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## ***Footsteps of the Cossacks*** **2014 At-A-Glance**



**A voyage through Ukraine is a journey through time. Explore the renowned cities of Odessa, Yalta, and Kiev, as well as scenery and towns rich in tradition along the Dnieper River. On this 12-day journey, see how societies from the Vikings to the Tatars and Cossacks have influenced the architecture, cuisine and culture of today's Ukraine. Visit landmarks like the Livadia Palace, site of the 1945 Yalta Conference, Odessa's Potemkin Steps and Kiev's extraordinary Monastery of Caves, and immerse yourself in Cossack traditions in Zaporozhye. Discover Ukraine.**

Sail dates available April to October 2014  
Kiev to Odessa *or* Odessa to Kiev  
Ship sailing this itinerary: Viking Lomonosov

***Footsteps of the Cossacks***  
**Included Features**

- 12-day cruise with river-view stateroom
- 10 guided tours with audio headset
- All meals: 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners, featuring regional specialties and including Welcome Cocktail Reception & Dinner and Captain's Farewell Dinner
- Visit 1 UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Culture Curriculum<sup>SM</sup>: Cossack horsemanship show, Ukrainian tea, Ukrainian language lesson, Ukraine's history, Vikings in Europe

**Included Tours:**

Odessa city tour  
Kiev city tour  
Zaporozhye city tour  
Sevastopol city tour  
Bakhchisarai excursion  
Yalta city tour  
White Palace tour  
Kherson city tour  
Odessa Catacombs tour  
Aloupka Palace

**Optional Activities:**

Jewish Odessa tour  
Chersonese archeological tour  
Black Sea Choir concert  
Balaklava excursion  
Massandra Wine Cellars  
Akkerman Fortress  
Jewish Kiev tour  
Odessa Opera & Ballet Theatre

Note: Optional tours are purchased on board ship and are subject to availability & minimum participation

## ***Footsteps of the Cossacks*** **Journey Highlights**

### **Monastery of Caves**

Founded by Greek Orthodox monks in the 11th century, Kiev's Monastery of Caves is an extensive complex of churches and museums encompassing bell towers, cathedrals connected by a network of underground passages and fortification walls. Together with the iconic domed St. Sophia Cathedral, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is a major center of the Eastern Orthodox faith. Explore the Cave Monastery—one of the Seven Wonders of Ukraine—and St. Sophia on your Kiev tour.

### **Cossack Culture**

Spend a morning in Zaporozhye, ancestral home of the Cossacks. Learn about the history of this proud people at the Cossack Museum of Khortitsa, then enjoy a special show of Cossack horsemanship, music and dance. Back on board, sample Ukrainian tea and local treats.

### **The Year Was 1945**

Travel along Yalta's Lenin Embankment to the Livadia Palace, site of the 1945 Yalta Conference between Franklin Roosevelt, Josef Stalin and Winston Churchill. Tour the official halls of this lovely Italianate palace, including the rooms where this famous meeting took place. Then, walk through the private apartments once enjoyed by Czar Nicholas and his family.

### **Khan Palace**

Disembark in Sevastopol and proceed to the nearby Crimean city of Bakhchisarai. There you will tour the Khan Palace, built by Tatar khans early in the 16th century; within its walls are sumptuous living quarters, beautiful gardens, a harem, a mosque and a cemetery. Khan Palace is one of three Muslim palaces in Europe, the other two being Topkapi in Istanbul and the Alhambra in southern Spain.

### **Potemkin Steps**

Made in 1925, Sergei M. Eisenstein's film "Battleship Potemkin" remains a cinematic classic. You may have seen a clip of its most famous scene, which takes place on Odessa's Potemkin Steps—which you will see for yourself on your tour.

