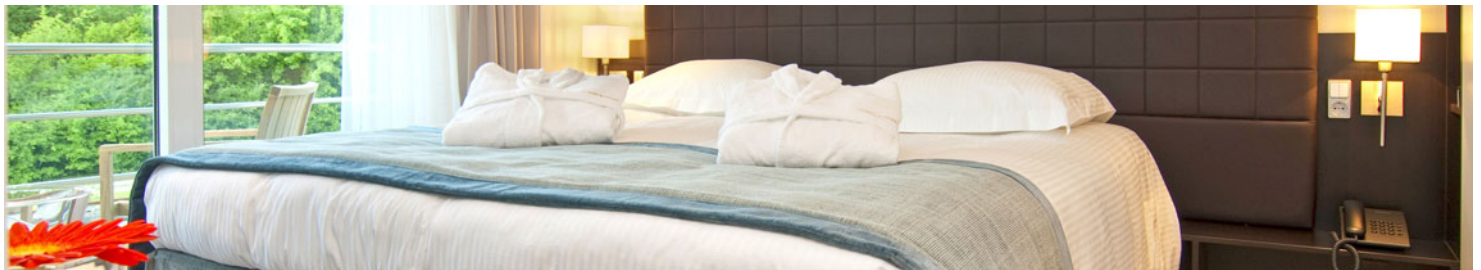


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Welcome

This is the newest edition of the **Cruise Weekly** River Cruise Guide, with updated information from a range of cruise operators distributing their products in the Australasian market.

River cruising is one of the fastest growing sectors of the cruise industry, with the latest International Cruise Council Australasia figures showing that almost 35,000 Australians took a river cruise in 2011 – a year-on-year increase of 22%. And why wouldn't it be popular? It's a fabulously relaxing way to explore the world, meandering in comfort along waterways which have been key highways of commerce for thousands of years.

Fascinating castles, intriguing villages, local culture and of course delightful cuisine can all be discovered at each port, and after encountering the locals each day travellers are able to head back to their comfortable staterooms for a great night's rest - without any packing or unpacking - ready to do it all again the next day.

River cruising is growing across the globe, with the burgeoning number of destinations on offer including Europe (both western and eastern), Egypt, China, Asia, South America and even Australia.

This guide has been produced in response to requests from **Cruise Weekly** readers for a simple reference which allows them to compare and contrast the offerings of river cruise companies selling their products in the Australasian market. Different cruise companies have chosen to contribute varying amounts of information to the guide, but we have attempted to include as much information as possible about each operator depending on the available space.

We would welcome your feedback on this year's edition of the Cruise Weekly River Cruise Guide.

Bruce Piper, Publisher

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APT



APT is globally recognised as the leader in European river cruising, with Europe's most innovative luxury river ships. As the pioneers of European river cruising in Australia and New Zealand, with 18 years cruising experience, family owned APT possess unmatched experience and insight.

APT's European river ships present the largest range of onboard dining experiences and more space per guest than any other. Over 80% of suites in APT's ships boast innovative Panoramic Balconies.

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1 Flagship Itinerary

- ◆ 15-Day Magnificent Europe - Budapest to Amsterdam

2013 Fleet

- ◆ 12 ships with Panoramic or Twin balconies
- ◆ Concerto Class ships hold 162 pax

2013 New for 2013

- ◆ More ships on more rivers - cruising 14 waterways
- ◆ More Freedom of Choice excursion options
- ◆ New itineraries including Seine and Douro Rivers
- ◆ Visit the Albertina Palace in Vienna for a Cocktail Reception and private classical concert
- ◆ Full list of the new 2013 features available in APT's full-version Europe River Cruising 2013 brochure

Demographic

- ◆ Established households living in attractive suburban locations
- ◆ 50+, high income, high consuming, well educated
- ◆ Tours specifically designed for Australians and New Zealanders

Seasonality

- ◆ March to December departures

Accommodation

- ◆ APT offers a range of suites ranging from twin window suites, to Panoramic balcony suites and owners suites on all ships
- ◆ Concerto ships feature the revolutionary Twin Balcony Suites with a Panoramic Balcony and an Outside Balcony

Dining & Beverages

- ◆ All meals are included
- ◆ Eight different dining experiences including the exclusive Erlebnis Chef's Table Restaurant on Concerto Class ships
- ◆ Complimentary beverages served throughout your cruise including beer, wine, sparkling wine, soft drinks, cocktails and Europe's finest tea and coffee

