

VIKING DAILY

Thursday, April 3, 2025

Weather: Showers / Partly Cloudy. 75° F / 24° C

Sunrise: 7:26 AM | **Sunset:** 7:39 PM

A Brief History of True North

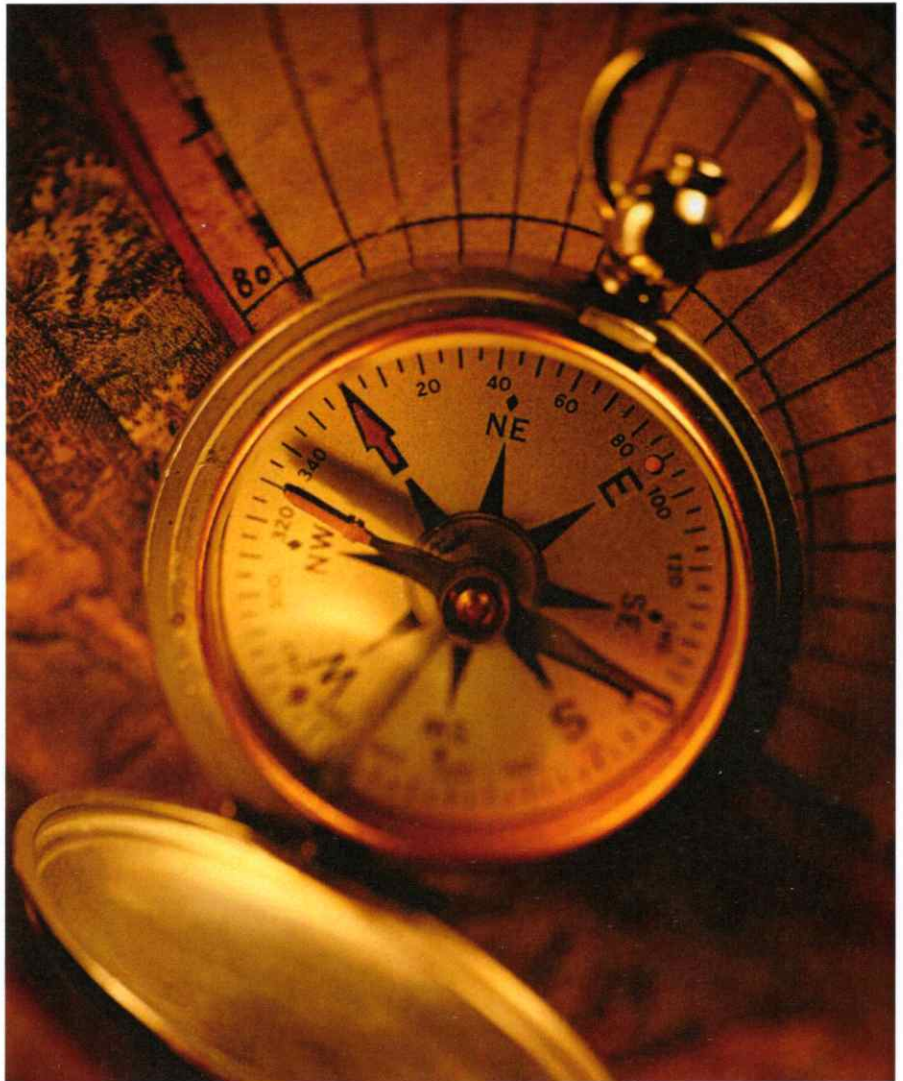
The invisible magnetic pull of Earth's poles was discovered by the Chinese around the 2nd century BC. Suspecting magical powers were at work, geomancers used early magnetic compasses—made from naturally magnetic lodestone floating in water—to tell fortunes.

The tool may also have been used to achieve feng shui in building construction. It was not until the 11th century that the Chinese understood that knowing the location of true north could aid in navigation.

It is likely that the compass was independently invented in 13th-century Europe. The discovery allowed merchants to sail their ships on overcast days and in winter, when clouds prevented navigation via celestial bodies. The modest compass, then, bolstered trade and improved economies throughout the region. In the 16th century, the development of the dry compass allowed for greater portability as a needle was encased upon a directional four-pointed rose under glass.

The contraption may have been suspended in a gimbal, a gyroscope-like cage, to prevent too much movement on a pitching ship. The liquid compass, introduced in 1690, went further in suspending the needle and protecting it from external motion.

The compass has advanced significantly and remains a critical element in travel both by sea and by air. They are also central to GPS technology: Portable magnets, such as those in a cell phone, receive satellite signals and determine the direction and speed of one's motion in relation to true north.



Visit the VIKING HERITAGE

Who were the Vikings? What was their life like? Where did they travel, and why? Explore the rich history and inspiring legacy of the Vikings in our onboard exhibit on Deck 2 of the Atrium and learn answers to these questions and more.



