



Beautiful river valleys
and vineyards on Saar
and Moselle

By Bike and Barge from
Saarburg to Koblenz

MS PATRIA

2021



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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.

Itinerary: (All times are subject to change)

Day	Port	Arr	Dep
Day 1	Saarburg, Embarkation	04:00 p.m.	
Day 2	Saarburg		10:30
Day 2	Trier	13:00	
Day 3	Trier		10:00
Day 3	Mehring	12:30	
Day 4	Mehring		09:45
Day 4	Bernkastel-Kues	14:00	
Day 5	Bernkastel-Kues		09:45
Day 5	Zell	14:00	
Day 6	Zell		10:30
Day 6	Cochem	14:00	
Day 7	Cochem		09:00
Day 7	Koblenz	15:30	
Day 8	Koblenz, Disembarkation	09:00 a.m.	

Day 1: Arrival to Saarburg

Embarkation between 4 and 5 p.m. You will spend the first night and evening in Saarburg. In its centre you will find a waterfall of 20 meters deep as well as many baroque buildings and fisher houses.

Day 2: Saarburg – Wasserbillig (Luxemburg) – Trier, Cycle tour approx. 38 km

Today you will cycle from Saarburg along the idyllic nature reserve of the abandoned meander of the River Saar. Further on to Wasserbillig in Luxemburg and from here to the Igeler Säule. Later you will reach Trier, where MS PATRIA is already waiting for you.

Day 3: Trier – Mehring, Cycle tour approx. 26-29 km

After breakfast you will cycle via Pfalzel to Mehring, the largest winegrowers’ community in the Mosel-Saar-Ruwer region.

Day 4: Mehring – Piesport – Bernkastel-Kues, Cycle tour ca. 47 km

Today you will reach Bernkastel-Kues by bike. The market place from the Middle Ages with many wood timbered houses invites you for a rest. On your way you visit Neumagen-Dhron which is the oldest wine city of Germany. Further on you reach Piesport, the oldest wine growing community along the Moselle. You should take the time to enjoy the popular wines.

Day 5: Bernkastel-Kues – Traben-Trarbach – Zell on the Moselle, Cycle tour approx. 43 km

Today’s bike tour brings you to romantic Traben-Trarbach, where Jugendstil architecture shows its best side. Continuing to Zell, well known wine village on the Moselle. In the evening you will have the chance to visit a local winegrowers place and enjoy a wine tasting with the famous Moselle wines (optional, bookable on board).

Day 6: Zell on the Moselle – Beilstein – Cochem, Cycle tour approx. 39 km

The perfect maintained historical centre of Beilstein, “the Sleeping Beauty of the Mosel”, is waiting for you. Today’s tour ends in Cochem with the Reichsburg. Cochem is a lovely little town with historical half-timbered-houses and a picturesque Old town.

Day 7: Boat tour Cochem – Koblenz, day of rest on board | alternative Cochem – Alken – Koblenz, cycle tour approx. 50 km

Today you can spend the day on board and relax on the sundeck. Enjoy the beautiful Moselle landscape passing by and stroll along the “Deutsche Eck” in Koblenz in the afternoon, where Moselle and Rhine flow together. Experienced cyclist can cycle from Cochem to Koblenz and visit Burg Eltz.

Day 8: Departure from Koblenz

Disembarkation after breakfast until 9:00 a.m. Individual journey home.

Your ship:



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 provides 15 cabins on the main deck and 19 cabins on the upper deck. All cabins are small and practicable (approx. 7 m²), with two beds standing in a right angle, with window (to be opened on the upper deck, but for safety reasons fixed on the main deck), shower/toilet, individually regulated air conditioning in all cabins on the main deck, as well in the restaurant and salon. This authentic ship has a nice salon with bar and large windows in front of the top deck and a separate restaurant on the main deck. On the partially covered sun deck there are sitting places (tables + chairs) for all guests and a cycle shed. The ship sails under Dutch Flag and management 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.

