

# *Christmas Markets Along the Elbe River*

*With Viking River Cruises*

*December 5 – 14, 2021*

*Traveling from Prague to Berlin*



## CHRISTMAS ALONG THE ELBE MAP



*Take part in time-honored European holiday traditions on this 10-day cruisetour. Begin your cruise with two days in Prague enjoying its famed Christmas market which exudes an abundance of good cheer. Stroll among colorful stalls and mingle with locals as you sample glühwein. Discover the treasured recipe for Dresden's famous Christstollen. Shop for handmade porcelain in Meissen and revel in Berlin's festive atmosphere.*

Dec. 4 – Departure from the U.S. Overnight flight to Prague.

Dec. 5 - Prague, Czech Republic

Arrive in Prague, then transfer to your hotel. After check-in, enjoy free time to explore this celebrated city, or join our “Welcome Walk” to stretch your legs and get oriented. The main square of Prague’s Old Town is a dramatic gathering of centuries-old structures including the Astronomical Clock, ticking since 1410.

Dec. 6 - Prague, Czech Republic

Few cities embody the past as authentically as Prague, the Czech Republic’s atmospheric capital. This morning, tour the “City of a Hundred Spires,” and shop at the colorful winter market for handcrafted gifts and traditional fare. After a guided walk through the city’s Old Town, take some free time to explore at your leisure. Alternatively, perhaps join your guide for an all-day optional visit to Prague Castle, or immerse yourself in Prague’s food scene during a culinary experience. You may enjoy more of Czech culture this evening during a folklore dinner or attend a classical music concert. (B)

Dec. 7 - Prague, Czech Republic

In addition to medieval architecture, Prague is a rich repository of Romanesque, baroque and Art Nouveau buildings that stir the imagination. Enjoy your final morning in Prague at leisure, or join an



optional excursion to discover the city's rich Jewish heritage in the Josefov Quarter. This afternoon, continue to Děčín to embark your ship. (B, D)



#### Dec. 8 - Saxon Switzerland, Germany

After breakfast, dock at the spa town of Bad Schandau. From here we make our way to the famous rock tower known as the Bastei (bastion), formed by water a million years ago, to enjoy stunning panoramic views of the Elbe, the Elbsandstein Mountains, the Königstein Fortress and into the Czech Republic.. Return on board for lunch and afternoon cruising through the magnificent, soaring rock formations of the Saxon Switzerland region. Dinner is served on board your ship; after, feel free to enjoy Dresden's many charms and attractions as we remain docked overnight. (B, L, D)

#### Dec. 9 - Dresden, Germany

After breakfast, disembark in Dresden, nicknamed "Florence on the Elbe." Drive through the 19th-century residential area to the Dresden Castle complex; enter the Green Vault to see a comprehensive collection housing what many claim is the world's largest collection of treasures.\* Continue on foot to see Zwinger Palace, Semper Opera House and the Frauenkirche (Cathedral of Our Lady) with its distinctive bell-shaped dome. Visit the Striezelmarkt, one of Germany's oldest recorded Christmas markets whose stalls have celebrated festive traditions since 1434. You may also join an optional tour and step inside a Dresden bakery to sample stollen, a delicious spiced fruit bread and celebrated Christmas delicacy. Or perhaps soak up the festive atmosphere in Bautzen, a medieval gem. Dinner is served on board your ship; after, feel free to enjoy Dresden's many charms and attractions as we remain docked until early morning. (B, L, D)

#### Dec. 10 - Meissen, Germany

This morning, arrive in Meissen and stop in at the Meissenware factory, producer of fine porcelain since the early 1700s. Discover how this trademarked porcelain is created by hand, then tour the museum. Stroll around the Christmas market and take in its festive yuletide aromas. Return to your ship for lunch and an afternoon departure. During your afternoon cruise, celebrate a festive tradition during a gingerbread decorating class, arriving in Torgau this evening. (B, L, D)

#### Dec. 11 - Wittenberg, Germany

Birthplace of the Protestant Reformation, Wittenberg is encircled by a ring of public parks symbolizing the fortifications of ancient times. Follow in Martin Luther's footsteps and view many of Wittenberg's historic landmarks during a walking tour. Enjoy free time to explore the small wooden huts of the Christmas market and shop for handmade seasonal gifts. Return to your ship for dinner and a leisurely evening. Your ship remains docked overnight. (B, L, D)



#### Dec. 12 - Potsdam & Berlin, Germany

Once home to Prussian kings and the German Kaiser, Potsdam was designed in the mid-1700s to reflect the ideas of the Age of Enlightenment. Disembark and travel to Potsdam. Tour Sanssouci Palace, a perfect example of German rococo architecture constructed by Prussian king Frederick the Great in the 18th century. Built as a summer retreat, it became his personal sanctuary and place to relax in the company of his beloved dogs.

Wander through the rooms of the elegant palace and stroll through the magnificent gardens. Enjoy free time and lunch on your own, then transfer to your hotel in Berlin in the afternoon. (B)

#### Dec. 13 - Berlin, Germany

Germany's capital has been reunified and undergone a remarkable rebirth as a center of art, culture and great architecture. After breakfast, enjoy a panoramic tour of the vibrant German capital and browse the stalls of the city's famed Christmas market as you breathe in the scent of grilled sausages and spiced pastries. After lunch, join an optional tour for a taste of





Berlin, or perhaps embark on a scenic drive after dark and enjoy Berlin's magnificent monuments as they are grandly illuminated by city lights. (B)

Dec. 14 - Berlin, Germany

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and proceed to the airport for your return flight home.