Today on *Viking Mars*

MORNING

2:00 AM

Time Change: Please be reminded to set your clocks **forward one hour**, between **Wednesday, April 2** and **Thursday, April 3**. It's recommended to select manual mode under time & date on your phones to avoid confusion. *(Select: Nuuk, Greenland time zone.)*

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.
The Nordic Spa (1)

9:00 AM–6:00 PM

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

9:30 AM

Viking Resident Historian Iconic Lecture with Dr. John Bratzel: "Explorers—The Age of Discovery."
Learn about the important period of global exploration that began with Columbus and Vasco da Gama.
Star Theater (2)

10:00 AM

Craft Corner: Craft enthusiasts bring along your current projects and meet like-minded fellow guests. *(Un-hosted)*
Wintergarden (7)

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Wildlife Watch with Mr. Robin Petch: "The Whale and Dolphin Man." Watch for and record marine wildlife and learn more about your sightings. *(Please bring your Quietvox headset and set it to Channel 1)*
Explorers' Lounge (7)

10:00 AM–4:00 PM

Cards, Games & Bridge Play Get-Together: Join your fellow guests for a friendly game of Cards, Bridge, Mahjong and more. *(Un-hosted)*
Chef's Table (1)

10:00 AM & 2:00 PM

Craft Workshop with Emily Mixon: "Quilted Square Pot Holder." - Day 3 of 3. Discover how to make this useful item for your home in this popular 3-day project.
The Restaurant – Port Side (2)

10:00 AM–10:00 PM

John Hardy: Inspired by Bali, time-honored jewelry-making traditions and committed to sustainable luxury business practices, John Hardy prides itself on the value of authenticity. It is the soul of community that makes each piece truly one of a kind. Join Germain and Shirlyn as they showcase the onboard collection.
Juveler (2)

10:00 AM–10:00 PM

Dale of Norway: Discover the makers of the original Norwegian ski sweater. Dale of Norway, like Viking, is deeply rooted in Nordic ways and tradition. Its quality sweaters have been produced since 1879 in the fjord village of Dale.
The Nordic Shop (2)

11:00 AM

Trans-Atlantic Crossing Ceremony: Come join the *Viking Mars* Staff and Crew as we celebrate our crossing of the Atlantic Ocean. Partake in the fun ceremony by taking the plunge across the pool and become proudly initiated into the "Order of the 1,666 Fathoms." Live music provided by your Viking Band.
Pool Deck (7)

11:00 AM

Feature Documentary: Drain The Oceans – "Lost Worlds of the Mediterranean"
The Mediterranean was once home to some of the world's greatest ancient civilizations. Draining the sea unlocks the mysteries of their rise and fall. *(49 mins)*.
Star Theater (2)

AFTERNOON

12:15 PM

Team Trivia: Join your Assistant Cruise Director, Arianna to test your knowledge in teams of up to six.
Star Theater (2)

12:30–1:15 PM

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

1:30 PM

Premium Wine Tasting: Discover an amazing selection with our beverage team. To sign up, please visit Guest Services on Deck 1. An additional charge will be applied.
Manfredi's (1)

2:30 PM

Viking Mars Guest Choir: Find your voice and learn some fun favorites with fellow guests. Your Cruise Director Aaron looks forward to coaching singers of all abilities in this informal afternoon sing-along.
Torshavn (2)

3:00 PM

Guest Lecture with Sue Stockdale: "Inside the Mind of the Adventurer."
Examine the mind-set of preeminent explorers, including the first woman to cross Antarctica solo.
Star Theater (2)

4:00–5:00 PM

Afternoon Tea: Enjoy this classic tradition accompanied by our Guitar Entertainer, Jobie.
Wintergarden (7)

4:15 PM

Guest Lecture with Clive Steeper: "Musing on Motorsport."
Delve into some of motorsport's technological developments & contributions to society.
Star Theater (2)

5:00 PM

LGBTQIA+ Get Together: Join fellow Guests for an informal meet & greet. *(Un-hosted)*
Explorers' Lounge (8)

5:00–5:45 PM

Atrium Acoustics: Indulge in a smooth pour as you enjoy the sounds of our Classical Duo, Agnes and Paulina.
Atrium (1)

5:30 PM

Veterans & Spouses Get-Together: Join fellow Veterans and Spouses of all nations in this quiet setting hosted by your Assistant Cruise Director, Arianna.
Torshavn (2)

EVENING

6:00–6:45 PM

Munch Moments: Our Resident Pianist, Artur performs traditional Norwegian music while Munch's masterpieces celebrating architecture & nature grace the Atrium screen.
Atrium (1)

6:00 PM

Solo Travelers Get-Together: Join fellow solo travelers for another chance to meet and mingle. *(Un-hosted)*
Explorers' Lounge (8)

EVENING CONTINUES...

7:00–7:45 PM

Explorers' Sounds: Enjoy an early evening drink while our Guitar Entertainer, Jobie performs for you.

Explorers' Lounge (7)

7:00–8:45 PM

Relaxation & Conversation: Mingle with like-minded guests with musical accompaniment from our Classical Duo, Agnes and Paulina.

