



# ***Koblenz – Saarburg***

*Route description for your individual Bike & Barge Tour*

## ***Dear cyclists!***

We would like to give you a warm welcome to your tour through the Moselle Wine Culture Land and following the Saar River, the Moselle's longest tributary, to Saarburg.

Look forward to enjoying tasty wine and moving with pleasure. Along with unlimited cycling fun, you will learn a lot about the culture and life of a region not only famous for its excellent wine.

The itinerary has been described from the perspective of cyclists, the way you will experience the route from your bike seat. You will find a nearly flat terrain and a fully signposted cycle route network from Koblenz to Saarburg.


A comprehensive illustrated presentation and a detailed route description of the respective daily stages is always provided by your tour guide before the "start". Sights to the left and right of the bike route are presented in detail. Of course, these are only suggestions. These suggestions serve as a basis for planning the daily stages according to your specific wishes and ideas. Please note that this tour description does not replace a travel guide.

All additional information is highlighted with colours to distinguish from the mere route description.

**Nobody is perfect** — please note that the situation on-site can sometimes be different from the route description owing to road works, new traffic signs, overturned or overgrown signs, etc. If you should encounter similar situations, please do not hesitate to inform us. In case you may find any route description not clear, please let us know. We and all cyclists using this route will be very thankful for every update!

We wish you a relaxing week and a lot of fun on your bike ride.

***Legend for cycle route: Moselle and Saar by Bike & Barge***

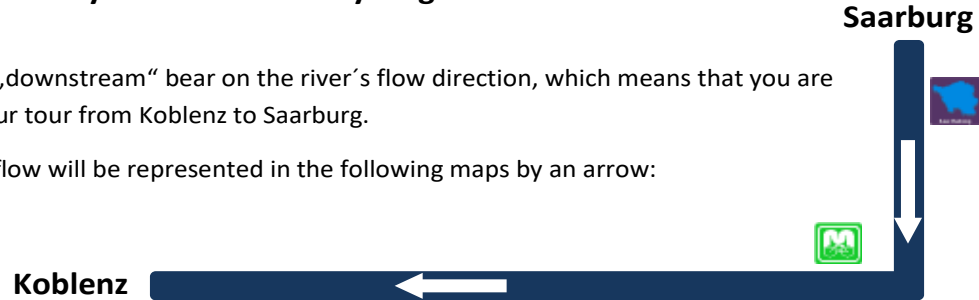
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Crucial for understanding the indications on the route description is the right direction:

**The information about the riverbanks, such as “left side of the Moselle or right side of the Saar” is referred to your direction of cycling!**

The terms „upstream“ or „downstream“ bear on the river’s flow direction, which means that you are travelling upstream on your tour from Koblenz to Saarburg.

The direction of the river flow will be represented in the following maps by an arrow:



Cycleway signposting at



**Moselle**



Moselle cycle route

and

**Saar**



Saar cycle route

**Important: Mooring places are always subject to availability.**

**In case of changes, the tour guide will inform you in good time.**

## Day 2: Boat Trip Koblenz – Alken / Cycle Tour Alken – Cochem, ca. 29 km (plus approx. 4 km by bike and on foot to Eltz Castle and back)

**Info:** From Koblenz you will cruise for 24 kilometres upwards the Lower Moselle (Terrace Moselle) to Alken.  
**Attention:** the cycle path leads directly along the B416 and B49 motorways, special care must be taken here! For insecure cyclists we recommend that you stay on board and explore Cochem in the early afternoon.

Leave the ship in Alken and start your first cycle stage to Cochem. **1**

km 0 Cycle for 1 km upstream on the left bank of the river (you will find the Moselle on your right hand side) alongside the B49, until you reach the bridge to Löff.

➔ After crossing the bridge, turn sharp right and follow the road until you reach the cycle path again at the Aral filling station.

km 1.5 The river is now on your left.

⬆ Pass the filling station and follow the cycle path through the village of Löff onto the “Alte Moselstraße“ up to the Café Braun / corner “Kornstraße“.

km 10 Here, cross the B416 and head along the cycleway alongside the road for 8.5 km, via Hatzenport to Moselkern. **1 2**

Take the chance to visit Eltz Castle - first part by bike, second part walking. **2**

⬅ After entering the village of Moselkern, cross the B416 and turn left onto “Moselstraße“.

km 12.5 After 400 m, turn right onto “Kirchstraße“. At the church turn left and follow the signpost for “Eltz Castle” (Burg Eltz) 1 km, through the Eltz valley until you reach the “Ringelsteiner Mühle“, a café and restaurant.

From here you can walk on the forest way to Burg Eltz in about 45 minutes.

**Info:** *Burg Eltz: Was built in the beginning of the 12th century and is today protected by the Hague Convention on Cultural Property. Located in an enchanting and romantic landscape and nestled in untouched nature, it looks like a fairytale castle that has become real, inviting and majestic at the same time. Due to the masters of Eltz' foresighted policies, the castle has never been conquered or destroyed. It weathered the wars in the 17th and 18th century as well as the social turmoil during the French Revolution.*

Once back at the Ringelsteiner Mühle, cycle the same way back through the Eltz Valley to Moselkern, then take the B416 in the direction of Cochem.