**PRICE:**

Category E – Picture window	\$2874.00
Category D – French Balcony	\$3474.00
Category C – French Balcony	\$3574.00
Category B – Balcony	\$3974.00
Category A – Balcony	\$4074.00

Prices above include an Early Booking Discount of \$500 per person.

Attention Viking Past Passengers:

**Book and deposit by April 30, 2020 and receive a special past passenger discount up to \$400 per person off the prices listed above!**

Special Viking air offer:

**From \$499.00**

Ask for details on special air offer

DEPOSIT: A deposit of \$500 per person is required to confirm your reservation.

FINAL PAYMENT: Dec. 1, 2020

COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL INSURANCE will be available for this cruise and is highly recommended.

Insurance premiums must be paid with deposit.

VIKINGS RISK FREE GUARANTEE

Plan your voyage with peace of mind. The Risk-Free Guarantee allows you to change your cruise date up until 24 hours before your planned departure—and Viking will waive any fees. This offer covers all Viking reservations that are made by April 30, 2020. Ask for complete details.

**Your included features and services:**

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

## Viking Elbe Ships

Boasting many of the same popular design elements of our Viking Longships, our new Elbe ships feature state-of-the-art engineering, deluxe accommodations and streamlined Scandinavian interiors. Their customized hulls and engines are specially built to navigate the historic Elbe river.

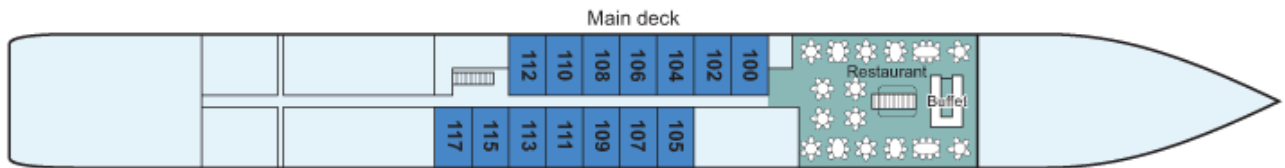
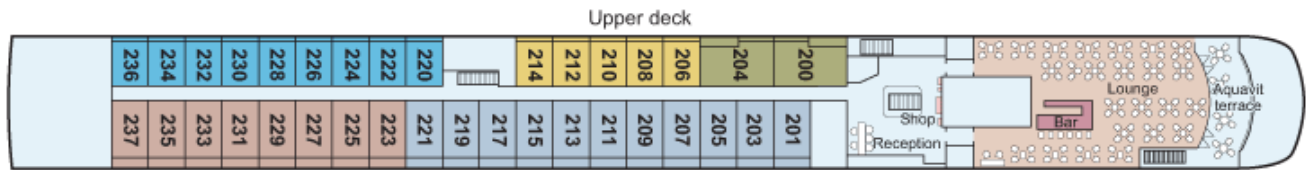
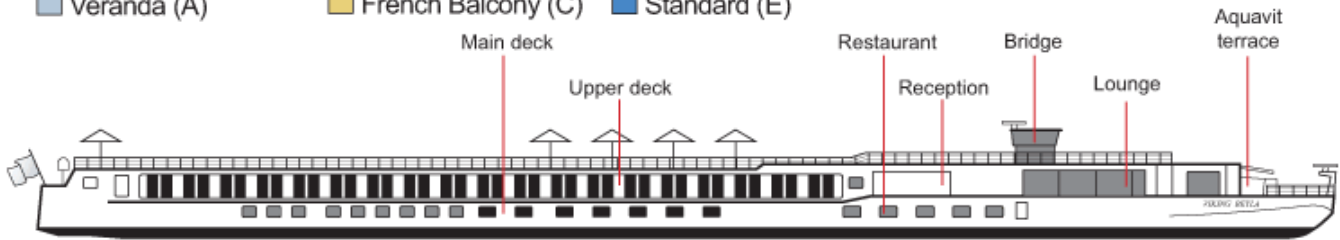
## Elbe Ship Features

- 49 outside staterooms with river view (14 Standard Staterooms, 14 French Balcony Staterooms, 19 Veranda Staterooms, 2 Veranda Suites)
- All Upper Deck staterooms feature a full-size veranda or a French balcony
- Sun Deck with shaded sitting area & organic herb garden
- Aquavit Terrace, a revolutionary outdoor viewing area at the bow of the ship for al fresco dining
- Lounge & Bar with floor-to-ceiling glass doors
- Restaurant with panoramic views
- Library & onboard shop
- Free Wi-Fi (connection speed may vary)
- Laundry service
- 42" flat-screen TV with infotainment system featuring Movies on Demand, plus CNBC, CNN, National Geographic & more

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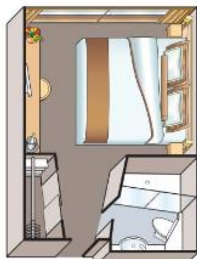
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- Veranda Suite (AA)    Veranda (B)    French Balcony (D)
- Veranda (A)    French Balcony (C)    Standard (E)



## Veranda Stateroom (A, B)

- \* Stateroom size: 180 sq ft
- \* River-view stateroom with floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door opening to a full-size veranda



## French Balcony Stateroom (C, D)

- \* Stateroom size: 122 sq ft
- \* River-view stateroom with floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door to create a French balcony



## Standard Stateroom (E)

- Stateroom size: 140 sq ft
- River-view stateroom with half-height picture window