

2027

Legendary Rhine River

with Bike and Barge from Mainz to Koblenz
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MS SWITZERLAND

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- Trip length: 8 Days / 7 Nights
- Departure and arrival day: Saturday
Character of Bike and hike tours: individual, un-guided
- 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-RHSME-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-RHSMW-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 alongside the Rhine River begins in Mainz. From here, past gorgeous vineyards and mystic castle ruins, your ship sails to Koblenz. 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 houses 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	Arr.	Dept.
1.Day	Mainz	4:00 pm	
2.Day	Mainz		10:00
2.Day	Nierstein	13:00	15:00
2. Day	Worms	18:30	
3.Day	Worms		10:00
3.Day	Nierstein	13:00	16:00
3.Day	Mainz	18:00	
4.Day	Mainz		10:00
4.Day	Rüdesheim	16:00	
5.Day	Rüdesheim		10:00
5.Day	Oberwesel	16:00	
6.Day	Oberwesel		10:00
6.Day	Boppard	14:30	
7.Day	Boppard		09:45
7.Day	Koblenz	15:00	
8.Day	Koblenz	9:00 am	

Day 1: Arrival in Mainz

Individual arrival in Mainz and embarkation at 4.00 pm. On the ship, you will be welcomed by your captain and crew and the tour management.

Day 2 : 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 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 3: 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 varied scenery of the Rhine. Today, you cycle from the south towards Nierstein, also referred to as the Riesling City. From there, your ship sets sail for Mainz.

Day 4: Mainz – Rüdesheim, Cycle Tour approx. 32 km

Today the Rhine River and its surrounding area show you the reason why the Upper Middle Rhine Valley has been declared

UNESCO World Heritage. Beautiful Rhine islands, steep slate cliffs and vineyards characterize the area around Rüdesheim. On the bike tour, cycle past Eltville with electoral castle, and Oestrich-Winkel, whose landmark is a historic wine loading crane, to Rüdesheim. Here we suggest that you visit the world-famous Drosselgasse.

Day 5: Rüdesheim – Oberwesel, Cycle Tour approx. 26 km

In the morning, start off from Rüdesheim by bike. Past thick forests and gorgeous vineyards, riding always alongside the Rhine, you will pass sights like the Niederwald Monument and Pfalzgrafenstein Castle, before reaching Oberwesel, today's destination.

Day 6: Oberwesel – Boppard, Cycle Tour approx. 20 km

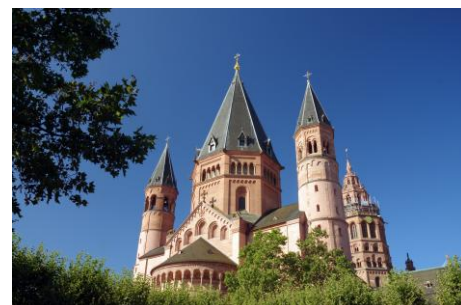
From Oberwesel, you start for a short cycle tour along the Rhine to Boppard. On this short trip, you come by many scenic outposts from where you have the possibility to enjoy the varied landscape. From the bank of the river, the many fortresses and the legendary Loreley cliff offer a picturesque backdrop all along the way.

Day 7: Boppard – Koblenz, Cycle Tour approx. 22 km

Cycle from Boppard to Koblenz, today's destination. Here the Moselle River joins the Rhine. One last time, cycle past impressive buildings like the Marksburg Castle in Braubach and Stolzenfels Castle. Let the day come to an end at the Deutsche Eck, the German Corner, or ride to the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress and enjoy the fantastic panoramic view over the city of Koblenz.

Day 8: Departure from Koblenz

After breakfast, disembarkation until 09:00 am.



Tour Details Hike & Barge

Your journey through some of the most beautiful wine regions along the Rhine begins in Mainz. From here, your ship sets sail, surrounded by splendid vineyards and mystical castle ruins, heading towards Koblenz. Both on board and during your hikes, you'll discover picturesque towns, colorful half-timbered houses, and legendary fortresses in the UNESCO World Heritage Upper Middle Rhine Valley. Demanding tours along well-known paths such as the Rheinsteig and RheinTerrassenWeg make this trip a special experience for seasoned hikers.



