light and create a light, airy ambience.

Aquavit Terrace

Dine al fresco in a glorious outdoor seating area at the bow of the ship.

The Restaurant

Enjoy classic dishes, regional cuisine and personalised service in an elegant setting.



Settle Into YOUR STATEROOM

No matter the stateroom, a sophisticated space with all the creature comforts is yours to enjoy



YOUR PRIVATE SANCTUARY ON THE RIVER

Our state-of-the-art Viking river vessels offer guests unprecedented levels of comfort. Whether you're cruising the rivers of Europe, Asia, Egypt or America, our ships are custom built to navigate each unique region they sail, and are inspired by our award-winning Viking Longships. Our innovative thinking and patented design provide you with more choices and a more enriching overall experience than other river ships.

TIMELESS, ELEGANT DESIGN

Our ships are known for their modern yet timeless Scandinavian-inspired design and

our staterooms are no exception. Every room in every category is an expression of elegance, with a calming coastal palette, clean lines and blonde natural timber creating a soothing sanctuary.

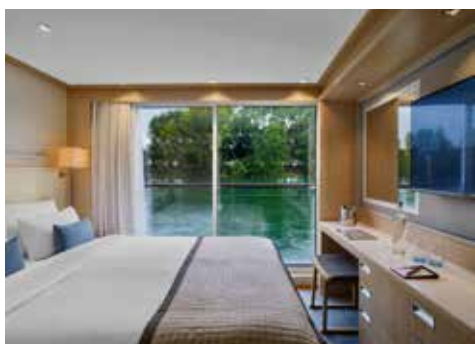
SPECIAL TOUCHES

It's the little things that make the biggest difference. Expect more room to spread out and make yourself at home. Plus, smart storage solutions ensure you'll never have to worry about where to put your things, and high-tech sound-proofing improves a blissful night's sleep. You'll also feel pampered by bathrooms equipped with heated floors and premium Freyja bath products.



STANDARD | 150 SQ. FT.

At 150 square feet, our Standard Staterooms offer all the comforts and conveniences for an enjoyable journey. They feature ample storage space, a flat-panel TV and a spacious bathroom with anti-fog mirrors and premium Freyja bath products.



FRENCH BALCONY | 135 SQ. FT.

At 135 square feet, our French Balcony Staterooms are comfortable, airy and designed with an understated elegance in mind. Featuring ample storage space, a flat-panel TV and a spacious bathroom with anti-fog mirrors and premium Freyja bath products, these staterooms also include a floor-to-ceiling glass door that opens to a railing.



VERANDA | 205 SQ. FT.

At 205 square feet, our Veranda Staterooms feature ample storage space, a flat-panel TV, a spacious bathroom with anti-fog mirrors and premium Freyja bath products, as well as a floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door that opens onto a full-size veranda.

All Viking staterooms feature

- Elegant, Scandinavian-inspired design
- Hotel-style bed with luxury linens
- Ensuite with a glass-encased shower and strong water pressure
- Heated bathroom flooring
- Premium Freyja amenities
- Soft robes and slippers
- Free Wi-Fi
- Flat-screen TV with movies on demand
- Smart storage solutions
- High-tech soundproofing

Destination

FOCUSED DINING

Every meal is bursting with fresh, local flavours

There is no better time or place to tantalise your tastebuds than when you're travelling, which is why our talented chefs are dedicated to creating unique dishes that reflect the destinations you are visiting, as well as some timeless classics.

LOCALLY SOURCED INGREDIENTS

Provençal lemons, Hungarian paprika, artisanal cheese from Lyon and freshly picked dill from our onboard herb garden — these are just some of the tasty elements that inspire our chefs to create a range of authentic dishes. Of course, these creations are best paired with a glass of wine from the local region.

EVERYDAY ELEGANCE

On a Viking river cruise, every meal is a special occasion. Feel the weight and texture of our quality linen tablecloths and napkins, and delight in the sparkling glassware and fresh flowers adorning your table. Villeroy & Boch, Iittala and Marimekko tableware complement the Viking dining experience perfectly, as will the wonderful company of your fellow travellers.

