

2025

Through the UNESCO world heritage



with Bike and Barge from Cologne to Mainz

MS OLYMPIA

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- Trip length: 8 Days / 7 Nights
- Departure and arrival day: Saturday
- Length of cycle tours: approx. 209 km
- Character: individual, unguided
- Difficulty: ●○○○
- Profile: Most of the stretches are paved or asphalted, and lead alongside the Rhine dikes without any gradients of note. Nearly all cycle tours can be classified as being easy.
- Language on board: German / English
- Travel documents: German / English
- Booking code: DE-RHSM-08I



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Tour Details

Numerous romantic castles and fortresses have been built along the banks of the Rhine between Cologne and Mainz and they have many exciting stories to tell. The UNESCO World Heritage Site Upper Middle Rhine Valley is rich in tales and adventures and it is very beautiful. The Rhine in this area pushes its way through rocks and passes towns like Koblenz, which are over 2000 years old and have old towns with many timber framed houses. This is the ideal landscape for a beautiful and relaxing holiday. Last but not least many of these towns between Cologne and Mainz are home to some noble wines and regional delicacies, which make this journey also a culinary one.

(All times are subject to change)

Day	Port	Arr.	Dept.
1	Cologne, Embarkation	16:00	
2	Cologne		10:00
2	Bonn	13:00	
3	Bonn		10:00
3	Andernach	14:00	
4	Andernach		10:00
4	Koblenz	12:00	
5	Koblenz		10:00
5	St. Goar/St. Goarshausen	14:30	
6	St. Goar/St. Goarshausen		10:00
6	Rüdesheim	13:00	
7	Rüdesheim		10:00
7	Mainz	12:00	
8	Mainz, Disembarkation	09:00	

Day 1: Arrival to Cologne

Individual arrival to Cologne and embarkation at 04:00 pm. Enjoy the evening on board or with a Kölsch beer in one of the pubs with a view over the river Rhine.

Day 2: Cologne – Bonn, Cycle tour, approx. 37 km

Before starting your first cycle tour, take the opportunity to stroll through the Old Town. Afterwards you start your cycling tour to the city of Beethoven, Bonn. This federal city and former capital of Germany still has international flair. On your way it is worthwhile to visit the leisure island Groov amidst a vast landscape of the Rheinaue wetland in the Cologne suburb Porz-Zündorf. In Bonn there are museums like the House of History or the Bundeskunsthalle courting for visitors' attention and the House of Beethoven, the Rheinaue as well as the Bundesviertel with the path of Democracy are equally worth a visit.

Day 3: Bonn – Andernach, Cycle tour, approx. 45 km

You will continue towards Andernach by bike today. Königswinter with its castle Drachenburg on the Drachenfels (steep ascent) as well as the Sea Life with aquariums for more than 6.000 sea inhabitants is worth a visit. Your destination for today, Andernach, is famous for the world's biggest cold water gush spring with its impressive fountain of 60 meter.

Day 4: Andernach – Koblenz, Cycle tour, approx. 25 km

On your way to Koblenz you will find castle Engers in Neuwied. At the famous "Deutsche Eck" (german corner) the river Mosel merges with the river Rhine. Another place of interest is the fortress Ehrenbreitstein which you can also reach by cableway across the Rhine in Koblenz. Tickets for the cableway are available on board.

Day 5: Koblenz – St. Goar/St. Goarshausen, Cycle Tour approx. 38 km

You continue your journey by bike up the river Rhine through the UNESCO world heritage site Upper Middle Rhine Valley. You will pass the romantic fortress Marksburg, the only hilltop castle of middle Rhine which has never been destroyed, as well as the city Boppard with its fortress Kurfürstliche Burg, before you will reach St. Goar. Here you will find the ruins of fortress Rheinfels, which is the biggest of its kind along the Rhine. The fortresses Katz und Maus (cat and mouse) in St. Goarshausen on the other side of the Rhine are also worth visiting.

Day 6: St. Goar/St. Goarshausen – Rüdesheim, Cycle Tour approx. 32 km

Again you will pass very beautiful Rhine castles like Burg Reichenstein and Burg Rheinstein. You will cycle past the famous rock Loreley before you reach Rüdesheim. In Rüdesheim we recommend a city walk around the historical town with its beautiful half-timbered houses. Or treat yourself to a ride on the cable car up to the Niederwald monument. Here you will have a beautiful view over the old town of Rüdesheim and the river.

Day 7: Rüdesheim – Mainz, Cycle Tour approx. 32 km

On your final cycling stage you will find the Rhine at its best. The city Eltville am Rhein with its emblem, the castle Kurfürstliche Burg, is on your way. Mainz, your destination of today, presents itself with numerous impressive buildings. You may want to visit its cathedral Hoher Dom St. