



Cologne - Mainz

Route Description for your individual Bike and Boat trip



We would like to give you a very warm welcome aboard your ship! The River Rhine has always had an important influence on the life along its banks. On the Rhine Cycle Route, cyclists can follow its history and culture as well as its commercial importance as a major artery in Europe. Dozens of ports regular the busy ship traffic. The route runs through a flat landscape and there are lots of places to indulge in good food and even finer beverages along the river bank. The track is mostly paved, in some sections water bound or you cycle on cobble roads. Enjoy the flora and fauna and discover historic towns and cities, most of them listed on the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The itinerary of this tour has been described from the perspective of a cyclist, the way you will experience the route from your bike seat. You will find a nearly flat terrain and a fully signposted cycle route network from Cologne to Mainz.

Aboard, your tour guide will provide you with an amply illustrated presentation and a detailed way description for the respective day leg before „setting off“.

The sights you will meet on the left and on the right hand side of the cycle tour will be presented with detailed information. We would like to point out, however, that these can only be suggestions in order to help you to design the daily legs of the trip according to your personal wishes and preferences. Please note that this route description cannot substitute a travel guide.

All **additional information** and **tips** are highlighted with colours to be easily distinguished from the mere route description. But, nobody is perfect – please note that the situation on-sight can sometimes be different from the route description due to road works, overturned or overgrown signs, new traffic signs, etc.! We and all cyclists using this route will be very thankful for every update! Perhaps there are places or stretches you would describe differently – we are always open to suggestions.

We wish you a relaxing week and a lot of fun on your bike ride.



Key to understanding the cycle route: From Cologne to Mainz with Bike and Boat

Direction arrow (for rough orientation):

↑ Straight ahead or follow the route

← Turn left

→ Turn right

① Roundabout

3 Map number



Kilometer (scale 1 : 60 000)

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Day 1: Arrival at Cologne and Embarkation

Please see the information in your travel documents for the way to the mooring place of your ship. Ensure that your travel plans permit to **arrive between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. on board**. The ship stays in Cologne for the night.

Day 2: Cycle Tour Cologne - Bonn, approx. 37 km

Info: Follow the sign-posts for Bonn.

km 0 From the mooring place, turn left and cycle along the **Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer**. Alongside the Rhine, ride past **Hohenzollernbrücke**, **Deuzer Brücke**, **Severinsbrücke** and the **Südbrücke**.

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You are now cycling along the **Gustav-Heinemann-Ufer**.

↑ Carry on straight and pass under the **motorway bridge**.

← Continue alongside the Rhine. After **Rodenkirchen**, you reach a park. There turn diagonally left onto **Uferstraße**.

← Ride past a camp site, and after the miniature golf course, turn left to return to the cycleway along the Rhine.

km 13 Follow the cycle path and ride past the Cologne borough of **Sürth**. Keep cycling alongside the river. 2

→ The cycle path ends at the **Godorf Harbour**. There turn right and cycle up to the main road (**Industriestraße**). Follow the course of the road to the left.

km 22 Cross the bridge that spans over the industrial plants in **Wesseling**.

You are now on **Theodor-Heuss-Straße**.



→ At the roundabout, turn left onto **Mühlenweg** (third exit). Then turn right onto **Kölner Straße** up to the junction, and there turn left onto **Uferstraße**. You are back on the cycleway alongside the Rhine.

Ride past **Urfeld** and you reach **Hersel**. **3**

← → At the sports field, turn left and then right,
↑ carry on straight and continue cycling along the Rhine.

→ ← Before reaching an industrial plant, turn right and then left onto **Karl-Legien-Straße**.
← After going past the industrial plant, bear left to pick up the Rhine cycleway.

Pass under the **motorway bridge** and under the **Kennedybrücke**, and you reach the **Brasser-tufer** bank in Bonn. Here the ship is moored. **4**

km 37 You have reached your destination.

Sights worth to see in Bonn - Here Some Examples

- Haus der Geschichte:** Museum of the History of the Federal Republic of Germany
- Beethoven House:** birthplace of Ludwig van Beethoven and museum.
- Botanischer Garten:** one of the oldest and most traditional Botanical Gardens in Germany.
- Poppelsdorfer Schloss:** a palace that was built as a resort for the prince-electors in the first half of the 18th century.
- Kunstmuseum Bonn:** Bonn Museum of Modern Art .
- ...and lots more!!