REGIONAL CUISINES

Our signature "Taste of..." events introduce you to the flavours of the local region. For example, the "Taste of Germany" event features pretzels and sweet mustard, bratwurst and Kölsch beer. These occasions



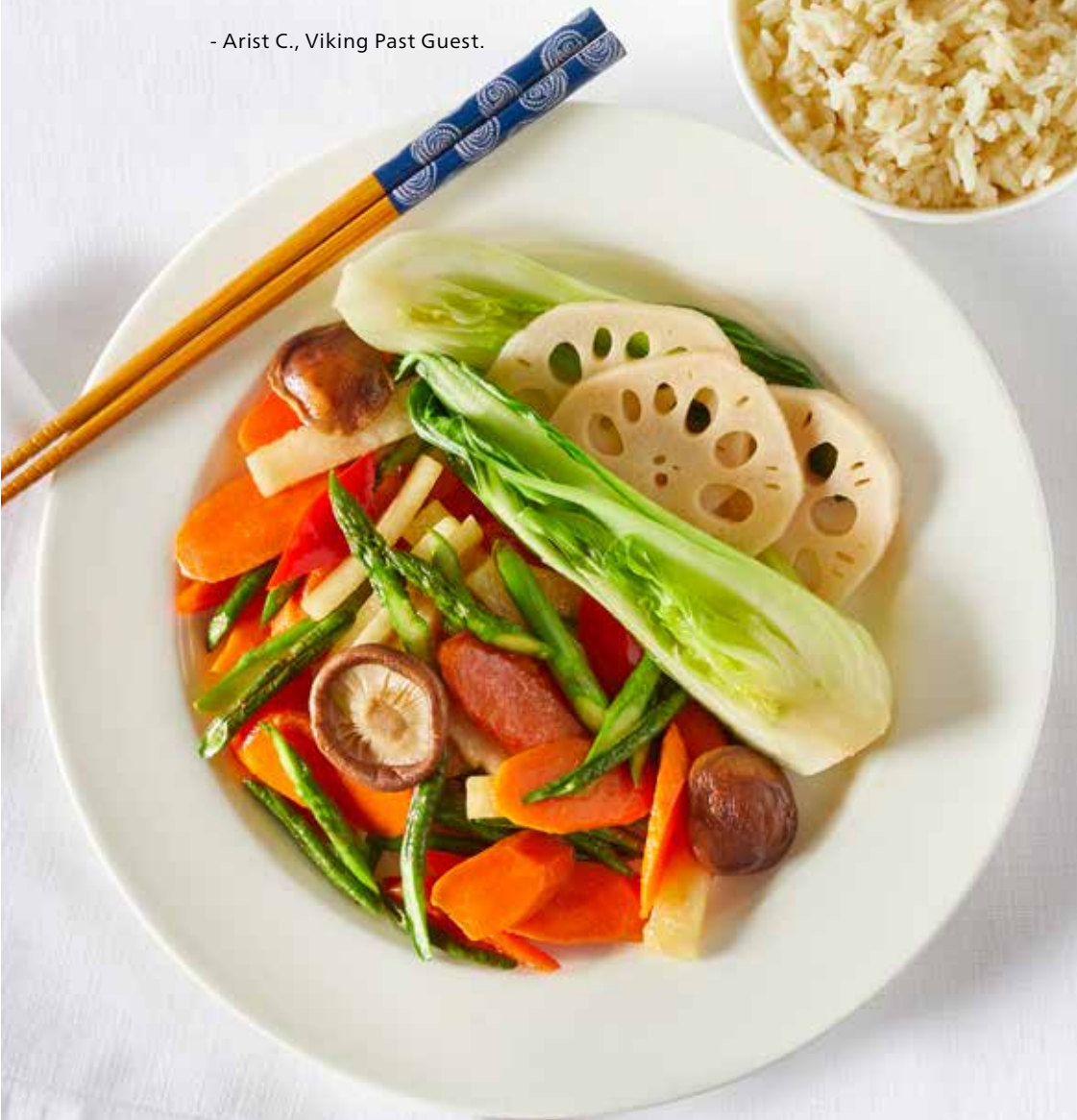
also provide the perfect opportunity for you to mingle with the other guests on board.

IMPECCABLE SERVICE FROM MORNING TO NIGHT

Enjoy our attentive world-class table service in the chic Restaurant as you sail into your next port. Start your morning with à la carte breakfast, enjoy a warming soup and a light salad at lunchtime, then settle in for a multi-course dining experience in the evening. Our talented chefs are dedicated to creating unique dishes that reflect the destinations you are visiting, so each meal you'll enjoy is created with fresh ingredients sourced from local markets and suppliers at ports of call.

“The enjoyment of sitting out on the Aquavit Terrace watching the world go by, while enjoying the wonderful food and wine on board.”

- Arist C., Viking Past Guest.



European season guide

SPRING

With a colourful blanket of flowers washing over Europe's countryside, springtime becomes a feast for the senses



With thousands of wildflowers in bloom, spring is when Europe comes to life. To experience warm sunshine married with the vibrant colours of thousands of flowers blossoming, we recommend a trip to Holland or Belgium.

