



Germany - Mainz to Cologne Bike and Barge Tour (2025)
Individual Self-guided
8 days / 7 nights



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 the 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. This tour is also available from Cologne to Mainz



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Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Individual arrival at Mainz

Embarkation from 4:00 pm. There may be time to see the old town of Mainz with its lovely alleys and public squares.



Day 2: Mainz – Rüdesheim 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) 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 – Koblenz 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. Tickets for the cableway are available on board.



Day 5: Koblenz – Andernach 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 of Leutesdorf, which you can reach from Andernach by ferry.



Day 6: Andernach – Bonn 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 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: Cologne

Disembarkation after breakfast until 9:00am.



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Route



Technical Characteristics:

Tour Profile: Easy. The bike tours are individual, at your own pace, without a tour guide, but with daily briefings on board and detailed bicycle maps and directions. When a guest does not want to cycle one day, she/he can skip the bike tour and relax on board while cruising to the next harbour.

Distance: 209 km

2025 Departures from Mainz: June 7 and July 5 **Departures from Cologne:** June 14 and July 12

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Price per Person: *all prices subject to confirmation on booking*

Two Bed Cabin Main Deck	€ 1249
Two Bed Cabin Upper Deck	€ 1449
Two Bed Cabin Upper Deck Astern*	€ 1399
Supplement Two Bed Cabin for Single Use Main Deck (limited number)	+30%
One Bed Cabin Upper Deck	€ 1499
Bike rental (7 speed unisex bicycle, with hand or pedal brake, pannier bag)	€ 89
E-bike with 8 gear (must be booked in advance, limited number)	€ 199
Bring your own bike- limited spaces	€39

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

Included:

- 7 nights in outside cabin with shower/WC in the booked category
- Programme according to itinerary
- Captain's greeting
- Welcome drink
- Full meals (7x breakfast, 6x light lunch on board (non-cyclists) or packed lunch for cyclists, 6x afternoon coffee and tea, 7 x dinner)
- Daily cabin cleaning, change of bedding and towels when required
- Port fees
- Daily information meeting
- Tour guide on board (does not cycle with group)
- Information pack with route book 1x per cabin GPS tracks

Not Included:

- Arrival and departure
- Shuttles
- Entrance fees and excursions
- Ferry fares
- Drinks on board
- Insurances
- Tips (at your discretion)
- Own expenses

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The cruise ship MS Olympia



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. A total of 49 comfortable outside cabins for a maximum of 96 guests. Main deck: 21 two bed cabins (about 11 sqm). Upper deck: 22 two bed cabins (about 11 sqm), 4 cabins of bigger size at the stern of the ship (12 sqm, 3 of which feature twin beds; during the trip increased noise perception) as well as two single cabins about 9 sqm). All cabins boast en-suite bathroom, hair dryer, telephone, TV, individual air conditioning/heating, fridge, safe und large panoramic window. On the Upper deck, cabins feature opening windows.





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Bikes



7-gear-Unisex-trekking bikes

8-gear-E-Bikes (brand: Velode Ville)

- With hand brake and pedal brake or hand brakes only (subject to availability, please indicate as a non-binding customer request when booking)
- Pannier bag and rental bike insurance included.
- E-Bikes on a limited number only
- Please indicate your height when booking

Travel safe and secure with SE-Tours:

We recommend wearing a bike helmet. These can be purchased on board (limited quantities; brand:UVEX I-VO): EUR 40,-apiece, payment: cash only

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