Day 3: Cycle Tour Bonn - Andernach, approx. 45 km

Info: Today follow the sign-posts for **Andernach, Remagen**.

km 0 Set off from the mooring place, and turn left onto the **Rathenauufer** bank, and keep cycling along the Rhine. **5**

km 7 Pass under the motorway bridge and follow the Rhine cycleway to **Bad Godesberg**. **6**

km 15 Continue via **Mehlem, Rolandseck** and **Oberwinter**. **7**

← Before reaching **Remagen**, leave the cycleway at the A-road and bear left onto **Uferweg**. Cycle
km 22 through the town, keeping alongside the Rhine.
In a pedestrian area, you have to walk your bike.

Info: You ride past the bridge of **Remagen**. During World War II, at Remagen, the Allies succeeded in conquering the last intact Rhine bridge, and crossed the Rhine here. There is a museum that commemorates the event.

Tip: In Kripp, it is well worth to take a detour to the historic town of Linz, on the other side of the Rhine. Ferry dock is right along the cycleway-. Linz is worth visiting, the town has colourful half-timbered houses spanning five centuries and an impressive market square. Afterwards continue your tour from Kripp, on the other side of the river.

km 32 You reach the mouth of the Ahr, and after another 10 kilometres, you are in **Bad Breisig**. Here, in the pedestrian area, you must walk your bike again. **8**

After **Bad Breisig**, you cycle past a ferry dock. Follow the cycleway passing under a road and under the railway and you will reach **Brunnenstraße/Artilleriestraße**.

← At the entrance of the town of **Brohl**, turn left and cycle through the tunnel, pass under the railroad and carry on straight to the main road (via **Lützinger Straße**). There turn right onto **km 35 Koblenzer Straße**.

→ ← Before reaching the A-road, turn right and then left, following the cycleway underneath the road to return onto **Koblenzer Straße**.

→ After a few kilometres, the cycleway bears to the right and leads on a hillside towards **Namedy**. **9**

↑ At the entrance of the town, ride past Namedy Castle, and cycle through the town along the **main road**.

Pick up the **Philosophenweg** to reach **Andernach**.

Pass under the railway tracks and on the cycleway, ride along the Rhine – this is how you get to the mooring place.

km 45 You have reached your destination.

Sights worth to see in in Andernach

Cold Water Geyser: with eruptions of approx. 50 to 60 metres it is the world's largest cold water geyser.

Liebfrauenkirche – Mariendom: large galleried basilica with four towers located at the western border of the city.

Round Tower: landmark of the city.

Rheintor (Kornpforte): build in 1200 as the main entrance of the city.

Day 4: Cycle Tour Andernach - Koblenz, approx. 25 km

Info: Today follow the sign-posts for **Koblenz**.

km 0
← ← From the mooring place, turn left onto **Konrad-Adenauer-Allee**, then turn left again onto **Augsbergweg**. **10**

← At the end of the road, at the T-junction, turn left onto **Hans-Julius-Ahlmann-Straße**,
→ and then turn right onto **Hafenstraße**.

← At **Ostkai**, bear left and pick up the cycleway along the Rhine.

km 6 Follow the cycleway along the Rhine keeping close to the river, and ride past the town of **Weisenthurm**. **11**

km 13 The cycleway passes under the motorway and leads you past **Urmitz** and **Kaltenengers**.

Continue cycling onto **Rheinuferstraße**, and following the course of the road, you reach back to the Rhine.

→ Pass under the **Berndorf Rhine bridge** and reach the harbour basin. There turn right and
 ← immediately left onto **Kurfürst-Schönborn-Straße**. Follow the course of the road and continue
 onto **Carl-Spaeter-Straße**. **12**

③ At the roundabout, take the third exit, and continue onto **Hans-Böckler-Straße**. At the next
 junction, turn left onto **Fritz-Ludwig-Straße**. Carry on up to the Rhine – there turn right. Keep
 ← → cycling on the cycleway alongside the Rhine.

→ ← At **Jakobstraße** turn right, then turn left onto a street called **Am Ufer**. Follow the course of the
Schartwiesenweg.

→ Before reaching a harbour basin, turn right in the direction of **Neuendorfer Straße**.
 ← There turn left.

→ ← At **Wilhelmstraße**, turn right onto main road and then turn left. Cross the bridge over the Mo-
 → selle River. After crossing the bridge, turn right and pass under the bridge.

You are at the **Peter-Altmeier-Ufer** bank, where your ship is moored.

km 30 You have reached your destination.

Sights Worth to see in in Koblenz

German Corner: is the name of a headland where the Moselle joins the Rhine.