↑ On a cycle path past Müden you will reach Treis-Karden after about 20 km. **2** **3**

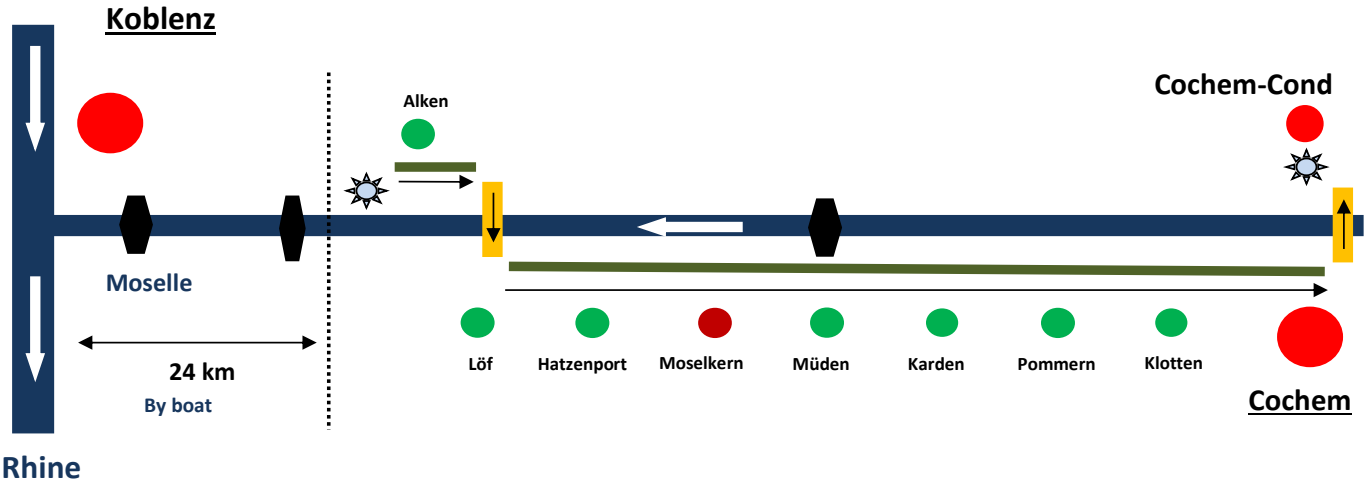
You will arrive in Klotten after another 8 km. **4**

Keep following the way to Cochem for 4 km along the river. Cross the Moselle over the Skagerak-Bridge und turn left onto Stadionstraße. You are now in the district Cochem-Cond and you see your ship at the shore (Stadionstraße).

### *Points of interest: Day 2 from Alken to Cochem*

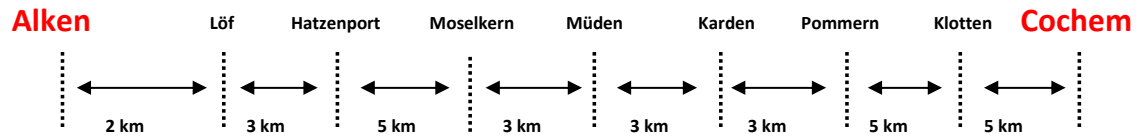
Alken:	Thurant Castle
Hatzenport:	Old ferry tower at the B416 Castle Bischofstein
Moselkern:	Eltz Castle
Treis-Karden (Municipality Karden):	Abbey Church St. Castor with a Stumm organ and a terracotta altar Abbey Museum
Cochem:	Reichsburg Chair lift to the viewpoint Pinnerkreuz Market place Capuchin monastery Half-timbered houses with steep gables and picturesque lanes The Old Town wall with the town gates

*Scheme of the bicycle route, distance chart*  
**Alken to Cochem**



**Rhine**

Distance chart





### Day 3: Cochem – Zell (Moselle), ca. 39 km

km 0 Starting from the mooring place “Stadionstraße“, stay on the left bank of the Moselle (the river is on your right side). Follow the cycle path which leads you directly to Valwig. Enjoy one last time the marvellous view of Castle Cochem and the town promenade on the opposite side of the river. **5**

↑ At the end of the village Valwig, pick up the new cycleway to Bruttig-Fankel.

km 11 From there, pass Bruttig-Fankel and cycle alongside the L98 to Beilstein. Enjoy the romantic city which is often described as “Sleeping beauty of the Moselle”. **6**

↑ After a stay in Beilstein, continue alongside the L98 to Briedern.

km 18 From Briedern keep cycling via Mesenich to Senheim.

↑ Following the L98, cross the Moselle in the direction of Senhals-Nehren. Once crossed the bridge, turn right and after 100m turn right again. Pick up the Moselle Cycleway and cycle under the bridge in direction of Ediger-Eller to Bremm (Calmont, the steepest sloped vineyard in Europe). **7**

km 26 From Bremm follow the Moselle Cycleway via Sankt Aldegund to Alf. At the end of the village you will see a “double-deck bridge”. **8**

km 33 Here cross the Moselle in direction of Bullay.

