

VIKING DAILY

Friday, December 20, 2024

Weather: Cloudy & Showers. 63° F / 17° C
Sunrise: 8:22 AM | **Sunset:** 5:54 PM**KUŞADASI (EPHESUS), TURKEY**

One of antiquity's best-preserved cities, Ephesus offers an unparalleled look into the lives of the ancients. Many of its ruins have endured from the time Ephesus was one of the largest metropolises of the ancient world. Excavations reach back to the 10th century BC, when this city hosted one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World—the Temple of Artemis. Today, Ephesus is still full of wonders: the towering facade of the Library of Celsus, the massive amphitheater that once sat 25,000 spectators and residences adorned with frescoes. Ephesus also holds an important place in Christianity. Here, St. John is said to have preached and Mary to have lived out her final days in a tiny stone house.

*Viking Star**Please take me back to the ship: Gemiye beni geri almak lütfen.***Contacts**

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Ship Location

Pier 2 Berth 7-8

Arrival Time

7:00 AM

Back on Board

5:00 PM

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Today on *Viking Star*

MORNING

7:00 AM

Arrival: Viking Star docks in Kusadasi (Ephesus), Turkey. An announcement will be made in the public areas once the ship has received clearance from local authorities. Guests are reminded to carry their **stateroom keycard** when proceeding ashore today.

8:00–8:50 AM

Mindful Stretching (50 min): Join us for a stretch that will increase your range of motion and improve flexibility. Additional fee of \$10. Limited space; please sign up at Spa Reception. *Nordic Spa (1)*

8:00 AM–8:00 PM

Nordic Facial (50/80 min): Enjoy an organic skin treatment tailor-made to soothe, rejuvenate and hydrate your complexion. Ideal for achieving and maintaining healthy, happy skin. Treatment charge applicable. Reserve at Spa Reception. *Nordic Spa (1)*

9:00 AM–6:00 PM

Sports Deck is Open: Golf, Shuffleboard and Skittles are available for use (weather permitting). *Sports Deck (9)*

AFTERNOON

4:00–5:00 PM

Afternoon Tea: Enjoy this classic tradition accompanied by our Resident Pianist Christophe. *Wintergarden (7)*

4:30 PM

Port Talk– Canakkale (Troy), Turkey: Discover the heritage, culture and history of Troy (Canakkale), Turkey. You may access port talks via your stateroom TV shortly after the presentation. *Viking Enrichment>Port Talks/Enrichment Lectures* *Star Theater (2)*

5:00 PM

Back On Board: *Viking Star* prepares to set sail for **Canakkale (Troy), Turkey.** (220 nautical miles)

5:15 PM

Office Hours with Viking Resident Historian Neil Taylor: Stop by for a one-on-one opportunity to delve deeper into the culture and history of your destinations.

Explorers' Lounge (8)

5:30 PM

Explorers' Society: Guests who have sailed with Viking before are invited to mark the occasion with a celebratory toast. Featuring music from Viking Star Band Pianist Jonalyn and special guests starting at 5:00 PM. *Atrium (1)*

5:30–6:15 PM

Explorers' Keys: Enjoy early evening music from our Classical Duo Pianist Andrey. *Explorers' Lounge (7)*

EVENING

6:00–6:45 PM

Munch Moments: Christophe, our Resident Pianist, performs traditional Norwegian music while Munch's most famous works grace the Atrium screen. *Atrium (1)*

6:00 PM

Sabbath Service: Join your fellow guests for a short unhosted service. *Torshavn (2)*

6:30 PM

Guest Lecture with Dr. Margery Marcus: **"The Iliad: The Epic Trojan War."** Hear a retelling of Homer's account of the Trojan War, including the brave warriors, and the resolution of the conflict. *Viking Enrichment>Port Talks/Enrichment Lectures.* *Star Theater (2)*

6:30–8:00 PM

Poolside Melodies: Relax and unwind by the pool, allowing the music of Guitar Entertainer Indra to wash over you. *Pool Deck (7)*

6:30–11:00 PM

Ruby & Emerald Showcase: King and Queen of Gems. Rubies and emeralds are two of the most coveted, valuable, beautiful, and rare gemstones in the world. *Juveler (2)*

