

Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Today's Weather: Cloudy  
16 - 23 °C / 60 - 74 °F

**6:00-11:00 AM**

**Café Breakfast:** Coffee, juice and pastries are available at the coffee station in front of The Lounge.

**7:00-10:00 AM**

**Continental Breakfast:** A selection of beverages and breakfast items are available on The Aquavit Terrace.

**7:30-10:00 AM**

**Breakfast:** Enjoy a buffet breakfast and a choice of dishes cooked to order in The Restaurant.

**9:00 - 12:00 AM**

**Concierge Desk Hours:** Should you need any assistance during your stay onboard please visit the Concierge.

**9:45 AM**

**Live Demonstration: Glassblowing.** See a traditional German glassmaker, create a beautiful work of art in this entertaining demonstration in The Lounge.

**12:00 PM**

**Lunch:** Join us for lunch in The Restaurant.

**12:00 PM**

**Café Lunch:** If you prefer, enjoy a lighter, buffet-style lunch on The Aquavit Terrace.

**2:00 PM**

**Welcome to Miltenberg:** *Viking Atla* arrives in Miltenberg, Germany.

**2:15 PM**

**Cast Off!** *Viking Atla* leaves Miltenberg for Wertheim

**2:30-6:00 PM**

**Walking Tour: Miltenberg.** Join us for a fascinating walk around this historic town. The bus transfer from Miltenberg to Wertheim will depart at 5:30 PM.

**5:30-7:00 PM**

**Cocktail Hour:** Enjoy one of our cocktails and live music in The Lounge.

**6:30 PM**

**Welcome to Wertheim:** *Viking Atla* arrives in Wertheim, Germany.

**6:45 PM**

**Back On Board:** Please be back on board the ship by this time. We will depart Wertheim for Würzburg shortly thereafter.

**7:00 PM**

**Dinner:** We invite you to join us for dinner in The Restaurant.

**7:00 PM**

**Bar Menu:** Enjoy a casual meal on The Aquavit Terrace.

**9:00 - 10:00 PM**

**Concierge Desk Hours:** Should you need any assistance during your stay onboard please visit the Concierge.

**9:00 PM**

**Daily Briefing:** Program Director Caspar invites you to The Lounge to find out about tomorrow's excursions and events, followed by live music with our onboard musician.

MILTENBERG



## Did you know? Famous Bavarians

**Albrecht Dürer (1471–1528):** Painter, engraver and printmaker from Nuremberg.

**Richard Wagner (1813–1883):** Composer, theater director and essayist who lived in Bavaria.

**Levi Strauss (1829–1902):** The founder of the American company Levi Strauss & Company was born in Bavaria.

**Richard Strauss (1864–1949):** A leading 19th- and 20th-century composer born in Munich.

**Alois Alzheimer (1864–1915):** Psychiatrist and neuropathologist.

**Thomas Mann (1875–1955):** Munich-educated, Nobel Prize-winning writer and philanthropist.

**Bertolt Brecht (1898–1956):** Poet, playwright and theater director.

**Yehuda Amichai (1924–2000):** Israeli poet who was born Ludwig Pfeuffer in Würzburg.

**Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI) (1927–):** Pope Emeritus of the Catholic Church.

**Michael Haneke (1942–):** Oscar-winning film director born in Munich.

**Werner Herzog (1942–):** Film director, producer, screenwriter and actor from Munich.

**Rainer Werner Fassbinder (1945–1982):** Prolific film director, screenwriter and actor.

## Concierge tips

In Miltenberg or Würzburg, visit a wine shop and sample some of the unique Franconia wine that has been produced along the hills of the Main River for more than 1,000 years. Because of the special soil and the mild climate, the wines have a high mineral content, and the major ones are made from just one single grape variety at a time. The best Franconian wines are the dry spätlesen. The rare sweet wines often mature for 50 years or more.

Stop by a German or Austrian café to try what the Germans call Käsekuchen and the Austrians call Topfenstrudel—a baked cheesecake that is prepared with quark, or curd cheese, and that has a dough crust. It is less sweet and a little sourer than North American cheesecake, but you should not return home without tasting it!

## Word of mouth

*"Apart from the addition of the locks and weirs, the Main from Miltenberg to Wertheim cannot greatly have changed since Albrecht Dürer sailed down the river [...] Wine-ships no longer ply upon the stream, but the villages clustered tightly along the shore are much as they have been for centuries."*

—Roger Pilkington, *Small Boat to Bavaria*

### IMPORTANT SHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

Your Viking ATLA team wishes you a happy and

**Ship Contacts:**

Reception: +49 152 225 380 48

**Ship Location:**

Sailing Day



## Zoom in: Take a stroll around Miltenberg

Join us for a walking tour of lively, medieval, romantic and pretty-as-a-picture Miltenberg. Get a real sense of what life would have been like in the 16th and 17th centuries seeing the half-timbered, gabled houses in pristine condition and colorful market square. Visit the 13th-century **Mildenburg Castle** (open May-Oct, Tue-Sun, 10:00 AM-5:30 PM), which was built by the archbishops of Mainz and the **Town Museum** (open May-Oct, Tue-Sun, 10:00 AM-5:30 PM; Nov-Apr, Wed-Sun, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM), which features finds from Celtic and Roman times.

