

Kat's Great Adventures

Germany – Along the Moselle and Saar by Boat and Bicycle Tour 2023
Self-Guided Tour
8 Days / 7 Nights



The history of this region even goes back to the Roman Era, some 2,000 years ago. Beautiful timbered houses, vineyards, the Porta Nigra in Trier, the “German corner” (conjunction of Moselle and Rhine) in Koblenz and Saarburg (also known as “little Venice”) are but a few of the highlights during this trip. The Moselle, with a length of 544 km, is the Rhine’s longest tributary and it is also the second most important shipping route in Germany. The Saar, which has the greatest abundance of water and a length of 246 km, is the Moselle’s longest tributary.

Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Arrival to Koblenz (Bonn on May 6th departure)

Embarkation between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. You will spend the evening and first night in Koblenz (or in Bonn on May 6th departure)



Day 2: Koblenz - Alken by ship, Alken – Moselkern - Cochem 29 km

By ship to Alken, where your bike tour starts. You are cycling to Moselkern and then on to Cochem. Cochem is a lovely little town with historical half-timbered houses and a picturesque Old town. For inexperienced cyclists we recommend spending the day on board and use the day off to visit Cochem in the afternoon.

Day 3: Cochem - Zell on the Moselle 39 km

The bike tour will first take you to Beilstein, which you can explore during a short tour on your own. Pass Europe's steepest vineyard at Bremmer Calmont. Today's tour ends in the wine village of Zell on the Moselle. You should take the time to enjoy the popular wines.

Day 4: Zell on the Moselle - Bernkastel-Kues 43 km

You cycle today from Zell to romantic Traben-Trarbach, where Jugendstil architecture shows its best side. After that the middle aged market place of Bernkastel-Kues invites you for a rest. You will reach the ship in Kues after a tour through town.

Day 5: Bernkastel-Kues - Mehring 47 km

Cycle tour to Piesport, the oldest winegrowing community along the Moselle. Visit the Roman cellars and the vineyards on your own. Further on you come to Neumagen-Dhron which is the oldest wine city of Germany. After the lunch break the tour continues to Mehring.

Day 6: Mehring - Trier 26 - 29 km

You will cycle via Pfalzel to Trier, where the ship is waiting for you. Trier is one of the oldest cities of Germany and its Roman roots are still visible in impressive buildings as the Porta Nigra, the Konstantin basilica and the Amphitheatre.

Day 7: Trier - Saarburg - Wasserbillig – Saarburg 38 km

Today you will be cycling along the river from Trier via Wasserbillig in Luxembourg to Saarburg, also called "little Venice". In its centre you will find a waterfall of 20 meters deep as well as many baroque buildings and fisher houses

Day 8: Departure from Saarburg

Disembarkation after breakfast until 9:00 a.m. Individual journey home.



Route



Technical Characteristics:

Tour Profile: Easy. 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.

Distance: 246 km

Travel Season: Saturday departures from Koblenz: Season A: May 6, 2023 (departure from Bonn)
Season B: May 20; August 12; August 26; September 9 and September 13, 2023

Saturday departures from Saarburg: Season A: September 30, 2023
Season B: May 13; May 27; August 19; September 2 and September 19, 2023



Prices per Person:

	Season A*	Season B
Two Bed Cabin Main Deck	€ 999.00	€ 1099.00
Two Bed Upper Deck	€ 1149.00	€ 1299.00
Two Bed /Single Use Main Deck	€ 1299.00	€ 1349.00
Single Cabin Upper Deck	€ 1149.00	€ 1449.00
Two Bed /Single Use Upper Deck	€ 1449.00	€ 1949.00
Two Bed Astern* Main Deck	€ 1099.00	€ 1249.00
Hybrid Bike Rental 7 speed unisex bicycle, with hand and pedal brake or hand brakes only	€ 79.00	
E-bike Rental 8 gear with hand and pedal brake or hand brakes only	€ 189.00	

* Bike Rental include on Season A Departures

Included:

- 7 nights' accommodation in an outside cabin with private facilities and air conditioning
- Program according to itinerary
- Full board: 7x breakfast, 6x light lunch on board (non-cyclists) or packed lunch for cyclists, 6x coffee or tea in the afternoon, 7x dinner
- Daily cabin cleaning, changing of towels and bed linens if wanted
- Welcome drink
- All fees for harbours, bridges and locks
- Daily meeting for the cycle tours
- Tour guide on board (does not cycle with the group)
- Printed instructions and maps for daily individual bike tours (one per cabin)
- GPS tracks for cycle tours

Not Included:

- Arrival and departure
- Transfers to/from the docking place in Koblenz/Saarburg
- Entrance fees and excursions
- City maps
- Ferry fares
- Drinks on board
- Gratuities (at your discretion)

The MS Olympia



Comfortable and cozy 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 cozy with en-suite bathroom, hair dryer, telephone, TV, individual air conditioning/heating, fridge and safe. The Main Deck has 21 2 bed cabins (approx. 11m²), panoramic window (not opening windows). The Upper Deck has 22 2 bed cabins (approx. 11m²) as well as 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. 12m², three of them feature twin beds) as well as two single cabins (approx. 9m²). Panoramic windows to be opened.



Bikes

Hybrid Bike



The bikes are fitted with comfortable Selle Royal saddles. They also come with coaster brakes or a freewheel hub – all hub gears come from Shimano – and you can pick whichever one you prefer.

We offer three frame sizes: 45cm, 50 cm and 55 cm

All bikes are additionally equipped with tire pumps, repair kits with tools and spare inner tubes. For extra storage room, most bikes are fitted with panniers and/or handlebar bags.

Electric Bike



All the Pedelecs are equipped with Bosch mid-drive motors that come with fully integrated 500 watt Bosch rechargeable batteries. The innovative way of construction allows the batteries to become almost invisible. That way, cyclists gain the advantage of a well-balanced bike that is easily operated. It is perfect support and a high level of comfort even on long tours.