→ At the end of the bridge, after about 100 m turn sharp right. Pick up the Moselle Cycleway leading you via Merl to Zell on the Moselle. After 6 km you will reach your destination for the day. **9**

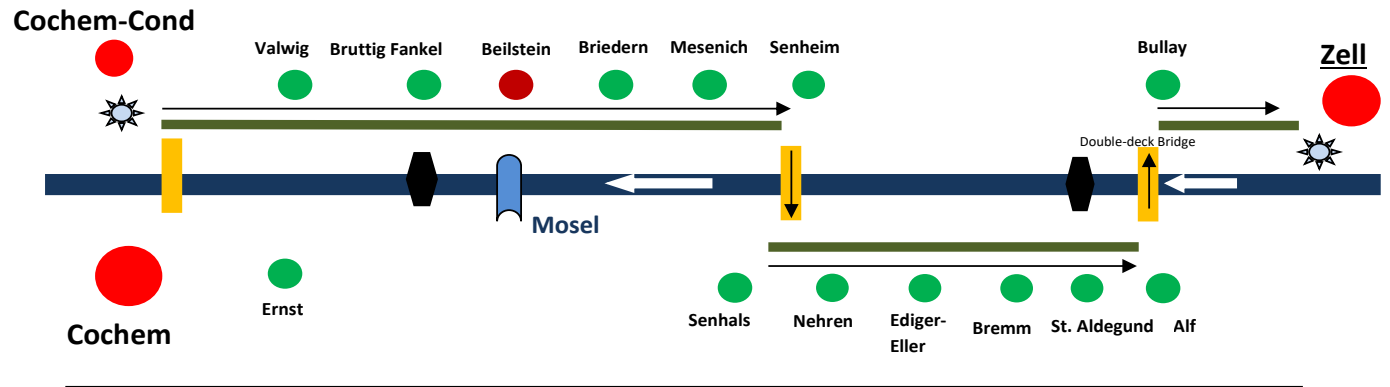
The cycle route alongside the Moselle promenade ends for you at your ship, already moored near the pedestrian bridge in the town centre.



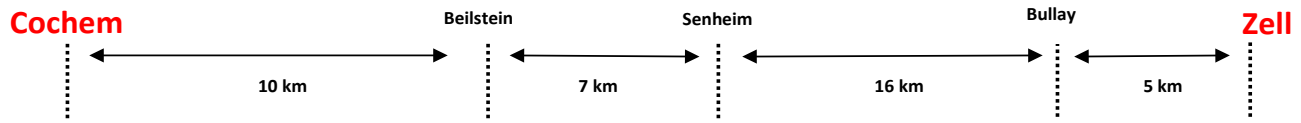
**Points of interest: Day 3 from Cochem to Zell (Moselle)**

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| Beilstein:    | Metternich Castle<br>St. Josef's Church<br>Schwarze Madonna (Black Madonna)<br>Beautiful historic Old Town, listed as national monument |
| Ediger-Eller: | Church St. Martin in Ediger<br>Cross chapel (above the vineyards) with relief "Christ in the winepress"                                 |
| Bremm:        | Bremmer Calmont (steepest sloped vineyard in Europe)  |
| Zell:         | Black Cat Fountain<br>"Pulverturm" (round tower situated amidst the vineyards)<br>Castle Zell   |

Scheme of the bicycle route, distance chart  
 Cochem to Zell on the Moselle



Distance Chart



### Day 4: Zell (Moselle) – Bernkastel-Kues, ca. 43 km

**Info:** *After a hearty breakfast, set off in the direction of Bernkastel-Kues, a top wine destination at the Moselle.*

km 0 From the mooring place cycle for about 100 m. Turn sharp right and take the cycleway to the riverbank in the direction of Traben-Trarbach. **10**

km 7 First cycle alongside the river to Briedel. Passing one of the old “reaction ferries”, your way leads to Pünderich, which is well worth a short break.

**Info:** *Pünderich is famous for its numerous lovingly restored Moselle Franconian half-timbered buildings.*

km 15 Continue cycling via Burg to Enkirch. Please always follow the green signposts of the Moselle Cycle Route. **11**

km 20 From the lock in Enkirch, cycle about 4 km alongside the B53 to Traben-Trarbach.

**Info:** *Traben-Trarbach is also referred to as the town of art nouveau. We warmly recommend a break here.*

km 24 Leave Traben-Trarbach and keep cycling for 4 km until you reach the Moselle Bridge in Wolf.

km 29 Cycle under the bridge and head straight on, following the beautiful cycleway alongside the Moselle bank to Kindel.

↑ The signposts to Bernkastel-Kues will take you directly to your destination. **12**

Continue on the left side of the Moselle via Löslich and Erden, pass under the Hochmoselbrücke (High Moselle Bridge) and continue cycling via the Moselle lock in Zeltingen and the village of Graach towards Bernkastel-Kues.

**Info:** *The double town of Bernkastel-Kues: the medieval heart of Bernkastel attracts thousands of visitors (left bank), while Kues (right bank) is much quieter. And yet Kues boasts a whole range of excellent wineries. Also the town's most famous son, the churchman and philosopher Nicolaus Cusanus (1401-1464), hailed from Kues, as his name implies. There you can still find his birth house (Nikolausufer 49). Cusanus was Prince-Bishop of Brixen (Bressanone) / Italy and vicar general in the Papal States. He reformed the church and as a scientist, he occupied himself with the axial rotation of the earth, and a therewith-related calendar reform.*