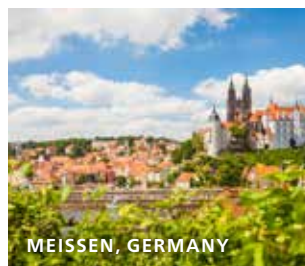
The city of Amsterdam is synonymous with tulips, and in spring, the city's surrounding landscapes are transformed into a sea of colour. Every year, from March until May, colourful blooms adorn the city's outdoor spaces; notable buildings are dressed in a variety of floral designs; and the soft scent of tulips fills the air of pedestrian walkways.

With more than seven million flowers in bloom at Keukenhof Gardens, including crocus, daffodils, hyacinths, and of course, tulips, it is a must-visit for the season.

Departures during spring tulip season complement your itinerary's regular highlights such as the windmills of Kinderdijk, traversing the scenic canals and bridges of Amsterdam or walking the old-world streets of Brussels with its cobblestone streets and squares.

European season guide **SUMMER**

The enchanting cities of Europe become abuzz with activity in the summertime with warm days cooled by a slight breeze at night



To enjoy a quintessential European summer, set sail between June and August. With longer days and warm balmy nights, this season offers more time to explore. Temperatures tend to peak in August, so opt for June travel if hot weather doesn't agree with you as much.

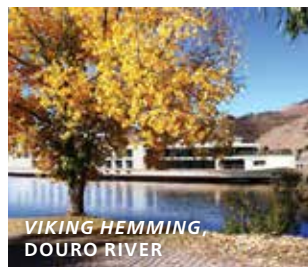
During the European summertime, there are many wildflowers still in bloom. Most famous at this time of the year is the fragrant fields of lavender throughout Provence in France. Visit this region during its flowering season that spans from mid-June to mid-August, with the peak bloom usually occurring

in July, to witness fields awash with the distinctive purple of lavender.

You can visit Coustellet and the Lavender Museum, founded by a family that runs a vast lavender farm in a nearby village. Dedicated to the beautiful flower's cultivation, distillation and legend, this unique museum features a fascinating collection of objects and exhibits that chronicle its use by perfume makers and by civilisations dating back to ancient Rome.

European season guide **AUTUMN**

Enjoy cooler temperatures and autumnal hues as life in the cities begins to wind down and the grape harvest begins



Between September and November, Europe falls into autumn. Expect to see hues of burnt orange, red and golden yellow throughout the cities while you enjoy lower temperatures and fewer crowds as the region begins to prepare for winter.

This season is known for its grape harvesting. Explore the south of France and discover charming ports, vineyards, farms and forests. Visit Bordeaux, the country's famed wine region, witness the harvest and taste local wines paired with French fare as you watch the autumnal sun set.

The grape harvest season is also one of the best times to visit the Douro Valley in Portugal, the world's oldest demarcated wine region. The weather stays warm here, the vines are full with plump grapes and the vineyards are buzzing with activity and offer the opportunity to watch workers harvesting the vines.

European season guide

WINTER

The rivers of Europe turn into a festival of lights and Christmas cheer. Enjoy the local life of cities with fewer tourists around



Christmas in Europe is a magical time of year. Explore the lands where our most cherished Christmas traditions began. See towns along Europe's rivers transform into a winter wonderland with squares packed with festive Christmas markets from mid-November through to late-December.

Cosy stalls sell all manner of handmade crafts by local artisans, delicious regional treats and authentic holiday accoutrement. Each market boasts its own heritage and character with a history dating back centuries.

Back on board, the Christmas spirit continues with freshly baked gingerbread cookies, sparkling decorations, live festive music and mulled wine enjoyed with your fellow guests.

Winter is also traditionally the quiet season in Europe, with less tourists and more locals. The bustle dies down and the vast open squares of great destinations such as Amsterdam, Basel, Vienna, Budapest and Cologne can be seen in their more natural state. With fewer crowds, you can linger longer at the places that interest you and take in all the sites at a more relaxed pace.

Choosing The Right RIVER VOYAGE

Certain sailings have been designed for you to experience specific themes and interests, here we share a selection of our favourites

Art

From ever-changing street art and world-class museums to iconic opera performances, the world is home to countless cultural treasures just waiting to be discovered. For the traveller for whom the city's galleries and museums are the main drawcard, we take you to the heart of these destinations to uncover artistic and musical experiences.

FRANCE'S FINEST

A 15-day journey that meanders through the Seine and Rhône rivers where you can witness the landscapes that inspired France's Impressionist movement.

ROMANTIC DANUBE

Sail to charming cities and villages through Hungary, Austria and Germany. Spend two nights in Vienna and see the works of Gustav Klimt at the Belvedere Palace.

CITIES OF LIGHT

Visit Prague on this 12-day journey and enjoy Privileged Access to the 16th-century Lobkowitz Palace, the stately residence of one of the region's most avid patron of the arts.

