

Cycling Europe

GERMANY 2020

MOSEL BIKE PATH: TRIER TO KOBLENZ

Self-guided 7 days /6 nights, 192 km by (7 speed, 21-speed or Electric Bike)

This biking tour through the lovely Valley of the Moselle River, starts in the town centre of Trier, the oldest town in Germany. You follow the Moselle cycle-path directly along the river bank, with its numerous picturesque bends, medieval castles and rolling through



vineyards in one of Europe's most picturesque river valleys. The area has an especially mild climate conducive to rare plants and animals found there such as the Apollo butterflies, wall lizards, the rock maple and the gagea bohémica. In the evenings you stay at the inns along the route, built in framework style or stone, and enjoy regional specialities and the Moselle's light Riesling wine.

Terrain: Easy – Moderate. The Moselle cycle route is sign-posted throughout. Mostly flat cycle-paths and riverside roads with a few slightly hilly areas. Some stages are on busy roads (but with cycle lanes). Electric bikes are available.

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Day 1: Arrive Trier

You start your trip in Trier, Germany's oldest city. Trier, historically known as Augusta Treverorum, was once the centre of the Roman Empire north of the Alps. It is built on the riverbanks, in the midst of lush vineyards. Don't miss the famous amphitheatre, which fits 20 000 people, the Imperial Baths, once one of the largest Baths structures of the Roman Empire, the Porta Nigra, an impressive city gate, the Constantine Basilica, the medieval city walls and all the other historical



sights! The Romans may have left the most prominent marks in Trier, but relics of other times are also to be found. Let 2000 years of history come alive on a walk around town. Apart from its many sights Trier also has a lot of cultural events and attractions to offer. You should definitely spend the evening in one of the traditional wine bars and taste the famous Riesling Wine, while enjoying the historical atmosphere.

Bikes will be delivered to your hotel in Trier on the evening of your arrival, or by 9.30 am at the latest on the morning of the first cycling day. An exact time cannot be established as the bike service centre is extremely busy looking after all the bikes in this region. Hotel check in is usually from 2 pm.

Day 2: Cycle Trier to Trittenheim surroundings approx. 37km

You bike on the Mosel cycle-path through typical wine growing villages like Longuich, Kowerich and Leiwen to Trittenheim, along a wine trail that tells you about the working year of the wine-growers, about indigenous types of grape and the raising of grapevines. You'll pass Roman landmarks from 2,000 years ago. At Trittenheim cross one of the oldest bridges in the Middle-Mosel area. Visit the ferry towers and above the village, the Laurentius Chapel (1583) and standing stone, a remnant from the Megalith culture. From here you can enjoy a splendid view over the Moselle Valley. You spend the night in Trittenheim, Neumagen-Dhron or Piesport.

Day 3: Trittenheim surroundings – Bernkastel-Kues/Zeltingen, approx. 28-35 km

In the morning bike around bends of the Moselle between Eifel and Hunsrück till you reach Neumagen-Dhron, the oldest wine town in Germany. Next reach Piesport where you can visit an impressive renovated Roman wine press from the 4thC. Pass the wine villages of Wintrich, Brauneberg and Mulheim. Take a lunch-break in the charming market square in Bernkastel-Kues with its framework buildings, cobble stone market square and splendid views of the ruined Castle Landshut. Today's destination is Zeltingen which has pretty baroque style monuments. Overnight will be in Zeltingen or Bernkastel-Kues.

Day 4: Bernkastel-Kues/Zeltingen - Zell, approx. 34-41 km

Wine lovers will especially enjoy this stage. You bike to Traben-Trarbach amongst the heart of the wine-growing region. A river cruise on the Moselle can complement your programme wonderfully. Have a break in Enkirch, being the jewel among the Moselle timber-frame houses built in the 15th to 18th century. Reach the Moselle bend at Zell, above which the 900 year old Marien Castle sits and affords breath-taking views. Tonight you stay in Zell among 6 million vines!

Day 5: Zell – Treis-Karden surroundings, approx. 47 km



Via Bullay, an old Roman settlement, you reach the village of Bremm, a highlight of the tour. Bremm has gorgeous houses with small alleyways that are spread along the Moselle bend and is overlooked by the steepest vineyard in Europe, the Calmont. Continue via Beilstein, the “Rothenburg of the Moselle”, to Cochem, one of the major towns in the Moselle area. Here you can visit the picturesque town centre as well as the old Reichsburg (imperial castle from the 11th century) that is synonymous with German Romanticism.

Overnight in Treis-Karden or surroundings.

Day 6: Treis-Karden surroundings - Koblenz, approx. 39 km

The last day of your bike route leads alongside the river to Moselkern from where you can take an excursion to the fairytale and medieval Eltz Castle with its numerous towers, battlements and oriels. Then continue to the Medieval village of Koblenz-Gondorf. Between the Moselle River and the steep vineyards, you bike the last few kilometres via Winningen up to Koblenz, where the Moselle joins the Rhine. Koblenz dates back 2,000 years. Romans, Franks and the French have all left their mark. Enjoy an evening stroll through the Old Town and along the Rhine paths.

Day 7: Tour ends after breakfast in Koblenz



SCHEDULE 2020 SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Start any day from 10 April -10 October, 2020

Mid Season: 01 May – 14 July 2020

High Season: 15 July – 15 August 2020

Peak Season: 16 August-05 October 2020

2020 TOUR COST (per person in Euros – minimum 2 people)

Premium 4 * Hotels - Double/Twin B & B	€ 599
Mid Season surcharge per person B&B	€140
High Season surcharge per person B & B	€180
Peak Season Surcharge per person B & B	€220
Single supplement	€200
Half Board	n/a

Comfort 3/4 * Hotels/Inns - Double/Twin B & B	€ 549
Mid Season surcharge per person B&B	€ 80
High Season surcharge per person B & B	€ 90
Peak Season Surcharge per person B & B	€140
Single Supplement	€165
Half Board (6 dinners)	€160

Standard 3* Hotels/Inns- Double/Twin B & B	€499
Mid Season surcharge per person B&B	€ 70
High Season surcharge per person B & B	€ 80
Peak Season Surcharge per person B & B	€120
Single Supplement	€145
Half Board (6 dinners)	€145

Rental bike 7 speed or 21-speed	€ 75
Electric Bike	€180

Bikes are 7 speed with back pedal brakes or 21/24 speed bikes with freewheel, with one pannier bag.

Visitor's tax may be payable in some cities and is to be paid directly to the hotel on arrival. This is around €2-€4 per person per night.

Helmets are not available on this tour – it is not compulsory to wear one, however we recommend that you do take your own.

Bus Transfer can be booked from Koblenz (tour hotel) back to Trier daily at 9 am, €50 per person (Minimum 2 people and must be booked in advance). 2 hour journey.

Extra night accommodation (price per person in Euros)

	TRIER	KOBLENZ
Share twin/double B&B per person	€ 84 /€74/ €64	€ 84/€74/€64
Single room B&B	TBA	TBA

INCLUDED IN TOUR COST:

- 6 night's accommodation in hotels with ensuite facilities
- Meals – breakfast daily
- Luggage transfers between hotels (unlimited number of bags)
- Detailed information package with route maps and cycling notes
- Services of local contact
- Cable car trip with entrance fee to Ehrenbreitstein fortress in Koblenz (bikes excluded)
- GPS data on request
- Rental bike complete insurance protection

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