

2027

Fairy-tale towns along the Main River

By Bike & Boat from Bamberg to Frankfurt/Main

MS CASANOVA

ORIGINAL TOUR

- Trip length: 8 Days / 7 Nights
- Departure and arrival day: Sunday
- Length of cycle tours: approx. 188 - 218 km
- Character of cycle tours: individual, unguided
- Difficulty: ●○○○
- Profile: Almost all routes can be classified as "easy."
- Languages on board: German/English
- Travel documents: German/English
- Booking code DE-MNSBF-08I



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Tour Details

Historic old towns, charming castles, and magnificent churches draw visitors from one place to the next in Franconia. Surrounded by forests and often enclosed by towers and ancient walls, many of these towns have a fairy-tale quality. Each one also invites you on a culinary journey of discovery. It's no coincidence that Franconia is known as a "land of indulgence." The art of brewing beer is just as deeply rooted here as the tradition of wine-making. Local wines and beers pair perfectly with the hearty regional cuisine. One thing is certain: the way to fall in love with Franconia is also through its food.

(All times subject to change)

Day	Port	Arr	Dept
Day 1	Bamberg, embarkation from 16:00 h		
Day 2	Bamberg		06:30
	Haßfurt	12:30	13:00
	Schweinfurt	16:00	
Day 3	Schweinfurt		09:00
	Volkach	13:00	13:30
	Kitzingen	17:00	22:00
	Marktbreit	0:00	
Day 4	Marktbreit		09:00
	Würzburg	15:30	
Day 5	Würzburg		06:00
	Karlstadt	10:30	11:00
	Lohr	16:00	
Day 6	Lohr		06:00
	Wertheim	11:00	12:00
	Freudenberg	15:30	
Day 7	Freudenberg		08:00
	Aschaffenburg	16:00	18:00
Day 8	Frankfurt/Main, Disembarkation until 09:00 h	0:30	

1st Day: Bamberg – Embarkation

Individual arrival in Bamberg and embarkation from 4:00 p.m. onwards. Bamberg is a city full of character and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The "Island District" resembles a little Venice, the "Hill District" is often called the Franconian Rome, and the "Gardeners' District" is truly one of a kind.

2nd Day: Cruise Bamberg – Haßfurt | Haßfurt – Schweinfurt, Cycle tour approx. 25 km

In the morning, you arrive in Haßfurt with its charming historic old town. Nestled between two nature parks, the city is home to remarkable sacred buildings such as the late Gothic Knights' Chapel and the parish church, featuring sculptures by Tilman Riemenschneider. From here, you hop on your bike and ride to the former imperial city of Schweinfurt.

3rd Day: Schweinfurt – Volkach – Kitzing, Cycle tour approx. 28 - 58 km | Cruise Kitzingen – Marktbreit

Today's destination is either Kitzingen or Marktbreit, depending on the final mooring confirmation. The historic wine trading town of Kitzingen is home to the German Carnival Museum, offering insights into a significant aspect of Franconian tradition. The town's landmark is the Falterturm, known for its distinctive crooked roof. In Kitzingen, a long history of brewing meets winemaking. Several local inns serve hearty Franconian specialties such as *Sauerbraten* with dumplings or "blue" carp. Alternatively, you can choose to stay on board until Volkach, which shortens the bike tour by approximately 30 kilometers.

4th Day: Marktbreit – Würzburg, Cycle tour approx. 25 km

Today, Würzburg awaits you with many sights to explore. One of the highlights is the Würzburg Residence, considered one of Germany's most important palaces and a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1981. Other well-known landmarks include St. Kilian's Cathedral and Marienberg Fortress. Würzburg is also a center of Franconian wine culture and, as a vibrant university town, full of life even in the evenings.

5th Day: Cruise Würzburg – Karlstadt | Karlstadt – Lohr, Cycle tour approx. 30 km

In the late morning, you arrive in Karlstadt. Towers, gates, and old walls surround the historic center with its half-timbered houses and narrow alleyways. Today's destination is the town of Lohr am Main. Its old town, shaped by typical Franconian timber-frame architecture, marks the gateway to the Spessart hills. Buildings such as the Electoral Mainz Castle add to the town's fairy-tale charm.

6th Day: Cruise Lohr – Wertheim | Wertheim – Freudenberg, Cycle tour approx. 27 km

Your ship takes you to the residence city of Wertheim, with its impressive Castle as its landmark. This historic town, featuring a charming market square and what is said to be the narrowest house in Franconia, marks the starting point of today's bike stage to Freudenberg. Perched high above the Main River and the town, Freudenberg Castle sits at the edge of the Franconian Odenwald.

7th Day: Freudenberg – Aschaffenburg, Cycle tour approx. 53 km, Cruise Aschaffenburg – Frankfurt/Main

The highlight of today's bike tour is Miltenberg, home to the Miltenburg Castle, built in 1200. From Erlenbach to Kleinwallstadt, you follow the "Planet Cycle Path," offering interesting facts about the planets along the way. The riverside forest between Niedernheim and Nilkheim provides a pleasantly shaded route during summer. All along the Main River, you'll find benches and picnic spots that invite you to take a break—or even go for a swim.

Your destination is the charming university town of Aschaffenburg, known for its impressive Renaissance palace, Johannisburg Castle, built from red sandstone. The town also offers plenty of wine taverns, cafés, and traditional inns to enjoy. In the evening, a farewell dinner awaits you on board as your ship sails back to Frankfurt/Main.

