

2024

## Romance and Pleasure on the Rhine River



with Bike and Barge through the UNESCO world heritage from Mainz to Cologne

MS OLYMPIA

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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) or the Sea Life with its various marine inhabitants. 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 2024

22<sup>nd</sup> June – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024 | 20<sup>th</sup> July – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## Price per Person in EURO

Main Deck		Upper Deck			
2-bed cabin	2-bed cabin single use	2-bed cabin astern*	2-bed cabin	Single cabin	2-bed cabin single use
1.199,-	1.559,-	1.349,-	1.399,-	1.449,-	1.819,-

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

## Supplements

**Rental bike fee 7-gear-Unisex:** € 89,-

**Rental bike fee 8-gear-E-Bike:** € 199,-

**Bring your own bike / own E-bike:** € 29,- (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

**Travel safe and secure with SE-Tours:** We recommend to wear a bike helmet. Please bring your own bike helmet (no onboard selling)

## 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
- Printed instructions and maps for daily individual bike tours (1 per cabin)
- GPS tracks
- 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 2023):

Car Park at the central station (unguarded, cannot be booked in advance) in Mainz. Parking fee approx. € 55,- per week.



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# Ship's description | Remarks

## MS OLYMPIA

**Built in** 1984 | **Cabin refurbishment** 2015/2016 | **Registry** Switzerland | **Length** 88,50 m | **Width** 10,50 m | **Draft** 1,50 m  
**Number of Crew** ca. 21 | **Passengers** max. 96

Comfortable and cosy river ship with family environment. The ship was refurbished in 2015/2016. The panoramic salon with bar in gentlemen club-style and the bright and friendly restaurant are waiting for you to pass relaxing hours here. A spacious, partly shaded sun deck and storage space for bicycles.



**Cabins** 49 outside cabins, comfortable and cosy with en-suite bathroom, hair dryer, telephone, TV, individual air conditioning/heating, fridge and safe.

**Main Deck** 21x 2-bed-cabins (approx. 11m<sup>2</sup>), panoramic window (not opening windows)

**Upper Deck** 22x 2-bed-cabins (approx. 11m<sup>2</sup>) + four 2-bed-cabins of bigger size at the stern of the ship (= 2-bed-cabins astern: perceptive engine and generator noise when ship is in motion and in locks, approx. 12m<sup>2</sup>, three of them feature twin beds) as well as two single cabins (approx. 9m<sup>2</sup>). Panoramic windows to be opened.

### Important remarks

**Embarkation** at 4.00 p.m. | **Disembarkation** from 9.00 a.m.

**Minimum number of participants** 75 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. 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.

**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.

