

# Cycling Europe

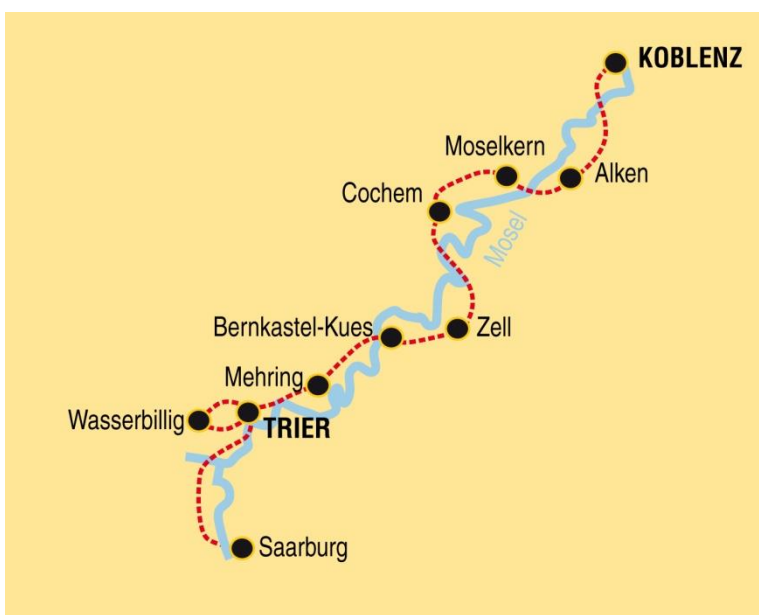
GERMANY'S MAGICAL MOSELLE BY BIKE & BOAT 2020

KOBLENZ TO SAARBURG & v.v.

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS 225 kms



This journey through the picturesque Moselle valley between Koblenz and Saarburg takes you through some of Germany's most enchanting countryside. A fairytale landscape of castles and culture, villages and vineyards. The region dates back to Roman times and at 544 kilometres the Moselle is the Rhine's longest tributary. Home to Germany's oldest town, a rich tradition of wine making and a strong Roman and medieval heritage. You will meet other cyclists from all around the world. There will be daily briefings every day from the Tour leader (English speaking), and maps will be provided. The cycling is self-guided, however during the day the tour leader can always be reached on his cell phone if you get lost or need assistance.



## ITINERARY – Koblenz → Saarburg

### Day 1 Saturday: Koblenz:

Boarding is from 4 pm. The captain and crew will welcome you on board. You will spend the first night in the cultural city of Koblenz. The city's impressive fortifications dating back 2,000 years are still in good condition today. Explore these and the old town with its ancient churches.

**Luggage can be left on board from 10 am**  
Overnight: Koblenz



**Day 2 Sunday: Koblenz→Alken by boat  
Alken→Moselkern→Cochem (bike approx. 29 km)**

Cruise with the boat to Alken then it's on your bike to the tiny town of Moselkern and then to Cochem - a lovely little town with historical half-timbered houses and a picturesque old town. We recommend inexperienced cyclists stay on board today and use the afternoon to visit Cochem. Overnight: in Cochem.

**Day 3 Monday: Cochem→Zell on the Moselle (approx. 39 km)**

Cycle the winding path along the river to Beilstein.

After a short tour of the city continue cycling past Europe's steepest vineyard, Bremmer Calmont. Today's cycling ends in the wine village of Zell on the Moselle. In the evening visit a local winegrower for a wine tasting of famous Moselle wines (optional excursion, book and pay on board). Overnight: Zell on the Moselle

**Day 4 Tuesday: Zell on the Moselle →Bernkastel-Kues (approx. 43 km)**

The bike route from Zell passes some of the Moselle's prettiest wine villages: romantic Traben-Trarbach, the town of Jugendstil, the wine city of Kröv and onto Bernkastel. Admire the grand half-timbered houses with their colourful flower-filled boxes and medieval market places that have stood as the centre of village life for centuries. Cycle through the town to Keus and the boat. Overnight: Keus



**Day 5 Wednesday: Bernkastel-Kues→ Piesport → Mehring (approx.47 km)**

After breakfast cycle to Piesport, the oldest winegrowing community along the Moselle. You have the option of booking a guided tour (payable on board) to visit to the Roman cellars and the vineyards. Next stop is Neumagen-Dhron, the oldest wine town of Germany. Break for lunch then cycle on to Mehring. Overnight: Mehring

**Day 6 Thursday: Mehring→Trier (approx. 26 - 29 km)**

This morning you cycle past the small town of Pfalzelt and on to the charming city of Trier, considered to be Germany's oldest city. Its Roman roots are still visible in its impressive buildings including the Porta Nigra, the Konstantin Basilica and the Amphitheatre. Book a city walk with a local guide (book and pay on board). Overnight: Trier



### Day 7 Friday: Trier → Wasserbillig → Saarburg (approx. 38 km)

Cruise or cycle between Trier, via Wasserbillig in Luxembourg, and Saarburg, also known as "little Venice". Explore the narrow alleys, Baroque buildings and colourful boat house. Believe it or not, there's a 20 metre waterfall right in the centre of the town.

