

2022

# Beautiful river valleys and vineyards on Moselle and Saar

With Bike and Barge from Koblenz to Saarburg

MS PATRIA

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- Trip length: 8 Days / 7 Nights
- Departure and arrival day: Saturday
- Length of cycle tours: approx. 225 km
- Character: individual, unguided
- Difficulty: ●○○○
- Profile: Most of the stretches are paved or asphalted without any gradients of note. This makes the trip suitable even for unpractised cyclist.
- Language on board: German / English
- Travel documents: German / English
- Booking code DE-MOSKS-08I



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## Tour Details

The history of this region even goes back to the Roman Era, some 2.000 years ago. Beautiful timbered houses, vineyards, the Porta Nigra in Trier, the “German corner” (conjunction of Moselle and Rhine) in Koblenz and Saarburg (also known as “little Venice”) are but a few of the highlights during this trip. The Moselle, with a length of 544 km, is the Rhine’s longest tributary and it is also the second most important shipping route in Germany. The Saar, which has the greatest abundance of water and a length of 246 km, is the Moselle’s longest tributary. The quality of the cycle paths along this route is excellent. Most of the path along the Moselle is paved or asphalted and does not have any gradients of note. This makes the trip suitable even for relatively unpractised cyclists.

(All times are subject to change)

Day	Port	Arrival	Dept.
Day 1	Koblenz, Embarkation		
Day 2	Koblenz		07:00
Day 2	Alken	10:00	11:00
Day 2	Cochem	14:00	
Day 3	Cochem		09:45
Day 3	Zell	13:00	
Day 4	Zell		09:45
Day 4	Bernkastel-Kues	15:00	
Day 5	Bernkastel-Kues		09:45
Day 5	Mehring	14:00	
Day 6	Mehring		11:00
Day 6	Trier	12:45	
Day 7	Trier		10:00
Day 7	Saarburg	13:00	
Day 8	Saarburg, Disembarkation		

### Day 1: Arrival to Koblenz

Embarkation between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm. You will spend the evening and first night in Koblenz.

### Day 2: Boat tour Koblenz – Alken | Alken – Moselkern – Cochem, Cycle tour approx. 29 km

By ship to Alken, where your bike tour starts. You are cycling to Moselkern and then on to Cochem. Cochem is a lovely little town with historical half-timbered-houses and a picturesque Old town. Inexperienced cyclists we recommend spending the day on board and use the day off to visit Cochem in the afternoon.

### Day 3: Cochem – Zell on the Moselle, Cycle tour approx. 39 km

The bike tour will take you to Beilstein first, which you can explore during a short tour on your own. Pass Europe’s steepest vineyard at Bremmer Calmont. Today’s tour ends in the wine village of Zell on the Moselle. You should take the time to enjoy the popular wines.

### Day 4: Zell on the Moselle – Bernkastel-Kues, Cycle tour approx. 43 km

You are cycling from Zell to romantic Traben-Trarbach, where Jugendstil architecture shows its best side. After that the middle-aged market place of Bernkastel-Kues invites you for a rest. You will reach the ship in Kues after a tour through town.

### Day 5: Bernkastel-Kues – Mehring, Cycle tour approx. 47 km

Cycle tour to Piesport, the oldest winegrowing community along the Moselle. Visit the Roman cellars and the vineyards on your own. Further on you are going to Neumagen-Dhron which is the oldest wine city of Germany. After lunch break the tour continues to Mehring.

### Day 6: Mehring – Trier, Cycle tour approx. 26-29 km

You will cycle via Pfalzel to Trier, where MS PATRIA is already waiting for you. Trier is one of the oldest cities of Germany and its Roman roots are still visible in impressive buildings as the Porta Nigra, the Konstantin basilica and the Amphitheatre.

### Day 7: Trier – Wasserbillig (Luxemburg) – Saarburg, Cycle tour approx. 38 km

Today you will be cycling along the river from Trier via Wasserbillig in Luxembourg to Saarburg, also called “little Venice”. In its centre you will find a waterfall of 20 meters deep as well as many baroque buildings and fisher houses.

### Day 8: Departure from Saarburg

Disembarkation after breakfast until 9:00 am. Individual journey home.



# Travel Dates | Prices | Services

## Travel Dates 2022 / From Saturday to Saturday

<b>Season A:</b>	30. April – 07. May   29. Oct. – 05. Nov.
<b>Season B:</b>	15. Oct. – 22. Oct.
<b>Season C:</b>	01. Oct. – 08. Oct.
<b>Season D:</b>	28. May – 04. June   11. June – 18. June   25. June – 02. July   23. July – 30. July   06. Aug. – 13. Aug.   20. Aug. – 27. Aug.   17. Sept. – 24. Sept.

## Price per Person in EURO

	Main Deck		Upper Deck	
	2-bed-cabin	2-bed cabin single use	2-bed-cabin	2-bed cabin single use
<b>Season A*</b>	499.-	799.-	649.-	949.-
<b>Season B</b>	649.-	949.-	749.-	1,099.-
<b>Season C</b>	799.-	1,149.-	899.-	1,299.-
<b>Season D</b>	949.-	1,299.-	1,049.-	1,449.-

\* Rental bike included on 30. April and 29. Oct. 2022

## Supplements

**Rental bike fee 7-gear-Unisex:** € 75.-

**Rental bike fee 8-gear-E-bike:** € 165.-

### Bikes:

- 7-gear-Unisex-trekking bikes and 8-gear-E-Bikes (brand: Velo de Ville - special SE-Tours edition)
- With hand brake and pedal brake or hand brakes only (subject to availability, please indicate as a non-binding customer request by the booking)
- Pannier bag and rental bike insurance included
- E-Bikes on a limited number only
- Please indicate your body height by the booking

**Travel safe and secure with SE-Tours:** We recommend to wear a bike helmet. Onboard Selling: UVEX I-VO € 40.00 per helmet, limited number.

