

Germany - Saar, Moselle and Rhine Bicycle Tour (2025)
Individual Self-Guided
8 days / 7 nights



Two rivers with magnificent bike trails: Enjoy the Saar River with its French flair and industrial history, the Völklinger Hütte is part of the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage today. Then, marvel at the famous "Saar loop", a spectacular loop in the course of the river. The landscape changes where the Saar River mouths into the Moselle as wine growing becomes more and more prominent. Along the winding Moselle, the bike trail leads from the Roman town Trier to all the famous places on the Moselle. Follow the wide loops of the river enjoying a great time on your bikes as well as some worthwhile stops. You will discover Bernkastel-Kues, Traben-Trarbach and Cochem to test the light and fruity wines of the Moselle there. You will walk around the narrow streets of the small villages before reaching the "Deutsche Eck" in Koblenz to enjoy a magnificent view across the Rhine valley.



#### **Itinerary Day to Day**

### Day 1: Arrival in Saarbrücken

Loafing around in Saarbrücken, you will feel the French flair. The traces left by the changing affiliation of the town to either Germany or France can still be witnessed today, also in the local cuisine. For the local population serving escargots, shrimps, or paté and kir or pastis for appetizers is just normal. The confectionaries with their sweet creations are a real paradise for anyone with a sweet tooth. The St. Johanner Markt with its numerous bars, bistros and restaurants is where the heart of the town beats. Here is the place to meet or to walk around the picturesque narrow streets situated around the market place. Noble boutiques and precious antique shops can be found in between old Baroque houses. We recommend arriving early in Saarbrücken, your bikes will be waiting for you at the hotel.



# Day 2: Saarbrücken - Mettlach 59 km

From Saarbrücken, the Saar takes you first of all through the former coal mining area and to the town of Saarlouis, still in the style of a French fortress constructed by Vauban today. A stop in Völklingen is an absolute must do. The Völklinger Hütte is one of 33 UNESCO World Cultural Heritage sites in Germany and in its importance equal to the Egyptian pyramids, the Chinese Wall, the cathedral of Cologne or the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. Visiting the Völklinger Hütte is a real adventure. You will have the chance to walk deep into the dark corridors of the chargers' hall as well as to climb high up to the viewing platform by the blast furnace.

Afterwards, you will follow the splendidly constructed bike trail and the Saar through the beautiful landscape around Merzig until you reach the impressive Saar loop. Here, you should exchange your bikes for walking shoes and walk up to the vantage point 'Cloef'. After only 30 minutes you will enjoy a spectacular view over the Saar loop and the surrounding landscape!

## Day 3: Mettlach - Trier 42 km

On the Saar bike trail you will cycle today through wooded landscape to Saarburg via Mettlach. In Saarburg, the majestic castle sits enthroned high above the narrow lanes of the town. A coffee break in the very pretty Old Town will supply you with enough energy for the rest of the stage. Accompanied by the vestiges of the Romans, you will cross Konz to arrive in Trier. Discover the historical Old Town on your own and do not miss out on the Roman thermal baths or the Porta Nigra.



#### Day 4: Trier - Piesport 46 km

Today, Roman past and contemporary viniculture will meet. The Moselle bike trail leads you to Mehring, where the Villa Rustica waits for your visit. 'Villa Rustica' is the designation for a manor in the Roman Empire. Today, the reconstructed walls and foundations can be visited again. You will now cycle to Trittenheim. Just before reaching today's destination, you will pass Neumagen-Dhron, Germany's oldest wine growing place! You should stop here to taste some of that wine!

#### Day 5: Piesport - Traben-Trarbach 40 km

The two famous Moselle towns Bernkastel-Kues and Traben-Trarbach and the well-known wine growing resort "Kröver Nacktarsch" are today's highlight! Marvel at the colorful and manifold half-timbered constructions seaming the market place of Bernkastel-Kues. In Traben-Trarbach, you should take a boat trip.



## Day 6: Traben-Trarbach - Cochem 56 km

You will discover Enkirch today, a jewel of the Moselle region's traditional half-timbered architecture. Later on, you will reach Zell, the wine growing resort with the 'Zeller Schwarzen Katz' ('The Black cat of Zell'). Take a relaxing break in the small town of Beilstein, proud of its surname "Rothenburg an der Mosel". Then, you will reach Cochem with its picturesque center and the ancient realm dating from the 11th century.

#### Day 7: Cochem - Koblenz 49 km

Before the Moselle bike trail takes you to the neat wine growing villages like Koben Gondorf or Winningen and to the Deutsche Eck,

you will have the chance to visit the medieval castle of Burg Eltz. Enjoy the wide view over the magnificent valley of the Rhine and be looking forward to a wonderful evening in Koblenz.

#### **Day 8: Departing from Koblenz**

Your bike trip ends in Koblenz today. Saying goodbye is never easy, especially not to the Saar bike trail and the winding Moselle bike trail. Anyone who wishes to travel back to Saarbrücken should book our shuttle transfer via Treves. It will transport any luggage and the bikes as well. Departure will be at 9 a.m., arrival in Saarbrücken around 1:30 p.m.





#### **Route**



## **Technical Characteristics:**

**Route Profile:** Easy. The quality of the bike trail is very good. There are practical no unpaved or poorly developed path. The route runs almost exclusively on paved roads and is very well signposted. The volume of traffic varies, but between Trier and Cochem there is almost always a separate bike trail on the right or left shore side, off the main road. Only during your last day you have to cycle a section on a wide bicycle lane next to the main road.

Distance: 292 km

**Travel Season:** Departures daily from April 11 to October 17

Season 1: April 11 – April 17 and October 10 – October 17

Season 2: April 18 - May 15, June 20-August 14, and September 26-October 9

Season 3: May 16-June 19 and August 15-September 25



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

Season 1 Double Occupancy with breakfast	€ 869
Season 1 Single Occupancy with breakfast	€ 1169
Season 2 Double Occupancy with breakfast	€ 989
Season 2 Single Occupancy with breakfast	€ 1289
Season 3 Double Occupancy with breakfast	€ 1049
Season 3 Single Occupancy with breakfast	€ 1349
Bike Rental (7 -/27 speed)	€ 99
Electric Bike	€ 269
Extra Nights Saarbrücken Double Occupancy (B&B)	€ 79
Extra Nights Saarbrücken Single Occupancy (B&B)	€ 129
Extra Nights Koblenz Double Occupancy (B&B)	€ 79
Extra Nights Koblenz Single Occupancy (B&B)	€ 119
Transfer back to Saarbrucken (Sunday at 9 am)	€ 119

## **Included:**

- Accommodation incl. breakfast
- Room with shower/bath/WC
- Luggage transport
- Map of bike trails with marked route
- Digital route guidance via smartphone app
- Tips for tour preparation
- Touristic information
- 7 days hotline service





### **Bikes**

### 7 speed tourer



21 speed tourer



We would recommend the 7 speed tourer for all those that are looking for a back pedal brake and wide gel seat for maximum comfort in an upright sitting position. It is equipped with a simple hub gear shift and is perfectly suited to tours on flat to slightly hilly terrain. The 27 speed tourer is the best choice for cyclists that value the advantages of the dérailleur gear shift for flexibility whilst going up and down hills.

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