



Theme Cruises 2025

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Citytrip,
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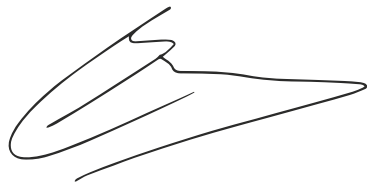


Send your senses on a journey: our Theme Cruises for 2025.

Relax, enjoy, and discover - Those who have already been on one of our Theme Cruises know what an unforgettable experience it is. Whether it's a Wellness Cruise, a Crime-themed Cruise, or a Citytrip, each of our journeys is an experience to remember. No matter which itinerary you opt for, your taste buds will embark on a journey to global horizons as you dine at our gourmet restaurants on board.

We are thrilled to announce to sail along the Danube by the beginning of the year on VIVA TWO. Join us for a unique experience full of mystery and exploration as we set sail on our Crime Cruise or Citytrip Cruises down the Danube. Our Crime Cruises are truly immersive experiences, featuring thrilling live readings. Discover cities like Regensburg and Linz and explore the dark side and hidden secrets. After our Citytrip in the lively streets of European treasures steeped in culture like Vienna and Bratislava, you can enjoy delectable meals and delicious drinks in one of the three restaurants on board.

Relax on a Wellness Cruise aboard our third new build, VIVA ENJOY. Delight in spacious architecture, diverse delicacies in any



Arno Reitsma
Owner VIVA Cruises

of three restaurants, and an extraordinary wellness and gym area. Our Wellness Cruise focused on your well-being and self-care – the atmosphere, the wellness treatments, our entire crew and a Wellness Coach onboard who will share valuable knowledge about health and self-care.

Our popular Citytrips to Belgium and the Netherlands are once again part of our Citytrip program. Embark on a fantastic journey with VIVA ONE to our neighboring countries, where you can unwind after your land excursion, filled with unique impressions and memories.

If you've just experienced a breath-catching reading, received a soothing wellness treatment, or immersed yourself in one of our guided tours – with our VIVA All-Inclusive each day also promises a culinary adventure for your palate. To get more inspiration, take a look at the next pages: anticipation is guaranteed!

ENJOY THE MOMENT!



Andrea Kruse
CEO VIVA Cruises

Exclusive is inclusive.

With every anchor we raise, a new journey begins, where relaxation and pure joy become the central coordinates of the voyages.

Whether it's a meal from our menu, high tea with a selection of sweet and savory treats, or drinks from the mini bar in your cabin — our motto "Enjoy the Moment" always strike a culinary chord when you're aboard. VIVA All-Inclusive means every morsel of exclusive pleasure we have to offer is part of the package.

Enjoy your river cruise tailored to fulfill your wishes.



Vegetarian and
vegan cuisine

VIVA All-Inclusive



Full-board dining is included with breakfast, lunch, and dinner featuring multi-course gourmet menus served right at your table.



Enjoy a complimentary selection of cold and hot non-alcoholic beverages, as well as a carefully curated selection of alcoholic drinks.



High Tea: Indulge in a range of sweet and savory treats such as scones, sandwiches, or macarons, complemented by an array of tea options, available once per voyage.



Daily replenished minibar in your cabin and a reusable water bottle to use throughout your voyage



Wi-Fi and gratuities

VIVA
All-Inclusive

Exclusivity without
extra costs



Create your Moment

Excursions tailored to you and your wishes.

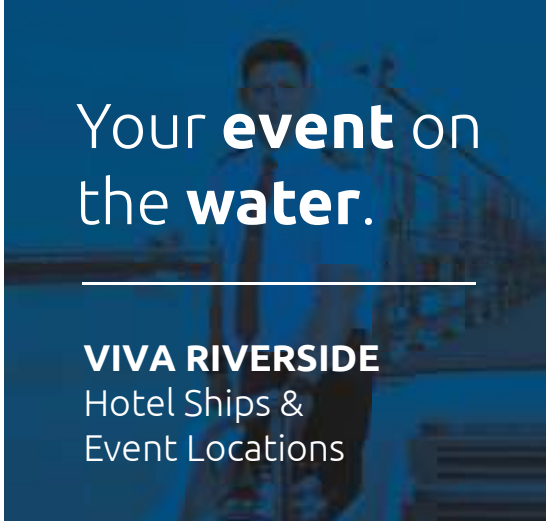


Whether you choose to embark on one of our pre-planned excursions or set out to explore the city on your own terms, indulge in a fully personalized adventure specifically crafted to cater to your preferences. Our exclusive program is available in every destination, and we're eager to offer our expert guidance on organizing your ideal excursion. Should you wish, we'll craft an all-in-one package that guarantees you **"Enjoy the Moment!"** without any worries or stresses.

How about a ...

