

2027

Romance and Pleasure on the Rhine River



with Bike and Barge from Mainz to Cologne

MS SWITZERLAND

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- Trip length: 8 Days / 7 Nights
- Departure and arrival day: Saturday
- Length of cycle tours: approx. 209 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-RHSMK-08I



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Tour Details

The UNESCO world cultural site „Upper Middle Rhine Valley“ is a paradise for romantics. Follow the river Rhine through a splendid hilly landscape in which aristocratic developers built many castles and fortresses in the past and where elaborate timber framed houses dominate the lanes of the historical old town. At the same time you will experience a wild romantic landscape which is home of many legends like the Loreley. Your journey from Mainz to the Cathedral City of Cologne is not least a journey with many culinary delights. Along the Rhine grow grapes for excellent wines and the art of cooking is in no way inferior to the skills of local wine growers.

(All times are subject to change)

Day	Port	Arr.	Dept.
1	Mainz, Embarkation 4.00 p.m.		
2	Mainz		10:00
2	Rüdesheim	11:30	
3	Rüdesheim		10:00
3	St Goar/St. Goarshausen	12:00	
4	St Goar/St. Goarshausen		10:00
4	Koblenz	13:00	
5	Koblenz		10:00
5	Andernach	11:30	
6	Andernach		10:00
6	Bonn	12:30	
7	Bonn		10:00
7	Cologne	12:00	
8	Cologne, Disembarkation	09:00 a.m.	

Day 1: Arrival to Mainz

Embarkation at 4:00 p.m. There may be time to see the old town of Mainz with its lovely alleys and public squares.

Day 2: Mainz – Rüdesheim, Cycle tour approx. 32 km

Today we will show you why the river Rhine and its surroundings are part of the UNESCO world cultural heritage. Beautiful islands, steep slate rocks and vineyards shape the region around Rüdesheim. By bike you will pass Eltville with its fortress „Kurfürstliche Burg“ and Oestrich-Winkel with its crane for loading wine as a famous landmark and arrive finally in Rüdesheim. Here, the world-famous wine alley „Drosselgasse“ is well worth a visit.

Day 3: Rüdesheim – St. Goar/St. Goarshausen, Cycle tour approx. 32 km

Today you will cycle along the Rhine through the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, passing romantic castles and ruins. These buildings include the fortresses Reichenstein and Rheinstein. The famous rock of the Loreley will also be on your way to St. Goar, your destination for today. From the top of the rock you will have a beautiful view of St. Goar and St. Goarshausen.

Day 4: St. Goar/St. Goarshausen – Koblenz, Cycle tour approx. 38 km

Boppard and the Marksburg are possible destinations today on your way to Koblenz with its famous „Deutsche Eck“ (German corner), where the rivers Moselle and Rhine are merging. From the fortress Ehrenbreitstein which you can reach comfortably by cableway you will enjoy a fantastic view over the splendid landscape of the Rhine.

Day 5: Koblenz - Andernach, Cycle tour approx. 25 km

Your path will lead you past Neuwied with its castle Engers to Andernach, your destination for today. This city is like Koblenz one of the oldest cities of Germany. Here you will find the famous cold-water gush spring, whose water fountain of 50 to 60 meters is said to be the highest in the world. In Andernach you can enjoy sights like the Round Tower or visit the wine village Leutesdorf, which you can reach from Andernach by ferry.

Day 6: Andernach - Bonn, Cycle tour approx. 45 km

On your way to Bonn it is worthwhile to visit in Königswinter castle Drachenburg on the Drachenfels (steep slope). Finally, you will reach Bonn. The former capital of Germany is both cosy and yet cosmopolitan. Numerous global organisations still have their headquarters here and provide the city of Beethoven with international flair.

Day 7: Bonn - Cologne, Cycle tour approx. 37 km

Before you reach Cologne by bike, there is the possibility for a nice rest at the leisure island Groov amidst a vast landscape of the Rheinaue wetland in the Cologne suburb Porz-Zündorf. Once you have reached the city centre of Cologne, take your time for a stroll through the Old Town. Also worthwhile are one of the museums as well as the modern parts of Cologne, which can be found at the port of the Rheinaue wetland with its crane houses. The breweries with their famous beer „Kölsch“ show a relaxed side of this big city.

Day 8: Departure from Cologne

Disembarkation after breakfast until 9:00 a.m.



Travel Dates | Prices | Services

Travel Dates 2027 / From Saturday to Saturday

12.06. – 19.06. | 10.07. – 17.07.

Price per Person in EURO

Main Deck				Upper Deck		
2-bed-cabin eco*	2-bed-cabin	2-bed mini-suite	1-bed-cabin	2-bed-cabin eco*	2-bed-cabin	2-bed mini-suite
1.349,-	1.399,-	1.449,-	1.549,-	1.499,-	1.549,-	1.599,-

* Cabins at rear of the ship; perceive engine and generator noise (when ship is in motion and in locks)

Supplements

2-bed cabin for single use:	40% (limited quantity)
Rental bike fee 7-gear-Unisex:	EUR 99.- bike insurance included
Rental bike fee 8-gear-E-bike:	EUR 219.- bike insurance included
Bing your own bike / own E-bike:	EUR 59.- (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 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 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
- Digital travel documents via GUIBO-App incl. GPS tracks for cycle tours
- 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 2026):

Car Park at the central station (unguarded, cannot be booked in advance) in Mainz. Parking fee approx. € 55,- per week. Parking at the train station in Mainz-Kastel (unattended, not reservable). Approx. €24 per week.

Ship's description | Remarks

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Built in 1988 | **Registry** Netherlands | **Length** 99,65 m | **Width** 11,20 m | **Draft** 1,45 m
Number of Crew approx. 26 | **Passengers** max. 113

A stylish and welcoming atmosphere awaits you on board. The elegantly furnished cabins and public areas create a pleasant and relaxed setting. The spacious panoramic lounge with bar and the restaurant add to the ship's special charm. The large sun deck with ample seating invites you to unwind while enjoying beautiful views of the passing scenery and offers space to store bicycles.

Cabins 56 outside cabins, comfortable and tastefully furnished, equipped with shower/WC, hairdryer, TV, individually adjustable air conditioning and safe.

Upper Deck

23x 2-bed-cabins (approx. 11 m²) and 2 mini-suites (approx. 11 m²) with additional seating. All cabins feature french balconies (floor-to-ceiling windows that can be opened).

Main Deck

28x 2-bed-cabins (approx. 11 m²), 2x 1-bed-cabin (approx. 11 m²), and 2 mini-suites (approx. 11 m²) with additional seating. Cabins have panoramic windows (upper section can be opened). In some cabins at the front of the ship (category Eco), engine and generator noise may be noticeable.



Important remarks

Embarkation at 4.00 p.m.

Disembarkation from 9.00 a.m.

Minimum number of participants 80 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). **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.

Digital Travel Documents and Routemaps In the interest of sustainability and climate protection, opt for our digital route book instead of printed travel documents. The GUIBO app is your constant companion during your SE-Tours original journey. A glance at your smartphone is all you need to travel safely and worry-free, with all important information at your fingertips. Travel information, ship details, contact information, and your bike tours are available digitally in the route book, accessible offline and at any time. The app is available for free and works on all standard smartphones. You will automatically receive the access details to download your booked trip via email before your trip begins. If you still prefer to receive all documents from us in printed form beforehand, an additional fee will apply. We will send you all travel information in advance via Email, and the maps for your bike tours will be available exclusively on board.

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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