## Services included

- Seven nights in outside cabins with private facilities in the booked cabin category
- Program according to routing
- All charges for harbours, bridges and locks
- Welcome-Drink
- Room cleaning every day, changing of towels and bed cloths as necessary
- Full board consisting of 7x breakfast, 6x lunch package for cycle tours or snack on board (non-cyclists), 6x coffee or tea in the afternoon, 7x 3-course-dinner
- Daily meeting for the cycle tours
- Printed instructions and maps for daily individual bike tours (1 per cabin)
- GPS tracks for cycle tours
- Tour guide on board

## Not included

Arrival and departure, parking fees and shuttles, bike rentals, entrance fees and excursions, city maps, ferry fees, travel insurances, tips, drinks on board and personal expenses.

**Passenger car parking options in Koblenz (subject to change, effective April 2021):**

Public parking garage near the pier in Koblenz from approx. € 125/week and free commuter parking outside. From there you can take the public bus into the city. No reservation possible.

## Return to Koblenz

By train from Saarburg to Koblenz in 2 hours, approx. € 24.- per person.

# Ship's description | Remarks

## MS PATRIA

**Registry** Netherlands | **Length** 68 m | **Width** 7.7 m | **Draft** 1.85 m | **Number of Crew** ca.12 | **Passengers** max. 68

On the Neckar and Rhine, the 68 meters long MS PATRIA, which can accommodate a max. of 68 guests, is your sailing home. The ship is modernized for boat bike tours and has a nice salon with bar and large windows in front of the top deck and a separate restaurant on the main deck (air-conditioned). On the partially covered sun deck there are sitting places (tables and chairs) for all guests and a cycle shed. The ship sails under Dutch Flag and had its sailing area in the Netherlands for many years. As from 2011 its sailing area is in Germany and it is a very popular ship for combined boat and bike tours.



**Cabins** 34 outer cabins, only 2-bed-cabins (approx. 7 m<sup>2</sup>, two single beds standing in a right angle) with shower/toilet.

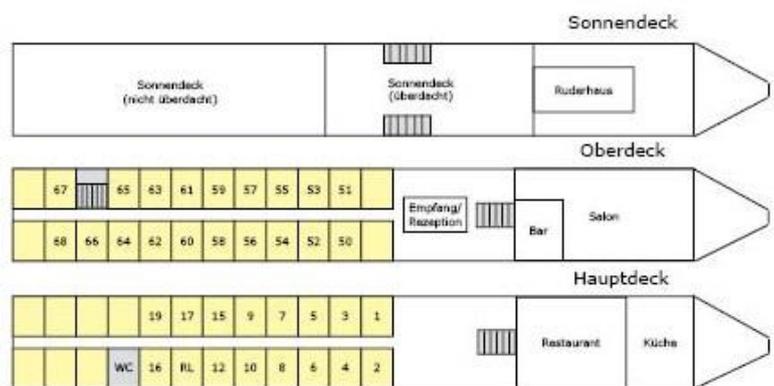
**Main Deck** 15 cabins with individually regulates air conditioning (windows are fixed for safety reasons)

**Upper Deck** 19 cabins (no air conditioning, windows can be opened).

### Important remarks

*In order to participate in our journeys, the vaccination or recovery status of all cruise guests have to comply with current government requirements (currently valid are so-called 2G - rules, 2G stands for "geimpft" - vaccinated or "genesen"- recently recovered). Unfortunately, unvaccinated guests or guests without a valid certification of recent recovery from Covid-19 may not participate in our sailings. Government restrictions are changing regularly and rapidly. All cruise guests are required to keep themselves updated about current restrictions in good time prior to departure. All cruise guests are solely responsible for complying with applicable Covid-19 travel regulations. For the safety of all persons present on board, you are obliged to wear a mouth and nose protector and to observe the rules of distance and hygiene. For this purpose, you will receive our ship-specific hygiene concept when booking/inquiring.*

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**Embarkation** at 2:00 p.m., stay on board from 4:00 p.m. | **Disembarkation** until 9:00 a.m.

**Minimum number of participants** 45 guests (must have been reached within 21 days prior to departure).

**To bring your own bike** On request only – due to lack of space on sun deck.

**Excursions** We offer a small excursion program, that can be booked directly on board at the cruise director only. You will get a brief description together with your travel documents. Depending on the number of participants some excursions could be carried out in 2 languages (German/ English).

**Schedule and program changes** Basically, we reserve the right to make changes of routing and program. If there is low or high water and a route cannot be shipped, the captain reserves the right to change the route in view of your safety (this cannot be accepted as a reason for free withdrawal). Same applies to previously unknown administrative orders of lock or bridge repairs.

**Travel documents** EU-citizens (without special situations like dual citizenship, main residence abroad or a limited-validity passport) are required to have a valid passport or ID-card, not expiring within six (6) months of the return of your cruise. We kindly ask non-EU citizens, EU-nationals with multiple citizenship or anybody who has to respect special legal entry requirements for the country to visit, to inform about visa and entry documents at the competent embassy.

**This trip is not suitable for guests with reduced mobility.**

We recommend that you take out a **travel health insurance** with repatriation coverage as well as baggage, accident and travel cancellation insurances.