

# Why choose Eastern Europe Travel?



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## Why choose Eastern Europe Travel for river cruising?

River cruising is now one of the most popular ways to see Europe, Russia and China and there are many companies today offering you this option with a variety of ships, itineraries and prices. Some are relatively new to the concept and still learning the ropes whilst others have had many years of experience, which guarantees the quality of what they offer and operate. All travellers considering river cruising should examine carefully the credentials, experience and reputation of the companies they are considering – not all are equal!

So what makes Eastern Europe Travel [also trading as Russian Travel Centre] the premier supplier and preferred option for so many Australian travellers? Please take the time to read why I believe we are head and shoulders above the rest and should undoubtedly be your preferred choice when you come to book.

Jayne Thomas, Managing Director and co-founder

**A PARTNERSHIP:** For a number of years Eastern Europe Travel has been selected by Viking River Cruises to be a major preferred supplier to the Australian and New Zealand market. This strong partnership between Australia's longest established tour operator to Central/Eastern Europe and Russia [1987] and the world's largest and most distinguished river cruise operator ensures that your travel arrangements could be in no better hands.

**EXPERIENCE:** All of our staff are mature, experienced consultants who have had many years advising travel agents and booking clients on river cruises. All are Australian citizens but many were born in Europe, and in addition to English they speak Russian, Hungarian or Ukrainian. They are well travelled and have a deep understanding of the destinations we offer.

**KNOWLEDGE:** Our staff possess extensive first-hand knowledge of the Viking ships and each year we conduct inspections of various vessels in Europe, Russia and China. No matter what you need to know about your ship or cruise itinerary, we will have the answer. Our knowledge of the Viking programme is second to none.

**TAILOR-MADE EXTENSIONS:** Book your Viking river cruise with us and we can provide you with extension packages in any of the arrival/departure cities of Viking River Cruises – Amsterdam, Prague, Berlin, Budapest, Beijing, Moscow, etc. We'll compose a package to suit your needs – transfers, accommodation in 3 to 5 star hotels, local sightseeing or even extended coach tours. And our prices are very competitive. For 23 years we have been arranging travel for independent travellers, so take advantage of our superior service, knowledge and prices.

**FINANCIAL SECURITY:** In today's uncertain times it makes sense to take no risks with your savings. Eastern Europe Travel is a member of the Council of Australian Tour Operators and holds a travel agency license issued by the Department of Fair Trading. But more importantly we are a member of the national Travel Compensation Fund [TCF], which guarantees all client funds. By booking in Australia, with a licensed Australian agency registered with the TCF, your funds are 100% secure – something well worth remembering when you come to part with your savings! We offer you total security and peace of mind.