Overnight: Saarburg

### Day 8 Saturday: Saarburg

Your tour ends after breakfast.



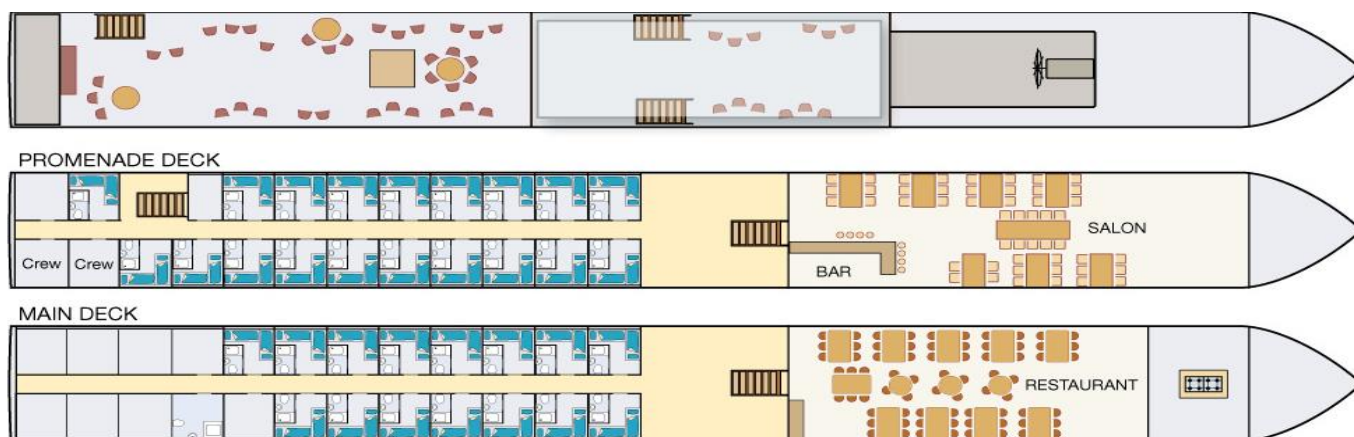
### YOUR BOAT ACCOMMODATION:

The MS Patria is 68m long, and has been modernised specifically for bike and boat tours to accommodate up to a maximum of 68 guests. There are 34 twin cabins approx. 7 m<sup>2</sup> containing 2 low single beds. All cabins have a window - the windows in the upper deck cabins can be opened for ventilation, but for safety reasons the windows on the lower deck are fixed, so there is individually regulated air conditioning on the lower deck only. **Each cabin has a shower & toilet.**

There are 15 cabins on the lower deck, and 19 cabins on the upper deck. This ship has a nice salon with bar and large windows forward of the top deck and a separate restaurant on the lower deck. A partially covered sun deck provides loungers and deck chairs for relaxing.

Maximum Passengers 68 / Minimum 40 passengers





## GRADE

Easy and flat cycling suitable for everyone.

## 2020 SCHEDULE

**Koblenz – Saarburg:** 11 & 25 April, 23 May, 06 & 20 June, 18 July, 01 & 15 August, 12 & 26 September, 10 October

**Saarburg – Koblenz:** 18 April, 02 & 30 May 13 & 27 June, 25 July, 08 & 22 August, 19 September, 17 October

A minimum of 40 passengers is required for tours to operate.

## 2020 tour cost – per person in Euros (Main Season 23 May - 26 September)

Twin cabin Below Deck per person	€ 909
Twin cabin Upper Deck	€1,009
Single cabin Below Deck	€1,314
Single cabin Upper Deck	€1,479

## LOW SEASON DISCOUNTS - ALL CABINS

Save €100 for departures: **25 April, 2 May, 3 October**

Save €200 for departures: **18 April, 10 October** (+ 7 speed bike included - no charge on these departures)

Save €300 for departures: **11 April & 17 October** (+ 7 speed bike included - no charge on these departures)

## BIKE RENTAL

**€75** for a 7-gear unisex touring bike with hand brake and pedal brake OR freewheel hubs (limited number). All bikes have pannier bags. Rental bike insurance included.

**ELECTRIC BIKE €165 must be reserved at time of booking (limited number)** Includes pannier bag and rental bike insurance.

Rental bike helmets are not available on this tour – while it is not compulsory to wear a bike helmet in Germany, we recommend that you take your own helmet.

