## 2024

# Legendary Rhine River

## with Bike and Barge from Mainz to Koblenz

**MS OLYMPIA** 

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- Trip length: 8 Days / 7 Nights
- Departure and arrival day: Saturday
- Length of cycle tours: approx. 154 163 km
- · Character: individual, unguided
- Difficulty: ●○○○
- Profile: Most of the stretches are paved or asphalted, and lead alongside the Rhine dikes without any gradients of note. Nearly all cycle tours can be classified as being easy.
- Language on board: German / English
- Travel documents: German / English
- Booking code: DE-RHSME-08I





### **Tour Details**

Your voyage through the most beautiful wine-growing areas alongside the Rhine River begins in Mainz. From here, past gorgeous vineyards and mystic castle ruins, your ship sails to Koblenz. On board the ship as well as on your bike tours, you pass through the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Middle Rhine Valley with its picturesque small towns, coloured half-timbered houses and legendary castles. Short cycle tours through the idyllic landscape and plenty of time to discover each town make this journey a special event for beginners and for people who enjoy pleasure.

(All times are subject to change)

Day	Ort	Arr.	Dept.
1.Day	Mainz	4:00 pm	
2.Day	Mainz		10:00
2.Day	Nierstein	13:00	15:00
2. Day	Worms	18:30	
3.Day	Worms		10:00
3.Day	Nierstein	13:00	16:00
3.Day	Mainz	18:00	
4.Day	Mainz		10:00
4.Day	Rüdesheim	16:00	
5.Day	Rüdesheim		10:00
5.Day	Oberwesel	16:00	
6.Day	Oberwesel		10:00
6.Day	Boppard	14:30	
7.Day	Boppard		09:45
7.Day	Koblenz	15:00	
8.Day	Koblenz	9:00 am	

ship sets sail for Mainz.

### Day 4: Mainz - Rüdesheim, Cycle Tour approx. 32 km

Today the Rhine River and its surrounding area show you the reason why the Upper Middle Rhine Valley has been declared UNESCO World Heritage. Beautiful Rhine islands, steep slate cliffs and vineyards characterize the area around Rüdesheim. On the bike tour, cycle past Eltville with electoral castle, and Oestrich-Winkel, whose landmark is a historic wine loading crane, to Rüdesheim. Here we suggest that you visit the world-famous Drosselgasse.

### Day 5: Rüdesheim – Oberwesel, Cycle Tour approx. 26 km

In the morning, start off from Rüdesheim by bike. Past thick forests and gorgeous vineyards, riding always alongside the Rhine, you will pass sights like the Niederwald Moument and Pfalzgrafenstein Castle, before reaching Oberwesel, today's destination.

#### Day 6: Oberwesel - Boppard, Cycle Tour approx. 20 km

From Oberwesel, you start for a short cycle tour along the Rhine to Boppard. On this short trip, you come by many scenic outposts from where you have the possibility to enjoy the varied landscape. From the bank of the river, the many fortresses and the legendary Loreley cliff offer a picturesque backdrop all along the way.

#### Day 7: Boppard - Koblenz, Cycle Tour approx. 22 km

Cycle from Boppard to Koblenz, today's destination. Here the Moselle River joins the Rhine. One last time, cycle past impressive buildings like the Marksburg Castle in Braubach and Stolzenfels Castle. Let the day come to an end at the Deutsche Eck, the German Corner, or ride to the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress and enjoy the fantastic panoramic view over the city of Koblenz.

#### **Day 8: Departure from Koblenz**

After breakfast, disembarkation until 09:00 am.

#### Day 1: Arrival in Mainz

Individual arrival in Mainz and embarkation at 4.00 pm. On the ship, you will be welcomed by your captain and crew and the tour management.

# Day 2 : Mainz - Nierstein, Cycle Tour approx. 17 - 26 km / Boat Tour Nierstein - Worms

A short leg of the journey with lots of time to indulge: directly alongside the Rhine, you cycle on the well-paved Rhine Cycle Route to Nierstein. With almost 1.000 hectares of vineyard surface area, Nierstein is the biggest wine-growing municipality on the Rhine. You may also visit the historic Old Town with its medieval market square and the noble houses. In the afternoon, enjoy the boat tour from Nierstein to Worms.