Architecture

Sometimes, one single building can become symbolic of a destination, with designs that can transport you through time. Whether old, new, ornate or minimalistic, stunning architecture is all around us wherever we go. We invite you to explore some of the world's architectural wonders.

GRAND EUROPEAN TOUR

Travel through the heart of Europe on our most popular river voyage, and stop off at the Cologne Cathedral, built to house the bones of the biblical Three Wise Men.

MAGNIFICENT MEKONG

Visit Cambodia and see the majestic temple Angkor Wat, a 12th-century monument with intricate stone carvings and delicate artistry.

GRAND MISSISSIPPI VOYAGE

Journey down America's great river and visit the French Quarter in New Orleans with its famed old-world architecture.

History

You can read about history in books, but travelling to the places where history was made gives a whole new perspective. If history is the central focus for your travel, these itineraries allow you to visit historically significant sites, immersing you in architecture, art and experiences that changed the course of civilisation.

ELEGANT ELBE

Sail from Prague to Berlin, where you will find a city that has risen from the ashes of war, with many of its buildings that once stood for division now a symbol of unity.

PHARAOHS & PYRAMIDS

Uncover the ancient secrets of Egypt as you journey down the Nile River. See the pyramids,

Queen Nefertari's tomb and majestic temples created long ago.

LONDON, PARIS & D-DAY

A 12-day voyage that stops in Rouen, France, where you can visit Juno Beach and learn about everything that happened on D-Day, a pivotal moment in World War Two.

Culinary

Nothing reveals the nature and soul of a destination quite like food and wine do—they are after all an integral element of any culture. Exploring the culinary delights of a region can give you a unique insight into the life and traditions of the people who call it home. These itineraries will take you on a voyage of discovery to some of the world's most renowned food and wine destinations.

CHÂTEAUX, RIVERS & WINE

Discover southern France's finest wines and famed local cuisine as you traverse its waterways through Bordeaux, Médoc, Margaux and Bourg on an 8-day river voyage.

PORTUGAL'S RIVER OF GOLD

Discover the world's oldest demarcated wine region and the birthplace of port wine as you sail down the Douro River on this 10-day itinerary.

RHINE GETAWAY

Journey through medieval towns and quaint villages as you sample the regional cuisines of middle Europe. Our Flavours of Alsace tour in France is a crowd favourite.

Culture

Immersing yourself into the rich traditions and customs of a new region is exactly what we believe travelling should be about. Experiencing a city as the locals do allows you to gain a greater understanding of the world around



us and inspire a fresh perspective of how things are.

HEART OF DELTA

Head down the Mississippi River and make a rock'n'roll pilgrimage to Memphis, complete with a visit to Elvis' fabled estate, Graceland.

EUROPEAN SOJOURN

Travel through Europe and stop off in Vienna, where you can go behind the scenes of the world-famous Vienna Boys Choir, who once played with musical greats Mozart and Bruckner.

TULIPS & WINDMILLS

A 10-day river voyage that begins and ends in Amsterdam, with a visit to the Keukenhof Gardens that is awash with the bright blooms of tulips in the springtime.

RHINE & MAIN RIVERS

Winding from the Alps in central Switzerland to the Nordic North Sea, the Rhine flows through the heart of Europe, with medieval castles, fairytale-like forests and storybook towns dotted along its banks.

THE RIVERS OF FRANCE

Be it the Rhône, Seine, Dordogne or Gironde, France's rivers reveal some of the world's most celebrated locales: majestic Bordeaux, gastronomic Lyon, historic Normandy, picturesque Provence and elegant Paris.

DOURO RIVER

Meander along the Douro River, tracing the rich history of Portuguese wine. Set sail past the picturesque rolling vineyards and dramatic rock formations while you experience the vibrant culture and hospitality of the Portuguese people in every port.



THE WORLD OF VIKING

Wherever you choose to go—from sun-kissed Portugal to the romance of France and the fairytale landscapes of Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Hungary and beyond—Viking takes you to places you can only fully appreciate by river, and takes you there in comfort

RIVERS OF THE WORLD

Set sail along the rivers of the world and explore far-flung places from a whole new perspective.

DANUBE RIVER

Coursing through Germany, Austria, Hungary and seven other countries all the way to the Black Sea, the Danube is the soul of Central Europe.

15 DAYS | 12 GUIDED TOURS | 4 COUNTRIES

GRAND EUROPEAN TOUR

Amsterdam to Budapest or vice versa

TYPICAL SAILING SEASON

MARCH TO NOVEMBER



WANT TO LEARN MORE?
Simply scan the QR code
for more details such as
itinerary dates and pricing.

