

2027

Indulgent journey through the Rhine Valley

with Bike and Barge from Koblenz to Mainz
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- Trip length: 8 Days / 7 Nights
- Departure and arrival day: Saturday
- Character of Bike and hike tours: individual, unguided
- Language on board: German / English
- Travel documents: German / English

Bike & Barge

- Length of cycle tours: approx. 154 - 163 km
- 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.
- Booking code: DE-RHSKE-08I



Hike & Barge

- Length of hiking tours: approx. 100 - 111 km
- Difficulty: ●●●●
- Profile: partly challenging, narrow, and rocky paths with frequent ascents and descents – especially along the Rheinsteig, surefootedness, a head for heights, and good physical fitness are required. This tour is aimed at experienced hikers with a background in varied terrain.
- Booking code: DE-RHSKW-08I



The cycling and hiking tours can also be combined!



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Tour Details Bike & Barge

Your voyage through the most beautiful wine-growing areas along the Rhine River begins in Koblenz. From this city, located on the meeting point of the Rhine and Moselle rivers, and surrounded by majestic vineyards and mystic castle ruins, your floating hotel sets sail for Mainz. 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 gable buildings 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	Arrival	Dept.
1	Koblenz	Embarkation	4.00 p.m.
2	Koblenz		10:00
2	Boppard	13:00	
3	Boppard		10:00
3	Oberwesel	14:30	
4	Oberwesel		10:00
4	Rüdesheim	16:00	
5	Rüdesheim		09:45
5	Mainz	15:00	
6	Mainz		10:00
6	Nierstein	13:00	15:00
6	Worms	18:30	
7	Worms		10:00
7	Nierstein	13:00	18:00
7	Mainz	20:00	
8	Mainz	AS bis 09:00 Uhr	

Day 1: Arrival in Koblenz

Individual arrival and embarkation 4:00 pm. On the ship, you will be welcomed by your captain and crew and the tour management.

Day 2: Koblenz - Boppard, Cycle Tour approx. 23 km

You begin your first cycle tour at the gate to the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, in the historic city of Koblenz. Surrounded by vineyards and castle ruins, cycle alongside the Rhine River in the direction of Boppard.

Day 3: Boppard - Oberwesel, Cycle Tour approx. 20 km

From Boppard, start off for a cycle tour that leads along the Rhine to Oberwesel. 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 4: Oberwesel - Rüdesheim, Cycle Tour approx. 25 km

Today's cycle tour starts in Oberwesel. Riding past slate cliffs and through thick forests, on your way you pass sights like the Pfalzgrafenstein Castle near Kaub and the Niederwald Monument before reaching today's destination, the wine town of Bingen. Here we suggest that you visit the world-famous Drosselgasse.

Day 5: Rüdesheim – Mainz, Cycle Tour approx. 30 km

On this stretch, the Rhine River shows off again all of its beauty. On your way, you ride past Eltville am Rhein. The town's landmark, the Electoral Castle, is well worth a visit. Mainz, today's destination, is home to numerous impressive buildings. You may want to visit St Martin's Cathedral, one of the proud imperial cathedrals in Germany, or the Electoral Palace. Lined with beautiful half-timbered buildings and wine taverns, pretty narrow lanes and marvellous squares like the Augustinerstraße and the Kirschgarten Square invite you for a stroll through the Old Town.

Day 6: 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 want to 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 7: 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 scenery along the Rhine. Coming from the south, you cycle towards Nierstein, also referred to as the Riesling City. From there, your ship sets sail for Mainz.

Day 8: Departure from Mainz

After breakfast, disembarkation until 09:00 am.



Tour Details Hike & Barge

Your journey through the most beautiful wine regions along the Rhine begins in Koblenz. In this charming city at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers, your floating hotel sets off towards Mainz—surrounded by lush vineyards and mystical castle ruins. On board and during your hiking tours, you'll discover the picturesque towns, colorful half-timbered houses, and legendary fortresses of the UNESCO World Heritage Upper Middle Rhine Valley. Challenging hikes along well-known trails like the Rheinsteig and RheinTerrassenWeg make this trip a special experience for seasoned hikers.



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Day 2: Koblenz – Braubach, hike approx. 21 km

This first stage along the Rheinsteig requires good basic fitness, but it's well worth the effort: after a peaceful start along the Rhine promenade, the route takes you through the idyllic Bienhorn Valley and up to Liedches Hill. Narrow paths, wide vistas, and continuous ups and downs shape this scenic trail. Over the Lahnhöhe ridge and past Lahneck Castle, the trail leads through the quiet Schlierbach Valley to the Kerkertser Plateau—always with views of the Rhine and the Marksburg Castle. The day's destination is the picturesque town of Braubach with its beautiful half-timbered architecture.

You travel from Braubach to Boppard by train and ferry.