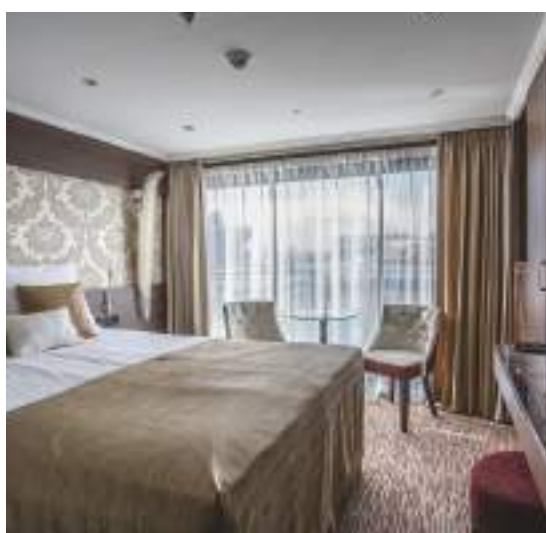
- ... **canal cruise** in Amsterdam?
- ... **beer tasting** in Bratislava?
- ... **cheese tasting** in Rotterdam?
- ... **guided tour** through Vienna?
- ... **wine tasting** in Würzburg?
- ... **thermal-bath** in Wiesbaden?
- ... **sightseeing tour** in Colmar?
- ... **stroll** through Brussels?





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Explore the beauty of Europe.

New in 2025: Portuguese vistas aboard PORTO MIRANTE

We sail far beyond the borders of Germany. Whether you want to explore our neighboring waterways or cruise all the way to the Black Sea, we've got you covered. Starting in 2025, we will explore the charm of Portugal and the picturesque landscape along the Douro. Detailed information about our itineraries and ships can be found in our catalogs and brochures or on our website: www.viva-cruises.com.





Sit Back and Relax:

Wellness Cruises on VIVA ENJOY.



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Complimentary
30-minute massage for
your first wellness
treatment.

VIVA ENJOY was surely designed for one purpose above all: to provide its guests with unrestricted moments of well-being. Whether your itinerary takes you from Frankfurt through Coblenz, Linz, Cologne, and Rudesheim or you're cruising the upper Rhine past Speyer, Strasbourg, or Mainz on your way back to the Main metropolis, our trained massage team onboard are there to help you leave the grind of daily life with a wide variety of revitalizing treatments. Our Wellness Cruises are designed to turn the ship into a retreat resort where your holistic wellbeing is the primary focus. And when you finish taking an infrared sauna, receiving a massage, or doing your activation exercises in the gym, our crew will be there waiting to pamper your palate with a selection of exquisite and well-balanced meals. They are joined by onboard Wellness Coaches offering daily yoga and Qi Gong sessions, aroma therapy excursion, and many information for your health and a healthy living all of which you can continue to take advantage of well after you reach your final destination.



More information on our Wellness Cruises and all other highlights can be found at www.viva-cruises.com/en/wellness-cruises.

Highlights

- Wellness Coaches on board
- Health and Fitness Presentation
- Aroma Therapy Excursion
- Daily Yoga and Qi Gong Sessions
- Detox drinks, freshly-squeezed juices and healthy smoothies
- Wellness Choice Menu



Relaxation with your Wellness Coach

Twenty years ago, Ann Smets—founder of Ba-IANNs— traveled to India on a quest to become a meditation and Sivananda Ashram Yoga instructor. During her stay in Asia, Ann also immersed herself in traditional Chinese medicine. A master of flow, Ann unites all the elements of what she learned into her work.

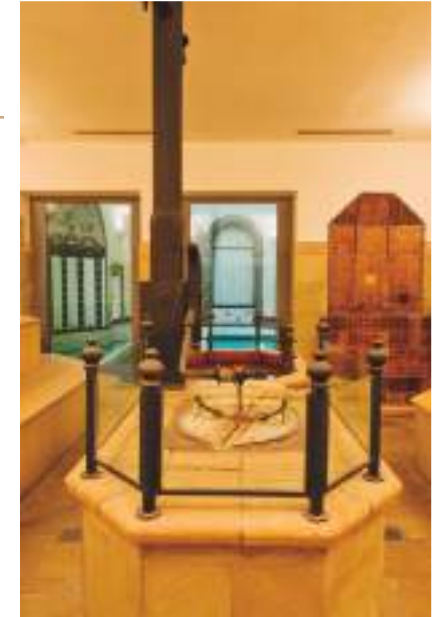


Kaiser-Friedrich-Therme Thermal Bath in Wiesbaden

The mere sight of the Kaiser-Friedrich-Therme in Wiesbaden is like a wellness treatment for your eyes. A thermal bath originally built between 1910 and 1913 by architect A. O. Pauly in Art Nouveau style, the wellness center underwent major renovations in 1999. Today, it's a nude bathing palace. Spanning an area of 1,450 m², the Kaiser-Friedrich-Therme's design was inspired by Roman bath houses with their pillared rooms and elaborate ornamentation. There's no shortage of stylish and charming facilities to choose from. A dry-heat room, a stone-steam bath, a Finnish sauna, a tropical ice-rain area, and a thermal seating pool filled with natural Wiesbaden spring water are just a few examples. There are plenty of wellness treatments such as massages available as well, ensuring that you'll have a sauna experience fit for an emperor.



