



## Rhine and Moselle: Koblenz – Koblenz

History and nature, wine and culture



Difficulty level 1



8 days



Independent cycling

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**From €899 p.p.**

- ✓ Gentle river valley and vineyard biking
- ✓ Famous sights like Loreley and Eltz castle
- ✓ Taste fine Riesling and Pinot Noir wines
- ✓ Ship with max. 92 passengers

## About this tour

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The Middle Rhine Valley is one of the most beautiful and oldest cultural landscapes in Europe and is considered the epitome of Rhine romance. Due to the great diversity and beauty of the Middle Rhine, the river valley between Koblenz and Bingen and Rudesheim has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2002. The narrow and rugged Rhine Valley has always inspired painters, poets, thinkers and musicians. Around 40 castles, palaces and fortresses tower high above both banks, picturesque villages and towns are strung along the river like pearls on a string, with vine-covered slopes in between. You will see the Loreley Rock, where, according to legend, the beautiful Loreley with her long blonde hair enchanted the Rhine boatmen with her song and drove them to their doom. Upstream are Bingen and Rudesheim, and the beautiful old Roman city of Mainz is the southernmost city on this tour.

The Moselle valley is best known for its Riesling wines. The vineyards offer ideal conditions for growing this popular grape variety. However, there are not only numerous cozy winegrowing villages along the Moselle, but also fantastic views, fairytale castles and much more. The steep slopes are characteristic of the Lower Moselle near Winningen. Terraced steep slopes can be found here. The pearl of the Moselle idyll, Eltz Castle, is magically nestled in the countryside not far from the river valley. A particularly idyllic section of the river valley is the Moselle loop near the picturesque Bremm between Cochem and Zell. This is the location of the Calmont, the steepest vineyard in Europe. Beilstein, Traben-Trarbach and Bernkastel-Kues are other beautiful towns on the Moselle that are famous for their wines. In Cochem, the Reichsburg castle towers high on a rock above the town.

### **The ship – Your sailing hotel**

In between cycling excursions, you cruise along with the ship, which travels to a new destination every day. You dine, sleep and eat breakfast on board. You can make a packed lunch every day, and you can usually choose between a longer or shorter bike ride. It's also possible to spend a day on board if you like. There are rental bikes on board, but you can also bring your own if you mention it when booking.

## You cycle independently

During this trip there is an expert and experienced tour leader on board. He or she will discuss the next day's cycling routes on a daily basis and provide you with tips and information about the route. You will cycle the tours independently and at your own pace using a detailed cycling map, GPS directions via the free Ride With GPS app and printed route descriptions (available on board). The tour leader will also cycle the routes, so they will be riding nearby and can be reached by phone in case of emergencies, problems or questions.



## Day to day program

### Day 1: Koblenz – St. Goar

Embarkation at 2:00 PM in Koblenz. At 3:00 PM the ship sails south along the Rhine past Boppard into the UNESCO World Heritage Upper Middle Rhine Valley to St. Goar. The ruins of Rheinfels Castle are located above the small town. Opposite on the other side of the Rhine are the two castles Katz and Maus (Cat and Mouse) and a little further upstream the famous Loreley rock. First overnight stay on board in St. Goar.

### Day 2: St. Goar – Bacharach – Bingen – Rudesheim (30 km)

Your first cycle tour along the beautiful Rhine cycle path starts in St. Goar. Today you will cycle through the narrowest, steepest and perhaps most impressive part of the Rhine Valley. Enjoy the view of the Loreley rock towering high above the river on the way to Oberwesel. Continue via Bacharach to Bingen. On a small island in the Rhine at the "Binger Loch" narrows, you will see the medieval Mäuseturm (Mouse tower). Together with Ehrenfels Castle opposite, this tower, which is around 25 meters high, used to serve as a watchtower and customs office for collecting Rhine

tolls. In Bingen, you cross the river by ferry to the wine town of Rudesheim, your destination for today.