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Day 2 : Mainz – Bodenheimer Höhe, hike approx. 14 km; Boat Tour Nierstein - Worms

Today, you'll explore a section of the RheinTerrassenWeg, with impressive views of 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 pass through the former limestone quarry in Weisenau – a fascinating place with geological insights into millions of years of Earth's history. A highlight of this stage is the panoramic view from Laubenheimer Höhe. In Bodenheimer Höhe, you'll enjoy beautiful views and a charming riverside promenade. *From Bodenheimer Höhe, take the train to Nierstein or Worms. If you're early enough in Nierstein, you can board the ship for the final leg to Worms.*

Day 3: Worms – Osthofen, hike approx. 16 km; Boat Tour Nierstein - Mainz

Today's route starts at the Rhine shore in Worms and follows the varied RheinTerrassenWeg. Walking along the small Pfrimm River, which winds through the city like a green ribbon, you'll follow a former railway track to the magnificent Herrnsheim Palace. Its expansive English-style park forms a charming contrast to the surrounding vineyards. A special

highlight is the Abenheim Sculpture Trail, where art and nature blend beautifully. As you head toward Osthofen, you'll pass the distinctive Bergkirche and several lovingly preserved vineyard huts that reflect the region's long-standing wine tradition. *From Osthofen, take the S-Bahn to Nierstein or Mainz. If you return early to Nierstein, you can join the ship for the final segment.*

Day 4: Oestrich-Winkel – Rüdesheim, hike approx. 19 km

Today, you'll hike the first section of the Rheinsteig. Starting in Oestrich-Winkel, you'll cross the scenic Rheingau region. Early on, you'll pass the imposing Schloss Vollrads winery – surrounded by a beautiful park perfect for a break. Continue through vineyards and quiet woodland trails, with frequent breathtaking views of the Rhine Valley. The stage concludes with a "Logenblick" – a panoramic viewpoint of Rüdesheim that will leave you wanting more. Your ship awaits you at the riverside to take you peacefully into the evening.

The route from Mainz to Oestrich-Winkel is covered by S-Bahn.

Day 5: Rüdesheim – Lorch, hike approx. 21 km

The Rheinsteig leads you high above Rüdesheim with stunning vistas. From the Niederwald Monument, the UNESCO World Heritage Upper Middle Rhine Valley unfolds beneath you. Pass through sunlit vineyards and shady woods to the magical Zauberhöhle – a hidden gem on your way to charming Assmannshausen. After descending into the red wine town, a challenging but rewarding ascent follows. At the top, narrow trails run along the slopes with sweeping views of the Rhine and the region's castles. The stage ends in Lorch – a picturesque wine village with a rich history and unique charm.

Tip: To shorten the route, take the Rüdesheim cable car or the Assmannshausen chairlift – or combine both to still enjoy many scenic highlights. *From Lorch, travel to Oberwesel via ferry and S-Bahn.*

**Day 6: Oberwesel – St. Goar, hike approx. 9.5 km; or
Kaub – St. Goarshausen, hike approx. 20 km**

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

The stage along the RheinBurgenWeg from Oberwesel to St. Goar offers sweeping views, a peaceful forest segment, and a rest stop with premium views of the Loreley. *Travel by train from St. Goar to Boppard.*

The “royal stage” of the Rheinsteig from Kaub to St. Goarshausen is for experienced hikers only – with many steep ascents and descents, rocky passages, and around 20 demanding kilometers. Those who persevere will be rewarded with breathtaking views, romantic valleys, and the legendary Loreley Plateau.

Some segments can be shortened by bus. Take the ferry from Engelsburg to Kaub. From St. Goarshausen to Boppard, continue by train and ferry.

Day 7: Braubach – Koblenz, hike approx. 21 km

For your grand finale, enjoy another varied section of the Rheinsteig – with exciting trails, peaceful valleys, and fantastic views. From Braubach, the path climbs to Kerkertser Platte, then through the tranquil Schlierbach Valley up to Lahnhöhe. With a view of Lahneck Castle, you descend into the idyllic Lahn Valley – before adventure calls: the Ruppertsklamm awaits with rope-secured sections and a short scrambling challenge. At the top, you'll be rewarded with a magnificent panorama. Through the quiet Bienhorn Valley, the trail descends to the Rhine – and into Koblenz, where the Rhine and Moselle meet, bringing your journey to a scenic close.

From Boppard to Braubach, travel by train and ferry.

Day 8: Departure from Koblenz

After breakfast, disembarkation until 09:00 am.

Special feature of this trip – combine both tour types:

Looking for a change from cycling or need a break from hiking? Simply switch between the two day by day.

A relaxing rest day on board is also an option at any time.

Travel Dates | Prices | Services

Travel Date 2027 / From Saturday to Saturday

24.07. – 31.07.2027

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

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.

