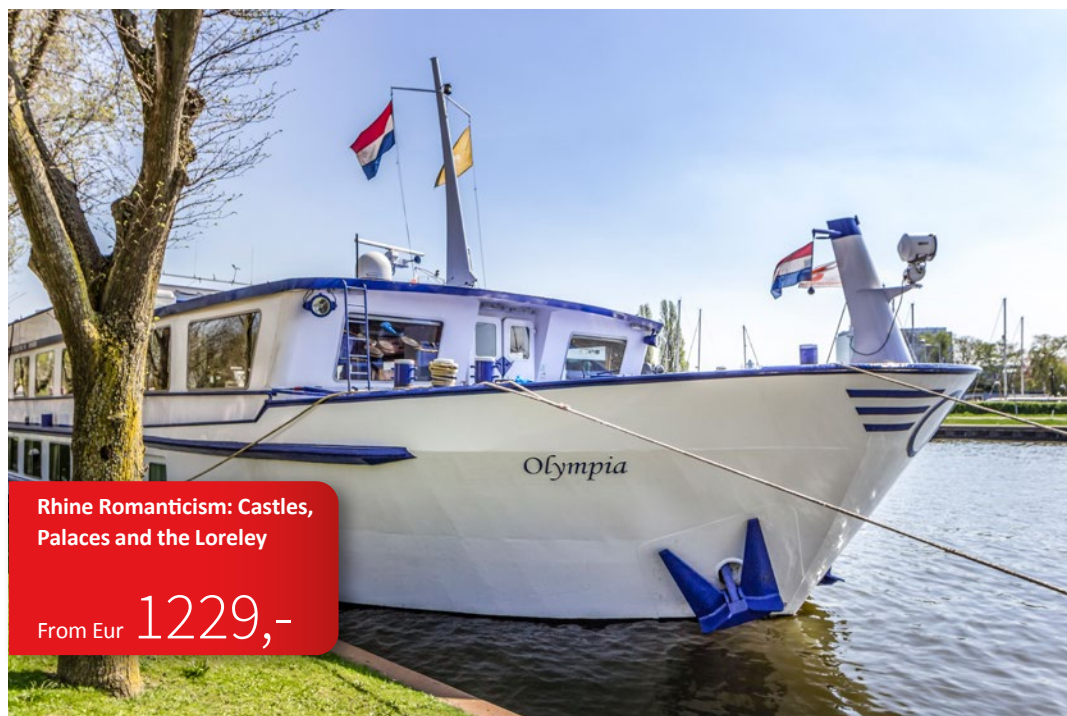


By Bike and Boat on the Rhine

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 215 KM
BOOKING CODE: DE-RHSM

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●
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Your tour

Welcome to the romantic Middle Rhine! On the approximately 200 km that accompany you along the Rhine on your journey by boat and bike, you will experience pure culture and pleasure. You will cycle between charming hilly landscapes, where numerous castles and palaces were built by noble builders. You will explore millennia-old towns such as Koblenz and Rudesheim. Lovingly designed half-timbered houses and narrow alleys characterize the image of these beautiful towns. You will experience a wildly romantic landscape with jagged high cliffs and narrow banks. Last but not least, this region is famous for its excellent wines and culinary art. Let yourself be infected by the openness and cheerfulness of the Rhinelanders and make your trip by boat and bike on the Rhine an unforgettable experience.

The starting point alternates between Mainz and Cologne.

Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival in Mainz
Day 2	Mainz – Rudesheim, approx. 35 km
Day 3	Rudesheim – St. Goar / St. Goarshausen, approx. 30 km
Day 4	St. Goar – Koblenz, approx. 40 km
Day 5	Koblenz – Andernach, approx. 25 km
Day 6	Andernach – Bonn, approx. 45 km
Day 7	Bonn – Cologne, approx. 40 km
Day 8	Individual departure from Cologne

Travel time

Season A	22.06. – 29.06.	20.07. – 27.07.
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Arrival Saturday 22.06. – 27.07.2024
The season is dictated by the arrival date.

Services

- 7 nights on board in double cabins with shower / WC
- Welcome drink
- Bed linen and towels (no bath towels)
- Coffee and cake in the afternoon
- Passenger and port charges
- Programme as per itinerary
- Travel documents (1 x per cabin), Maps on board
- Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. – 08.00 p.m.)
- Daily cabin cleaning
- Full board (7 x breakfast, 6 x packed lunch, 7 x dinner)

Not included services

- Admission fees and excursions
- Ferry fees
- Drinks on board and tips for tour guide and crew
- Transfers

Basic price per person	Main deck	Upper deck
Double cabin	1229,-	1429,-
Surcharge double cabin for single use	360,-	420,-
Surcharge single cabin	–	50,-
Discount cabins in the back	–	50,-

Additional services per person

Electric bike / Pedelec (8-speed, freewheel / backpedal)*	169,-
Unisex bike (7-speed, freewheel / backpedal brake)*	59,-

*including rental bike insurance

Child reduction on basic price

No child discount is offered on this trip.

Languages Travel documents

→ German, English

Additional note

- All bookings are on request.
- Changes: Changes are possible on boat trips due to weather, water level or technical conditions and remain reserved.
- Arrival dates Cologne – Mainz (DE-RHSMK-08I): 29.06. / 27.07.
- Arrival dates Mainz – Cologne (DE-RHSMK-08I): 22.06. / 20.07.
- Minimum number of participants to be reached up to 21 days before departure:
- 75 persons

Equipment of our rental bikes

→ Waterproof pannier

Journey to Mainz / Köln

- Nearest airports: Mainz, Cologne
 - Train station: Mainz, Cologne
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Parking in Mainz / Köln

- Mainz:
 - Parking garage at the main train station in Mainz (unguarded, not reservable). Cost is approximately 55 € per week.
- Cologne:
 - Guarded parking garage Globus garage (guarded) near the pier (about 6 km away), cost about 110 € – 135 € per week, registration required at: <https://globus-group.de/leistungen-koeln>.
 - No reservation by Radweg-Reisen possible.