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Middle Rhine Wellness Trip 2025



Rüdesheim

VIVA ENJOY	4 Nights	ENJO09	
January	16.01. - 20.01.2025 ^A 24.01. - 28.01.2025 ^A		
February	01.02. - 05.02.2025 ^A 09.02. - 13.02.2025 ^B 17.02. - 21.02.2025 ^B 25.02. - 01.03.2025 ^B		
March	05.03. - 09.03.2025 ^C 13.03. - 17.03.2025 ^C 21.03. - 25.03.2025 ^C 29.03. - 02.04.2025 ^C		
Day	Port	Arrival	Departure
1	Frankfurt	-	17:00
2	Coblenz	07:00	12:30
	Linz (Rhein)	14:30	-
3	Linz (Rhein)	-	09:00
	Cologne	12:00	22:00
4	Rüdesheim	14:30	22:00
5	Frankfurt	06:00*	-

Cruise Title	Season	Code	Emerald Deck Double Cabin	Ruby Deck		Diamond Deck	
				Double Cabin (aft)	Double Cabin	Double Cabin	Suite
Middle Rhine Wellness Trip 2025	A	ENJO09	£550 p.p	£595 p.p	£650 p.p	£695 p.p	£950 p.p
Middle Rhine Wellness Trip 2025	B	ENJO09	£650 p.p	£695 p.p	£750 p.p	£795 p.p	£1,050 p.p
Middle Rhine Wellness Trip 2025	C	ENJO09	£750 p.p	£795 p.p	£850 p.p	£895 p.p	£1,150 p.p

VIVA All-Inclusive is already included in the cruise price. Cabins on Ruby and Diamond Deck with French balcony. Window (cannot be opened) in Double Cabin on Emerald Deck. Single cabin supplement: 30% (January-March), Suites 100% - limited allotment. Child discount: 0 to 3 years: 100%, 4 to 10 years: 50%, 11 to 15 years: 30%. *Disembarkation after breakfast.

Upper Rhine Wellness Trip 2025

VIVA ENJOY | 4 Nights | ENJO10

January	20.01. - 24.01.2025 ^A 28.01. - 01.02.2025 ^A
February	05.02. - 09.02.2025 ^A 13.02. - 17.02.2025 ^B 21.02. - 25.02.2025 ^B
March	01.03. - 05.03.2025 ^C 09.03. - 13.03.2025 ^C 17.03. - 21.03.2025 ^C 25.03. - 29.03.2025 ^C

Day	Port	Arrival	Departure
1	Frankfurt	-	16:00
2	Speyer	06:30	14:00
3	Strasbourg	03:00	22:00
4	Mainz	11:30	-
5	Mainz	-	02:00
	Frankfurt	07:30*	-



Strasbourg

Cruise Title	Season	Code	Emerald Deck Double Cabin	Ruby Deck		Diamond Deck	
				Double Cabin (aft)	Double Cabin	Double Cabin	Suite
Upper Rhine Wellness Trip 2025	A	ENJO10	£550 p.p	£595 p.p	£650 p.p	£695 p.p	£950 p.p
Upper Rhine Wellness Trip 2025	B	ENJO10	£650 p.p	£695 p.p	£750 p.p	£795 p.p	£1,050 p.p
Upper Rhine Wellness Trip 2025	C	ENJO10	£750 p.p	£795 p.p	£850 p.p	£895 p.p	£1,150 p.p

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Excursions



Linz (Rhine)

Kristall Therme Spa in Bad Hönningen

The Kristall Rheinpark-Therme in Bad Hönningen provides a peaceful retreat by the banks of the Rhine and among stunning natural surroundings. At the Kristall Rheinpark-Therme, you can enjoy a generous collection of thermal and sauna facilities, all inspired by Venetian decor. The sauna realm was designed after the Markusplatz in Venice, and it features saunas with temperatures ranging from 55°C to 95°C with numerous infusion options. The center also offers various massages, body peels, Ayurvedic treatments, and a wide range of beauty services that can be customized to your own preferences. Furthermore, the physiotherapy practice is ready to cater to your medical needs by offering treatments on prescription and open bath cures upon request.



easy



Bus



approx. 4 hours



Rüdesheim

Hildegard of Bingen Pilgrimage Trail

Get ready for an experience that is as profoundly spiritual as it is physical. The Saint Hildegard Trail allows you to walk in the footsteps one of the most famous figures of the Middle Ages and see the historical sights where this extraordinary woman lived and served. The trail starts on the banks of the Rhine in Rüdesheim and leads past idyllic vineyards to the Benedictine Abbey of St. Hildegard. On your journey through the land of Hildegard, you'll pass the pilgrimage church where the shrine of the abbess is housed. Waiting for you at the abbey are the blessings for your effort: wine from St. Hildegard's own vineyard and traditional herbal liqueur. Inspired by an exciting visit and re-energized by the local refreshments, it's time to head back to the ship. We recommend sturdy footwear, weather-appropriate clothing, drinks, and a snack in case you get hungry.



