

# VIKING DAILY

Friday, April 11, 2025

**Weather:** Partly Cloudy. 66° F / 19° C  
**Sunrise:** 7:08 AM | **Sunset:** 8:23 PM



## MONTPELLIER (SÈTE), FRANCE

Montpellier has been a center of learning for centuries. Its namesake university, founded in 1160, is one of the world's oldest, predating the Renaissance. Still, a student population breathes life into a vibrant culture. Built on two hills along the Lez River, the city grew as a spice-trading city and a center of medicine under the Kings of Aragon. The social and cultural center of Montpellier is the Place de la Comédie, anchored by the elegant Three Graces fountain and the stunning, neoclassical Opéra Comédie. Other sites pay tribute to a rich heritage, from the art-filled Musée Fabre and impressive St. Clement Aqueduct to the St. Pierre Cathedral with its "floating" porch supported by a pair of towers.

## *Viking Mars*

*Please take me back to the ship: S'il vous plaît me ramener au navire.*

### Contacts

Agent: +33 695 831 892  
 Ship: +1 213 583 2500

### Ship Location

Pier G3 Zone Portuaire Port  
 De Sete 34200 Sete

### Arrival Time

8:00 AM

### Back On Board

8:00 PM

# Today on *Viking Mars*

## MORNING

### 7:30–8:20 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.  
*The Nordic Spa (1)*

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### 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.  
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### 9:00 AM–6:00 PM

**Sports Deck Is Open:** Sports equipment is available for use. (*Weather permitting*)  
*Sports Deck (9)*

### 10:00 AM–3:00 PM

**Drain the Oceans: "Secrets of D-Day"** A definitive survey of the D-Day shipwrecks sheds new light on the biggest amphibious invasion in history. *All episodes available on your stateroom TV under TV Series > Science/Nature > Drain the Oceans. (1 hr., In Loop) Cinema 1 (2)*

## AFTERNOON

### 4:00–5:00 PM

**Afternoon Tea:** Enjoy tunes performed by our Guitar Entertainer, Jobie while enjoying afternoon tea.  
*Wintergarden (7)*

### 4:15 PM

**Port Talk: Marseille, France.** Discover the history, heritage and culture of Marseille, France. (*Port talks are recorded and available on-demand by tuning your stateroom TV to Viking Enrichment > Port Talks.*)  
*Star Theater (2)*

## EVENING

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**Munch Moments:** Our Resident Pianist, Artur plays traditional Norwegian music while Munch's dramatic pieces grace the Atrium screen.  
*Atrium (1)*

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*Torshavn (2)*

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## Shore Excursions

The following Shore Excursions meet Pierside (Ashore):

|                      |   |             |          |          |           |
|----------------------|---|-------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>GROUP 1 – 2</b>   | Medieval Fortified Town of Carcassone     | (8 Hours)   | Meets at | 8:25 AM  | <b>QV</b> |
| <b>GROUP 3 – 4</b>   | Montpellier & Château Flaugergues         | (4 ½ Hours) | Meets at | 8:25 AM  | <b>QV</b> |
| <b>GROUP 5 – 8</b>   | Scenic Sète by Foot (Included)            | (2 Hours)   | Meets at | 8:40 AM  | <b>QV</b> |
| <b>GROUP 10</b>      | Sète, Thau Lagoon & Vermouth Tasting      | (4 Hours)   | Meets at | 8:40 AM  | <b>QV</b> |
| <b>GROUP 11</b>      | The Mediterranean Port City of Louis IX   | (4 Hours)   | Meets at | 8:55 AM  | <b>QV</b> |
| <b>GROUP 12 – 16</b> | Scenic Sète by Foot (Included)            | (2 Hours)   | Meets at | 9:10 AM  | <b>QV</b> |
| <b>GROUP 17</b>      | Scenic Narbonne & Fontfroide Abbey        | (7 ½ Hours) | Meets at | 9:10 AM  | <b>QV</b> |
| <b>GROUP 18 – 21</b> | Scenic Sète by Foot (Included)            | (2 Hours)   | Meets at | 11:10 AM | <b>QV</b> |
| <b>GROUP 22 – 24</b> | Scenic Sète by Foot (Included)            | (2 Hours)   | Meets at | 1:25 PM  | <b>QV</b> |
| <b>GROUP 25</b>      | Sète, Thau Lagoon & Vermouth Tasting      | (4 Hours)   | Meets at | 1:25 PM  | <b>QV</b> |
| <b>GROUP 26 – 27</b> | Scenic Sète by Foot (Included)            | (2 Hours)   | Meets at | 1:40 PM  | <b>QV</b> |
| <b>GROUP 28</b>      | Étang du Thau Lagoon by Boat              | (4 Hours)   | Meets at | 1:40 PM  | <b>QV</b> |
| <b>GROUP 29 – 30</b> | Scenic Sète by Foot (Included)            | (2 Hours)   | Meets at | 1:55 PM  | <b>QV</b> |
| <b>GROUP 31 – 32</b> | Medieval Town & Abbey in the Wine Country | (4 ½ Hours) | Meets at | 1:55 PM  | <b>QV</b> |
| <b>GROUP 33</b>      | The Mediterranean Port City of Louis IX   | (4 Hours)   | Meets at | 2:10 PM  | <b>QV</b> |