Inclusions

- ◆ Tipping
- ◆ Complimentary bikes
- ◆ Expert Tour Directors and Local Guides
- ◆ Airport Transfers
- ◆ Pool or Whirlpool
- ◆ Freedom of Choice Touring in Amsterdam, Wertheim, Rudesheim, Wurzburg, Nuremberg, Regensburg, Durnstein, Vienna, Passau, Cochem, Breisach, Tournon, Vienne, Arles, Rouen, Conflans, Avignon and Lyon
- ◆ Dine around Dining
- ◆ Personal Computer & Wireless Internet access at no extra cost
- ◆ Signature Experiences including Budapest Opera House, Paris Illuminations, Tour medieval Wertheim Castle, Albertina Palace in Vienna, Truffle Farm in Grignan and a family-owned winery in the Beaujolais region

Airline Partners

- ◆ Singapore Airlines (or an airline of APT's choosing)

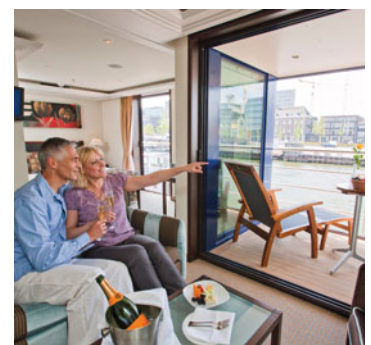
Price Range

- ◆ 15 Day Magnificent Europe starts at \$6495*

Passenger Extras

- ◆ Gold and Silver Butler Service for guests in select suites on Concerto ships
- ◆ 98% Satisfaction Rating
- ◆ Entertainment
- ◆ Late starter/active walking tour options
- ◆ Themed itineraries such as golf and Andre Rieu

*Conditions apply



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Avalon Waterways

AVALON
WATERWAYS®
Legendary river cruises. Inspired design.™

A part of the Globus family of brands, and backed by 85 years of travel expertise, Avalon Waterways offers inspired designs, innovative technologies, key features and services throughout our entire fleet to deliver an experience unlike any other.

In 2013, the Panorama, Vista & Visionary will be joined by two equally impressive ships: the *Avalon Expression* & *Artistry II*. These stunning *Suite Ships* will grace the waters of the Rhine and Danube respectively - featuring two full decks of Panorama Suites featuring Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Windows that transform the entire suite into an Open-Air Balcony.

Avalon's innovative cruise options now include enticing new cruises through northern Holland, Austria, Central Europe, and Germany as well as a new cruise along the Yangtze River.

1 Flagship Itinerary

- ◆ Magnificent Europe - 15 days between Amsterdam and Budapest

2013 Fleet

- ◆ Total of 18 ships across Egypt, Asia & The Galapagos
- ◆ Up to 170 pax on European ships

2013 New for 2013

- ◆ 2 new Suite ships in Europe – *Avalon Expression* & *Artistry II*
- ◆ 6 new itineraries & one new theme cruise in Europe
- ◆ 2 new ships in China - *Century Paragon* & *Legend*
- ◆ Choice of excursions, dining options & sightseeing paces

Demographic

- ◆ Primarily 60+ age group
- ◆ Shifting to a younger demographic, primarily within the Australian market

Seasonality

- ◆ Europe: March – December
- ◆ Egypt: January – December
- ◆ Asia: April – December
- ◆ Southeast Asia: January – December

Accommodation

- ◆ Outside staterooms with hotel-style beds
- ◆ Open-Air and French Balconies on European ships

Dining & Beverages

- ◆ All meals are included
- ◆ Complimentary regional beer and wine served with dinner in Europe
- ◆ Choice of dining venues
- ◆ Champagne breakfasts in Europe
- ◆ Self serve beverage station with complimentary coffee and tea

Inclusions

- ◆ All meals whilst cruising
- ◆ Port charges
- ◆ Gratuities for Cruise Director & Crew

- ◆ Intra-tour flights & taxes (Egypt, Asia and The Galapagos)
- ◆ Local guided sightseeing
- ◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi access
- ◆ Food, wine, beer and chocolate tastings

Airline Partners

- ◆ Emirates
- ◆ Singapore Airlines
- ◆ Qantas
- ◆ Cathay Pacific
- ◆ Etihad

Price Range

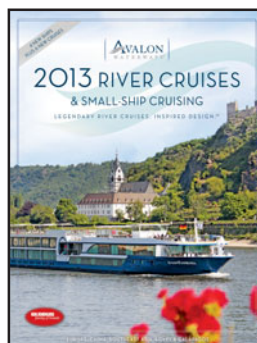
- ◆ Europe: from \$1340 - \$9491 (Cabin Category E)
- ◆ Egypt: from \$2881 - \$6596 (Main Deck)
- ◆ China: from \$3099 - \$4459 (Deluxe)
- ◆ Southeast Asia: from \$3483 - \$4318 (Cat B)
- ◆ The Galapagos: from \$3839 - \$6249 (Main Deck) (NB: cruises are all based on seasonal departures)

Passenger Loyalty Program

- ◆ Journey's Club (members receive 5% off any Globus family of brands tour)

Earlybird Offer

- ◆ SAVE \$1000 per couple. Book select 2013 Avalon Waterways European river cruise itineraries. Valid to 30/06/12
- ◆ SAVE \$500 per couple. Book ANY 2013 Avalon Waterways European river cruise. Valid to 30/09/12
- ◆ Exotics offer - Save \$300 per couple: Book ANY 2013 Avalon Waterways Exotic cruises (Egypt, Asia & The Galapagos) Valid to 30/09/12.