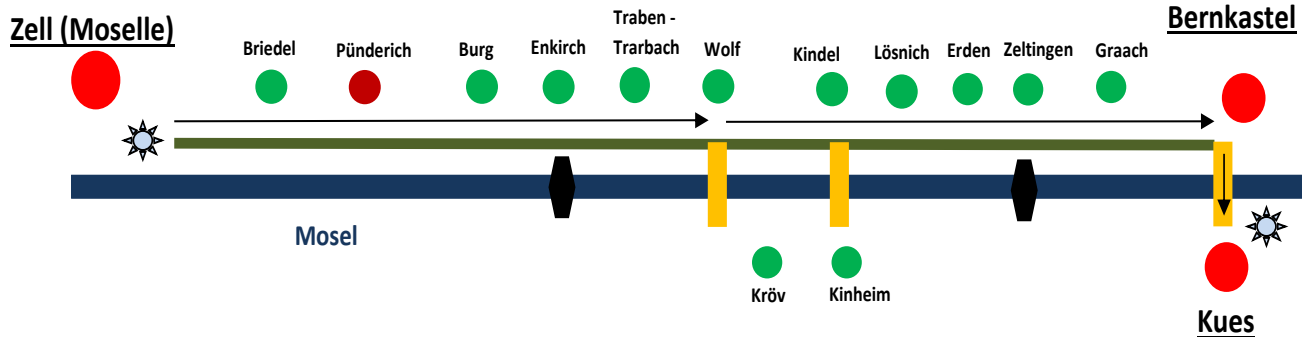
You reach Bernkastel on the left side of the Moselle and to reach the ship you will have to cross the Moselle to the district of Kues. **13**

After crossing the bridge, take the third exit at the roundabout. After 50 m on the main street, turn left onto a little crossroad leading to the Moselle bank. The ship will be moored directly at the Moselle bank, upstream behind the bridge.

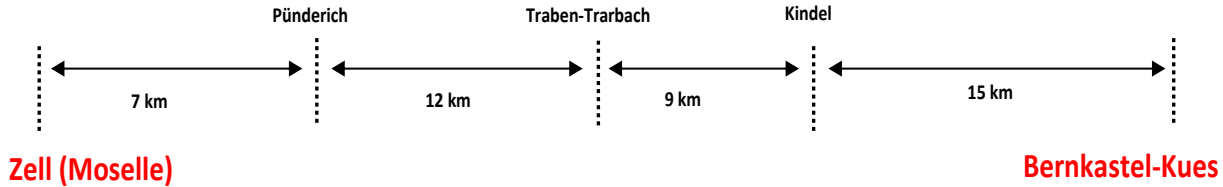
### **Points of interest: Day 4 from Zell (Moselle) to Bernkastel-Kues**

Pünderich:	Historic Old Town
Traben-Trarbach:	Bridge gate of the Moselle Bridge, 1899 build by Bruno Möhring Middle Moselle Museum about the history of the Moselle valley Art Nouveau buildings Buddha museum (at the end of the town)
Bernkastel-Kues:	Marketplace, "Spitzhäuschen", Medieval castle ruin Landshut, Cusanus library, St. Nikolaus' Hospital, Moselle Wine Museum, Doll and Clock Museum

*Scheme of the bicycle route, distance chart*  
**Zell on the Moselle to Bernkastel-Kues**



Distance Chart



## Day 5: Bernkastel-Kues – Mehring, ca. 48 km

**Info:** After breakfast, you will leave the city of Nicolaus Cusanus towards Mehring.

km 0 First cycle the way back to the bridge in Kues. After crossing the bridge, turn right, after 50 m turn right again and pass the mooring sites. Now cycle across the big coach park and continue on a well signposted cycle route in direction of Neumagen-Dhron. **14**



km 8

Mind out the village area of Mülheim: You leave the cycleway in the Moselle foreland shortly before reaching the hotel "Weisser Bär". Turn left, after 100 m turn right, and take the cycle path along the B53. Near the hotel, please do not take the underpass of the main road in the direction of the village of Mülheim. The signs may be misleading.  
Please follow the main road for approx. 800 m until the signs take you back (to the right) to the Moselle foreland in the direction of Brauneberg.

km 20 Stay on the left Moselle bank until you reach Piesport Niederemmel via Filzen and Wintrich. **15 16**

**Tip:** At Piesport, you have the possibility to take a detour to the Roman wine press, located at the end of the village. Cross the second bridge in Piesport-Niederemmel (see the town's coat of arms on the bridge) to Piesport. Turn left at the end of the bridge. The Roman wine press is located at the end of the village.

km 25 After visiting the Roman wine press, please continue your bike tour on the other Moselle bank (right bank) in direction of Neumagen Dhron. (This route is more beautiful.) **16**

**Tip:** In Neumagen-Dhron, the oldest wine growing village in Germany, it is well worth having a break to visit the replica of an old Roman wine ship on the Moselle bank or just stop for a glass of fine wine. Of course, you can do both as well.

**Info:** The „Stella Noviomagi“ is a replica of a Roman wine ship dated to the 2nd Century AD. In 2006/07, apprentices of the Trier Chamber of Crafts faithfully reconstructed the ship according to the plans of a Roman wine ship found in Mainz during excavations.

↑  
 km 40      The second part of the day's stage promises to be quite calm. Continue on the cycleway to Leiwen and then ride to Köwerich. Here leave the Pre-Moselle terrain and follow the green signposts through the vineyards to reach Thörnich. Cycle to the lock in Detzem. **17**

**Tip:**      *At the lock in Detzem you can have a break and from the lock bridge, you can watch ships passing through the lock.*

←      For the last 6 km, continue cycling along the riverbank until you come to the bridge leading to Mehring. Cross the bridge, turn left and cycle to the end of the village of Mehring. On the riverbank, next to the caravan site, your ship is moored. The exact address is "Großer Uferstellplatz am Zeller Hof". **18**

Yet, before crossing the bridge, it is worthwhile to visit the "Villa Rustica" in Mehring.