PASSAU, GERMANY

#1 FIRST
TIME EUROPE
RIVER
VOYAGE



From the engineering marvel of the Main–Danube Canal to the picturesque vineyards of Austria’s Wachau Valley; Germany’s fairytale castles to Holland’s windmill-studded tulip fields, this epic voyage presents the highlights of the Netherlands, Germany, Austria and Hungary. Savour a decadent Sachertorte in a Viennese café and enjoy panoramic views of imperial Budapest—and along the way, discover the legend of the Lorelei, the ancient art of glassblowing, the music of Mozart and more.

Itinerary day by day

DAY 1 Amsterdam, The Netherlands

DAY 2 Kinderdijk, The Netherlands

DAY 3 Cologne, Germany

DAY 4 Koblenz, Germany

DAY 5 Miltenberg, Germany

DAY 6 Würzburg, Germany

DAY 7 Bamberg, Germany

DAY 8 Nuremberg, Germany

DAY 9 Regensburg, Germany

DAY 10 Passau, Germany

DAY 11 Melk, Austria

DAY 12-13 Vienna, Austria

DAY 14-15 Budapest, Hungary

RHINE GETAWAY

Basel to Amsterdam or vice versa

8 DAYS | 6 GUIDED TOURS | 4 COUNTRIES

TYPICAL SAILING SEASON - MARCH TO NOVEMBER

This immersive voyage presents all the highlights of the legendary Rhine in just eight days. Discover the turreted fortresses, historic cities, medieval towns and stunning scenery of the Middle Rhine—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Soak in rich colours amid the stained glass of Cologne's gothic cathedral. Marvel at the many architectural splendours and enjoy an evening stroll along the cobblestones of Rudesheim. Sip the region's renowned white wines, the roots of its terraced vineyards reaching back to Roman times. Savour the various culinary traditions of Alsace on a journey that reveals a rich landscape of beauty and culture.



Itinerary day by day

DAY 1 Basel, Switzerland

DAY 2 Breisach, Germany

DAY 3 Strasbourg, France

DAY 4 Speyer & Rudesheim, Germany

DAY 5 Koblenz, Germany

DAY 6 Cologne, Germany

DAY 7 Kinderdijk, The Netherlands

DAY 8 Amsterdam, The Netherlands



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RHINE & MAIN EXPLORER

Nuremberg to Basel or vice versa

11 DAYS | 9 GUIDED TOURS | 3 COUNTRIES

TYPICAL SAILING SEASON - APRIL TO NOVEMBER

Explore cultural cities and historic towns on our newest Europe river voyage. Sail through southern Germany and explore neighbouring regions in Switzerland and France. Visit Basel, considered the Swiss capital of culture with its charming old town steeped in tradition. Sample flavours of the Alsace region; explore Frankfurt and visit lesser-known historic towns in Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria. Turreted castles and a fascinating history exude a rich tapestry of medieval charm. Enjoy nine included excursions including the Bishops' Residenza in Würzburg, a large ornate baroque palace and UNESCO Site.

Itinerary day by day

DAY 1-2 Nuremberg, Germany

DAY 3 Bamberg, Germany

DAY 4 Würzburg, Germany

DAY 5 Marktheidenfeld, Germany

DAY 6 Frankfurt, Germany

DAY 7 Karlsruhe, Germany

DAY 8 Strasbourg, France

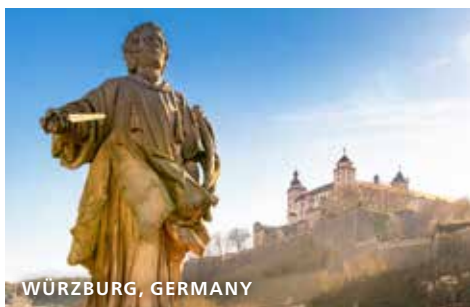
DAY 9 Breisach, Germany

DAY 10-11 Basel, Switzerland



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WÜRZBURG, GERMANY



BASEL, SWITZERLAND

11 DAYS | 8 GUIDED TOURS | 5 COUNTRIES

PASSAGE TO EASTERN EUROPE

Bucharest to Budapest or vice versa

TYPICAL SAILING SEASON
MARCH TO NOVEMBER



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ROCK SCULPTURE OF
KING DECEBALUS,
DANUBE, ROMANIA



Eastern Europe's capital cities are home to magnificent museums, palaces and historic buildings. In the region's towns and villages, you will find warm welcoming locals eager to share their traditions. On this 11-day voyage, see Bucharest's 3,000-room Palace of Parliament and make banitsa bread with a home cook in Vidin. Explore Belgrade's Ottoman and European treasures and view the Danube's towering Iron Gate. Witness Hungary's daredevil Puszta horsemen and behold Budapest's grandeur.