## Day 3: Worms - Nierstein, Cycle Tour approx. 37 km / Boat Tour Nierstein - Mainz

Start off for today's cycle tour in Worms, the city of the Nibelungs. On an extensive cycle tour alongside the bank of the Rhine River, you will have again the possibility to fall for the charms of the vineyards and to enjoy the varied scenery of the Rhine. Today, you cycle from the south towards Nierstein, also referred to as the Riesling City. From there, your

### Travel Dates I Prices I Services

#### Travel Date 2024

03rd August - 10th August 2024

#### Price per Person in EURO

		Upper Deck					
N	Main Deck 2-bed cabin	2-bed cabin single use	2-bed cabin astern*	2-bed cabin	Single cabin	2-bed cabin single use	
	999,-	1.299,-	1.099,-	1.149,-	1.299,-	1.499,-	

<sup>\*</sup> Cabins at rear of the ship; perceptive engine and generator noise (when ship is in motion and in locks)

#### Supplements

Rental bike fee 7-gear-Unisex: € 89,-Rental bike fee 8-gear-E-Bike: € 199,-

Bring your own bike / own E-bike: € 29,- (on request only, limited number)

#### Bikes:

- 7-gear-Unisex-trekking bikes und 8-gear-E-Bikes (brand: Velo de Ville special SE-Tours edition)
- With hand brake and pedal brake <u>or</u> 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. Please bring your own bike helmet (no onboard selling)

#### 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
- · Room cleaning every day, changing of towels and bed cloths as necessary
- Welcome-Drink
- 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
- · Tour guide on board

#### Not included

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

#### Car Park facilities (subject to change, as of May 2023):

Car Park at the central station (unguarded, cannot be booked in advance) in Mainz. Parking fee approx. € 55,- per week.

## Ship's description I Remarks

#### MS OLYMPIA

Built in 1984 | Cabin refurbishment 2015/2016 | Registry Switzerland | Length 88,50 m | Width 10,50 m | Draft 1,50 m Number of Crew ca. 21 | Passengers max. 96

Comfortable and cosy river ship with family environment. The ship was refurbished in 2015/2016. The panoramic salon with bar in gentlemen club-style and the bright and friendly restaurant are waiting for you to pass relaxing hours here. A spacious, partly shaded sun deck and storage space for bicycles.









Cabins 49 outside cabins, comfortable and cosy with en-suite bathroom, hair dryer, telephone, TV, individual air conditioning/heating, fridge and safe.

Main Deck 21x 2-bed-cabins (approx. 11m²), panoramic window (not opening windows)

**Upper Deck** 22x 2-bed-cabins (approx. 11m²) + four 2-bed-cabins of bigger size at the stern of the ship (= 2-bed-cabins astern: perceptive engine and generator noise when ship is in motion and in locks, approx. 12m², three of them feature twin beds) as well as two single cabins (approx. 9m²). Panoramic windows to be opened.

#### Important remarks

**Embarkation** at 4.00 p.m. **Disembarkation** from 9.00 a.m.

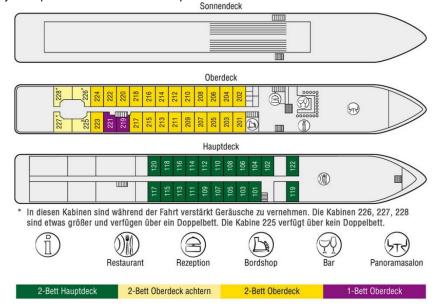
Minimum number of participants 75 guests (must have been reached within 21 days prior to departure

**To bring your own bike** On request only – due to lack of space on sun deck. We exclude any liability for loss, theft and damage - this also applies to damage caused by transportation from shore to ship or vice versa.

**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 unbeknownst 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.