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Evergreen Tours

Evergreen Tours has been operating premium escorted worldwide tours for over 32 years as part of the Scenic Tours Group. Discover its new 2013 Europe River Cruising and Touring program, featuring the most modern ship to cruise Europe with the ms Amadeus Silver launching in early April 2013, exclusively chartered to Evergreen Tours.

Guests can relax in splendid, tastefully created surroundings as they enjoy crystal clear views from the comfort of NEW top deck Dual Balcony Owner suites which have the flexibility of an all-weather sun room and true outside balcony. Or guests can choose to relax in a NEW Private Balcony Suite which features an innovative 'drop down' glass window so there are no sliding doors and also no railings to obstruct guests' space or views.

The company offers luxury cruising between Amsterdam and Budapest travelling along the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers. These luxury river cruises can also be linked to one of Evergreen Tours comprehensive land tours and city extensions.

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Flagship Itinerary

- ◆ 21-day Paris to Prague & Splendours of Europe River Cruise
- ◆ 24-day Eastern Europe and Splendours of Europe River Cruise

2013 Fleet

- ◆ ms Amadeus Silver (launching April 2013)
- ◆ 174 Passengers

New for 2013

- ◆ 41 Day Britain & Ireland with Italy & Splendours of Europe River Cruise
- ◆ 28 Day Budapest to Istanbul & Splendours of Europe River Cruise
- ◆ 21 Day Chelsea Flower Show with Prague & Splendours of Europe River Cruise
- ◆ 24 Day Normandy, Western front, Paris to Prague & Splendours of Europe River Cruise

Demographic

- ◆ 45+ mature couples and retirees
- ◆ Exclusive to Australia & New Zealand

Seasonality

- ◆ April – September

Accommodation

- ◆ 12 NEW large luxury Dual Balcony Owner Suites (24m²)
- ◆ All Weather Private Balcony Suites (16m²)

Dining & Beverages

- ◆ All meals are included
- ◆ Complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks with dinner

Inclusions

- ◆ All tipping and gratuities and port taxes
- ◆ Guided tours of towns & cities
- ◆ Expert Local Tour Directors
- ◆ Cruise Tour Director
- ◆ Nightly entertainment

- ◆ Airport transfers
- ◆ Sightseeing & admission fees

Airline Partners

- ◆ Singapore Airlines
- ◆ Swiss Airlines

Price Range

- ◆ \$6,495 - \$16,485 (per person, twin share)

Passenger Loyalty Program

- ◆ Evergreen Explorer - exclusive travel discounts

Earlybird Offer

- ◆ Fly Free to Europe return* including taxes
When you book and pay deposit for a luxury river cruise & land tour/two city extension by 30th September 2012
- ◆ Free Business Class Upgrade* (from Asia to Europe return)
When you book a Dual Balcony Suite on any 2013 River Cruise and Fly Return to Europe from only \$1,495pp and receive a *FREE BUSINESS CLASS UPGRADE* between Asia and Europe Return
- ◆ Save \$1,000 per couple*
When you book & pay deposit for a 2013 Luxury River Cruise or land tour by 30th September 2012

*Conditions apply



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ms Amadeus Silver

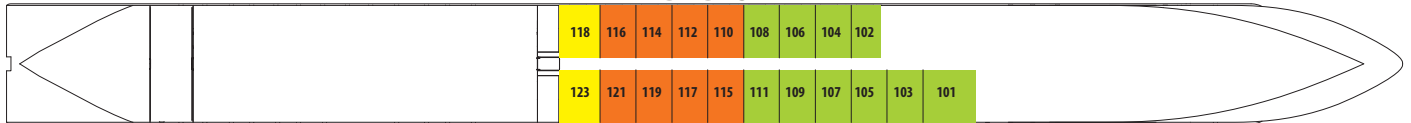
MOZART DECK



STRAUSS DECK



HAYDN DECK



CABIN CATEGORIES

- CAT S** Mozart Deck Dual Balcony Suite – 24 sq m/258 sq ft
- CAT P** Mozart Deck Private Balcony – 16 sq m/172 sq ft
- CAT A** Mozart Deck Private Balcony – 16 sq m/172 sq ft
- CAT B** Strauss Deck Private Balcony – 16 sq m/172 sq ft
- CAT C** Strauss Deck Private Balcony – 16 sq m/172 sq ft
- CAT CS** Strauss Deck Single Private Balcony – 16 sq m/172 sq ft
- CAT D** Haydn Deck Standard Stateroom – 16 sq m/172 sq ft
- CAT E** Haydn Deck Standard Stateroom – 16 sq m/172 sq ft
- CAT ES** Haydn Deck Single Stateroom – 16 sq m/172 sq ft