Ehrenbreitstein Fortress: on the mountain on the east bank of the Rhine opposite of Koblenz.

Can be reached by ferry or by cableway.

Old town

Electoral Palace

Day 5: Cycle Tour Koblenz - St. Goar/St. Goarshausen, approx. 38 km

Info: Today follow the sign-posts for **St. Goar**.

You are about to cycle through the World Heritage Natural Landscape of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley or Rhine Gorge.

Info: The **World Heritage Site of the Cultural Landscape “Upper Middle Rhine Valley”**, otherwise called the Rhine Gorge, is a cultural landscape, which was included on the list of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites on 27th June 2002. The World Heritage area extends from Koblenz to Bingen/Rüdesheim, with a total length of 67 km, a narrow gorge where the Rhine breaks through the Rhenish Slate Mountains. The uniqueness of the cultural landscape is its extraordinary richness of cultural witness. The valley owes its special form and structure to natural formation of the river landscape as well as to human involvement. For two millennia, it has been one of the most important transport routes for cultural exchange and trade between the Mediterranean region and the North of Europe. Located in the heart of Europe, sometimes border, sometimes bridge between different cultures, the valley is intimately associated with the history of Western Europe. With its many outstanding monuments, its terraced hills full of vines, its settlements crowded on the narrow river banks, and the rows of castles lined up on the hill tops, it is considered the epitome of the Rhine romanticism. It inspired Heinrich Heine to write his famous poem “Loreley”

km 0 From the mooring place, turn left and cycle up to the “Deutsche Eck“(German Corner).

→ There turn right onto **Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer** and cycle alongside the Rhine. **13**

Pedal through the Kaiserin-Augusta-Park and pass under a motorway.

← At the next bridge (over the Rheinlache), you reach **Mozartstraße**, here turn left.

③ → At the roundabout, carry on straight onto **Beethovenstraße** (third exit), and then turn right onto a road called **Rheinau**, which leads alongside the Rhine.

Pass under a railroad and under a motorway bridge. Cycle through a piece of forest until you reach back to the A-road. The cycle path leads alongside the road.

In **Rhens**, leave *Uferweg* and cross the village onto *Brunnenstraße / Rheinuferweg*. **14**

km 16 You reach **Spay**. Cycle onto *Rheinuferweg* through the village.

→ ← After **Spay**, at a street called *Rheinufer*, turn right and immediately left, and ride past the camp site. You reach the cycleway along the A-road that takes you to **Boppard**.

km 23 In **Boppard**, to cycle through the town, cycle onto *Kreuzweg* and carry on onto *Rheinallee*. **15**

↑ After **Boppard**, the cycleway leads back to the A-road.

km 27 Ride past **Bad Salzig**, and continue cycling alongside the Rhine.

In **St. Goar**, cycle onto *Heerstraße* up to the Rhein Hotel and to the ferry dock. Here is your ship's mooring place. **16**

Above **St. Goarshausen**, you can see Katz Castle.

Info: *Katz Castle* is a hilltop castle, originally called Neukatzenelnbogen Castle, contracted in the vernacular to Katz Castle. Since 2002, the castle has been part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley or Rhine Gorge. In 1989, Japanese management consultant Satoshi Kosugi bought the castle for the sum of 4.3 million Deutsche Mark. His original plan to convert the castle into a hotel for Japanese tourists was never carried out. Burg Katz remains in private possession until today. The castle is not open to the public.

km 38 You have reached your destination.

Sights worth to see in St. Goar and St. Goarshausen

Rheinfels Castle (St. Goar): Castle ruin.

Loreley (St. Goarshausen): statue of the Loreley siren on the mole of the Loreley harbour.

Stiftskirche (St. Goar): Protestant parish church.

Day 6: Cycle Tour St. Goar/St. Goarshausen - Rüdesheim, approx. 32 km

Info: Today follow the sign-posts for **Bingen/Rüdesheim**.

km 0 From the mooring place, turn left and pick up the cycleway along the A-road. **17**

km 2 On your left hand, you can see the Loreley Rock with a height of 130 m above the Rhine. The river here has a width of no more than 113 m.

Follow the cycleway along the A-road and ride past **Oberwesel**. On your left hand, you see the wine town of **Kaub** with Pfalzgrafenstein Castle, sitting on an island in the Rhine.