moderate active



by foot



approx. 2,5 hours



Coblenz

Guided Walking Tour

Discover the timeless charm of Coblenz on a guided tour of the city that combines history, culture, and nature. From the famous “Deutsches Eck” promontory, where the Rhine and Moselle flow together, to the incredible vistas of the historic Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Coblenz is full of breathtaking sights and attractions. Get ready to stroll through the picturesque streets of the Old Town, indulge in culinary delights, marvel at magnificent buildings, and immerse yourself in the city’s vibrant art scene!



moderate



by foot



approx. 1,5 hours



Strasbourg

Sightseeing Tour in Colmar

Sightseeing in Colmar almost feels like you are in a gift shop surrounded by postcards. The historic city center, which is almost entirely a pedestrian zone, is rich in architectural monuments dating from the Middle Ages to the twentieth century. After completing a one-hour sightseeing tour by bus, it’s time to hit the cobblestone streets together with your guide. Experience idyllic canals, the famous tanner’s district known as “Petite France”, and an awe-inspiring collection of finely-detailed, half-timbered houses on this 40-minute guided walking tour. The world-famous Strasbourg Cathedral is an absolute highlight. Then you’ll have time to explore the narrow streets and their numerous cafes and restaurants before it’s time to take the bus back to the docks.



moderate



Bus, by foot



approx. 4 hours





Relax on Board, Explore on Shore: Citytrips with VIVA ONE and VIVA TWO.



More information on our Citytrips and all other highlights can be found at www.viva-cruises.com/en/citytrips.

Our Citytrips to Belgium and the Netherlands have become some of our most popular itineraries. Cruising with **VIVA ONE** between Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and Dordrecht or Antwerp, Brussels, and Nijmegen make it possible to explore our neighbors in a short amount of time and gives you the opportunity to experience the rich regional and local diversity they have to offer. Both itineraries promise a unique blend of cultural experience, history, and modern city life that are perfect regardless of whether you're an urban explorer or ready to go on a shopping spree. We have exciting news for those who prefer our Citytrips. Starting in 2025, we're extending to another Citytrip itinerary on the Danube. Embarking in Passau, **VIVA TWO** will take you through Melk and Tulln to two of the most beautiful cities in Europe: Vienna and Bratislava. Which ship or itinerary you prefer, with their exceptional comfort, spacious cabins, and first-rate restaurants, both VIVA ONE and VIVA TWO have everything you need to help you unwind after an exciting shore excursion and recharge your batteries for the next adventure.



Highlights

- Exciting Art Tour through Arnhem
- Guided Tour of Rijksmuseum
- Trip to the world-famous Market Hall in Rotterdam
- New itineraries between Passau and Vienna
- Perfect balance between relaxation and sightseeing



Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Arnhem.

Some of the most interesting cities in the Netherlands are Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and Arnhem, especially if you like art and different cultures. Romantic canals in Amsterdam, modern architecture in Rotterdam, or the “green empire” in and around lush Arnhem—each of these cities is renowned for making explorers’ hearts sing. We’ve made an alluring addition to our Amsterdam excursion program—a guided tour of the “Golden Age” which was shaped primarily by an artist from Leiden named from van Rijn, better known as Rembrandt. Rotterdam, on the other hand, is the poster child for the Netherlands’ futuristic side. And Arnhem, capital of the Gelderland province, is a paradise for art-lovers. A visit at the sculpture garden or at the famous Kröller-Müller Museum is an absolute must. What do these three cities all have in common? Amazing shopping and extraordinary culinary culture for one. Each of them is also perfect for taking leisurely strolls, relaxing, and having a great time.

New Citytrip: Danube Citytrip.

Get ready to visit some of Danube’s great cities. Melk is one of the gateways to the Wachau valley. Once you look out over the World Heritage Site from the water, we promise it’s a view you’ll never forget. The State Opera, the Burgtheater, the City Hall, the Parliament building, and the university campus—those are just a few of the architectural masterworks which Vienna is famous for. Bratislava with its lovingly-restored Baroque Gothic Old Town, including the Old Town Hall and St. Martin’s Cathedral (14th century), the largest and the oldest church in the city is something you shouldn’t miss out. One Citytrip, three countries, countless memories.

Antwerp, Brussels and Nijmegen.

Antwerp, the jewel of the Nederrijn, is famous among other things for the Flemish Renaissance Revival architecture around Grote Markt Square in the city’s Old Town. Brussels more than just the political heart of Europe. Its historic districts have an architectural heritage that’s extraordinarily rich and diverse and are well-worth exploring. Nijmegen is over 2,000 years old, making it one of the most ancient cities in the Netherlands. The city by the Waal is home to the country’s oldest shopping street as well—Lange Hezelstraat. Do you know that it has highest-density of sidewalk cafés? That is one more reason to stop. Now you understand what we mean when we say that a stop in Nijmegen is a treat for mind and body alike.