Itinerary day by day

DAY 1-2 Bucharest, Romania

DAY 3 Ruse, Bulgaria

DAY 4 Vidin, Bulgaria

DAY 5 Golubac, Serbia

DAY 6 Belgrade, Serbia

DAY 7 Osijek, Croatia

DAY 8 Kalocsa, Hungary

DAY 9-11 Budapest, Hungary

DANUBE WALTZ

Budapest to Passau or vice versa

8 DAYS | 6 GUIDED TOURS | 4 COUNTRIES

TYPICAL SAILING SEASON - MARCH TO NOVEMBER

Journey through four of Europe's most enchanting countries—Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany—along the storied Danube River. Explore Budapest's imperial and Art Nouveau delights and discover why it is aptly called the "Paris of the East" with its beautiful evening illumination. Learn why Vienna is known as "the waltz capital" and enjoy learning about its fascinating classical music history. Witness daily monastic life in an abbey on an exclusive visit to Göttweig and explore lesser-known cities like Bratislava and Passau. This eight-day itinerary reveals the best of these places, while cruising leisurely through spectacular scenery.



Itinerary day by day

DAY 1 Budapest, Hungary

DAY 2 Budapest, Hungary

DAY 3 Bratislava, Slovakia

DAY 4 Vienna, Austria

DAY 5 Krems, Austria

DAY 6 Linz, Austria

DAY 7 Passau, Germany

DAY 8 Passau, Germany



BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA



PASSAU, GERMANY



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CHRISTMAS ON THE DANUBE

Budapest to Regensburg or vice versa

8 DAYS | 6 GUIDED TOURS | 3 COUNTRIES

TYPICAL SAILING SEASON - NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER

A river voyage through Europe during the Christmas season is an altogether different experience. Experience the joyful atmosphere of Europe's famous Christmas markets offering hand-carved toys and ornaments, spicy glühwein and aromatic gingerbread. Discover grand cities, medieval towns and quaint villages along the "Blue Danube," highlighting three countries: Hungary, Austria and Germany. Stroll among the stalls at Budapest's Christmas market and immerse yourself in the cheerful atmosphere of Vienna. Visit the fairytale village of Regensburg, one of Europe's best-preserved cities, and delight in the city's joyful festivities.

Itinerary day by day

DAY 1 Budapest, Hungary

DAY 2 Budapest, Hungary

DAY 3 Vienna, Austria

DAY 4 Vienna, Austria

DAY 5 Krems, Austria

DAY 6 Passau, Germany

DAY 7 Regensburg, Germany

DAY 8 Regensburg, Germany



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VIENNA, AUSTRIA



REGENSBURG, GERMANY

15 DAYS | 13 GUIDED TOURS | 1 COUNTRY

FRANCE'S FINEST

Paris to Avignon or vice versa

TYPICAL SAILING SEASON

MARCH TO NOVEMBER



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AVIGNON, FRANCE



Explore Paris, Burgundy and Provence. Celebrate the Provençal lifestyle. Explore Avignon’s Palace of the Popes. Marvel at Arles’ impressive Roman ruins and witness the city’s vibrant colours which inspired artists including Vincent Van Gogh. Savour Lyon’s culinary heritage. Toast the Beaujolais vineyards. Luxuriate in the sophistication of Paris. Walk in Joan of Arc’s footsteps at Rouen. Pay your respects at Normandy’s World War II beaches. Art, cuisine, style, joie de vivre—if you love everything Français, this is for you: a 15-day journey that combines our popular *Lyon and Provence* and *Paris & the Heart of Normandy* voyages into one tour de force.

Itinerary day by day

DAY 1-2 Paris, France

DAY 3 La Roche-Guyon, France

DAY 4 Rouen, France

DAY 5 Normandy Beaches, France

DAY 6 Les Andelys, France

DAY 7-8 Paris, France

DAY 9-10 Lyon, France

DAY 11 Vienne, France





PARIS & THE HEART OF NORMANDY

Paris to Paris

8 DAYS | 6 GUIDED TOURS | 1 COUNTRY

TYPICAL SAILING SEASON

MARCH TO NOVEMBER

LONDON, PARIS & D-DAY

London to Paris

12 DAYS | 8 GUIDED TOURS | 2 COUNTRIES

TYPICAL SAILING SEASON

MARCH TO NOVEMBER

Dock in the heart of Paris, admiring views of the Eiffel Tower from your ship. Experience history firsthand at the Normandy beaches and delight in Rouen's Gothic architecture. Explore Giverny and the charming house and gardens where Claude Monet lived and worked. This voyage celebrates the unique history, art, food and customs of France.