## *Footsteps of the Cossacks* Odessa to Kiev Itinerary

**Day 1 Odessa, Ukraine**

- Odessa airport transfer\*

**Day 2 Odessa, Ukraine**

- Odessa city tour including Opera House and Potemkin steps
- Afternoon free time
- Optional Jewish Odessa tour
- Optional ballet or musical performance

*Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**Day 3 Odessa, Ukraine**

- Free morning to explore Odessa
- Optional tour to Akkerman Fortress
- Tour of Odessa Catacombs

*Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**Day 4 Sevastopol, Ukraine**

- Sevastopol city tour including St. Vladimir Cathedral and Admiral Nakhimov Square
- Optional archeological tour of ancient Greek city of Chersonese
- Optional Black Sea Choir concert
- Free time

*Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**Day 5 Sevastopol, Ukraine**

- Bakhchisarai excursion visiting Khan Palace & Gardens
- Free time
- Optional Balaklava excursion

*Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**Day 6 Yalta, Ukraine**

- Yalta city tour with guided White Palace visit
- Free time
- Optional tour Massandra Winery

*Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**Day 7 Yalta, Ukraine**

- Morning at leisure
- Aloupka Palace Tour

*Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**Day 8 Kherson, Ukraine**

- Kherson city tour

*Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**Day 9 Zaporozhye, Ukraine**

- Zaporozhye city tour including Lenin Monument
- Cossack Museum of Khortitsa
- Cossack horsemanship show

*Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**Day 10 Dnieper River**

- Scenic cruising along Dnieper River

*Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**Day 11 Kiev, Ukraine**

- Kiev city tour including St. Sophia Cathedral, a UNESCO Site
- Monastery of the Caves tour
- Optional Jewish Kiev tour

*Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**Day 12 Kiev, Ukraine**

- Kiev airport transfer\*

*Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

\* Airport transfers included when air is purchased from Viking River Cruises. Transfers must be with flights that arrive/depart on ship or included hotel check-in or check-out day only.

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- Kiev airport transfer\*
- Free time to explore Kiev

**Day 2 Kiev, Ukraine**

- Kiev city tour including St. Sophia Cathedral, a UNESCO Site
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- Optional Jewish Kiev tour

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- Optional Jewish Odessa Tour
- Optional ballet or musical performance

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- Leisure Time
- Optional Akkermann Fortress Tour
- Tour of Odessa Catacombs

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## Explore More

More days means more to discover. We offer exciting ways to see even more of the region with extension packages you can add before or after your Viking journey.

### **Istanbul Extension**

#### **3-night extension—\$999 per person**

Extend your journey to include three nights in fabulous, historic Istanbul, former imperial capital of the Romans and Ottomans. Accommodations at the **Conrad Istanbul** (or similar), daily breakfasts, two half-day tours, airfare from Ukraine\* and hotel/airport transfers are included along with the services of a Viking host.

The deluxe **Conrad Istanbul** is set in a prime location in the city center, adjacent to Yildiz Palace with stunning views of Istanbul. It is conveniently located near Dolmabahce Palace, the Grand Bazaar, Hagia Sophia and the shopping district. The hotel features a variety of restaurants, a lounge and bar; gym, sauna and massage services; indoor and outdoor swimming pools; tennis court; and 24-hour room service. Rooms include telephone, television, internet access, safe, minibar, hair dryer and coffee/tea making facilities.

### **Kiev Extension**

#### **2-night extension—\$499 per person**

Experience Kiev's gracious architecture, public squares and landmarks, and explore the glorious, sprawling Saint Sophia Cathedral, a UNESCO World heritage site. Two nights at the **Radisson Blu** (or similar), daily breakfasts, guided walking tour and hotel/ship transfers are included along with the services of a Viking host; optional tours will also be made available.

A reflection of the city's majestic past and promising future, the **Radisson Blu** Hotel, Kiev boasts stunning architecture in the heart of the historical district. Located just a short walk from Khreschatyk, the city's main street, the hotel affords instant access to government offices, chic shopping and impressive churches. The ideal city retreat, this Kiev hotel features luxury services and amenities such as international cuisine, a cigar bar, fitness centre and meeting facilities. Explore from an ideal location near business centres, parks, churches, shops and government offices. The hotel is also just 37 kilometres from Borispil International Airport. Rooms include telephone, television, internet access, safe, minibar, hair dryer.