6:30–11:00 PM

Fragrances: Peruse our wide range of exclusive fragrances, like Dior, Gucci and Armani. Veronica our fragrance specialist will be delighted to provide you with any assistance in finding your signature scent. *Kosmetiske (1)*

7:00–8:45 PM

Evening Serenade: Settle in for some calming melodies brought to you by our Classical Duo Andrey and Volodymyr. *Atrium (1)*

9:00 PM

The Viking Star proudly presents "Velvet Tones" with Amy Hayes. See your Assistant Cruise Director Amy take to the stage for an evening of stories and songs. In an intimate live lounge setting, Amy takes you through her favorite genres, accompanied by the Viking Band. *Star Theater (2)*

9:00–10:45 PM

Magical Melodies: Join our Resident Pianist Christophe for ivory melodies in the comfort of the soaring Atrium. *Atrium (1)*

9:30–10:30 PM

Torshavn Acoustics: Join Guitar Entertainer Indra for an acoustic session in an intimate environment. *Torshavn (2)*

10:00–10:45 PM

Explorers' Elegance: Sit back and enjoy the tunes performed by our Classical Duo Andrey and Volodymyr. *Explorers' Lounge (7)*

10:30 PM–Close

Torshavn Nightcap: Take to the dance floor while enjoying the sounds of Resident Vocalists Shie, Ronel and the Viking Band. *Torshavn (2)*

Local Currency

The local currency in Turkey is the Lira. The approximate exchange rate is £35 TRY to \$1.00 USD. We regret to inform you that Lira cannot be purchased on board.

Mailbox

Mail can be dropped off in the boxes on Deck 1. Please write your stateroom number in the upper right-hand corner where the stamp will be placed. You may also drop off any cards or letters (with or without stamps) that you would like mailed; if postage is required, an equivalent fee will be applied to your shipboard account.

Surf & Turf

Enjoy this culinary delight prepared by Chef Dotti and his culinary team. Dine al fresco this evening at this unique event with live music from guitar entertainer Indra. *6:00-8:30 PM* *Pool Grill (7)*

Shore Excursions

The following shore excursions meet directly in the Parking lot, outside the terminal, ashore:

Group	Excursion Name	Meeting Time	Duration	QuietVox
1-6	Ancient Ephesus (included)	8:20 AM	3 ½ hours	QV
7-8	Homes of the Ancient Roman Elite	8:35 AM	3 ½ hours	QV
10	Step Back Into the Bronze Age & Visit an Oracle's Temple	8:35 AM	4 ½ hours	QV
11-17	Ancient Ephesus (included)	8:50 AM	3 ½ hours	QV
18-19	Biblical History & Beautiful Vistas	9:05 AM	3 ½ hours	QV
20-22	Wonders of the Ancient World	9:20 AM	4 hours	QV
23-25	Ancient Ephesus (included)	12:35 PM	3 ½ hours	QV
26-30	Ancient Ephesus (included)	12:50 PM	3 ½ hours	QV

- Please meet for your shore excursions exactly at the time and place indicated above. We request that you do not come ashore early, as guides and coaches may not yet be available to receive you.
- Remember to bring your charged **Quiet Vox** device and **headset** as well as your shore excursion **ticket(s)**.
- Be mindful of your personal belongings (souvenirs, cameras, phones, wallets, purses, etc.) throughout your shore excursion. Please do not leave anything behind in your motor coach or at any sightseeing stop during your shore excursion. **Viking is not responsible for personal items**, which may have been lost, misplaced or left behind.
- Viking shore excursions operate on a “**rain or shine**” basis, unless cancelled by the local tour operator. Please note that **refunds will not be possible for “no shows” or unused tickets**.

Excursion Booking Deadline

The final deadline to change or cancel shore excursions for Sunday, December 22, 2024 – **Istanbul, Turkey** – will be today before **6:00 PM** at Guest Services, deck 1. Please note that changes and updates cannot be made after this time.

Credit Card Pre-authorization

If you are paying by credit card for your onboard charges, please be aware that during the course of the day, your credit card may be submitted for pre-authorization to be processed by *Viking Cruises ON-BRD Woodland Hills CA*; Viking reserves the right to secure a pre-authorization equivalent to 110% of the current balance to allow for charges incurred between the date of the pre-authorization and settlement. Note that a pre-authorization is not a charge.