Atrium (1)

8:00 PM

Movie under the Stars: "A Complete Unknown" (2024). In 1961, an unknown 19-year-old Bob Dylan arrives in NYC with his guitar and forges relationships with musical icons on his meteoric rise, culminating in a groundbreaking performance that reverberates around the world. Starring Timothée Chalamet. (*Running time: 2 hrs, 21 mins*)

Pool Deck (7)

8:00–8:30 PM

True or False Trivia: Join your Viking Vocalists to test your general knowledge in teams of up to six.

Explorers' Lounge (7)

9:00 PM

Viking proudly welcomes back Guest Entertainer Shea Rafferty in "Mixtape - Side B": Enjoy the dynamic voice of Shea Rafferty as he takes you on a musical journey he calls his Mix Tape – Side B. Featuring some expected Broadway and some unexpected.

Star Theater (2)

9:00–9:45 PM

Explorers' Acoustics: Our Guitar Entertainer, Jobie performs acoustic favorites in our panoramic environment.

Explorers' Lounge (7)

9:00–10:45 PM

Cocktails & Conversation: Enjoy a drink and conversation with melodies by our Resident Pianist, Artur.

Atrium (1)

9:15 PM–Closing

After-Dinner Party: Join the Viking Band with Resident Vocalists Elsa and Arlando for upbeat hits and smooth ballads in this intimate, late-night venue.

Torshavn (2)

Our "White Smoke" Is Environmentally Friendly

The "white smoke" you may see emanating from the ship's funnel is steam. To reduce sulfur in the ship's exhaust, Viking has actively invested in equipment known as scrubbers, which effectively "wash" the gases and particulates with a mixture of water and sodium hydroxide. A warm, damp exhaust with very low sulfur content is then discharged from the funnel. When this clean exhaust comes into contact with colder air, the water vapor condenses and forms a steam cloud over the funnel.

Health & Hygiene

Public health officials remind us that good hand hygiene is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of illness. Please remember to wash your hands with soap and warm water before eating or after you return to the ship. Please also use the hand sanitizer stations located at the entrances to all our restaurants, and on the gangway. If you are feeling any symptoms of illness or discomfort, please report to the Medical Center immediately.

Atrium Board Games (Deck 2)

Relax in the heart of the ship and enjoy a variety of board games like Chess, Scrabble, Mahjong and more. Sanitized game pieces and playing cards are available at Guest Services for your convenience. There is a sign-up sheet available for like-minded guests to leave their details to meet fellow guests for game play. Guest Services.

Deck Chairs

We kindly ask you to be courteous to fellow guests when reserving chairs on the Main Pool Deck. Please limit your hold time to 30 minutes in consideration of others who may be seeking a chair.

Lost & Found

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



Today in History

APRIL 3

1043

Edward the Confessor is crowned king of England, one of the last Anglo-Saxon kings of England.

1860

The 1st successful US Pony Express mail run—from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California—begins.

1968

Civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. delivers his last speech, "I've Been to the Mountaintop," in Memphis, Tennessee.

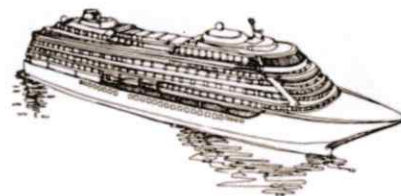
2016

Viking Sea welcomes guests on her maiden voyage.

BIRTHDAY: 1934

Jane Goodall

English anthropologist; known for her work with chimpanzees



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 (Boston Donut Station)	Deck 7	7:00–10:30 AM

Late Risers

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

The Restaurant	Deck 2	12:00–1:30 PM
Pool Grill	Deck 7	11:30 AM–2:30 PM
World Café	Deck 7	12:00–2:30 PM
Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge)	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

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	10:00 AM–10:00 PM
Travel Consultant (2)	Ext 9710	By Appointment
Guest Services (1)	Ext 9710	24 Hrs
Fitness Center (1)	Ext 9300	6:00 AM–10:00 PM
The Nordic Spa (1)	Ext 9300	8:00 AM–8:00 PM
Medical Center (a)	Ext 9206	10:00–11:00 AM 3:00–4:00 PM
Room Service	Ext 6502	24 Hrs
MEDICAL EMERGENCIES	Ext 999	24 Hrs

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

Book your

NEXT VIKING JOURNEY

Your onboard Travel Consultant, Roy Rosado, is available to help you plan your next Viking journey. Take advantage of the benefits of booking on board.

Visit Guest Services on Deck 1 or call ext. 9710.



ARCTIC CURE

For muscle recovery

This one-of-a-kind massage experience boosts recovery and includes a vigorous dry brush, a deep Nordic Gua Sha stone massage and remedial dry cupping technique.

See Spa Reception for details.



Special event today BLUE SAPPHIRES

Explore the captivating allure and intriguing facts about sapphires with our onboard guest jeweler. Today, enjoy up to 30% savings on your purchase.

To learn more, visit Juveler on Deck 2.