Citytrip Netherlands 2025



Antwerp

VIVA ONE	4 Nights	VONE48	
January	16.01. - 20.01.2025 ^A 24.01. - 28.01.2025 ^A		
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Day	Port	Arrival	Departure
1	Düsseldorf	-	17:00
2	Amsterdam	08:00	22:00
3	Rotterdam Dordrecht	06:00 14:00	12:00 23:00
4	Arnhem	07:00	17:00
5	Düsseldorf	05:30*	-

Citytrip Belgium 2025

VIVA ONE	4 Nights	VONE49	
January	20.01. - 24.01.2025 ^A 28.01. - 01.02.2025 ^A		
February	05.02. - 09.02.2025 ^A 13.02. - 17.02.2025 ^B 21.02. - 25.02.2025 ^B		
March	01.03. - 05.03.2025 ^C 09.03. - 13.03.2025 ^C 17.03. - 21.03.2025 ^C 25.03. - 29.03.2025 ^C		
Day	Port	Arrival	Departure
1	Düsseldorf	-	16:00
2	Antwerp	13:30	23:00
3	Brussels	05:00	17:00
4	Nijmegen	14:00	20:30
5	Düsseldorf	09:00*	-

Cruise Title	Season	Code	Emerald Deck	Ruby Deck		Diamond Deck		
			Double Cabin	Double Cabin	Junior Suite	Double Cabin	Junior Suite	Balcony Suite
Citytrip Netherlands 2025	A	VONE48	£550 p.p	£650 p.p	£750 p.p	£695 p.p	£850 p.p	£950 p.p
Citytrip Netherlands 2025	B	VONE48	£650 p.p	£750 p.p	£850 p.p	£795 p.p	£950 p.p	£1,050 p.p
Citytrip Netherlands 2025	C	VONE48	£750 p.p	£850 p.p	£950 p.p	£895 p.p	£1,050 p.p	£1,150 p.p
Citytrip Belgium 2025	A	VONE49	£550 p.p	£650 p.p	£750 p.p	£695 p.p	£850 p.p	£950 p.p
Citytrip Belgium 2025	B	VONE49	£650 p.p	£750 p.p	£850 p.p	£795 p.p	£950 p.p	£1,050 p.p
Citytrip Belgium 2025	C	VONE49	£750 p.p	£850 p.p	£950 p.p	£895 p.p	£1,050 p.p	£1,150 p.p

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Citytrip Danube

VIVA TWO | **5 Nights** | **VTWO36**

January	15.01. - 20.01.2025 ^A 25.01. - 30.01.2025 ^A
February	04.02. - 09.02.2025 ^A 14.02. - 19.02.2025 ^B 24.02. - 01.03.2025 ^B
March	06.03. - 11.03.2025 ^C 16.03. - 21.03.2025 ^C 26.03. - 31.03.2025 ^C

Day	Port	Arrival	Departure
1	Passau	-	18:00
2	Melk	08:00	14:00
	Tulln	18:30	19:00
	Vienna	21:30	-
3	Vienna	-	17:30
	Bratislava	22:00	-
4	Bratislava	-	15:00
5	Grein	13:30	17:30
6	Passau	07:00*	-



Bratislava

Cruise Title	Season	Code	Emerald Deck Double Cabin	Ruby Deck		Diamond Deck	
				Double Cabin (aft)	Double Cabin	Double Cabin	Suite
Citytrip Danube	A	VTWO36	£695 p.p	£750 p.p	£795 p.p	£895 p.p	£1,195 p.p
Citytrip Danube	B	VTWO36	£795 p.p	£850 p.p	£895 p.p	£995 p.p	£1,295 p.p
Citytrip Danube	C	VTWO36	£895 p.p	£950 p.p	£995 p.p	£1,195 p.p	£1,395 p.p

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Excursions



Amsterdam

From Grachten Cruise to Golden Age

You can't go to Amsterdam and not take a boat ride through the canals known locally as "Grachten". We wouldn't recommend you miss the opportunity to go shopping in the Jordaan district, the most beautiful part of Amsterdam, either. Enjoy a guided tour of the world-famous Rijksmuseum, which was inaugurated in 1885. It remains the most commanding structure on the awe-inspiring Museumplein, a building fit to house one of the greatest collections of art in the world. Join us in marveling at the masterpieces of the Golden Age, of which Rembrandt's famous Night Watch is just one highlight.



easy



Bus, by foot



approx. 3 hours



Rotterdam

Harbor City Meets Modern Architecture

It's no secret that Rotterdam is Europe's largest seaport. It boasts a futuristic cityscape defined by innovative architecture, where the buildings panes reflect the passing clouds, adding to its distinctive charm. The spectacular Erasmus Bridge is an undisputed highlight. Fully 802 meters in length, the cable-stayed bridge's single, 138-meter-high pylon earned it the nickname de Zwaan ("the swan"). After getting your first breath of the seaport and city air, you are visiting the famous "Markthal", Rotterdam's Market Hall. It was completed in 2014 and covers the area of a football field. Would you like delicacies, fish, meat, cheese, poultry, vegetables, bread or fresh flowers? The Markthal's 100 stalls, 15 grocery stores, and eight restaurants ensure you'll always find what you're looking for and that it's always "lekker", as the Dutch are fond of saying.