Luxury Dual Balcony Suite

LUXURY DUAL BALCONY SUITE

For an extra touch of luxury and the ultimate cruising indulgence, try one of our stunning new Dual Balcony Suites, with space rarely found on other ships. Measuring up to 258sq. feet (24 m²), the Amadeus suites represent the ultimate in spaciousness. Your suite has both an outside balcony and an inside sunroom, as well as a mini bar, room service and all the luxuries of the Private Balcony Stateroom. There are 12 of these Luxury Suites on board the Amadeus Silver. All guests enjoy private room service and upper deck positioning for elevated views.

PRIVATE BALCONY STATEROOM

Measuring up to 172 sq. feet (16 m²), our all-weather Private Balcony Staterooms (63% of cabins) are located on the Strauss and Mozart decks. They offer exceptional comfort and the undeniable appeal of unimpeded views to the ever changing landscapes of Europe. At the flick of a switch the open balcony can be converted into a sun room, as a pane of glass rises from the balcony edge to the ceiling, to enclose your viewing area should the weather become unsettled. no sliding doors just open space and uninterrupted views.

STANDARD STATEROOM

Measuring up to 172 sq. feet (16 m²), our standard staterooms are located on the Haydn deck. Though the cabin size and interior fixtures are identical to the private balcony stateroom, the difference is in the windows, as all standard staterooms have fixed windows (do not open).



Private Balcony Stateroom

Pandaw River Cruises



Pandaw River Cruises

With nine luxury ships exploring three countries: Myanmar, Cambodia and Vietnam, Pandaw is the largest luxury river cruise company in Asia. Whilst offering a real adventure experience, travellers are cushioned with incredible comfort, fine dining, great cocktails and choice wines, not to mention extraordinary levels of service.

Pandaw's ships were built new and designed and finished as replicas of colonial river steamers. These small ships have the highest space to passenger ratio of any ships afloat. The amenities and services are comparable to a five star boutique hotel, but the atmosphere to that of a private yacht.

1 Flagship Itinerary

- ◆ The Goldenland - 11-day cruise in Myanmar: Mandalay-Pagan-Prome

2013 Fleet

- ◆ Total of 9 ships with ultra shallow drafts which can travel to remote areas unreachable by other vessels

2013 New for 2013

- ◆ New, smaller 'Safari Pandaw' with just sixteen staterooms for both routes in the Mekong and in Burma

Accommodation

- ◆ Finished in brass and teak
- ◆ Spacious main and upper deck rooms at 168 square feet (15.6 sqm)
- ◆ Fruit and flowers on arrival
- ◆ Kimonos and slippers
- ◆ Gilchrist & Soames or equivalent Spa-branded amenities
- ◆ Unlimited mineral water
- ◆ Spare blankets or light duvet
- ◆ Optional choice of aromatherapy scents
- ◆ Mini safes and hair driers
- ◆ American adaptors for the European twin pin 230 volt power supply
- ◆ Complimentary shoe cleaning service
- ◆ All rooms no smoking

Dining & Beverages

- ◆ Wide variety of local cuisine and exotic foods as well as European alternatives
- ◆ Vegetarian options
- ◆ All meals are single seating
- ◆ Table service complimented with fresh salads, fruits and deserts (at lunch)
- ◆ Open-air breakfast and lunch
- ◆ Candlelit and comfortably air-conditioned dinners
- ◆ At least two theme dinners, in addition to Farewell Gala Dinner
- ◆ Afternoon tea with cakes or cookies when cruising

Inclusions

- ◆ Welcome cocktail party
- ◆ Signature hors d'oeuvres at cocktails each evening

- ◆ Celebration cake and champagne on birthdays and anniversaries
- ◆ Cookery demonstrations and classes using local produce
- ◆ All scheduled excursions
- ◆ At least two cultural performances per cruise
- ◆ Tour of the engine rooms, galley and working parts of the ship
- ◆ Film presentations on local culture and history
- ◆ Sodas, beers, local spirits and house wines
- ◆ Cold towels on deck all day
- ◆ Jugged coffee, tea and tisanes on deck from sunrise till sunset
- ◆ Staff gratuities