Visit historic World War II sites including the Churchill War Rooms, Imperial War Museum, the D-Day Museum and Bletchley Park in England. Visit the Pegasus Memorial Museum and walk the hallowed ground at Normandy's Commonwealth Cemetery and World War II beaches. Listen to inspiring tales of bravery on a journey of remembrance.



PLACE DE LA BOURSE FOUNTAIN, BORDEAUX, FRANCE



CHÂTEAUX, RIVERS & WINE

Bordeaux to Bordeaux

8 DAYS | 6 GUIDED TOURS | 1 COUNTRY

TYPICAL SAILING SEASON

MARCH TO NOVEMBER

Discover the ports, vineyards, farms and forests of Aquitaine, once Europe's richest kingdom. See Bordeaux's fountains and cellars. Hunt for truffles in Périgord and create your own personal blend of Cognac. Savour France's finest oysters fresh from the bay at Arcachon. Sip Saint-Émilion, Médoc and Sauternes as you wind your way through Bordeaux.

LYON & PROVENCE

Lyon to Avignon

8 DAYS | 7 GUIDED TOURS | 1 COUNTRY

TYPICAL SAILING SEASON

MARCH TO NOVEMBER

Tap into your inner van Gogh at an Arles painting class. Discover Roman Provence at Les Arènes d'Arles and the Pont du Gard. Explore the world's largest Gothic palace at Avignon's grand Palace of the Popes. Excite your palate in Lyon, capital of French gastronomy. Savour local wines, hunt for truffles and see how chèvre cheese is made.

10 DAYS | 8 GUIDED TOURS | 2 COUNTRIES

PORTUGAL'S RIVER OF GOLD

Lisbon to Porto

TYPICAL SAILING SEASON

MARCH TO NOVEMBER



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PINHÃO, PORTUGAL



Discover one of Europe's most pristine destinations—Portugal. Experience the renaissance of Lisbon, newly invigorated with trending galleries and restaurants, before starting your voyage in Porto where the Douro River begins. Sail past steeply terraced vineyards and stop at ports of call with charming town squares, colourful castles, baroque museums and historic monasteries. See unspoiled vistas, the medieval city of Salamanca in Spain, and sample Portuguese specialties like salted cod, sardines and sensational port wine. Experience the soulful, haunting melodies of fado music and admire the picturesque landscapes of the Portuguese countryside.

Itinerary day by day

DAY 1-2 Lisbon, Portugal

DAY 3 Porto, Portugal

DAY 4 Régua & Pinhão, Portugal

DAY 5 Barca d'Alva, Portugal

DAY 6 Salamanca, Spain

DAY 7 Pinhão & Régua, Portugal

DAY 8 Régua & Porto, Portugal

DAY 9-10 Porto, Portugal



LISBON, PORTUGAL



PASTEIS DE NATA



HOT AIR BALLOONS IN LUXOR, EGYPT



PHARAOHS & PYRAMIDS

Cairo to Cairo

12 DAYS | 11 GUIDED TOURS | 1 COUNTRY

TYPICAL SAILING SEASON

JAN TO JUN & AUG TO DEC

Uncover the ancient secrets of Egypt amid the welcoming culture of today. See the pyramids from astride a majestic camel. Explore the Temple of Karnak's 136 soaring pillars. Visit Queen Nefertari's tomb. Join our expert Egyptologists and voyage through Egypt on board our owned and operated modern Nile ships.



MAGNIFICENT MEKONG

Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City or vice versa

15 DAYS | 16 GUIDED TOURS | 2 COUNTRIES

TYPICAL SAILING SEASON

JAN TO MAR & JUL TO DEC

Shop Old Hanoi's markets. See the Khmer temple complex of Angkor Wat. Behold the haunting beauty of Ta Prohm Temple, where jungle vines embrace ancient ruins. Explore Phnom Penh by cyclo rickshaw. Discover silk towns, fishing villages, monasteries and local river life.



BEALE STREET, MEMPHIS, USA



MISSISSIPPI DELTA EXPLORER

New Orleans to Memphis or vice versa
8 DAYS | 6 GUIDED TOURS | 1 COUNTRY
TYPICAL SAILING SEASON
 MARCH TO NOVEMBER

Explore fascinating towns that preserve the memory of the American South's early history. Learn about Natchez's French and Acadian heritage and pay your respects at the Vicksburg battlefield. Savour delicious Cajun and Creole cuisine, as well as Memphis's famous barbecue as you celebrate musical legends in the birthplace of rock 'n' roll.



THE BIG EASY TO THE GATEWAY CITY

New Orleans to St. Louis
15 DAYS | 11 GUIDED TOURS | 1 COUNTRY
TYPICAL SAILING SEASON
 JUNE, JULY & SEPTEMBER

Step back in time as you explore Louisiana, from its grand sugar plantations to its Civil War history. Admire historic estates that exude southern charm and honour the memory of the fallen soldiers at the Vicksburg National Military Park. Marvel at the rich architectural gems of St. Louis as you sail the legendary Mississippi River.