Info: **Pfalzgrafenstein Castle**, otherwise known as “the Pfalz“ near Kaub, was erected on an island in the Rhine near Kaub as a toll-collecting castle by Ludwig the Bavarian, the Count Palatine of the Rhine and later Roman-German king and Emperor. Its purpose was to control the collecting of a fare, which passing ships had to pay to a toll station, located across from the castle on the eastern bank of the Rhine in Kaub. For this specific function, the castle – unlike other castles along the middle Rhine – was never inhabited. The building developed in the course of the years from the tower that Ludwig the Bavarian erected from 1326 to 1327. You can visit the castle.

Continue the tour and reach **Bacharach**.

Info:	Stahleck Castle , which today houses a youth hostel, towers over the town.
←	After the camp site at the exit of Bacharach , the cycle path turns left and leads alongside the river. 18
km 17	You reach Niederheimbach and ride past Sooneck Castle.
km 21	In Trechtinghausen , pass through the village following the cycleway alongside the Rhine. On the other bank, you can see the wine village of Assmannshausen . 19 You come toward the Mouse Tower at the „Binger Loch“(Binger Hole), a bottleneck in the Rhine River.
Info:	On the right hand side, on a small island in the Rhine, before the narrow Binger Loch, stands the Mouse Tower of Bingen . The Mouse Tower is 24.65 m high, and was built in the beginning of the 14th century as a toll tower. According to legend, Hatto II, the archbishop of Mainz, had erected the tower in the 10th century. During a famine, the cruel archbishop refused to help the peasants with the grain he had stored in his barns. When the poor continued to beggar, he had them all closed in an empty barn. Hatto then ordered his servants to set the barn on fire, derisively commenting on the peasants' death cries with the words “Hear the mice squeak!” According to legend, in this moment, thousands of mice came out of every corner and besieged the town. The army of mice put the servants to rout and Hatto took a boat across the river to his tower, where he thought he was save. But though he locked himself, the mice found him and ate him alive. Today the tower is used as a Rhine navigation signal station.
	Cross the mouth of the Nahe River over a bridge and cycle onto Museumstraße to Bingen . Many sights are worth to see in Bingen! Here some suggestions:

Tip: **Klopp Castle** is a hill castle on a rise in the town of Bingen am Rhein, and was built between 1240 and 1277. Partly reconstructed (bridge across the moat, gatehouse, chemin de ronde and bergfried or defense tower) for Ludwig Maria Cron, the castle assumed its present form during the period of the Rhine Romanticism in the 19th century. The new Gothic building had been added from 1875 to 1879 by architect and major Eberhard Soherr, serving as bourgeois summer residence. Since 1897, it has been mayoral residence. From the current extend of the castle, you cannot deduce its original shape and extend. The only remnants of the medieval castle are the base of the Bergfried, the moat, and parts of the southern curtain wall and its chemin de ronde. During the summer months, the 37.5 m high Bergfried is open to the public and offers fine views from its platform.

Tip: The **Basilica of Saint Martin** is located in Bingen am Rhein in Rhineland-Palatinate on the bank of the river Nahe. Since 2002, the basilica is part of the UNESCO-World Heritage Site Upper Middle Rhine Valley, additionally it is protected cultural property under the Hague Convention.

Tip: The **Historical Museum on the Rhine River – Hildegard of Bingen** is the central facility to learn about Hildegard of Bingen's history. Here and in the attached city archive, the historical and cultural legacy of the town and the region have been collected and preserved, explored and imparted. The largest section of the house is dedicated to today's most famous abbess of the Middle Ages, a great theologian, composer, advisor, and naturalist, Hildegard of Bingen.

Cycle to the ferry dock at the Rhine and cross over to **Rüdesheim**, – either by passenger ferry (every hour, e.g. 2:00 pm) or by car ferry (twice an hour, e.g. 2:20 pm, 2:40 pm). Fare approx. 2.50 € per person.

→ On the other bank, follow the Rhine Cycleway to the right and continue onto **Kastanienallee**. There your ship is moored.

km 32 You have reached your destination.

Sights worth to see in Rüdesheim:

Drosselgasse: internationally known lane with wine taverns.

Niederwald-Monument: commemorates the unification of Germany. You can reach it by:

Cable Car Ride: starts in the Oberstraße and offers fantastic views over the mouth of the river Nahe and the "Binger Loch".