### **Day 3: Rudesheim – Mainz (35 km or 43 km)**

After you have perhaps had a look at Rudesheim before the crowds of tourists start flowing into the town, your cycle tour to Mainz starts here. Today you can choose between a shorter, flatter tour or a longer tour with more elevation gain. The shorter tour takes you along the right bank of the Rhine to Mainz. The longer tour leads from Oestrich uphill with a gradient of up to 5% to the beautiful Romanesque and early Gothic Eberbach Monastery, a former Cistercian abbey, which is also famous for its wine-growing. In Mainz, you will cross the Rhine bridge directly into the old town, where the ship is moored. Spend the rest of the afternoon and evening in the old town of Mainz with its numerous sights.

### **Day 4: Mainz – Lehmen lock | Lehmen – Treis-Karden (30 km)**

The ship departs early in the morning and sails downstream. Early risers can once again enjoy the wonderful landscapes of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley through which they have previously cycled. At Koblenz, the ship sails past the “Deutsche Eck” and turns into the Moselle valley to reach the lock of Lehmen. Your cycle tour along the Moselle starts here around lunchtime. In Moselkern you cycle a short section uphill through the Elzbach valley. You can also cover the last section on foot. Your destination is the beautiful 12th century hilltop castle of Eltz, one of the most famous of its kind in Germany. The last part of the cycle tour takes you via Moselkern and Muden to the wine-growing village of Treis-Karden.

### **Day 5: Treis-Karden – Beilstein | Beilstein – Traben-Trarbach (49 km)**

While you are enjoying breakfast, the ship sails via Cochem to Beilstein. Your cycle tour from Beilstein takes you through a beautiful and very winding section of the Moselle valley, the Cochemer Krampen. You cycle between vineyards and through small villages to the picturesque town of Traben-Trarbach. Traben lies on the relatively flat north bank of the river at the foot of the former Mont Royal fortress, while Trarbach is elongated on the steep south bank of the Moselle.

### **Day 6: Cycle tour to Bernkastel-Kues and back (44 km) | Traben-Trarbach – Cochem (46/53 km)**

In the morning, the ship stays in Traben-Trarbach. You can then either take a bike tour to Bernkastel-Kues and back or explore Traben-Trarbach on foot. The ship leaves Traben-Trarbach for Cochem at around 2:00 PM. If you don't want to cycle (any more) in the afternoon, you can relax on board and sail to Cochem. From Traben-Trarbach, the cycle tour leads downstream to Cochem. The famous Reichsburg castle rises high above this well-known town.

### **Day 7: Cochem – Winningen | Winningen – Koblenz (10 km)**

While you have breakfast, the ship sails from Cochem to Winningen, where it makes a short stop before continuing on to Koblenz around 11: AM for the last short leg. You can cover the last few kilometers to Koblenz on board or by bike. You will then spend and enjoy the afternoon in the historic old town of Koblenz. The Romans first built a fortified urban settlement at the confluence of the Moselle and Rhine and called it Confluentes (“confluence”).

### **Day 8: Koblenz**

End of your journey. Disembarkation after breakfast, by 9.30 AM.