The **Old Town** features a **Town Hall** and historic marketplace. Enjoy a drink at Germany's oldest inn, The Inn of the Giant at the **Hotel Zum Riesen**—a traditional tavern and guesthouse where princes have stayed since the 12th century. Or, you could just wander the little laneways and enjoy getting lost in this enchanting town. However you choose to explore the town, be sure to have your cameras at the ready!

## Beautiful Bavaria

Unspoiled natural surroundings, healthy air, a wealth of culture and the proverbially laid-back Bavarian attitude to life are the hallmarks of Germany's most popular holiday region. Bavaria's medieval castles and small towns, magnificent palaces and baroque churches, as well as its fabulous food and wine make it a place you will fall in love with. With more than 100,000 architectural monuments, and more than 1,200 museums and collections, it is a culturally rich region to visit. Enjoy folk music and dance and indulge in the area's famous cuisine, beers and wines.

## A glass act

The word "glass" is derived from the old German word for "amber," and old Germanic jewelry was made almost exclusively of this fossilized resin. The world of glassmakers is as colorful and complex as glass itself, with its myriad shapes and colors and infinite variety. In east Bavaria, you will encounter glassmaking at every turn and experience firsthand the fascinating history and the universal appeal of glass.

Glassmaking has remained essentially unchanged since the glassmaker's pipe was discovered some two thousand years ago. Glassblowers still fetch the red-hot, honey-like melt glass out of the furnace with their long pipe, turning, swinging and blowing it to create the desired shape. Watch in awe as master craftsmen combine perfection with creativity as they mold their glass creations using ovens or lamps.

Because the ancient craft of glassmaking cannot be replaced by machine, the mouth-blown tradition has been carefully preserved and is kept alive in many towns and villages. Why not pick up a piece of beautiful handmade glass at one of the many galleries or shops en route?



## Your room with a view: Views along the river

Kilometer 70 on your right

**Seligenstadt.** The name of Germany's oldest town comes from an inscription on the original house of the city's founder: "Blessed be the city where I found my daughter after she was lost." Legend says that Charlemagne's daughter came to this settlement with the city's founder. The words are said to have been spoken by Charlemagne when he arrived and discovered her here.

Kilometer 87 on your left

**Aschaffenburg.** Though the town is located in Bavaria, its residents proudly call themselves Franconians. So it might be easy to understand why Germans here defended their town so vehemently from the Allies during World War II. The first thing you will notice on approach to Aschaffenburg are the four colored-sandstone towers of Johannisburg Palace, built 1605–1614.

Kilometer 121 on your right

**Kleinheubach.** A highlight is Kleinheubach Castle, home of the Princes of Löwenstein and modeled after Versailles. Today, the DeTe Real Estate Company has promising plans to tastefully convert a major part of the palace into a conference venue and hotel. This kind of project is unique in the region in that both owner and operator, lessor and lessee, cooperate in making appropriate use of the palace while safeguarding its rich cultural and historic heritage.

Kilometer 121 on your left

**Grossheubach.** The Franciscan Engelberg monastery towers above this market town.

During early medieval times, Charlemagne helped introduce beer brewing to monasteries in his newly conquered territories. Even today, it's common for Europeans to think of beer as a drink made by monks. Winemaking has also played an important role in Grossheubach for almost 900 years.

Kilometer 132 on your right

**Freudenberg.** The keep of Freudenberg Castle towers over the 700-year-old town of Freudenberg. One of its major businesses, Rauch furniture manufacturer, hosts a zoo that is open to the public.

Kilometer 144 on your right

**Stadtprozelten.** Resting quietly at the foot of Henneburg Castle, Stadtprozelten is among the smallest towns in Germany. The medieval character of the town is reflected in the magnificent half-timbered houses along the main street. The castle was destroyed by the French during the Palatine War of Accession, but was later preserved by King Ludwig I of Bavaria. Today, it is regarded as one of the finest ruined castles in Germany.

Kilometer 157 on your right

**Wertheim.** Wertheim is mostly known for the castle that shares the town's name. In 1806, Napoleon declared the river as the border between Baden and Bavaria and Wertheim became informally known as the border town of the Grand Duchy of Baden. What was good for the duchy was good for Karl Baedeker, whose guidebook stated that Wertheim was "the best part of the whole (river) trip."

Kilometer 157 on your left

**Kreuzwertheim** is situated at the foot of Wertenburg Castle, a former baroque palace restored during the 19th century. A prominent stone cross in the old market square (today, a church square) evokes a time when the ecclesiastical was woven into everyday life. It also explains the town's new name—kreuz, which means "cross" in German.

Kilometer 185 on your left

**Rothenfels** is the smallest town in Bavaria. Its early history can be traced to a fisherman's settlement in 1050. Rothenfels Castle is the main symbol of the town—its towers and inner curtain wall are still well preserved.