←      Turn left before the bridge and cycle uphill (right-hand bend) and take the first street on the left. A clearly visible sign will lead you to the "Villa Rustica" - the short way to the villa is well marked.

After your visit, cycle back to the bridge and follow the instructions mentioned above.

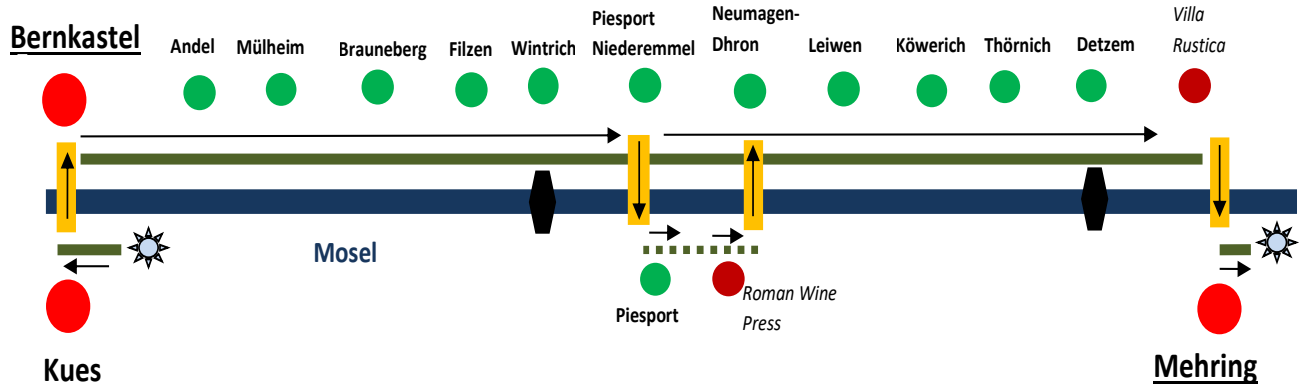
**Tip:**      *The Roman Villa of Mehring - Villa Rustica – was unearthed in 1985. The remains of the villa were preserved and partially reconstructed. Built in the mid-second century AD, the building formed the manor house of a Roman country estate. With more than 30 rooms, it is one of the largest country estates in the area around Trier. Most probably, members of the upper class of the Treveri tribe had lived here. The Treveri were a Celtic tribe, which had occupied the area around Trier when the town of "Augusta Treverorum" (Trier) was founded. By the end of the 5th century, the villa seems to have been definitively abandoned.*



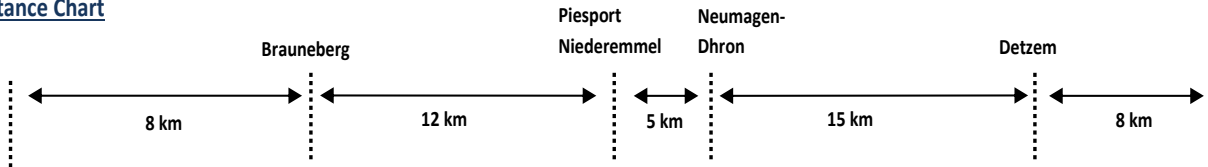
**Points of interest: Day 5 from Bernkastel-Kues to Mehring**

Piesport:	Roman wine press
Neumagen-Dhron:	Replica of the Neumagener wine ship (Roman monument) Ausonius Garden (Roman Garden)
Detzem:	Lock (lifting height 9 m)
Mehring:	Villa Rustica (Roman country estate)

Scheme of the bicycle route, distance chart  
**Bernkastel-Kues to Mehring**



Distance Chart



**Bernkastel-Kues**

**Mehring**

## Day 6: Mehring – Trier, ca. 26 / 28 km

km 0 *Today's destination is Trier, Germany's oldest town.*

← Setting off, you cycle through Mehring back to the bridge you crossed the day before. After crossing the bridge, turn sharp left to the Moselle. Pass under the bridge and cycle for 3 km to Riol. Continue alongside the Moselle to Longuich. **19**

Please find the way to Villa Urbana in your map book on page 22 (approx. 3 km extra).

**Info:** *The Villa Urbana in Longuich was built in the 2nd century AD with a size of 110 per 28 metres. Due to size and facilities, the villa is supposed to have been used as a retirement home for an official from near-by Augusta Treverorum (Trier). In 1984, during land consolidation works, wall remains of the Villa were discovered. After having been unearthed, the remains were preserved and the buildings were partially reconstructed. Today, you can visit one part of the former lateral wing including the Roman bath consisting of Caldarium (hot bath), Tepidarium (warm bath), Sudatorium (sweating-room), Frigidarium (cold bath) und Praefurnium (oven for heating).*

km 10 Keep cycling alongside the Moselle and you will reach a bridge that crosses the Moselle to Schweich.



Walk your bike across the bridge and on the left hand side you will see the old ferry tower ("alter Fähr-turm").

← km 14 After passing the bridge, turn sharp towards the camping ground "alter Fährturn". Cycle past the marina via Quint until you come onto the industrial area of Trier Ehrang. Trier Ehrang is a harbour area but don't worry. The cycleway through the harbour is very well signposted.