### **INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST**

- 7 nights in cabin with private ensuite and air conditioning
- Meals: full board (7 x breakfasts, 6 x picnic lunches during bike tours, 7 x three course dinners)
- Bed linen and towels (daily change of towels)
- Daily cabin service
- Welcome drink and briefing on the first evening
- Tour leader (English speaking) will hold daily briefings for the self guided bike tours, and take you on some short city walking tours. During the day the tour leader can always be reached on his cell phone if you get lost or need assistance
- Printed instructions and detailed maps for the daily bike tours - 1 set per cabin
- GPS Tracks

### **NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST**

- Transfers to/from the docking place in Koblenz or Saarburg
- Other transfers, parking fee, entrance fees & all optional excursions (payable & booked on board), fees for ferries
- Drinks on board
- Personal insurance
- Tips & gratuities (at your discretion)

**Special diets** on request – a surcharge of €25 for lactose or gluten free diets. Must be booked at least 3 weeks prior to departure and payable directly on board.

## **REVERSE ITINERARY - Saarburg→Koblenz**

### **Day 1 Saarburg**

Boarding is from 4 pm. The captain and crew will welcome you on board then explore Saarburg's is also known as "little Venice". Explore the city's narrow alleys, baroque buildings and colourful boat houses. Believe it or not, there's a 20 metre waterfall right in the centre of the town.

**Luggage can be left on board from 10 am** . Overnight: Saarburg

### **Day 2 Sunday: Saarburg→old Saarschleife→Wasserbillig (Luxemburg)→Trier (approx. 38 km)**

Bike from Saarburg to Wasserbillig in Luxemburg and then on to Igeler Säule. In the afternoon you will reach Trier, considered to be Germany's oldest city. Its Roman roots are still visible in its impressive buildings including the Porta Nigra, the Konstantin Basilica and the Amphitheatre. Book a city walk with a local guide (book and pay on board). Overnight in Trier

**Day 3 Monday: Trier→Mehring  
(approx. 26 - 29 km)**

After breakfast cycle via Pfalzel to Mehring, the largest winegrowers' community in the Moselle-Saar-Ruwer region.

Overnight: Mehring

**Day 4 Tuesday: Mehring→Bernkastel-Kues  
(approx. 47 km)**

Cycle to Bernkastel-Kues and soak up the atmosphere of its medieval market place lined with authentic wood timbered houses.

Continue to Neumagen-Dhron which is the oldest wine city of Germany. Further on you reach Piesport, the oldest winegrowing community along the Moselle. Optional (book and pay on board) guided tour to visit the Roman cellars and the vineyards. Overnight: Bernkastel-Kues



**Day 5 Wednesday Bernkastel-Kues → Traben→Trarbach→Zell on the Moselle (approx. 46 -49 km)**

Today you cycle to romantic Traben-Trarbach, the town of Jugendstil and the largest wine village on the river, Zell on the Moselle. In the evening you will have the chance to visit local winegrowers and enjoy a wine tasting with the famous Moselle wines (optional, bookable on board).

Overnight: Zell on the Moselle

**Day 6 Thursday: Zell on the Moselle→Beilstein→Cochem (approx. 39 km)**

Today the perfectly maintained historical centre of beautiful Beilstein - Sleeping Beauty of the Moselle - is waiting for you. Then it's on to the lovely town of Cochem and wonderful Reichsburg Castle. Overnight: Cochem

**Day 7 Friday: Cochem→Koblenz by bike, Cochem -Alken – Koblenz by bike (approx. 50km)**

Today you can spend the day on board and enjoy the beautiful scenery from the sundeck. You will have time in the afternoon to look around Koblenz. Experienced cyclists can cycle from Cochem to Koblenz and visit Burg Eltz. Overnight: Koblenz

**Day 8 Saturday: Koblenz**

Your tour ends after breakfast.

**GETTING THERE**

**Koblenz:** Koblenz HBF main railway station is located about 3 km from the pier. The cost for a taxi to/from the boat is approx. €10 Euros.

**Closest International Airport to Koblenz:** Frankfurt Airport – Koblenz - direct trains take just over an hour; tickets (no seat reservations) can be booked in New Zealand or buy direct in Germany.

Timetables on [www.bahn.com](http://www.bahn.com) look up Frankfurt "Fluhagen" – Koblenz HBF

**Saarburg:** Saarburg Bz Trier railway station is located about 500 metres from the pier. The cost for a taxi to/from the boat is approx. € 5 Euros.

**Train from Frankfurt Airport or City:** Frankfurt Airport – Koblenz – Saarburg takes 3 ¼ to 3 ¾ hrs; tickets (no seat reservations) can be booked in New Zealand or buy direct in Germany.

**Closest international airport to Saarburg is Luxembourg:** You can travel by BUS & TRAIN, or by TRAIN from Luxembourg: approx 1hr30:

Luxembourg Airport – Trier – Saarburg (One change in Trier) 23 Euros to buy ticket over there.

Timetables on [www.bahn.com](http://www.bahn.com) look up Luxembourg Fluhagen – Saarburg bz Trier



**BOOK THROUGH**

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