Passenger Extras

- ◆ English is the official language onboard
- ◆ Experienced Asian Pursers with a minimum shipboard staff of 25
- ◆ Cocktail bar and dining room
- ◆ Observation or sun deck
- ◆ Gym equipment
- ◆ Library
- ◆ Shop
- ◆ Onboard Laundry
- ◆ Spa with a range of beauty treatments
- ◆ Pandaw charity program - opportunity to give back to the visited communities

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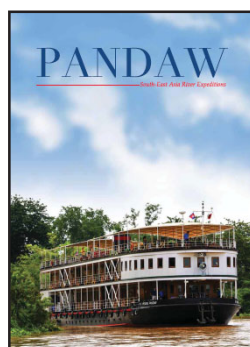
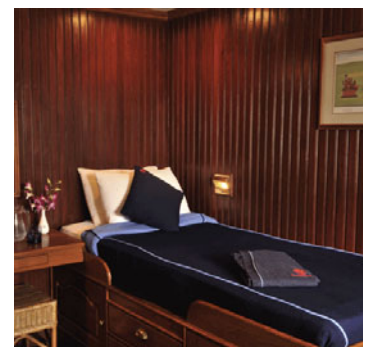
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Scenic Tours

 **SCENICTOURS**
The Ultimate Touring Experience

Scenic Tours are renowned for world-class river cruising. In 2008, they launched a custom designed fleet of Scenic 'Space-Ships', widely regarded as the finest on the waterways of Europe. From 2013, there will be seven ships sailing in Europe, including one exclusively in Southern France. Scenic 'Space-Ships' deliver the experience of all-inclusive luxury, including full-size private balconies with Scenic 'Sun Lounges*', unlimited complimentary beverages, private butler service, all meals, all on shore excursions and all tipping and gratuities, so there is basically nothing more to pay except for personal expenses. Scenic Tours also own one small ship, Scenic Tsar in Russia and run river cruises on some of their most popular itineraries across the globe, including along the Nile in Egypt, the Amazon in South America, the Yangtze in China and the Mekong through Indochina.

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Flagship Itinerary

- ◆ 15-day Jewels of Europe River Cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest
- ◆ 15-day Romantic Rhine and Moselle River Cruise from Amsterdam to Basel

2013 Fleet

- ◆ 7 Scenic 'Space-Ships' with 169 passengers and 85 cabins

New for 2013

- ◆ 7th Scenic 'Space-Ship', *Scenic Jewel*
- ◆ *Scenic Tsar* (Russia): 93% of staterooms and suites with their own private balcony
- ◆ South of France River Cruising on *Scenic Emerald* along Rhône and Saône rivers
- ◆ Amsterdam to Basel cruise
- ◆ Included *Scenic FreeChoice* activities such as the labyrinths of Budapest's Cave hospital
- ◆ Exclusive *Scenic Enrich* experiences including Palais-des-Popes in Avignon and Rastatt Palace in the Black Forest

Demographic

- ◆ 55+ self-funded and semi-funded retirees

Seasonality

- ◆ Europe: March – December
- ◆ Russia: May – October
- ◆ Egypt: September – May
- ◆ South America: January – December
- ◆ Asia: June – November

Accommodation

- ◆ Scenic 'Space-Ships': 84% of cabins with full-size private outdoor balconies

Dining & Beverages

- ◆ Five dining experiences on Scenic 'Space-Ships';
- ◆ Exclusive Portobellos Italian fine dining
- ◆ Crystal Dining – fine dining, buffet, à la carte, themed dinners with entertainment
- ◆ Table La Rive – Chef's Table degustation (not available on *Scenic Emerald*)
- ◆ River Café – all day grazing and casual fare (not available on *Scenic Emerald*)
- ◆ Sun Deck – alfresco barbeque and high tea

- ◆ Unlimited complimentary beverages on Scenic 'Space-Ship' (including mini-bar replenished daily)
- ◆ Continental and traditional cuisine on all other river cruises

Inclusions

- ◆ All touring and sightseeing
- ◆ Airport transfers
- ◆ All tipping, gratuities and portage
- ◆ Most meals (all meals on Scenic 'Space-Ships')
- ◆ Private butler service for every guest

Airline Partners

- ◆ Singapore Airlines (Europe, Egypt and Vietnam)
- ◆ LAN Airlines (South America)
- ◆ Cathay Pacific Airlines (China)

Price Range

- ◆ Europe River Cruising 15-day Jewels of Europe from \$6,195pp twin share (E category cabin) to \$10,790pp twin share (Royal Suite)

