

## France- Germany- Nancy to Koblenz Cycle Along the Moselle (2025)

## 11 Days/ 10 Nights

## **Individual Self-Guided**



At over 500 km, the Moselle is the second longest tributary of the Rhine. The largest part of the Moselle's course is through France. On the first stages the landscape is characterised by gravel quarries and ponds, and outside of the larger settlements, it remains little developed for tourism. The impressive towns Nancy and Metz are waiting to be discovered. The route then continues through the border triangle between France, Germany and Luxembourg. The well-known section of the narrow Moselle valley begins shortly before Trier. For the last stages you will always be accompanied by lovely vineyards and breath-taking landscapes. The more than 2000-year-old Roman history is omnipresent. The small historical towns and the pretty villages always invite you to taste the fruity Moselle wines. On this bike tour you will get to know the Moselle from all sides.



# Day by Day

## Day 1: Individual arrival in Nancy

Arrival in the riverside town in the Grand Est region in north-eastern France. Nancy is known for its late-baroque and art nouveau architecture. Spend some time on Place Stanislas in the historical city centre and let yourself be enchanted by the many ornate palaces and churches. Your bicycles will be delivered to your hotel the next morning.

### Day 2: Nancy - Pont-á-Mousson, approx. 40 km

Following the course of the river Meurthe, you will leave Nancy. At Custines, you will meet the Moselle which will now accompany you until the end of your tour. Today's goal is the town Pont-á-Mousson. We recommend a short hike to the village Mousson, lying high above the Moselle. There, you can visit the ruins of the former castle. You will also find a magnificent panorama which fully makes up for the climb.

## Day 3: Pont-á-Mousson – Metz, approx. 35 km

Today you will mostly ride alongside the Moselle canal. We recommend a short excursion to Gorze with its Benedictine abbey. At the end of the day, the impressive town of Metz awaits you with the striking Saint-Étienne cathedral and the Germans' Gate.

#### Day 4: Metz - Thionville, approx. 35 km

This is the last day in which you will ride exclusively through French territory. Indulge yourself once more with the French cuisine. Today's goal is the small town of Thionville. On a stroll through the town, you will discover well-preserved bourgeois houses and many villas.

## Day 5: Thionville - Perl, approx. 30 km

Today you will cycle through the border triangle of Germany, France and Luxembourg. Schengen lies shortly before today's goal. The small municipality became widely known through the Schengen Agreement. In Perl, you can also visit the Roman Villa Borg.

#### Day 6: Perl – Trier, approx. 50 km

From Perl onwards, the Moselle marks the Germany-Luxembourg border. The first vineyards will soon start to appear on both sides of the Moselle. Via Konz, where the Saar flows into the Moselle, you will eventually reach today's goal, Trier. Take enough time to visit the widely known amphitheatre and the Porta Nigra. In Trier you can fully experience 2000 years of history for yourself - without a doubt a perfect finale to your day.



## Day 7: Trier - Piesport, ca. 50 km

An educational wine trail around Trier reports on local grape varieties. Neumagen-Dhron is the oldest wine village in Germany and is ideally suitable for tasting the fruity Moselle wines. Soon you will reach Piesport, where you can visit a Roman wine press from the 3<sup>rd</sup> century.

## Day 8: Piesport – Traben-Trarbach, approx. 40 km

Soon you will reach Bernkastel-Kues where many alleys and colorful half-timbered houses will impress. In any case you should taste the well-known 'Bernkasteler Doctor' (local produced wine). On your further way you will pass the wine growing district named 'Kröver Nacktarsch'. A boat ride (not included) might offer beautiful views on the surrounding vineyards. You have reached your today's destination with Traben-Trarbach. The city offers many architectural masterpieces of art nouveau and Belle Epoch.