Via Ehrang and Pfalzel, you will arrive in Trier. **20**

← From the cycleway you can already see Trier on the other side of the Moselle. Keep cycling alongside the riverbank until you come on to the first bridge crossing the Moselle in Trier. Cross the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Bridge and at the end, turn left onto the "Zurlauberner Ufer" (bank). It is named after the district Zurlauben in Trier. Here you will find the ship waiting for you. **21**

**Points of interest: Day 6 from Mehring to Trier**

Longuich:

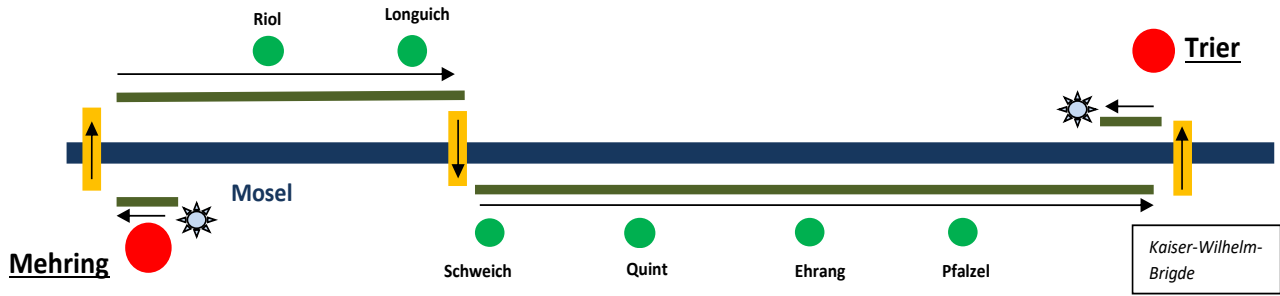
Roman Villa Urbana

Trier:

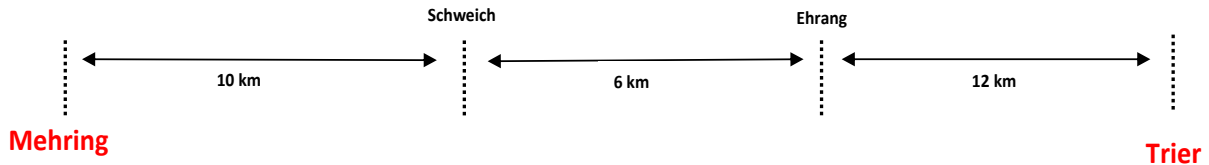
Known under the name Augusta Treverorum, the city was founded more than 2,000 years ago and is claimed to be Germany's oldest city.

*Scheme of the bicycle route, distance chart*

**Mehring to Trier**



Distance Chart



## Day 7: Trier – Saarburg (via Luxemburg), ca. 39 km



Let's go to the Saar River, the longest tributary of the Moselle.

km 0 Leave the mooring place at the "Zurlaubener Ufer" in direction of Konz. **22**

km 9 The cycleway leads you alongside the Moselle bank. Cycle under the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Bridge, the Roman Bridge and the Konrad-Adenauer-Bridge, past the "Pegel" Trier (gauge) near the lock in Trier and cycle to the railway bridge before Konz.




Coming from Trier, you cross the railway bridge over the Moselle in Konz (there is a cycleway) to the other side of the river. From the marina in Konz up to Wasserbillig, the cycleway is signposted. **23**

km 16 Via Igel you will reach the border after 6 km. Cross the little river Sauer and you are already in Wasserbillig in Luxembourg. This is a beautiful place for a break.

**Info:** *The Igel Column is a burial monument of the Secundinier cloth merchant family dated to 250 AD and is part of the UNESCO-World Heritage. Today it is the largest Roman burial column north of the Alps, measuring 23 m in height. The square sandstone column with its relief representations bears witness to the economic prosperity of the region around Trier during the Roman period.*

In Wasserbillig, the ferry "Sankta Maria" will take you to the other side of the river to Oberbillig, which is located in Germany. The Moselle forms the border in this region of the country.

From Oberbillig, cycle back to Konz. You will have the river on your left hand side. **23**

- km 22  At the mouth of the Saar River, stick to the cycleway until you will reach the bridge in Konz (B51). Crossing the bridge, you will find yourself on the left bank of the Saar. At the roundabout, which you will reach after leaving the bridge, keep to the right and follow the cycleway down to the Saar River.
- km 26 Near the village of Hamm, the Saar Cycleway leads away from the Saar and goes along a beautiful oxbow lake. Follow this route. **24**
- km 28.5  As soon as you reach Kanzem station, cross the bridge that crosses the oxbow lake. After the bridge, turn left and ride through the village, past the Philosophischer Friedhof (cemetery), to the village exit.
-  At the village exit of Kanzem, follow the country road. Mind out: There is no cycle way and the road is inclined. After about 1.4 km, you will have to cross the road again.
- km 34 Pick up the marvellous and safe cycleway that takes you across the Schoden lock all the way up to Saarburg. **24** **25**

In Saarburg, keep on cycling until you reach the Old Town Bridge (Altstadtbrücke) and after crossing the bridge, turn sharp right to reach the mooring place.