Day 7: Cycle Tour Rüdesheim - Mainz, approx. 32 km

Info: You are about to set off for the last stretch. Follow the sign-posts for **Eltville/Mainz**, as well as the signs for the **R15** and **R3**.

km 0 Leave the mooring place and turn right onto **Kastanienallee**. Ride past a harbour basin and a camp site. **20**

Keep cycling along the Rhine and ride past **Geisenheim**. Here, the Rheingau Cathedral and Schönborn Castle are well worth a visit. **21**

Tip: **Rheingau Cathedral** is a Catholic parish church of the Holy Cross in Geisenheim, in the Rheingau district (Bischof-Blum-Platz 1, 65366 Geisenheim). The late Gothic hall church was built mainly from 1510 to 1518. It succeeded a Romanesque church first mentioned in 1146. In 1829, the Romanesque west towers had to be demolished. From 1834 to 1838, the church was adjusted in the Neo-Gothic style by architect Philipp Hoffmann, who was born in Gneisenheim. Along with the reconstruction of the towers, now 46 m high, the vault of the church was changed. Though named as cathedral due to the size and regional importance, the cathedral has never been a bishopric.

Tip: *Schönborn Castle* is a Renaissance style stately home dating from the middle of the 16th century located in Geisenheim in the Rheingau district. The building is a typical example of the widespread middle Rhine and Main River manor houses, which were transformed from the Late-Gothic to the Renaissance type of open state house. The property is surrounded by a walled vineyard.

km 8 Continue cycling along the Rhine through **Winkel** and in **Oestrich**, you can see the historic wine loading crane.

Tip: The *historic wine crane of Oestrich-Winkel*, a monument of viticulture, is the town's landmark, and is also a nice place to have a break. The dark boarded half-timbered building stands near the Rhine bank and is the only witness for the early technique of loading and unloading ships. From April to October, it is possible to see the inside of the crane and to marvel at the old technique. The entrance is free, and trained guides will provide you an insight into the history of Oestrich-Winkel's landmark. There has also been installed a small cycle-friendly rest area with benches.

Cycle through the wine village of **Hattenheim**, with its well-preserved historic Old Town. **22**

km 17 In Eltville cycle along the Rhine and pass the champagne cellars of Matheus Müller.

Tip: At the Electoral Palace dating from the 14th century, you may want to take some time to see the Palace and its marvellous rose garden.

↑ Continue cycling straight on up to the village of **Walluf** on Rheinstraße.

→ In **Walluf**, turn right onto *Kirchgasse* towards the Rhine.

← Turn left onto *Rheinallee* and leave the village onto *Werftstraße*.

→ At the T-junction turn right towards the Rhine.

← Before reaching the Schierstein Harbour basin, turn left and continue onto **Hafenstraße**. At a left hand bend in the road, cycle straight ahead onto **Dieter-Horschler-Promenade** alongside the water. **23**

↑ Cycle onto **Hafenweg** and continue onto **Rheingaustraße**, passing under the motorway bridge.

→ After passing the motorway bridge turn right on the cycle path and cycle through the park onto **Uferstraße**.

km 26 You get back to **Rheingaustraße**, and ride past Biebrich Castle.

Info: **Biebrich Palace** was the Baroque residence of the Counts, then Dukes of Nassau, located on the bank of the Rhine in the borough of Biebrich in the city of Wiesbaden. The structure was not built in one piece but has been repeatedly expanded between 1700 and 1750, eventually the former garden house had developed to a three-wing building. As such, today it ranks among the most important Baroque palaces along the Rhine. The vast and beautiful Palace Park stretches inland from behind the Palace. It is the current home of the state's historic preservation agency and is occasionally used for representative purposes by the Hessian State Government.

↑ Carry on straight onto **Rheingausstraße**, which then becomes **Biebricher Straße** and pass under a bridge.

→ At a left hand bend in the road, turn right towards the Rhine and keep following the cycleway until you reach the **Theodor-Heuss-Bridge**.

← Cross the bridge to reach the other bank. There turn right and onto **Adenauerufer** you reach the mooring place.

km 32 You have reached your destination.

Sights worth to see in Mainz:

- Mainz Cathedral:** see of the bishopric of the Roman-Catholic Diocese of Mainz.
- Gutenberg-Museum:** is one of the oldest printing museums in the world. open Tue-Sat 9-17 h
- Electoral Palace:** is the former city residence of the Archbishops of Mainz
- State Museum:** is one of Germany's oldest museums with an art and cultural history collection that extends from the Prehistorian Period to Art Nouveau and 20th century art
- Historic old town** ...and much more!

Day 8: Disembarkation in Mainz

After breakfast, it is time to say farewell. We hope you have had a beautiful time.

Now we would like to wish you a safe journey home, and we are looking forward to seeing you again on one of our ships

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