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“RHINE GETAWAY CRUISE” BASEL TO AMSTERDAM

Explore the Black Forest and visit a local workshop to see a cuckoo clock -making demonstration. Discover the various culinary traditions of Alsace. Overlook the Rhine from Germany’s best preserved medieval castle. Turreted fortresses, grand cathedrals, historic cities, medieval towns and spectacular scenery of the middle Rhine from Basel and Cologne to Amsterdam, this 9-day journey aboard the Viking Herja reveals a rich landscape of beauty and culture. Escorted by Vince & Jan Sacilotto.

9 days, from Monday, November 5 to Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Tour price, based on double occupancy, per person sharing a category C cabin: \$3,975.00 CAD from Toronto including air.

Please note that the air allowance of \$495.00 is a promotional fare being offered by the Viking cruise line and applies to reservations booked and deposited prior to December 31st, 2017. Reservations booked after that date will be subject to the difference in airfare applicable at time of booking (to be determined at the time of booking). The flight details will be provided by Viking closer to departure. Custom air can be requested for an additional fee of \$50.00 plus any difference in airfare. Rates for other cabin types are available upon request.

PROPOSED ITINERARY:

Day 1 – Monday, November 5: Toronto
Evening departure from Toronto to Basel, Switzerland. Full inflight services including dinner, entertainment and a hot snack onboard.

Day 2 – Tuesday, November 6: Basel, Switzerland
Welcome to Basel, on the Rhine River in northwest Switzerland. Transfer from the airport to your ship, the Viking Herja. After boarding, enjoy time on your own getting acquainted with the city. Dinner is served on board. (D)

Day 3 – Wednesday, November 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 to discover the storybook charm of its streets lined with medieval, Gothic and Renaissance buildings, and visit a fine arts museum. Alternately, choose an optional excursion that explores Colmar's World War II history. Dine on board this evening and cruise on through the night. (B, L, D)

Day 4 – Thursday, November 8: Strasbourg, France

Disembark this morning 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. 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. Return to your ship for dinner and departure. (B, L, D)

Day 5 – Friday, November 9: Heidelberg, Germany

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. Afterward, set on a walking tour through Old Town to Heidelberg's renowned gates. Return to your ship for lunch and 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 on board your ship or spend more time exploring in town if you prefer. You may also choose to experience one of our optional dinners on shore tonight. We remain docked overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 6 – Saturday, November 10: Koblenz, Germany

This morning, sail along the most scenic stretch of the Rhine, where turreted castles and fortresses 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. You may also join an optional excursion that offers a lively and informative tour of Ehrenbreitstein Fortress; or, choose to journey into Moselle wine country on an optional excursion, stopping for a tour and tasting at a local winery. 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)

Day 7 – Sunday, November 11: 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 8 – Monday, November 12: Kinderdijk, The Netherlands

We sail along the Rhine during the morning hours. Admire scenic views and enjoy a morning of enjoyable Dutch diversions: sample Dutch cheeses and *jenever*, a distilled juniper liquor, and take in a culturally enriching presentation on the Dutch Golden Age. This afternoon, your ship arrives in Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Disembark 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 around midnight. (B, L, D)

Day 9 – Tuesday, November 13: Amsterdam, The Netherlands

After breakfast, disembark and proceed to the airport for your return flight to Toronto. (B)

Welcome Home!!

Tour Cost from Toronto \$3,975.00 per person based on two people sharing a category C cabin.

Tour Cost from Toronto \$4,075.00 per person based on two people sharing a category B cabin

Tour Cost from Toronto \$3,875.00 per person based on two people sharing a category D cabin

Other categories are available on request.

Single supplement available on request and subject to cabin category requested

****Please note that no specific cabins can be held without deposit. Availability of any specific cabin is determined at time of booking. . The cabin can be held under option and without any obligation for approximately 1 week. Please call to check availability of the cabin type you prefer**

Included in the price:

- One shore excursion included per port as indicated (included); all others available at an extra charge. Depending on your stateroom category, shore excursions may be reserved beginning 90 days before your cruise sails.
- 7-night cruise in cabin type selected on the Viking Herja.
- Daily breakfast, 6 lunches & 7 dinners with beverages while on cruise.
- Fully Escorted.
- Cruise port charges.
- Gratuities on cruise – ship staff, local guides, drivers – approximately 17 Euros per person, per day.
- Transfers to and from cruise ship to the airport.
- Airfare of \$495.00 per person from to Toronto to Basel, Amsterdam to Toronto in economy class if booked by 31st December 2017.

Not Included:

- Meals and beverages not specified in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Travel insurance, rate available on request.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 is required at the time of registration. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and application form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application form.

REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Refund of deposit is made in full if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 121 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non-refundable administrative fee per person.

For cancellation received in writing 120 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

120 days to 90 days before departure:	20% of tour cost
89 to 60 days before departure:	35% of tour cost
59 to 30 days prior to departure:	50% of tour cost
29 days prior to departure:	100% of tour cost

RESPONSIBILITY:

Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. reserves the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary as outlined. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable. Any savings realized by these changes will be passed on to the passengers, any resultant expenses shall be borne by the passenger. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. acts only as an agent in securing hotel, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotel, transportation and other travel services are provided to tour members subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally. The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. also reserves the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour, in which case equitable refund will be made at the discretion of the tour operators.

AIR TRANSPORTATION:

Transatlantic economy flight by scheduled IATA carrier(s), based on an economy class group fare. All fares are subject to specific rules and regulations, to changes and to government approval. Deviations from the group flights are possible but subject to higher rates. Pauwels Travel will research any request for date or routing changes at the time they are requested. Should any individual rate be less than the group fare plus airline and administrative fees, the lower rate will be offered to the tour participant. Individual airfares are subject to immediate ticketing and the fare plus taxes must be paid at the time the ticket is issued by the participant requesting the change. Should the group airfare be the lowest available rate, an administrative fee of \$50.00 plus any airline charges will apply.

APPLICATION FORM

Please book ___ seat(s) on the "Rhine Getaway Cruise" November 5 – 13, 2018.

Enclosed is my/our deposit of _____ (\$750 per person, *plus* insurance premium if taken.)

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for an interim payment of \$1000.00 and the balance due 45 days prior to departure.

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 3 MONTHS AFTER TOUR TO BE SENT IN WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM.

PASSPORT NAME(S): **Please** indicate the appropriate title (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)

Surname _____ First _____ Middle(s) _____

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If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name tag: (e.g. "Liz" for "Mary Elizabeth") _____

ADDRESS _____

Postal Code: _____ PHONE: _____ (Email) _____

If traveling alone, is a SINGLE CABIN REQUIRED? YES _____ NO _____

If sharing, what is your bed preference: twin _____ double _____?

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: We find the earlier a request is made, the more success we have in filling it, so please list any dietary requests, allergies, any special physical needs or frequent flyer numbers etc here.

We cannot ensure requests made 30 days or less prior to departure will be possible.

Insurance, Please call the office for premiums then record it on application and add premium to deposit.

I /we would like to purchase (please check and record your rate):

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

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All-inclusive Package \$ _____ Non-medical Package \$ _____

Other \$ _____ **OR Decline Insurance (Please sign here)** _____

PAYMENT: Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel Visa Mastercard American Express

Amount Paid: _____ Card Number: _____

Expiry: _____ Security Code: _____ Signature: _____

"I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, have indicated our insurance choice, indicated any special requests and included payment".

Date _____ **(Signature)(s)** _____

Please forward this completed and signed form, copy of passport and payment to:

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