#### Day 9: Traben-Trarbach – Cochem, approx. 55 km

Today you will again be accompanied by numerous vineyards on both sides of the Moselle. Enkirch is a trinket of half-timbered architecture and ideally suitable for a brake. Always following the river Moselle, you will pass another famous wine growing district which is called 'Zeller Schwarze Katz'. Cycling over Beilstein, widely known as 'Rothenburg on the Moselle River', you will soon roll into Cochem. The charming center and the castle from the 11<sup>th</sup> century are just some highlights. Take enough time for a visit.

## Day 10: Cochem - Koblenz, approx. 55 km

After a short distance you should make a side trip to the medieval castle 'Burg Eltz', which counts among the most beautiful and best-preserved castles of Germany. Located in the heart of nature it offers magnificent views. Back to the Moselle bike path you pass numerous charming wine villages, before you reach your final destination Koblenz. The center is situated at the confluence of the Moselle River and the Rhine River and is extremely well-suited for a stroll.

# Day 11: Individual departure, extension or transfer

There is plenty to discover in Koblenz. We would be happy to book an extension for you. Our transfer service is also very comfortable and can be availed of every Saturday from your booked accommodation.



#### **Route**

The route characteristic varies greatly on this bike tour. The cycle path around Nancy and from Metz onwards is of good quality and runs on paved roads and separated cycle paths. In between, the cycle path also leads on back roads with little traffic, bumpy towpaths and, for short stretches, on roads with more traffic. In France, the route mostly follows the Moselle canal, as the banks of the Moselle have not been developed the whole way. On these parts there are also slightly hilly sections. Additionally, on the first stages, the Moselle cycle path isn't yet consistently and continuously signposted. Approx 309 km

#### **Travel dates**

Arrival every Sunday from April 6th to October 12th, 2025

Season 1: 06.04. - 19.04. | 05.10. - 12.10.2025

Season 2: 20.04. - 24.05. | 29.06. - 16.08. | 28.09. - 04.10.2025

Season 3: 25.05. - 28.06. | 17.08. - 27.09.2025

**Special arrival dates** can be booked on request. With at least 6 participants a daily arrival is possible at the regular conditions. If there are fewer than 6 participants, a special arrival date would result in a surcharge

of 100 € per person for the separate luggage transfer.

## **Price**

All prices per person in Euros-subject to confirmation on booking

	Category A	Category B
Per person in double room	1,599 €	1,359€
in season 1		
Per person in double room	1,759€	1,519€
in season 2		
Per person in double room	1,849 €	1,609 €
in season 3		
Surcharge single room	695 €	525€
Bike rental (7- 21-gears)	129€	129€
Rental premium bike	219€	219 €
Rental gravel bike	319€	319 €
Rental electro assisted bike	349 €	349 €



# Additional nights on request

Category A: Comfortable middle-class hotels 3\* | 4\*

Category B: Small inns, guest houses, and hotels 2\* | 3\*

#### Included

- 10 nights in accommodations of the chosen category
- Daily breakfast from buffet
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel

(No limit in pieces of luggage; each piece with a maximum of 20 kg)

- Service hotline daily from 8:00 to 20:00 h
- Well elaborated route
- Detailed travel documents incl. GPS-tracks (1 package each room)
- If bike rental: Rental bike insurance included

## Notes

- Arrival by car or train to Nancy. Next airport: Metz-Nancy-Lothringen.
- Our contract hotels in Nancy partly offer own parking lots or hotel garages. Additionally, there
  are public parking garages available. You will receive detailed information with your travel
  documents.
- Transfer with our van from Koblenz to Nancy bookable every Saturday with departure approx. 9 AM. Price: 135 € per person and 39 € for the transfer of own bikes (only possible together with people). It takes approx. 3.5 hours. Reservation in advance necessary. Tip: Book an extra night in Koblenz and use the shuttle as a pre-transfer to Nancy!
- It's possible to buy new and high-quality **helmets** from UVEX at a rate of 49 € upon arrival. A rental helmet costs 19 €. For both options a reservation in advance is necessary.
- We would be pleased to arrange a wine tasting along the Moselle. The price is 24 € per person.
   Please just let us know at time of booking if you wish us to make this reservation.
- Please note: The local city tax isn't included in the price and has to be paid on spot.