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3 NIGHTS PARIS

Browse the art collections in the Louvre or stroll along the Champs-Élysées. Ascend the Eiffel Tower for a breathtaking view of the "City of Light."



3 NIGHTS PRAGUE

Discover the Czech Republic's vibrant capital, the "City of a Hundred Spires." Tour Hradčany Castle, visit the Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral and stroll along Charles Bridge.



2 NIGHTS LISBON

Lisbon is both historic and cosmopolitan, with its gracious 18th-century squares and parks, fairytale castles, art nouveau architecture, panoramic city views and distinctive cuisine.



4 NIGHTS JORDAN-PETRA, DEAD SEA & AMMAN See Roman antiquities at Jerash, the Crusader-era castle at Shobak and explore Madaba, the “City of Mosaics” and the lost city of Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



3 NIGHTS MADRID

Explore the cultural and historic centre of Spain, a modern hub where the spirit of small neighbourhoods prevails. Discover fine Spanish masterpieces and learn about its Hapsburg past.



4 NIGHTS MUNICH & SALZBURG

Discover the historic and iconic in the Bavarian capital city of Munich and the enchanting Austrian city of Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and filming location for The Sound of Music.



3 NIGHTS TRANSYLVANIA & BUCHAREST

Encounter Romania’s mysterious Transylvania and explore numerous castles and fascinating towns, featuring a two-night stay in Braşov and tours of Peleş Castle and Dracula’s Castle.



3 NIGHTS ISTANBUL

Discover where East meets West and learn about the intriguing history during the Byzantine period. Visit the Blue Mosque and legendary Hagia Sophia.

Packing tips to ensure a **STRESS-FREE VOYAGE**

We all know that well-packed luggage contributes to a stress-free voyage, so we asked you to share some of your packing tips



USEFUL ITEMS YOU SUGGEST TO CONSIDER PACKING

- Reusable drink bottle (bonus if it's insulated)
- Extra pair of glasses (if you wear them)
- Torch
- Laundry/wash bag
- Laundry soap or liquid for handwashing
- Small, portable luggage weigher
- Hand sanitiser and antibacterial wipes
- Band-aids

PACKING CUBES

Many of you highly recommend packing cubes to organise your luggage. Susan S. says they are so easy to unpack and keep your items easy to locate. For bulky clothing like jackets, coats and jumpers Carolyn B. suggests compression bags which you zip up and roll to expel the air, to reduce space in your suitcase — but it won't make it any lighter!

CLOTHING

Colin R. advises checking the climate conditions of your destination to pack appropriate attire. Lesley B. suggests selecting clothes that can be easily mixed and matched to help reduce the amount you need to pack. Maree A. says she packs clothes with easy care, no-iron fabrics and points out that often one pair of shoes can be worn on most occasions.

TOILETRIES

Ailsa G. suggests using small-size bottles for toiletries when you travel so you only take what you will use and Debbie G. advises putting any products that could leak in plastic ziplock bags.

MEDICATIONS

Some countries can be strict about certain medications so Jane E. advises to get a letter from your doctor detailing your medication and keeping it in its original packaging. Also, make sure you have enough medication to cover the length of your holiday plus a few extra days in case of delays.

MONEY

Before arriving at your destination, Colin R. suggests organising some foreign currency for taxis, food or other items on arrival. Try to obtain lower denomination notes if available.

PLASTIC ZIPLOCK BAGS

Several of you suggested a few bags for damp and unwashed clothing that needs to be packed and to aid the organisation of other smaller items.

TECHNOLOGY

With so many devices to charge, Trish W. recommends a 4-plug multi box so you can simultaneously charge multiple devices at the same time using only one power outlet. Ailsa G. suggests carrying a mini USB charger with you so you can charge phones and other devices on the go.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

Ailsa G. recommends that you carry a paper copy of your passport and all your travel documents as you can't always rely on your phone with connectivity.

SHOPPING

Sonia I. packs and uses a foldable reusable shopping bag to carry any purchases. Douglas O. suggests packing an extra soft duffle bag that can expand. If you run out of space in your suitcase, you will have a spare bag you can use that can be checked in or carried on board.

DIVIDE LUGGAGE

To ensure a missing suitcase does not ruin your trip, Taryn O. suggests that if you are travelling with someone share some clothes and other items between your luggage. If your suitcase gets lost, you will have some items to get you by until it can be located or the items replaced. Many also strongly advise to make sure you pack the following items in your carry-on medications, important documents, technology, some essential toiletries plus a change of clothes.

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