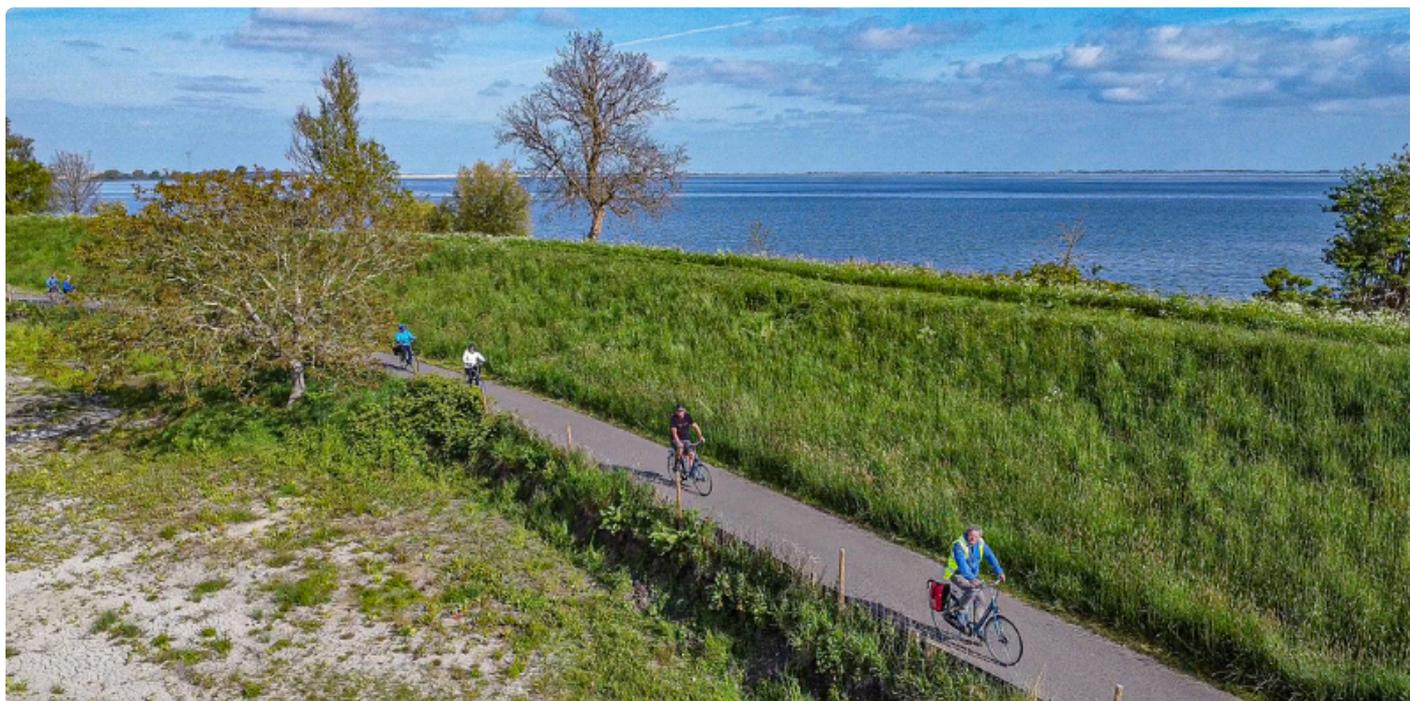
### **Good to know**

- Cycling route distances in the travel program are approximate.
- On some days you can choose between a longer and a shorter cycling route. Please note that on the shorter routes you may not be able to visit all the highlights mentioned.
- If you prefer not to cycle on a particular day, you're welcome to stay on board and relax while the ship cruises to the next landing place.
- The tour itinerary and route are subject to possible changes due to nautical, technical or meteorological reasons, or other unforeseen events.
- On the arrival day, you can leave your luggage on board the ship from 11.00 am.
- A detailed cycling map, route tips and a GPS app are available to cycle individually and at their own pace. The tour guide is always available via cell phone in case of questions, breakdowns or emergencies.

## The bicycles of Boat Bike Tours

### Always the best rental bikes

The rental bikes on our ships are unisex bicycles with a low bar and a comfortable upright sitting position. These are stable and dependable bikes, good for miles in the saddle. Decide which kind of bike you want to rent and simply fill in your preference with your reservation. We'll make sure you get the right bike for you. On most of our tours, the bike rental cost is not included in the tour's price.



### Touring bikes

Our bicycles have a lightweight aluminum frame and are furnished with highly-responsive handbrakes, at least seven speeds and a gel seat whose height can be adjusted. Attached

to the frame is an easy-to-use lock and the wheels carry puncture-resistant tires.



## **E-bikes**

Our e-bikes also have highly-responsive handbrakes and a minimum of seven speeds. The motor runs on a 400Wh battery and offers three levels of power-assistance. The e-bikes include comfortable gel seats that can be adjusted for height, have a lock attached to the frame and special anti-puncture tires.