moderate



by foot



approx. 2 hours



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Arnhem

Natural Paradise and Art-Lover's Dream

The region of Arnhem and the city itself are a nature experience with numerous parks ideal for taking a stroll, having a picnic, or just chilling out. Nevertheless, it only takes a short trip to Arnhem to convince anyone that it's also a hub of art and culture. One of the stops on our tour is the Kröller-Müller Museum, which opened in 1938 and is named after the renowned art collector Helene Kröller-Müller (1869 – 1939). It boasts the second largest collection of Van Gogh paintings in the world and is home to one of Europe's largest sculpture gardens, featuring some 11,500 exhibits from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The museum itself is located smack dab in the middle of Hoge Veluwe National Park, which covers nearly 5,500 hectares and encompasses wooded areas, heathland, prairie grass plains, and sand dunes. If you look closely, you might even see some of the deer, mouflon, or wild boar that live in the park.



moderate



Bus, by foot



approx. 4 hours



Brussels

EU Headquarters and a Destination for History Enthusiast

The capital of Europe is also a dream destination for enthusiast of history, art, and cultural events. Explore the multifaceted national capital of Belgium by bus and by foot. Our first stop is the world-famous, 102-meter-high Atomium. Then we're off to the European Quarter, which is remarkable both in terms of its political significance and modern architecture. After that we are visiting the Grande-Place. Departing the historic market square—which is lined by both by gorgeous, historic guild houses and an endless series of chocolateries, one more tempting than the next—we make our way to the famous Manneken Pis, a statue that has epitomized freedom of expression since 1619. After that you have plenty of time left to keep exploring the city at your own pace, go shopping, or lounge in a comfy café.



moderate



Bus, by foot



approx. 4 hours





Excitement and Relaxation: Crime Cruise on VIVA TWO.



You can find out more about the authors and all the other highlights at www.viva-cruises.com/en/crimes-cruises.

People who have experienced one of our Crime Cruises are ready to confess: thrills and relaxation don't have to be mutually exclusive. While one of our authors is reading and the room gets so quiet that you can hear your heart pounding in your chest. That's what happens anytime Axel Petermann, Germany's top profiler, takes the stage. The Bremen native joins us onboard again in 2025 to present cases, investigations, and convictions that made criminal history. Renown actor Michael Miensopust's approach is a little different. More performance than reading, his production is no less spine tingling for it. An accompanying soundtrack played live on piano add incredible atmosphere to Miensopust's monologue. Join Anke Küpper's "Tea Time is Crime Time" as her crime short stories take you on a thrill ride through the homicidal half of her adopted home of Hamburg. However, a bunch of exciting authors isn't the only thing to look forward to in 2025. Join us aboard on **VIVA TWO**, which takes you from Passau to Regensburg, Straubing, Vilshofen or Linz. Escape the hustle and bustle of daily life and join us for a Crime Cruise full of mystery, intrigue, and gripping tales. Whether it's a suspenseful crime scene or a dream destination, VIVA Cruises is here to whisk you away.

Highlights

- Thrilling readings
- “interrogations” of the authors
- Creative Writing Workshop onboard
- (High) Tea Time & Crime
- Murder-mystery music experience

Curious about Writing? Onboard Creative Writing Workshops

You like to write stories but find yourself intimidated by a blank page? Perhaps you’ve already got a bit of experience and want to hone your craft. Join our workshop on board for a deep-dive into the world of creative writing. Professional author Kathrin Hanke will be there to help you craft your own page-turner in a relaxing atmosphere. The only pre-requisite for participating in this workshop is an urge to write.

Back on Board: Axel Petermann – Germany’s Leading Profiler.

The original plan was for Axel to join the police force temporarily as an alternative to military service. But when he was assigned to investigate an unsolved murder one day that all changed. Not only would this turn out to be the only career Petermann ever pursued, he went on to become Germany’s most famous criminal profiler as well. After completing his detective squad training with the Bremen Police, Axel Petermann served as a criminal investigator from 1975 to 2014. As detective superintendent, he was head of a homicide unit for many years. He also served as deputy superintendent of the violent crimes division. In 1999, Petermann’s career took a turn that would eventually see him becoming one of the most prominent police officers in Germany—that’s when he began training to become a certified criminal investigative analyst and setting up his own offender profiling unit. In the meantime, Axel Petermann is the top investigative analyst in Germany and it will be a real treat to have him join us on our Crime Cruises again. When he gives a reading or presents a report, you can hear a pin drop. That’s because the stories he shares aren’t just suspense packed. The best-selling author and presenter uses real cases and real perpetrators to provide his audiences with singular insight into the minds of serial killers; explain the ins and outs of spectacular cases; and talk about what it’s like to work as a consultant for TV, the movies, and crime fiction authors. Axel Petermann will join us on **19.02.2025**.