Jogging Track

We kindly ask all guests who wish to go for a jog only do so on the designated track on Deck 2; we thank you for your understanding. Note: The jogging track direction is clockwise; please be cautious when rounding corners. Track length: 4 laps = 1 mile (1.6 km).

Passport Collection

Please collect your passport at Guest Services, Located on Deck 1 today between 8:00 AM–8:00 PM. Please remember to bring your passport receipt with you.

Lost & Found

Guest Services on Deck 1 has a lost and found for guests who may have misplaced their personal items.

Assistant Cruise Director Amy Hayes



Join Amy in an intimate live lounge setting to learn about her performance journey as she shares some of her beloved songs and anecdotes. Having trained in Musical Theater and acting in the UK with various professional credits from London to Hong Kong, Amy discovered a love for travel which led to her revelation that singing would be a boundless way to discover the world, while doing what she loves. So tonight sit back and relax, enjoy a cocktail even, as Amy delights with the grace of a songbird, sharing the melodies she has come to love. Featuring genres of music from rock to blues all with her Velvet Tones.



NAUTICAL TERM

– of the day –

BUOYED-UP

This describes the action of using a buoy to raise the bight of an anchor cable to prevent it from chafing on a rough bottom.

Dining

Early Risers

The Living Room	Deck 1	6:00–7:30 AM
Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge)	Deck 7	6:30–7:30 AM

Breakfast

World Café	Deck 7	6:30–9:30 AM
The Restaurant	Deck 2	8:00–9:30 AM

Late Risers

Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge)	Deck 7	7:30–11:00 AM
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Lunch

Pool Grill	Deck 7	11:30 AM–2:30 PM
Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge)	Deck 7	11:30 AM–2:30 PM
World Café	Deck 7	11:30 AM–2:30 PM

Teatime

Wintergarden	Deck 7	4:00–5:00 PM
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Dinner

Manfredi's*	Deck 1	6:00–9:00 PM
The Chef's Table*	Deck 1	6:00–9:00 PM
The Restaurant	Deck 2	6:00–9:00 PM
World Café	Deck 7	6:00–9:00 PM
Pool Grill (<i>Surf & Turf</i>)	Deck 7	6:00–8:30 PM

*Reservations can be made during opening hours for breakfast or lunch in the World Café or by calling Ext 6503. Dress code: elegant casual. Coffee and tea are available 24 hours from the World Café.

Snacks

Pool Grill	Deck 7	2:30–5:00 PM
Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge)	Deck 7	4:00–5:00 PM
Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge)	Deck 7	10:00 PM–Midnight

Lounges & Bars

Viking Bar	Deck 1	6:00 AM–Midnight
Torshavn	Deck 2	9:00 PM–Closing
Explorers' Lounge	Deck 7	10:00 AM–Midnight
Aquavit Bar	Deck 7	10:00 AM–10:00 PM
Pool Bar	Deck 7	10:00 AM–6:00 PM

Directory

Boutique & Shops (1/2)	Ext 9321	6:30–11:00 PM
Guest Services (1)	Ext 9710	24 Hrs
Fitness Center (1)	Ext 9311	6:00 AM–10:00 PM
Medical Center (a)	Ext 9206	8:00–9:00 AM / 5:00–6:00 PM
The Nordic Spa (1)	Ext 9311	8:00 AM–8:00 PM
Room Service	Ext 6502	24 Hrs
Travel Consultant (2)	Ext 9710	By appointment
MEDICAL EMERGENCIES	Ext 999	24 Hrs

To make an appointment with our Travel Consultant, please call Ext 9710.

ROYAL NORDIC HAIR

50 minutes

Treat yourself to our Royal Nordic Hair ritual, a refreshing treatment that nourishes and repairs. Includes a neck & a scalp massage and deep-conditioning hair wrap.

See Spa Reception for details.



RUBIES AND EMERALDS

Browse the one-of-a-kind ruby and emerald jewelry designs from Alberto Collections.

To learn more, visit Juveler on Deck 2.



Port Map

Kuşadası, Turkey



To view the port map, scan QR code with your camera.