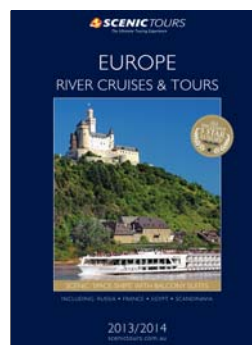
Passenger Loyalty Program

- ◆ Scenic Club: *ScenicClub Gold*, *ScenicClub Platinum* and *ScenicClub Diamond*

Earlybird Offer

- ◆ Fly Free* including taxes to Europe
- ◆ Fly Free to Europe just pay taxes from \$740pp
- ◆ France Fly Free* including taxes
- ◆ Egypt Partner Fly Free* just pay taxes from \$225pp

*Please refer to brochure for terms & conditions



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Travel Indochina



Travel Indochina has been exploring Asia's rivers for as long as we've been creating travel experiences – that's 19 years and counting! We have carved out a reputation based on our passion for creating real travel experiences in Asia.

With the introduction of Burma river cruising, exclusive itineraries in Laos, as well as a new 22-day Indochina itinerary taking in Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos; Travel Indochina is set to reach new heights of Asia River Cruising for travellers looking for a new and unique way to experience Asia. Travel Indochina has an extensive range of cruise itineraries across Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Burma and China; all of which you will find in the updated 2012-14 Asia River Cruising brochure.

1 Flagship Itinerary

- ◆ The Jahan 'Saigon to Angkor' 12 days/11 nights

2013 Fleet

- ◆ Indochina - *The Jahan & The Jayavarman*
- ◆ Burma - *RV Paukan & The Road to Mandalay* by Orient Express
- ◆ Burma - *SS Rangoon* (coming in 2014)
- ◆ China - *Yangzi Explorer & Victoria Cruises*

2013 New for 2013

- ◆ Brand new Burma product features four itineraries across two boats, the *RV Paukan* and *The Road to Mandalay* by Orient Express.
- ◆ Exclusive to Travel Indochina - two new Laos itineraries – 7 and 11 day options.
- ◆ A new 22-day 'All along the Mekong' itinerary taking in Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos.
- ◆ Exclusive Travel Indochina charters: 12-day cruise and tour packages including an 8-day cruise on luxurious *The Jahan* departing 23 August 2012, 15 August 2013 & 26 December 2013
- ◆ Full deck plans included in the 2012-14 brochure

Demographic

- ◆ 45+ couples and single travellers
- ◆ Itineraries are ideal for experienced or first-time cruisers that are looking for a new & unique cruising experience within Asia.
- ◆ Travellers that want to see all of the highlights of Indochina & Burma but like to travel at a leisurely pace whilst still getting off the beaten track.

Seasonality

- ◆ Departures across January to December (itinerary & departure dates vary dependent on the season & ship)

Accommodation

- ◆ All rooms aboard *The Jahan & The Jayavarman* feature private balconies, floor-to-ceiling glass sliding doors and king size beds
- ◆ The *RV Paukan* offers the option to upgrade to a Deluxe Cabin featuring a private balcony.

Dining & Beverages

- ◆ All meals on-board are included

- ◆ Our ships offer gourmet menus of both Eastern & Western delicacies prepared by internationally-trained chefs, using the freshest local ingredients
- ◆ Tea & coffee is provided free of charge on-board all of our ships
- ◆ Alcoholic beverages are available both on-board and on land, at reasonable prices

Inclusions

- ◆ Accommodation
- ◆ All meals on board
- ◆ All sightseeing & entrance fees
- ◆ Entertainment on-board
- ◆ Return airport transfers
- ◆ Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- ◆ Local English-speaking guides
- ◆ Tips & portage

Airline Partners

- ◆ Vietnam Airlines
- ◆ Singapore Airlines
- ◆ Cathay Pacific
- ◆ Thai Airways

Price Range

- ◆ The Jahan 'Saigon to Angkor' 12 days/11 nights starts from \$3555* pp twin share

Passenger Extras

- ◆ Travel Indochina offers exclusive 12-day charter cruise packages on selected departures
- ◆ The *Jahan* is the most luxurious boat on the Mekong offering private shore excursions and an on-board spa and pool.

*Conditions apply. Price available on selected departures only and subject to change.



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Viking River Cruises



Viking River Cruises, the world's leading river cruise line, offers the discerning traveller opportunities to explore destinations in-depth yet in a most relaxing and comfortable way. Viking operates the world's largest and best fleet of deluxe vessels built specifically for river travel in Europe, Russia and China. Sail effortlessly from cosmopolitan capitals to quaint riverside towns. Enjoy daily included sightseeing tours and meals, demonstrations, hands-on activities and leisure time to explore. Viking River Cruises offers delightful journeys along the world's greatest waterways and with 175 years of river cruise heritage, Viking is truly qualified to provide clients an unforgettable holiday.