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Crime Cruise Passau



Vilshofen

VIVA TWO		5 Nights		VTWO37
January		20.01. - 25.01.2025 ^A		30.01. - 04.02.2025 ^A
February		09.02. - 14.02.2025 ^B		19.02. - 24.02.2025 ^B
March		01.03. - 06.03.2025 ^C		11.03. - 16.03.2025 ^C
				21.03. - 26.03.2025 ^C
Day	Port	Arrival	Departure	
1	Passau	-	18:00	
2	Regensburg	12:00	23:00	
3	Straubing	04:00	12:00	
	Vilshofen	17:00	-	
4	Vilshofen	-	05:00	
	Linz (Danube)	13:00	-	
5	Linz (Danube)	-	19:00	
6	Passau	05:00*	-	

Cruise Title	Season	Code	Emerald Deck Double Cabin	Ruby Deck		Diamond Deck	
				Double Cabin (aft)	Double Cabin	Double Cabin	Suite
Crime Cruise Passau	A	VTWO37	£695 p.p	£750 p.p	£795 p.p	£895 p.p	£1,195 p.p
Crime Cruise Passau	B	VTWO37	£795 p.p	£850 p.p	£895 p.p	£995 p.p	£1,295 p.p
Crime Cruise Passau	C	VTWO37	£895 p.p	£950 p.p	£995 p.p	£1,195 p.p	£1,395 p.p

VIVA All-Inclusive is already included in the cruise price. Cabins on Ruby and Diamond Deck with French balcony. Window (cannot be opened) in Double Cabin on Emerald Deck. Single cabin supplement: 30% (January-March), Suites 100% - limited allotment. Child discount: 0 to 3 years: 100%, 4 to 10 years: 50%, 11 to 15 years: 30%. *Disembarkation after breakfast.



You can find even more shore excursions online at www.viva-cruises.com. Subject to change without notice.

Excursions



Regensburg

An Immersive True-Crime Experience

There's more to the UNESCO World Heritage listed Old Town of Regensburg than meets the eye. A marvelous architectural achievement at first glance, its history is also full of true-crime stories and dark deeds. Unearth tawdry tales of executioners, gruesome murderers, and unscrupulous outlaws as you do a search of Old Town's cobblestone streets and medieval buildings. Turn your investigation of Regensburg's bloody past into an immersive theatrical experience.



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by foot



approx. 1,5 hours



Linz (Danube)

True Crime Tour

Linz on the Danube is renowned for picturesque landscapes and a wealth of cultural treasures. Less famous are the dark chapters of its history. Team up with expert guides as you search the city for evidence and delve into some of its most notorious twentieth-century criminal cases. Are you ready to pull back the curtain? How were cases like these solved at the time and how have criminal-investigation methods changed since? Get ready to dive into Linz's dark past and uncover its most sordid secrets.



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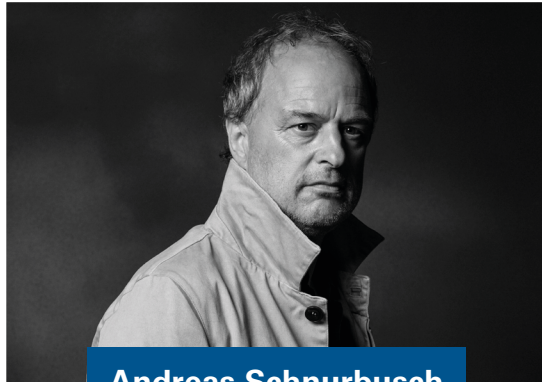
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Authors onboard.



Andreas Schnurbusch

On board: **VTWO37** (01.03. - 06.03.)

Interactive True-Crime Presentation: “How to Murder Your Mother-in-Law?”

Retired detective chief superintendent and crime fiction author Andreas Schnurbusch uses cartoons to illustrate how the murder of a mother-in-law would be investigated. Formerly a uniformed policeman, narcotics officer, and homicide investigator in Cologne, Schnurbusch reveals how realistic the depiction of crime scenes is on television and provides his expert insight on what the clues found at a crime scene can teach investigators. His examination of real cases shows just how difficult it actually is to commit a perfect crime. Is there something that all killers have in common? Are any of the people onboard naturally born criminals? Does your zodiac sign mean you are predestined for criminal activity? Get ready for unexpected questions and Andreas Schnurbusch’s astounding answers.



Michael Miensopust

On board: **VTWO37** (09.02. - 14.02.)

River Mysteries: Heinrich Demsky is on the Case

It was only supposed to be short river cruise. How was Detective Demsky to know it would turn into a crime scene replete with peculiar travelers, treacherous twists, and musical interludes? Join actor and director Michael Miensopust for a uniquely-entertaining live experience as he interactively narrates an extraordinary murder mystery. Miensopust scores his own performance on piano with a suspenseful soundtrack that shifts masterfully between thunderous strokes and soft, whirring notes. Crime drama at its most epic!

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Anke Küpper

On board: **VTWO37** (11.03. - 16.03.)

Tea Time is Crime Time. Get Ready for Fiendishly Fantastic High Tea.

A cup of Earl Grey with a shot to liquid courage to get you ready and a heather-blossom tea to calm your nerves when the deed is done. Are you ready for intrigue at tea time? Born in 1966, Anke Küppers who is now living in Hamburg has been writing professionally for almost thirty years. In addition to penning a number of crime novels and crime short stories—typically set in Küpper’s beloved city by the Alster—she has also designed a number of quizzes and games, several of which are bestsellers. The short story “Fallhöhe” (Fall Distance), which appears in her anthology “Tea. Matcha. Murder” is set in an idyllic heathland hotel. What time of day does the story take place? At tea time, of course.