Return trip to Mainz / Köln

- On your own by train, connections hourly, 0 – 1 x change, duration: approx. 2 – 3 hours, bike transport partly subject to reservation.

Travel documents

- 1 set (per booked cabin) consists of: Voucher, travel information with description of the daily stages
 - Dispatch up to four weeks before arrival. For bookings at short notice, handover on site, voucher and arrival information in advance by e-mail.
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Stages description

Day 1: Individual arrival in Mainz

From 4 pm you are expected on the MS Olympia. Use the remaining time after embarkation to see the numerous sights of the capital of Rhineland-Palatinate. Learn more about the cathedral, the Gutenberg Museum, St. Stephen's Church with its blue glowing windows by the artist Chagall and much more during a tour. In the evening, end the day on board with a view of Mainz.

Day 2: Mainz – Rüdeshheim, approx. 35 km

After leaving Mainz behind, you will cycle leisurely through the Upper Middle Rhine Valley. Passing vineyards and famous wine-growing villages, you will soon reach Eltville. Treat yourself to a break here. Take a look at the Electoral Castle with its beautiful rose garden. If you are not afraid of a small detour, cycle to the Eberbach Monastery, which is located in an elevated position near Eltville. In your stage destination Rüdeshheim, listen to familiar melodies of the famous glockenspiel while sipping Rhenish wine in the famous Drosselgasse.

Day 3: Rüdeshheim – St. Goar / St. Goarshausen, approx. 30 km

On today's stage of your journey by bike and boat on the Rhine, you will pass numerous romantic castles and castle ruins. A stop is worthwhile at each one. Roll on relaxed along the well-maintained Rhine cycle path to St. Goar. Don't miss the chance to climb the hiking trail to the legendary Loreley. The climb will be rewarded: enjoy the wonderful view of the narrowest part of the Rhine valley and the passing ships.

Day 4: St. Goar – Koblenz, approx. 40 km

Follow the narrow Rhine valley today until you reach Boppard. In the center as well as directly on the banks of the Rhine you will encounter the sights of this lively city: the Roman fort and the electoral castle.

The highlight of today's stage is Koblenz, one of the oldest cities in Germany. You want to go high up for once? Then take the cable car over the Rhine up to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress. From the panoramic cabins you will have a spectacular view of the German Corner, where the Moselle flows into the Rhine, and the entire city with over 2000 years of history.

Day 5: Koblenz – Andernach, approx. 25 km

Palaces and castles, the Rhine and the vineyards will accompany you again today on your way. The short cycling stage leaves you plenty of time for a leisurely stop in one of the many wine villages. You will pass the dike town of Neuwied at the foot of the Westerwald with its Engers Castle before reaching Andernach. In the historic old town you will encounter many contemporary witnesses, such as the Mariendom, the round tower and the well-preserved city wall. In no case should you miss a trip to the Andernach Geyser. In a nature reserve you will experience the eruption of the up to 60 m high cold water geyser.

Day 6: Andernach – Bonn, approx. 45 km

After breakfast on board, you will cycle past numerous thermal baths. Relax there for a few hours before continuing on your way. Passing Königswinter with its Drachenburg Castle towering over the city, you will soon reach Bonn. The former federal capital presents itself in a cozy Rhenish way. Take a tour of the former government district. You will find the most important buildings directly along the banks of the Rhine. Enjoy the rest of the day in a café in the medieval old town of Bonn.

Day 7: Bonn – Cologne, approx. 40 km

Today the last kilometers are covered on the bike. Continuing along the Rhine, you will soon be able to catch your first glimpse of the city's landmark from afar: Cologne Cathedral with its two 157 m high towers. After a visit to the Chocolate Museum or the Ludwig Museum, you

can't miss Cologne's Old Town. Enjoy the unique atmosphere with its many restaurants, breweries and squares, where you can experience Rhineland coziness until late in the evening.

Day 8: Individual departure from Cologne

After breakfast your journey by bike and ship ends. Disembarkation takes place until 09.00, then you start your individual journey home.

Boat descriptions



MS Olympia

Enjoy the family atmosphere on board the MS Olympia. The recently renovated river ship awaits its maximum 94 guests with cozy comfort. Spend pleasant hours in the panorama salon furnished in English club style and get into conversation with your fellow travelers after the cycling days. The crew will spoil you with all kinds of delicacies in the bright, friendly restaurant. Enjoy the passing landscapes on the spacious sun deck and relax in the comfortable cabins.

Facts about the ship:

- 48 outside cabins
- Equipment: shower / WC, individually adjustable air conditioner, panorama window
- Twin cabins: approx. 11 m², 20 on the main deck, 24 on the upper deck, 4 in the aft part of the ship
- The aft cabins are located on the upper deck in the rear area of the ship. This may result in interference from engine and generator noise when the ship is in motion and in locks.
- Year of construction 1984,
- 2015 / 2016 renovated
- 2 passenger decks | 48 outside cabins
- Maximum occupancy: 94 passengers
- Length: 88,5 m
- Width: 10,5 m
- Amenities: salon with bar, restaurant, partially covered sun deck
- Board languages: German, English