# Prices & information

## Pricing overview - 2026



Cabin type	For	Season A	Season B	Season C	Season D	Season E
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Twin cabin lower						
deck	2 pers.	€ 1499 p.p	€ 1399 p.p	€ 1299 p.p	€ 1149 p.p	€ 999 p.p
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Twin cabin lower						
deck for single use	1 pers.	€ 2248.50 p.p	€ 2098.50 p.p	€ 1948.50 p.p	€ 1723.50 p.p	€ 1498.50 p.p
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Twin cabin upper						
deck	2 pers.	€ 1899 p.p	€ 1799 p.p	€ 1699 p.p	€ 1549 p.p	€ 1399 p.p
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Single cabin upper						
deck (max. 2)	1 pers.	€ 2449 p.p	€ 2299 p.p	€ 2199 p.p	€ 1999 p.p	€ 1799 p.p

Prices incl. VAT

### Tour Dates 2026 – Arkona, departures on Saturday:

- **Season A:** on June 13, 20 and 27; July 4; August 29; Sept. 5, 12 and 19
- **Season B:** on July 11, 18 and 25; August 1, 8, 15 and 22; September 26
- **Season C:** on October 3
- **Season D:** on October 10
- **Season E:** on October 17 and 24

### Included in this tour



- ✓ 8 days/7 nights
- ✓ 7 x breakfast
- ✓ Packed lunches
- ✓ 7 x 3-course dinner
- ✓ Coffee and tea on board till 4 PM

- ✓ Welcome drink
- ✓ Use of bed linen and towels
- ✓ Daily cleaning of the cabin
- ✓ Climate-controlled cabin
- ✓ Daily briefings
- ✓ Semi guided cycling tours (guest cycle independently, tour leader also cycles the tour);
- ✓ Some short walking tours
- ✓ Maps and notes for cycling tours (1 set per cabin)
- ✓ GPS tracks
- ✓ Use of a waterproof pannier bag
- ✓ Biodegradable water bottle
- ✓ Wi-Fi is available in restaurant – for free, based on fair use
- ✓ Carbon offset payment to the non-profit organization [Justdiggit](#)

#### **Excluded in this tour**

- Coffee and tea on board after 4 PM
- Drinks
- Bicycle rental or E-bike rental
- Helmet rental
- Personal insurances
- Gratuities (at your discretion)
- Entrance fees and excursions
- Fees for ferries/waterbus
- Transfers to/from the docking place
- Parking fees
- SGR Insolvency protection

- **Rental bicycle:** € 91 per week
- **Rental E-Bike:** € 252 per week (only on request, limited number available)
- **Limitation of liability (damage) rental bicycle** €14/week (only bookable in advance)
- **Limitation of liability (damage) rental e-bike** €28/week (only bookable in advance)

- **Parking own bicycle:** € 14 per week (only a limited number of parking places available: pref. reservation by booking)
- **Parking + charge station own E-Bike:** € 28 per week (only a limited number of parking places available: pref. reservation by booking)
- **Helmets:** A helmet can be rented for € 10 per week, only on prior reservation and payment.

## Available ships for this tour



Cycling cruise ship

### Arkona

Germany, Netherlands

- ✓ Spacious cabins
- ✓ Separate restaurant and lounge area
- ✓ Modern furnished
- ✓ Individually controlled air conditioning

max. 92 passengers

47 cabins

#### Arkona

During the winter of 2017-2018 the Arkona is being completely renovated. She has a modern and elegant atmosphere with on the upper deck a tastefully furnished lounge area with a bar, and a pleasant restaurant. The spacious sun deck is partly covered and the comfortable deck chairs invite to enjoy the passing scenery. Both the upper and the lower deck have nicely furnished cabins; all with 2 single low beds, en-suite facilities with shower and all necessary equipment and on the upper deck there are also 2 more single cabins with the same facilities.

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