On board: **VTWO37** (19.02. - 24.02.)

Quick & Dead! Crime Stories in Word and Song

Jutta Wilbertz specializes in crime short stories. She sings wickedly funny Chansons about murder and mayhem. And she loves to read to an audience! It’s this heady brew of bloodshed that makes the cabaret artist a perfect addition to our Crime Cruise cast. Whether you’re hankering for crime at Christmastime, mysterious deaths in the workplace, or conspiratorial capers, Jutta Wilbertz has a literary poison cabinet filled to the brim with short stories and chansons. That means she has all the ingredients she needs at her fingertips to whip up new tales of perdition any time she pleases. New flavors are featured every night and satisfaction is always guaranteed!



Jutta Wilbertz

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On board: **VTWO37** (30.01. - 04.02.)

A Historical Crime Novel

Maren Bohm’s interest in literature and storytelling started at an early age. She has always been fascinated by times gone by, how they were both profoundly influential on society as we know it today while being totally unique moments in their own right. Upon earning her degree in German Studies, Theology and Philosophy, she went on to become a teacher at a secondary school for the subjects German and Religion. Maren Bohm is also an accomplished freelance author, several of whose novels have been published. Her historically accurate crime novels take listeners back in time about 900 years, deep into the Middle Ages. Normally, the setting is somewhere in southern Germany. Regensburg, Passau, Hilgartsberg on the Danube, and the Danube itself are only a few of the exciting locations—and crime scenes—featured in her novels.



Maren Bohm

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Isabella Archan

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On board: **VTWO37**
(30.01. - 04.02.)

„Schießt nicht auf die Mörder-Mitzi“ – A Murder Mystery

Mitzi can't seem to catch a break. Crime even seems to find her on her romantic boat trip down the Danube. It's almost as if she was a magnet for murder somehow! "Laugh out loud funny meets hair-raising suspense" is how one press review describes Isabella Archan's Murder Mystery readings. Look forward to a whodunit of a special kind. Isabella Archan is an author who enriches every text with astonishingly-entertaining staged recitations. There's not a dry eye in the house by the time she's finished. It's a mix of breathtaking suspense and outrageous comedy that's unlike anything you've ever experienced before. Sit back, relax, and unwind—it's murder time!



Kathrin Hanke

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On board: **VTWO37** (20.01. - 25.01.)

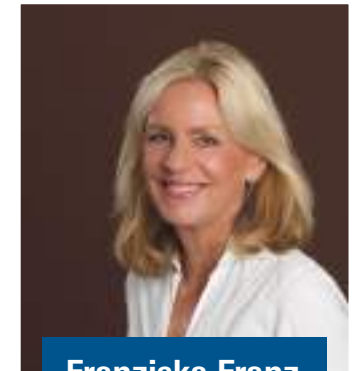
Creative Writing Workshop

Writing is her passion and has always been her profession. Trained in cultural studies, Kathrin Hanke has a deep fascination for the dynamics of culture and society. Kathrin Hanke the author, however, is fascinated by its dark underbelly. And she's been writing about it successfully for over a decade at this point. Hanke is best known for her series of detective novels set in the Lüneburg Heath as well as for her True-Crime books. The former features the dynamic crime-fighting duo of Katharina von Hagemann and Benjamin Rehder, the later are stories ripped from the archives and masterfully transformed into captivating, true-to-life narratives. The author regularly organizes writing workshops to share her knowledge. Hanke is part of the Syndicate, the association of German-language crime-fiction writers. She is also an active member of the Murder Sisters, a non-profit organization that promotes German-language crime literature written by women.

On board: **VTWO37** (11.03. - 16.03.)

„SpurenElemente“ - True Crime Podcast

Franziska Franz, based in Frankfurt on the Main, began her career writing mainly children’s books before finally shifting to crime fiction once and for all in 2018. “Crime fiction is great because it allows you to really develop your protagonists and give them lots of layers,” the author explains. Her novels are set mainly in the Rhine-Main region and are currently being put out by several different publishers. Franz has also made a name for herself as a podcaster. In 2023 she partnered with Dr. Marcel A. Verhoff, Frankfurt’s top of forensic pathologist, to launch the true-crime podcast ‘SpurenElemente’ (which might best be translated as Elementary Clues). What kind of research is required to make the True Crime format work? What kind of information actually contributes to cases getting solved? Get ready for an insider perspective that combines criminal investigation and the modern world of podcast production in a way that’s thrilling and informative!



Franziska Franz



Veikko Bartel

On board: **VTWO48** (21.03. - 26.03.)

Criminal Defense Attorney and Musician

When it comes to homicide, Veikko Bartel has seen it all in his time as a criminal defense attorney. He has represented more than forty defendants accused of committing murder. With that kind of experience under his belt, the decision to start writing True-Crime fiction was a no-brainer. In 2022, Veikko Bartel’s first novel was released and critics praised it as “an absolute must read for fans of True Crime. Repulsive and yet fascinating in equal measures!” Bartel reads excerpts from his novel, talks about his time as a defense attorney, and tops the show off with a special treat—performing songs he was inspired by to write by true cases.

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