



Viva Enjoy

Viva Cruises

OVERVIEW: *Viva Enjoy* is Viva Cruises' third new-build river ship, following on from *Viva One* and *Two*. Why is it not called *Viva Three*? Because *Enjoy* sums up what cruising with *Viva* is all about, explains the line's chief executive, Andrea Kruse. She may be biased – but the sentiment is spot on. The vessel is decked out in pale wood that gives it a light, bright, modern look and the atmosphere is relaxed. It was named in Dusseldorf in January, holds 190 passengers and is sailing four to 10-night cruises on the Rhine and Danube this year.

CABINS: Rather than follow the trend among some river cruise lines for step-out balconies, *Viva* has opted to maximise space inside the cabins on *Enjoy* by sticking with French balconies (floor-to-ceiling glass doors that open to a rail). The exceptions are 16 cabins on the lower deck, which have a window that doesn't open. In all there are 95 cabins, most at a comfortable 15sq m, while for those who want more space, eight suites measure 24sq m. All rooms have sizeable bathrooms with glass-enclosed showers, plenty of storage, safes and Nespresso machines.

FOOD & DRINK: Whether clients fancy served multi-course dinners, intimate bistro dining or Italian cuisine, they can savour it on *Viva Enjoy*, which has three full-sized restaurants included in the price. The main

restaurant has buffet breakfasts and lunches then served dinners; there's a speciality venue (see below); then the bistro is open for lunchtime salads, burgers and fish and chips, while evening fare ranges from lobster bisque to a surf-and-turf platter of beef, lamb and prawns.

FACILITIES: There are yoga and massage rooms (massages from €55 for 45 minutes), a small gym and top-deck pool. Bikes on board can be borrowed for free (alternatively, English-speaking tours are available at extra cost). A bar sits in a nook a few steps down from the front of the lounge.

USP: It wasn't so long ago that river cruise lines were notable for adding a second restaurant to their vessels yet *Enjoy*, like its sister *Viva Two*, goes one better – literally – with a third full-sized eatery, Moments. It has the feel of a leafy Italian piazza, with a lunch menu of pizza and pasta, while dinner offers everything from antipasti to risotto and veal.

BOOK IT: A seven-night Danube Discover round-trip from Vienna on *Viva Enjoy* departing November 1 costs from £1,450, including all meals, drinks, tips and Wi-Fi. vivacruises.com

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