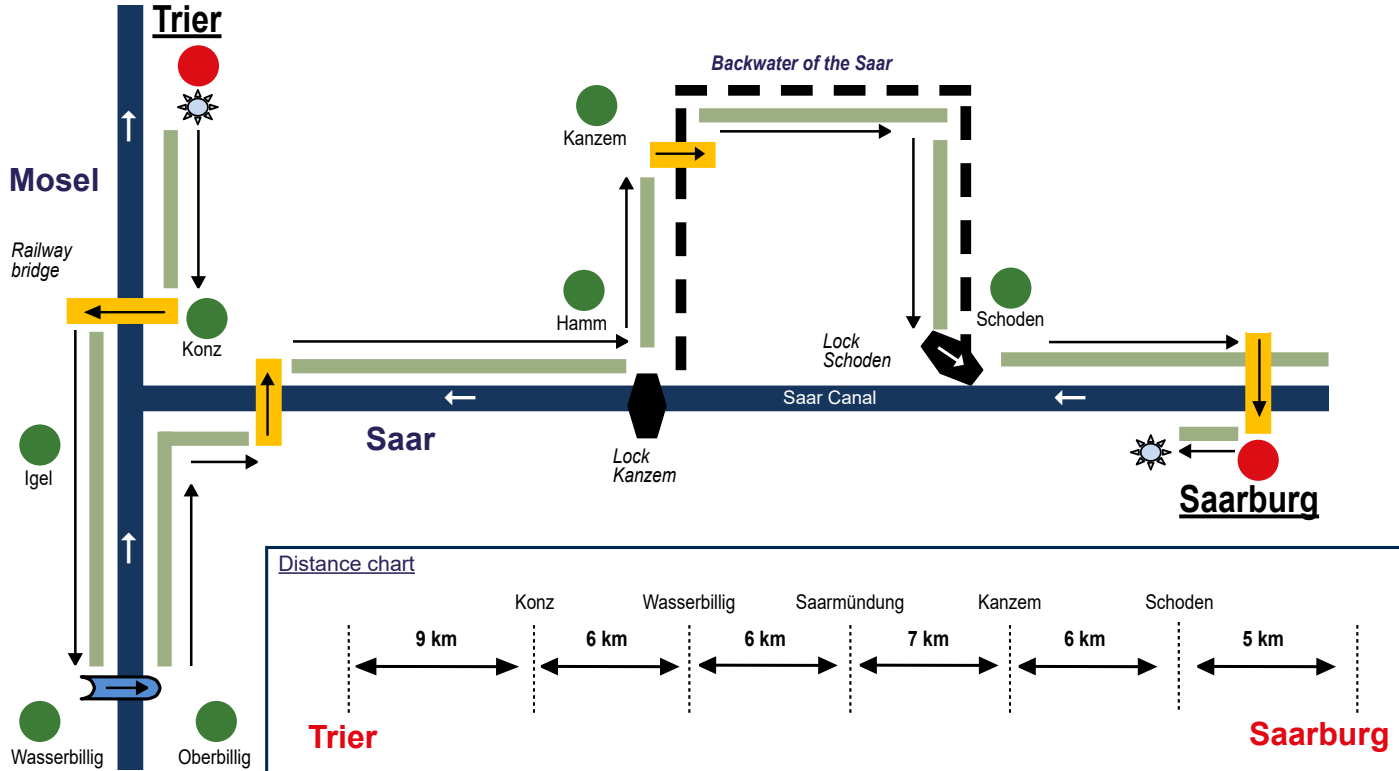
### [Points of view: Day 7 from Trier to Saarburg](#)

Konz:	Mouth of the Saar Outdoor museum Roscheider Hof
Igel:	Igeler Column
Kanzem:	Philosophischer Friedhof (Cemetery)
Saarburg:	Historic Old Town with waterfall and exquisite cuisine all around Medieval Castle Ruin

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Scheme of the bicycle route, distance chart