#### **Bikes**

## 21 speed Trekking/ Hybrid



Solid, easy wheeling and sturdy trekking bikes which can be recommended to every guest with good conscience. Modern V-breaks, aluminium-rims, and almost indestructible tires ensure high duration. The heart of each bicycle is a modern, high-resistant aluminium frame. Traffic safety is guaranteed by lighting system, carrier, mudguard and comfortable saddle.

7-gears-bikes are equipped with Shimano NEXUS gear hub. Gears can be changed anytime – during standstill as well as during cycling.

21-gears-bikes are equipped with Shimano ALIVIO derailleur. It excuses mistakes, is robust and easy to handle. **Unisex frame 21-gears** with free wheel Sizes: 56 / 51 / 46 / 43 cm **Men's speed bikes 21gears** with free wheel and crossbar Sizes: 64 / 60 / 56 "slopping" cm

# **RENTAL E-BIKE**

Manufactured especially by the bicycle manufacturer MAXX from Rosenheim and offers maximum comfort and the greatest possible safety. RENTAL E-BIKE Fact Sheet ■ Wave frame with balanced e-bike geometry and low step-through\* ■ Aluminium frame with Octatube (octagonal down tube) ■ Comfortable suspension fork from Suntour ■ Easy-to-use Shimano LCD display ■ Shimano Steps EP600 mid-ship drive unit with 85 Nm ■ 630 Wh battery from Shimano incl. charger ■ Pedal assist up to 25 km/h ■ 8-speed Shimano Nexus hub gears with freewheel (= no backpedal brake) ■ Gates belt drive\*\* ■ Hydraulic disc brakes from Shimano ■ Internal cable routing ■ Aluminium hollow chamber rims ■ Puncture-proof tyres ■ LED lighting system with daytime running lights ■ Mudguards ■ Sturdy pannier rack ■ Ergonomic handlebar grips ■ Selle Italia gel saddle ■ Weight approx. 24 kg ■ Vaude handlebar and pannier bag ■ Sturdy kickstand ■ Lockable frame and battery lock ■ Puncture kit with air pump, spare inner tube and small repair kit ■ Rental bike insurance included\*\*\*



#### Premium - Bike



The premium bike is equipped with high components, and with a dark varnish a true eye-catcher. The sportive attitude with 27 speed Shimano Deore XT guarantees highest comfort on all our tours. Hydraulic Magura brakes HS 11 and a high-quality suspension fork from Suntour are only some of numerous advantages. Truly the proper choice for those who are looking for high quality with a sportive design.

#### **RENTAL GRAVEL BIKE**

Manufactured especially by the bike manufacturer MAXX from Rosenheim. The lightweight yet durable frame construction ensures an agile ride, while the tyres provide optimum grip and comfort on a variety of surfaces. RENTAL GRAVEL BIKE Fact Sheet ■ Comfortable gravel geometry for a fast ride ■ 6061-T6 aluminium diamond frame ■ High-quality carbon fork ■ Gravel handlebars (wider and more flared than racing handlebars) ■ SRAM Apex gear system with 1 x 12 gears (front chainring 40 teeth, rear sprockets 11-50 teeth) ■ Hydraulic disc brakes from SRAM ■ Internally routed wires/cables ■ Wheels from Miche ■ Schwalbe G-One gravel tyres (the versatile tread pattern is suitable for riding on asphalt, unpaved roads or off-road) ■ Selle Italia gel saddle ■ Weight approx. 11.5 kg ■ Bottle cage ■ Vaude Trailsaddle for day luggage\* ■ Puncture kit with air pump, spare inner tube and small repair kit ■ Rental bike insurance included\*\*

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