Moselle River Boat & Bike

from Koblenz to Saarburg

2019 Sept 19 - 29

The Mosel River Valley is an idyllic setting for a bike and boat tour. The Saar and Moselle Rivers were important routes for the Roman Empire, for war and trade.

Castles guard the hilltops amid the climbing vineyards and forests within the great Germany-France-Luxembourg triangle.

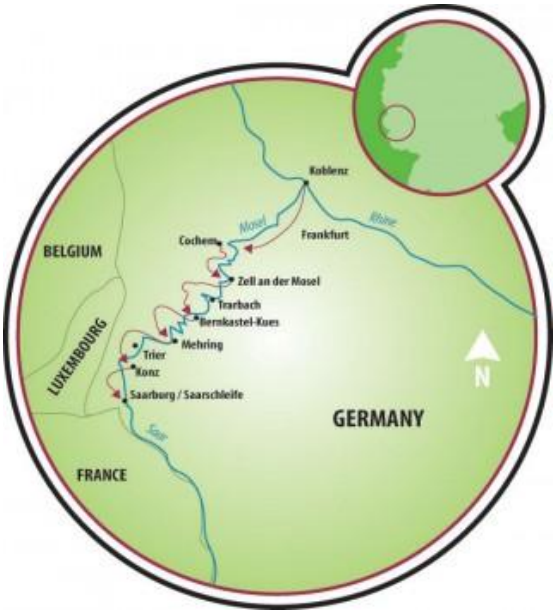
You will constantly be reminded of the rich and diverse history as you cycle, from the Romans who settled here and left Porta Nigra in Trier, to medieval villages with gingerbread houses, vineyards, and the spectacular Saar River bend.

ITINERARY

Th Sept 19: Arrive in Luxembourg. Train from Luxembourg to Koblenz.
Fri Spet 20: Explore beautiful village of Koblenz. Free walking tour; afternoon to explore.
Sat Sept 21: Morning on your own Afternoon: Board the *Patria* in Koblenz
Sun Sept 22: **Koblenz - Alken* - Alken -Moselkern - Cochem, 17 mi. (28 km) - *(2018 ca. 18 mi. / 29 km)*
Mon Sept 23: Cochem - Zell on the Mosel, 24 mi. (39 km)
Tue Sept 24: Zell on the Mosel - Bernkastel Kues, 28 - 30 mi. (46 - 49 km) - *(2018 ca. 26 mi. / 43 km)*
Wed Sept 25: Bernkastel Kues - Piesport - Mehring, 28 mi. (46 km) - *(2018 ca. 29 mi. / 47 km)*
Th Sept 27: Mehring - Trier, 16 mi. (26 km) - *(2018 ca. 16-18 mi. / 26-29 km)*
Fri Sept 26: Trier - Saarburg - Mettlach - Saarburg, 16 - 40 mi. (26 - 64 km) - *(2018 ca. 23 mi. / 38 km)*
Sat Sept 28: Disembark boat – Day to explore Saarburg. Late train back to Luxembourg,
Sun Sept 29: Flight home, or on your own for parts unknown!

*Parts in Italic are by boat.

All distances are approximate. The planned itinerary is subject to change due to changing wind and weather conditions and other unforeseen circumstances having to do with mooring requirements, etc.



Cruise Day 1: Board in Koblenz
Individual arrival to the boat. Embarkation at 4 pm.

Cruise Day 2: *Koblenz - Alken* - Alken -Moselkern - Cochem, 17 mi. (28 km)
The boat sets sail in the morning to Alken, where your first bike tour will begin and bring you to Mosel-kern. Today's destination is Cochem, a lovely little town with historical half-timbered houses and a picturesque Old Town.

Cruise Day 3: Cochem - Zell on the Mosel, 24 mi. (39 km)
Today's cycling tour will first take you to Beilstein, which you can explore during a short tour. Along the route is Europe's steepest vineyard at Bremmer Calmont, the tour ends in the wine village of Zell located on the Mosel.

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Cruise Day 4: Zell on the Mosel - Bernkastel Kues, 28 - 30 mi. (46 - 49 km)
The bike tour from Zell brings you to romantic Traben-Trarbach, where Jugendstil architecture is shown in its glory. After that, the medieval marketplace of Bernkastel-Kues invites you to relax and do some shopping. You will reach the ship in Kues after a tour through town. In the evening is an opportunity to taste the famous Moselle wines at a local winegrowers place. (not included in tour price, bookable on board.)

Cruise Day 5: Bernkastel Kues - Piesport - Mehring, 28 mi. (46 km)
Today begins with a cycle tour to Piesport, the oldest winegrowing community along the Moselle. Here you can book a guided tour and visit the Roman cellars and the vineyards. Further on, you come to Neumagen-Dhron which is the oldest wine city of Germany. After a lunch break, the tour continues to Mehring.

Cruise Day 6: Mehring - Trier, 16 mi. (26 km)
Via Pfalzel, you cycle to Trier where the boat will be waiting. Trier is said to be the oldest city in Germany. The Roman roots are recognized in the magnificent Porta Nigra and Constantine's Basilica, and the amphitheater.

Cruise Day 7: Trier - Saarburg - Mettlach - Saarburg, 16 - 40 mi. (26 - 64 km) *(2018:Trier - Wasserbillig - Saarburg, ca. 23 mi. / 38 km)*
The ship will sail from Trier to Saarburg, also called “little Venice”. In its center, you will find a waterfall of 20 meters deep! From here you have the possibility to go on to Mettlach where you can visit the famous porcelain manufactory. “Villeroy & Boch” and return to Saarburg.

Cruise Day 8: Departure
End of tour after breakfast 9 AM

What’s *Included*

- 2-Night Pre-Stay before cruise: Train LUX to Koblenz Sept 19th; 2 nights in Koblenz 2019 Sept 19 – 21
- Boat Accommodations for 8 days/7 nights 2019 Sept 21 - 28
- On Board: Breakfasts, lunches, and dinners
- Welcome drink and tour presentation
- Daily cabin cleaning service
- Daily coffee and tea until 4:00 pm
- 8-speed hybrid bicycle, with back pedal brakes or hand brakes.
- Route descriptions and maps (one set per cabin)
- On board tour director, daily tour meeting. Guide does NOT cycle with group.
- 2019 Sept 28th Train Saarburg to Luxembourg; 1 night (Sept 28th) near LUX airport

What’s *Not Included*

- Individual arrival and departure transfers if not doing pre-stay
- Entrance fees or excursions as per itinerary
- Ferry fees as per itinerary
- Drinks or Cocktails (other than those mentioned)
- Optional: e-Bike at additional charge (must be reserved in advance, limited number)
- Bicycle protection – optional/available
- Trip insurance

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Patria

Comfort Class Boat for Bike Tours

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4.8/5 (30 ratings) Ratings/reviews for tours sailing on Patria

The MS Patria is a cozy river ship with restaurant, saloon, and sun deck.
It is 68 meters long, approximately 8 meters wide, and can accommodate 68 guests.

The upper deck in the front of the ship has a beautiful lounge and bar with big windows, as well as a separate restaurant area on the lower deck. The boat also has a partially covered sun deck for relaxation. The guest cabins are each 7 square meters.

Additional information:

- 15 cabins on the main deck
- 19 cabins on the promenade deck (upper/top deck)
- Twin beds in each cabin
- Each cabin has a window (can be opened on promenade deck only) and has a private shower/toilet
- Air conditioning in lower deck cabins only
- Hairdryers available on board
- WiFi available but can not be guaranteed
- Special dietary needs may be subject to a supplement of €25 depending on the request.

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