Day 3: St. Goar – Oberwesel, hike approx. 9.5 km or St. Goarshausen – Kaub, hike approx. 20 km

Today you can choose between two impressive hiking routes, depending on your mood and fitness level:

The RheinBurgenWeg, a scenic route with moderate ascents: through forest and along a sculpture trail to the Maria Ruh viewpoint with its famous Loreley panorama. The route ends in beautiful Oberwesel, along the historic city walls with a sweeping view of the Rhine.

Travel from Boppard to St. Goar by train.

The "Royal Stage" of the Rheinsteig is demanding and physically challenging—with many ascents and descents, steep rocky paths, and a long route. But every climb is rewarded: breathtaking views of the World Heritage Rhine Valley, quiet side valleys, dramatic rock formations, and the iconic Loreley Plateau make this stage an unforgettable experience for experienced hikers.

Some sections can be shortened by bus. Travel from Boppard to St. Goarshausen by train and ferry, then from Kaub by ferry to Engelsburg near Oberwesel.

Day 4: Lorch – Rüdesheim, hike approx. 21 km

The Rheinsteig trail starts from Lorch with sweeping views over the Rhine Valley and surrounding castles. Narrow paths run along the edge of the slope, through vineyards and shaded forest. After descending into picturesque Assmannshausen, a steep climb leads to the "Magic Cave." The highlight at the end is the Niederwald Monument overlooking Rüdesheim, which can be reached on foot or by cable car.

Travel from Oberwesel to Lorch by train and ferry.

Day 5: Rüdesheim – Oestrich-Winkel, hike approx. 19 km

This stage begins with lovely views over Rüdesheim and impressively combines nature and culture. The Abbey of Eibingen and the Marienthal Monastery offer moments of peaceful reflection. Continue through forests and vineyards toward Oestrich-Winkel—passing the splendid Vollrads Castle, whose park invites a relaxing break.

Travel from Oestrich-Winkel to Mainz by train.

Day 6: Mainz – Bodenheim, hike approx. 14 km**River cruise: Nierstein – Worms**

Today, you explore part of the RheinTerrassenWeg—with impressive views over the Rhine, the Taunus hills, and even the Frankfurt skyline. The hike begins in Mainz and initially follows the river. The landscape gradually changes as you cross the former limestone quarry of Weisenau—a fascinating geological site revealing millions of years of earth history. A panoramic viewpoint at Laubenheimer Höhe is a true highlight. In Bodenheim, lovely riverfront promenades and wide vistas await.

From Bodenheim, you travel by train to either Nierstein or Worms. If you reach Nierstein in time, you can join your floating hotel for the final leg to Worms.

Day 7: Worms – Osthofen, hike approx. 16 km**River cruise: Nierstein – Mainz**

Today's stage starts right on the Rhine riverbank in Worms, taking you once again onto the scenic RheinTerrassenWeg. Following the small Pfrimm River—like a green ribbon through the city—you hike along a former railway line to the grand Herrnsheim Palace. Its expansive English-style gardens offer a striking contrast to the surrounding vineyards. A special section awaits around the Abenheim Sculpture Trail, where art and nature blend harmoniously. On the way to Osthofen, you pass the striking mountain church and several well-preserved vineyard huts, showcasing the region's deep wine-growing tradition.

From Osthofen, travel by suburban train to Nierstein or Mainz. If you're back in Nierstein early, you can enjoy the final river passage on board.

Day 8: Departure from Mainz

After breakfast, disembarkation until 09:00 am.

Special feature of this trip – combine both tour types:

Looking for a change from cycling or a break from hiking? Simply switch for a day. A rest day aboard the ship is also always an option.

Travel Dates | Prices | Services

Travel Date 2027 / From Saturday to Saturday

22.05. – 29.05.2027

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
1.149,-	1.199,-	1.249,-	1.349,-	1.299,-	1.349,-	1.399,-

* 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)
Reserve your bike in advance:	
Rental bike fee 7-gear-Unisex/week:	EUR 99.- bike insurance included
Rental bike fee 8-gear-E-bike/week:	EUR 219.- bike insurance included
Bring your own bike / own E-bike/week:	EUR 59.- (on request only, limited number)
Bikes can also be rented daily on board (subject to availability):	
Rental bike fee 7-gear-Unisex/day:	EUR 15.- bike insurance included
Rental bike fee 8-gear-E-bike/day:	EUR 35.- bike insurance included

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.

On hiking tours, additional costs for ferry and train rides may apply, ranging from approx. €4.00 to €12.00 per day.

Passenger car parking options in Koblenz (subject to change, as of May 2026):

Public parking garage near the ship's docking point in Koblenz available from approx. €140 per week, as well as free commuter parking areas outside the city. From there, you can take a public bus into the city center. No reservation possible. Parking at Koblenz Ehrenbreitstein railway station (unguarded, not reservable) available from approx. €20 per week. Please note: In Koblenz, it is not possible to load or unload your car directly at the ship!

Return to Koblenz (subject to change, as of May 2025):

By train from Mainz to Koblenz in 1 hour, approx. € 25,- per person.