Technical details:

Length: 68m • Width 7,7m • Depth 1,85m • Max. 68 passengers
 Languages on board: German, English • Currency on board: Euro
 Flag: Netherlands

Sonnendeck



Promenadendeck



Hauptdeck



Important:

- **Embarkation: 4:00pm • Disembarkation: until 9:00 a.m. • Bike Hire on Board:** smooth-running 7 speed - unisex-city bikes (custom built for SE-Tours) with hand- and back pedal brakes or with free-wheel hub (please indicate upon booking) and pannier bags. Electric bikes (limited availability – timely booking required) **Please inform us about your body height upon booking.** • **To bring your own bike:** on request only – due to lack of space on sundeck. Storage of bikes inside the ship is not possible. • **Cycle Tours:** unguided. You will cycle between 26 and 50 km per day. The kilometres indicated for the suggested cycle tours are approximate. • **Cycle routes/ level of difficulty:** The quality of the cycle ways along the route is excellent. Most of the stretches are paved or asphalted, and lead alongside the Rhine dikes without any gradients of note. This makes the trip suitable even for unpractised cyclist. • **Optional Excursions:** tour legs and the ship's time in port permitting, an optional excursion programme will be organised. Excursions can only be booked and paid (in cash) aboard the ship. • **Luggage on board:** We recommend waterproof rain gear, bike helmet, sun hat and sports shoes. We would like to ask you to do without hard-side luggage, as storage space in the cabin is very limited! • **Alterations of schedule or programme:** Subject to change. If a route cannot be shipped as a result of low or high water or bad weather, the captain reserves the right to change the route in view of your safety (this will not be accepted as a reason for free withdrawal). • **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.**

Travel dates 2021:

Season A: 16 Oct – 23 Oct

Season B: 17 April – 24 April

Season C: 02 Oct – 09 Oct

Season D: 01 May – 08 May / 15 May – 22 May / 29 May – 05 June / 26 June – 03 July / 10 July – 17 July / 07 Aug – 14 Aug / 21 Aug – 28 Aug / 04 Sept – 11 Sept

Departures from Saturday to Saturday	Season A*	Season B*	Season C	Season D
Twin cabin main deck	499,-	649,-	749,-	899,-
Twin cabin upper deck	649,-	749,-	849,-	999,-
Twin cabin for single use main deck	799,-	949,-	1.099,-	1.249,-
Twin cabin for single use upper deck	949,-	1.099,-	1.249,-	1.399,-

* Rental bicycle included on **17 April and 16 October 2021**

€ 75,- Rental 7-gear-bicycle, hand- and coaster brake or free wheel (please indicate as non-binding customer request when booking), with pannier bag and rental bike insurance

€ 165,- Rental E-Bike (limited number) with free wheel, pannier bag and rental bike insurance

Services included:

- 7 nights in outside cabin on MS PATRIA with private facilities
- Programme according itinerary
- Port fees included
- Captains greeting and Welcome drink
- Daily cabin cleaning, changing of towels and bed cloths if wanted
- Full board: 7x breakfast, 6x light lunch on board (non cyclists) or packed lunch for cyclists, 6x afternoon coffee break, 7x 3-course-dinner
- Daily information meeting
- Information pack with route book (one per cabin)
- GPS-tracks
- SE-Tours Tour guide on board (does not cycle with group)

Services not included:

Arrival and departure, transfers to/from the docking place in Koblenz/Saarburg, bike rental, ferry fares, travel insurances, parking fee, drinks on board, tips.

Transfer back to Saarburg:

Travelling by train takes about 2 hours, approx. € 24,- per person.

Minimum number of participants: 40 guests (must have been reached within 21 days prior to departure). You may cancel the booking at any time. For cancellation fees, please refer to the booking conditions of Se-Tours. The tour operator's terms and conditions apply: SE-Tours GmbH, Am Grollhamm 12a, 27574 Bremerhaven. We recommend that you take out a travel health insurance with repatriation coverage as well as baggage, accident and travel cancellation insurances.

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