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1 Flagship Itinerary

- ◆ Grand European Tour - 15-day cruise between Amsterdam and Budapest

2013 Fleet

- ◆ Total of 31 ships across Europe, Russia and China
- ◆ 110 - 198 pax on European ships

2013 New for 2013

- ◆ Debut of 6 additional Longship class vessels in Europe: *Viking Forseti*, *Viking Rinda*, *Viking Tor*, *Viking Var*, *Viking Skadi* and *Viking Bragi*
 - More full-size verandas and full-size staterooms than on any other ship in Europe
 - Aquavit Terrace with floor-to-ceiling windows that roll aside to create a unique area that combines the comfort of the indoors with the fresh air and exhilaration of the outdoors.

Demographic

- ◆ Active baby boomers interested in history and culture
- ◆ Couples or friends looking to explore the world in comfort
- ◆ Often engaged in charitable organisations
- ◆ Newspaper subscribers
- ◆ Have travelled overseas in the past

Seasonality

- ◆ Europe: Select dates from March to December
- ◆ Russia: Select dates from May to October
- ◆ China: Select dates from March to November

Accommodation

- ◆ Every stateroom has an outside river view with a window, French balcony or Veranda for viewing scenery, and on every ship most windows open to fresh air.
- ◆ Hotel-style beds with European linens and duvets and satellite television

Dining & Beverages

- ◆ Menu combines regional specialties with classic cuisine
- ◆ Complimentary on board *Silver Spirits*

beverage package if you book before 31 July, 2012*

Inclusions

- ◆ All onboard meals & complimentary beverages
- ◆ Daily shore excursions
- ◆ Cultural enrichment
- ◆ Port charges
- ◆ All gratuities for Europe and Russia, if you book before 31 July, 2012*
- ◆ Deluxe accommodation during land portions
- ◆ Wi-Fi in Europe and Russia and internet café in China

Price Range

- ◆ \$2,345pp - \$19,595pp dependant on season, itinerary and stateroom (inclusive of the Early Booking Discount*)

Passenger Loyalty Program

- ◆ Clients who reserve their next journey within one year receive \$200pp in travel credit; if they reserve within two years, they receive \$100pp in travel credits

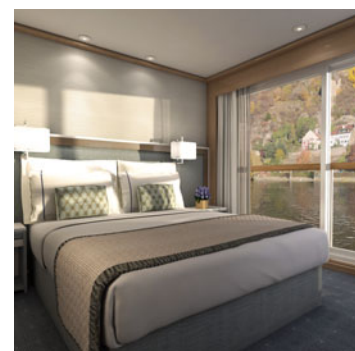
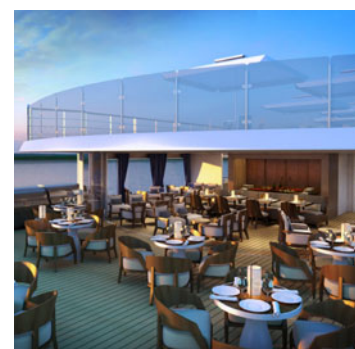
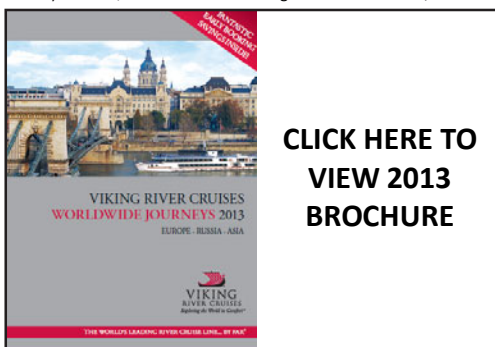
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- ◆ World's Leading River Cruise Operator - 2010 & 2011 World Travel Awards

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- ◆ Save up to \$1,000 per person on Europe, Russia and China itineraries*
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* Must book by 30 July, 2012. Conditions apply. ^Must book and pay in full by 30 June, 2012 - visit www.vikingrivercruises.com.au/2013



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- ◆ Russian cruises between Moscow & St Petersburg to suit all budgets

2013 Fleet

- ◆ *Orthodox, Luftner and Volga Dream*

2013 New for 2013

- ◆ First Class Christmas cruises for Dec 2012. Four, five and eight day itineraries available
- ◆ Deluxe boutique cruise-tours in Russia with centrally located 5 star hotels in Moscow & St Petersburg
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Accommodation

- ◆ Large range of cabins to suit any budget
- ◆ Full sized suites and deluxe staterooms with private balconies
- ◆ Great value twin share cabins for budget conscious travellers