- Only excursions marked above with “**QV**” require a **Quietvox** audio headset. Your local tour guide will determine the extent to which the Quietvox will be used. Please plan ahead and charge your headset.
- Tour durations are approximations and may be subject to change due to local conditions and circumstances beyond our control.
- We kindly ask that you allow guests with limited mobility access to the front seats on all motor coaches.
- If you would like to be in the same tour group as your travel companions (e.g., family and friends), please plan in advance to meet and disembark the ship together.
- Remember to bring your shore excursion ticket(s). They will be collected by your tour guide and only guests who are able to present their ticket(s) will be permitted to board the motor coach.

### Local Currency

The local currency in Sète, France is the Euro (EUR). The approximate exchange rate is €0.91 EUR to \$1.00 USD. We regret that Euro cannot be purchased or exchanged on board.

### Passover Seder Meal

For those guests who would like to join the Passover Seder meal on April 12 at 7:30 PM, we ask that you kindly make a reservation with Guest Services on deck 1 or by dialing 9710. Reservations should be made no later than April 11 by 6:00 PM to allow our culinary team time to prepare.

### Port Map

A port map of the ship’s docking location can be viewed digitally on your tablet or smartphone. Please see the back page of the *Viking Daily* and scan the Port Map QR code with your device’s camera.

### Excursion Booking Deadline

The final deadline to book, change or cancel shore excursions for the port of **Monte Carlo, Monaco** is **Friday April 11**, by 6:00 PM this evening at Guest Services on Deck 1 in the Atrium.

### Veranda Washing

During our stay in Sète today, our deck and housekeeping staff will be working on the Starboard side of this vessel. Please ensure no items have been left on your veranda for this very important procedure. Should you wish to have this work postponed, please contact Guest Services.

### Inter-Port Shuttle Bus

As per Sete Terminal Regulation walking inside the port is not allowed therefore the local authorities will be providing a complimentary shuttle bus from the vessel to the Port Entrance. The shuttle bus will be running every 15 minutes. This service will begin at **8:00 AM** from the port. The last shuttle bus from the Port Entrance back to *Viking Mars* will be at **7:30 PM**.

### Value-Added Tax (VAT) Notice & Refunds

As this itinerary sails within Spain, members of the European Union (EU), products purchased in our onboard shops and spa will be subject to a VAT of 21% as per EU regulations. Guests who reside in countries outside of the EU may be eligible for a global tax refund. For more information, please speak with our onboard staff.

If you qualify for a VAT refund and would like to claim it, please bring your receipt along with your purchase, passport number, credit card details and home address to the boutique and Spa staff during opening hours.

### The Library

Enrich and expand your travel experience with stories and perspectives that complement your onshore discoveries. Browse our well-curated collection in The Library as well as in reading nooks throughout the ship. Enjoy as many books as you like. And when you are finished, please remember to reshel them in their rightful homes on board.

## Dining

### Early Risers

|                              |        |              |
|------------------------------|--------|--------------|
| The Living Room              | Deck 1 | 6:00–9:00 AM |
| Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge) | Deck 7 | 6:30–7:30 AM |

### Breakfast

|                |        |               |
|----------------|--------|---------------|
| The Restaurant | Deck 2 | 8:00–9:30 AM  |
| World Café     | Deck 7 | 6:30–10:00 AM |

### Late Risers

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

### Lunch

|                                 |        |                  |
|---------------------------------|--------|------------------|
| The Restaurant                  | Deck 2 | Closed           |
| Pool Grill                      | Deck 7 | 11:30 AM–2:30 PM |
| World Café (Fresh Fish Station) | Deck 7 | 11:30 AM–2:30 PM |
| Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge)    | Deck 7 | 11:30 AM–2:30 PM |

### Teatime

|              |        |              |
|--------------|--------|--------------|
| Wintergarden | Deck 7 | 4:00–5:00 PM |
|--------------|--------|--------------|

### 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 (A Taste of France) | Deck 7 | 6:00–9:00 PM |

Reservations can be made during opening hours for breakfast or lunch in the World Café or by calling Ext 2052.

\*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

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

### Directory

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

To make an appointment with our Travel Consultant, please call 9710 or visit Guest Services on Deck 1.

### Port Map

## Sète (Montpellier), France



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



### CULINARY EVENT

Join us for

## A TASTE OF FRANCE

Hosted by your onboard Culinary team.

Check your *Viking Daily* for details.

## ZULTANITE

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Browse the collection of this beautiful, natural gemstone with the ability to hypnotically change colors.

To learn more, visit **Juveler** on Deck 2.