8th Day: Departure from Frankfurt/Main

After breakfast checkout until 9:00 am—have a safe journey home.

Travel Dates | Prices | Services

Travel Dates 2027 / From Sunday to Sunday

09May – 16May | 04Jul – 11Jul | 15Aug – 22Aug | 26Sep– 03Oct

Price per person in Euro:

Main Deck				Upper deck		
2-bed cabin Eco*	2-bed cabin Standard	2-bed cabin Deluxe**	2-bed cabin Single use	2-bed cabin Eco*	2-bed cabin Standard	2-bed cabin Single use
1.199.-	1.399.-	1.399.-	1.959.-	1.499.-	1.599.-	2.239.-

*Eco = Cabins located in the rear part of the ship. Engine and generator noise may be noticeable when the ship is moving or docked.

**Deluxe = Cabins with more space in the front part of the ship. 2-bed cabins for single use available in limited numbers.

Supplements

Rental bike fee 7-gear-Unisex: € 99.- bike insurance included

Rental bike fee 8-gear-E-Bike: € 219.- bike insurance included

Bring your own bike / own E-bike: € 59.- (on request only, limited number; no tandems or tricycles)

Bikes:

- 7-gear-Unisex-trekking bikes und 8-gear-E-Bikes (brand: Velo de Ville - special SE-Tours edition)
- With handbrake 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

Available on board (limited quantity):

- Bicycle helmet (UVEX I-VO): €45.- per item
- Phone holder: €10.- per item
- Power bank (10,000 mAh): €20.- per item

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 snack on board (non-cyclists) or lunch package for cycle tours, 6x coffee or tea in the afternoon, 7x 3-course-dinner
- Daily meeting for the cycle tours
- Digital travel documents via GUIBO-App incl. GPS tracks for bike tours
- Tour guide on board

Not included

Journey to Bamberg and from Frankfurt/Main, shuttles, bike rentals, entrance fees and excursions, city maps, ferry fees, travel insurances, parking fees, tips, drinks on board

Parking in Bamberg (subject to change, as of July 2025)

Underground parking "Zentrum Nord," approx. €15/day, or Park & Ride on the outskirts of the city with low parking fees, affordable tickets, and quick bus connections to the city center (e.g., P&R Heinrichsdamm).



Ship's description | Remarks

Built in 2001 | Registry Switzerland | Length 103 m | Width 9.7 m | Height 4.6 m | Draft 1.55 m | Max passengers: 96

A touch of Rococo and an elegant atmosphere welcome you aboard the MS Casanova. Lovingly designed details, playful ornaments, and reproductions of famous paintings lend the ship its very own charm. In the stylish restaurant, the attentive crew takes care of your culinary needs. The spacious panorama lounge, with its royal flair, invites you to relax — whether over a glass of wine, a cocktail, or a pleasant chat at the bar. Those who wish to enjoy the scenery outside will find comfortable loungers and seating on the partially covered sun deck (steep stairs) — the perfect place to take in the passing river landscapes.



Cabins All 48 cabins are located on the outside of the ship and are equipped with a shower/WC, hairdryer, TV, safe (deposit required), onboard telephone, and individually adjustable ventilation system. In cabins with two single beds, one bed can be converted into a sofa during the day for added comfort. Cabins with a double bed (160x200 cm) have separate mattresses. All twin-bed cabins are approximately 12 m² in size.



Main Deck: A total of 22 cabins with panoramic windows that cannot be opened. 16 twin-bed cabins: eight with two single beds, eight with a double bed. Four Eco* twin-bed cabins with two single beds located in the rear of the ship. Two more spacious Deluxe cabins with a double bed located in the front of the ship.

Upper Deck: A total of 26 cabins with French balconies (= floor-to-ceiling windows that can be opened). 22 twin-bed cabins: 14 with two single beds, eight with a double bed. Four Eco* twin-bed cabins with two single beds located in the rear of the ship.

* Engine and generator noise may be noticeable.

Important remarks

Embarkation from 4 pm | **Disembarkation** until 9 am. **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. E-bikes exclusively with removable battery pack. 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). **Luggage** We recommend: rainwear, bicycle helmet, sunhat and sneakers. **Schedule and program changes** Basically, we reserve the right to make changes of routing and program. In case of flood or low tide, the shipping company reserves the right to bridge parts of passages by buses. In extreme situations, the shipping company reserves the right to cancel the journey on short notice. No legal right shall be constituted of both situations. The same applies for officially ordered - previously not announced - repair work on locks or bridges. **Notes** Please be aware that a cruise ship is not only your hotel but also a machine, working with engine power also during the night. Especially crossing locks and bridges - and the preparation work - may cause noise. If you are sensitive please bring your own ear plugs. **Digital Travel documents and roadmaps:** In the interest of sustainability and climate protection, please choose our digital route book instead of printed travel documents. The GUIBO app is your constant companion during your SE-Tours original trip. A glance at your smartphone is enough to keep you safe and worry-free, with all the important information at hand. Travel information, ship and contact details and your bike tours are available digitally in the route book, available offline and thus accessible at any time. The app is available for free and works on all standard smartphones (except Huawei). You will automatically receive the access data to download your booked trip via email before your journey begins. **Guibo App** To navigate safely throughout the day using the Guibo app, you will need a phone holder and a power bank to recharge your phone. If you do not bring these with you, both items are available for purchase on board in limited quantities. **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

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