\* Hotels are subject to change without notice at which time, a comparable alternative will be offered.

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## The Viking Experience

### **Quietvox Tour Earphones**

With our Quietvox tour earphones, there are no worries about missing any interesting details during your shore excursions. Each guest will receive a lightweight, portable receiver that can be worn around the neck or slipped into a pocket. The comfortable earpiece with individual volume control allows you to hear your guide's comments no matter where you are standing and makes every place on your tour the "best seat in the house."

### **Onboard Enrichment**

*Culture Curriculum<sup>SM</sup>*. To help you further appreciate the countries that you will visit, we complement your shore excursions with a broad range of immersive activities, on board and ashore. Your cruise includes a Cossack horsemanship show, Ukrainian tea, a Ukrainian language lesson and lectures on Ukraine's history and Vikings in Europe.. Times and locations will be announced on board.

*Expert Program Directors*. Viking River Cruises Program Directors are selected for their comprehensive knowledge of the regions you will be visiting. They have a fine appreciation of each destination's nuances and a genuine passion for travel and are there to help from the first moment to the end of your journey. If you have any questions, would like recommendations or have any concerns during your itinerary, do not hesitate to contact your Program Director.

### **General Physical Fitness**

Our tours and cruises are not physically demanding, however, *because of the nature of many of the sites you will be visiting, this tour may not be appropriate for guests with certain medical conditions and physical restrictions*. Walking tours are often on uneven ground or cobblestones and may include stairs and steep inclines. If you have concerns or questions, please discuss the nature of your itinerary with your Viking River Cruises Travel Consultant.

### **Complimentary Wine with Onboard Dinner and Lunch Service**

Enjoy complimentary bottled wine with onboard dinner and lunch service. We feature two varietals—one white and one red—that pair beautifully with our onboard menu of contemporary and regional specialties.



## Before You Go

Visit our website at [vikingrivercruises.com](http://vikingrivercruises.com) (or [vrc.com](http://vrc.com)) where you can not only learn more about all the places you might go with Viking, but you can also immerse yourself in the experience from the comfort of your own home. There is information abound and you can watch videos of destinations, take a virtual tour of a cruise ship or get a list of recommended readings.

### Passports & Visas

Passports are necessary however no visas are required for U.S. citizens for this itinerary. Non-U.S. citizens, please check your consulate for visa information.

### Viking's All-Inclusive Airfare & Transfers

For your convenience, you can purchase roundtrip trans-oceanic air travel directly from Viking in conjunction with your river cruise or cruisetour. Viking's air packages are a great value because they include your transfers between airport and ship or hotel. And, when you reserve your air with Viking and purchase Viking's all-inclusive travel protection policy, your air travel is covered by the policy as part of your Viking itinerary. Select from more than 165 different gateways (additional gateways available) in economy or the upgraded service of Business Class (trans-oceanic portion); once your reservation has been made, we will confirm your flight schedules 75 days before departure.

### E-Check Program

Viking offers special incentives when you pay via e-check (electronic debit to your checking account)—a quick and convenient way to pay for your vacation. Ask for details when making your reservation.

### Viking Travel Protection

Viking Travel Protection allows you to cancel your trip for any reason. Enjoy peace of mind knowing that whatever may arise—even a pre-existing medical condition—you retain 100% of your travel value. Premiums are based on trip cost and start at only \$249 per person!

### Climate – Average High/Low Temperature (°F)

<u>Destination</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>
Kiev	69/50	74/56	78/59	76/57	67/49	50/37
Odessa	66/54	73/61	79/63	77/63	70/55	53/39
Yalta	64/54	73/63	79/68	79/66	70/59	48/35

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