



On Rhine and Neckar
with Bike and Barge
from Koblenz to Bad
Wimpfen

MS PATRIA

2021



Historical towns and legendary landscapes

Is the Neckar more picturesque at Marbach, the birthplace of the writer and poem Schiller, or perhaps at the Odenwald, which the river flows through? Maybe you prefer "Father Rhine", which is associated with the famous Nibelungen saga, the Lorely rock, and numerous museums in Mainz or the famous city of Heidelberg? After you have returned home, you will enjoy browsing your photos: of course Heidelberg with its magnificent Castle, the narrow streets of the old town centers of Eberbach and Koblenz, which are just a few of the highlights of this trip along the Rhine and the Neckar. Every photo revives your pleasant memories. What more could you expect from such a wonderful trip? The quality of cycling tracks is very good: usually you will cycle on paved tracks along the rivers without any gradients of note. This makes the trip also suitable for relatively unpractised cyclists. You will live and travel on board the **MS PATRIA**, which has been a favourite ship for bike-boat holidays for many years.

Itinerary: (All times are subject to change)

Day	Port	Arr	Dep
Day 1	Koblenz, embarkation 4:00 p.m.		
Day 2	Koblenz		08:00
Day 2	Boppard	10:00	10:30
Day 2	Rüdesheim	15:00	
Day 3	Rüdesheim		11:00
Day 3	Mainz	13:00	
Day 4	Mainz		10:30
Day 4	Nierstein	13:00	
Day 5	Nierstein		07:00
Day 5	Mannheim	12:00	12:30
Day 5	Heidelberg	14:30	
Day 6	Heidelberg		09:45
Day 6	Eberbach	14:00	
Day 7	Eberbach		09:45
Day 7	Bad Wimpfen	14:00	
Day 8	Bad Wimpfen, disembarkation 09:00 a.m.		

Day 1: Arrival to Koblenz

Embarkation as from 4 p.m., the crew will welcome you on board. You will spend the evening and first night in Koblenz.

Day 2: Boat tour Koblenz – Boppard | Boppard – Rüdesheim, Cycle tour approx. 46 km

You sail by barge upstream the river Rhine from Koblenz to Boppard. Enjoy the panoramic view of the unforgettable Upper Middle Rhine Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site. From there you cycle on the left river bank via castles and burgs alongside the celebrated Rock of Lorelei to the beautiful and famous city of Rüdesheim. Overnight stay in Rüdesheim or in Bingen.

Day 3: Rüdesheim – Mainz, Cycle tour approx. 32 - 35 km

The many picturesque houses and the beautiful landscape along the way from Rüdesheim to Mainz make your bike tour an experience. Mainz has numerous churches, museums and historical monuments, e.g. the Cathedral or the Electors Palace, one of the most mag-

nificent of the residences on the Middle Rhine.

Day 4: Mainz – Nierstein, cycle tour approx. 17 - 26 km

You cycle via Laubenheim to Nierstein, the biggest vine growing community on the river Rhine, where you will enjoy your lunch on board. Nierstein is a popular destination for exploring the vineyards with a tractor wagon.

Day 5: Boat tour Nierstein – Mannheim | Mannheim – Heidelberg, Cycle tour approx. 25 km

By ship to Mannheim. From there on you will cycle via the Celtic city of Ladenburg, where you reach the river Neckar for the first time, to Heidelberg. This old city draws tourists from all over the world. Visit the castle and explore the old town on your own.

Day 6: Heidelberg – Eberbach, Cycle tour approx. 34 km

After bike tour from Heidelberg via Ziegelhausen and through the Odenwald to Neckarsteinach you will reach picturesque Eberbach, a nice old town with narrow streets.

Day 7: Eberbach – Bad Wimpfen, Cycle tour approx. 45 km

The first stop of today's bike tour is Burg Hornsberg in Neckarzimmern. Bad Wimpfen, the last destination of this tour, looks like a dream village of the middle Ages.

Day 8: Departure from Bad Wimpfen

After breakfast disembarkation until 09:00 am. Individual journey home.

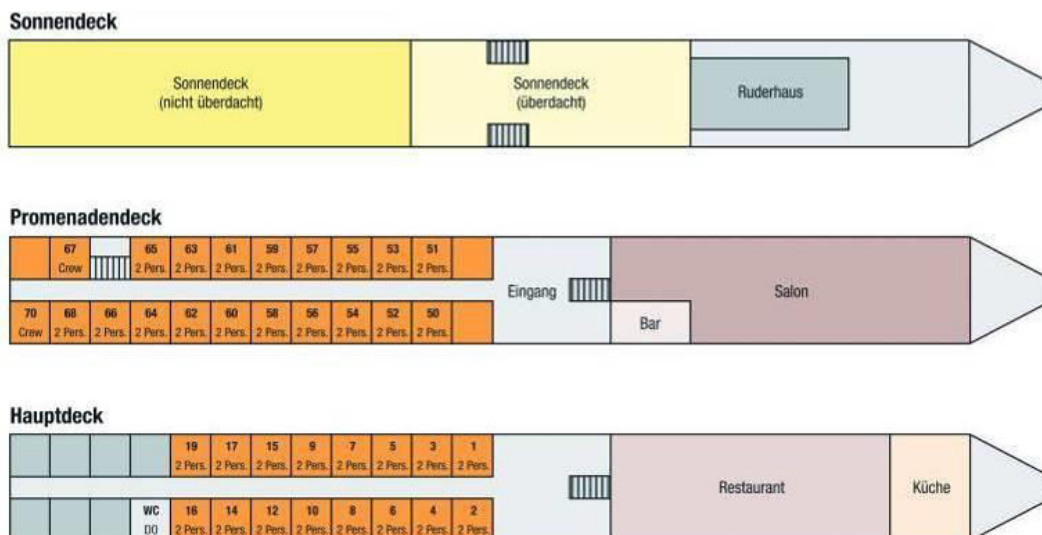
Your ship MS PATRIA:



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



Important:

- **Embarkation:** from 4:00 p.m. • **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 17 and 46 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:

05 June – 12 June / 17 July – 24 July / 11 September – 18 September

Price per person in Euro:

Departures from Saturday to Saturday	
Twin cabin main deck	899,-
Twin cabin upper deck	999,-
Twin cabin for single use main deck	1.249,-
Twin cabin for single use upper deck	1.399,-

€ 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 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/Bad Wimpfen, bike rental, ferry fares, travel insurances, parking fee, drinks on board, tips.

Transfer back to Koblenz:

Travelling by train takes about 3.5 hours, approx. € 45,- 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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