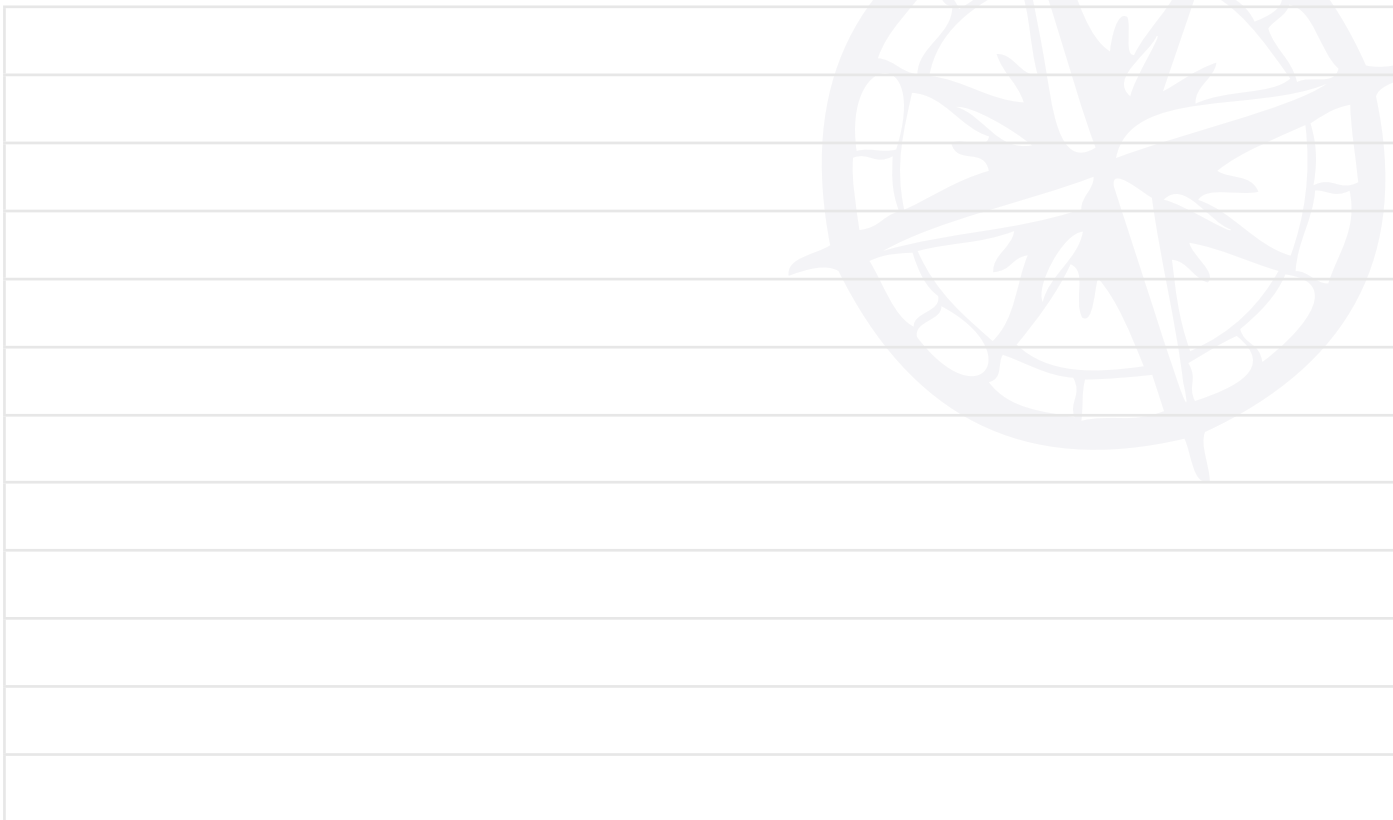
Trier to Saarburg



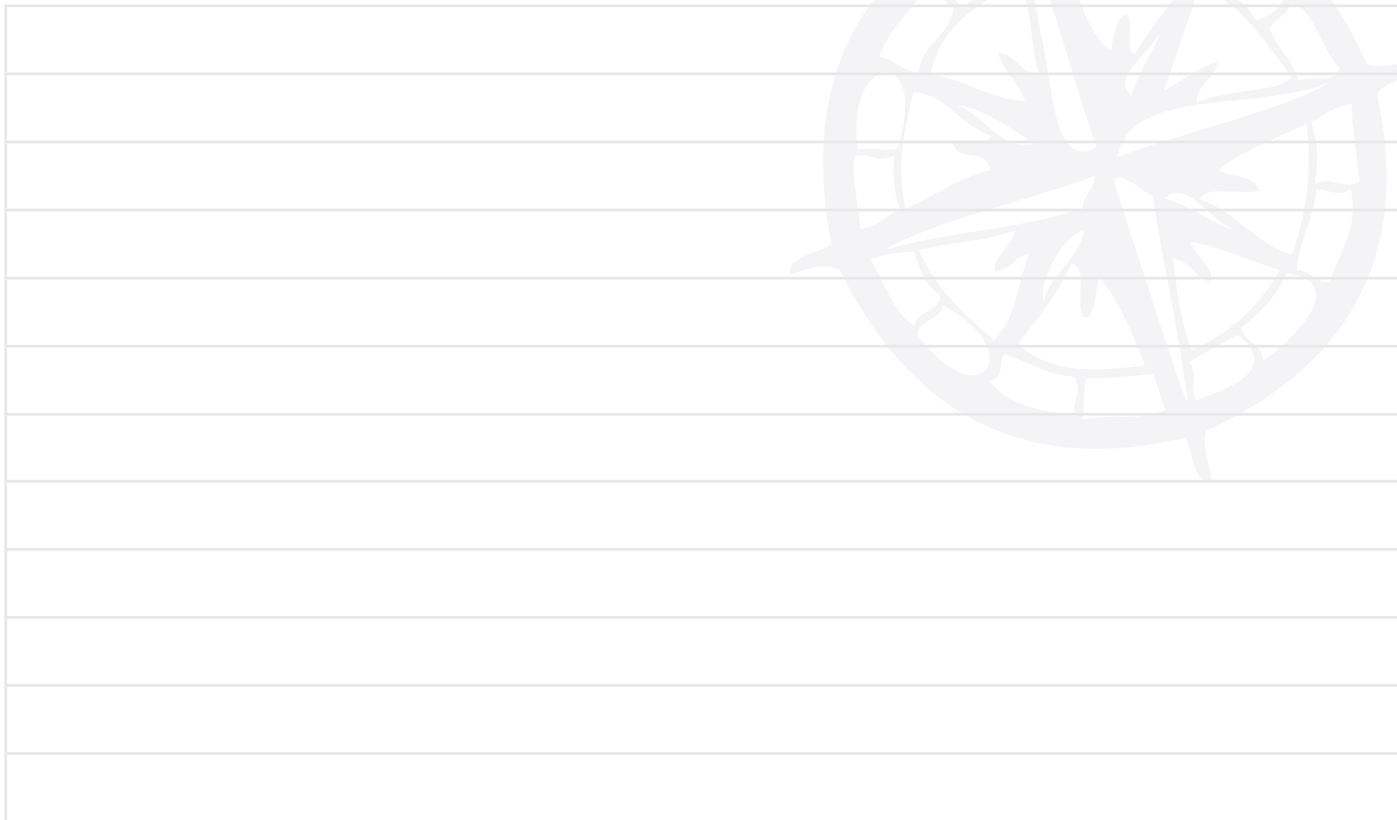




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