Dining & Beverages

- ◆ Deluxe and first class cruises feature a la carte dining and complementary wine with dinner
- ◆ Three star cruises offer buffet meals and regional specialties, drinks are additional

Inclusions

- ◆ Meals, sightseeing and port taxes are included in all cruise categories
- ◆ Additional inclusions vary by itinerary and ship category

Earlybird Offer

- ◆ The 15th edition of the Waterways and Beyond brochure for 2013 is available in July including a range of Early Bird deals across the different ship categories
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2013 Fleet

- ◆ *River Cloud II* - max 88 pax

2013 New for 2013

- ◆ All cruises will be joined by artists and experts to explain the unique features of the route and provide an insight into a specific period of history or offer a completely new perspective on the journey – be it maritime themes, music, art, culture or cuisine
- ◆ Two very special events taking place in the 2013: 200-year anniversary of the birth of Richard Wagner and the biggest art convention in the world, "Art Basel".
- ◆ Combination discount of 10 % on the second cruise while booking two cruises
- ◆ Single cabins with no surcharge

Accommodation

- ◆ All outside cabins
- ◆ 3 cabins categories

Dining & Beverages

- ◆ Six meals per day
- ◆ Wine & beer with lunch and dinner
- ◆ All soft drinks; tea and coffee

Inclusions

- ◆ All meals included
- ◆ Welcome champagne in the cabin
- ◆ Fruit basket in cabin replenished daily
- ◆ Internet
- ◆ Premium travel documents with detailed destination information
- ◆ All port fees
- ◆ English-speaking tour guides
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- ◆ Bikes

Earlybird Offer

- ◆ Early booking discount up to Euro 250 if booked by 31 Jan 2013

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1 Flagship Itinerary

- ◆ 24 Day Grand European Cruise – nine countries, (The Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Serbia, Croatia, Romania & Bulgaria)

2013 Fleet

- ◆ Total of 4 ships
- ◆ max 118 pax

Accommodation

- ◆ Standard cabins have floor to ceiling window with Juliette balcony, plasma TV, mini bar, L'Occitane amenities, air conditioning and plush bathrobes & slippers

Dining & Beverages

- ◆ Savour an authentic taste of the region
- ◆ The Lido Bar offers indoor/outdoor cocktail hour and alternative bistro dining
- ◆ Wine included with dinner

Inclusions

- ◆ Accommodation
- ◆ All shore excursions
- ◆ Gratuities
- ◆ All meals onboard
- ◆ Wine with dinner onboard
- ◆ Soft drink and beer with lunch onboard
- ◆ Complimentary snack baskets
- ◆ Onboard activities & entertainment
- ◆ Airport transfers
- ◆ Port taxes & government fees
- ◆ Complimentary internet

Earlybird Offer

- ◆ TIME ON TAUCK Exclusive Australian offer: Book before 28 December 2012 and receive 2 free hotel nights. Furthermore, this offer is combinable, so if you decide to book two or three Tauck tours back-to-back you will double or triple your hotel nights AND your complimentary airport transfers are still included!

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1 Flagship Itinerary

- ◆ 15-day Classical Europe - Budapest to Amsterdam

2013 Fleet

- ◆ *Johann Strauss*
- ◆ 167 pax

2013 New for 2013

- ◆ Using the *Johann Strauss*, a luxury boutique river ship

Accommodation

- ◆ Stateroom with large window or French balcony

Dining & Beverages

- ◆ All meals included on board - fine dining at breakfast, lunch and dinner
- ◆ Complimentary local wine, beer and soft drink with dinner

Inclusions

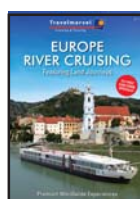
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2013 New for 2013

- ◆ Uniworld will become the only major river cruise line to offer an itinerary in Italy, along the Po River and Venice Lagoon. Joining its fleet are *Queen Isabel*, navigating the Douro River, and *River Orchid*, which will cruise the Mekong

Cabin Accommodation

- ◆ Riverview staterooms and suites have handcrafted English Savoir beds draped in fine linens
- ◆ French Balconies in most Category 1 staterooms and suites

Dining & Beverages

- ◆ Buffet breakfast and lunch offering an extensive array of hot and cold selection
- ◆ Relaxed open seating in the evening

- ◆ Menu selections - that change daily inspired by the season and region of travel
- ◆ Award-winning signature dishes

Inclusions

- ◆ Accommodation
- ◆ All onboard meals
- ◆ Complimentary fine wine, beer, soft drink during lunch & dinner and specialty tea/coffees
- ◆ Bottled water in stateroom
- ◆ Shore excursions with state-of-the-art Quietvox portable audio headset system
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- ◆ Pay-in-full at time of booking and SAVE up to \$3800 per couple.
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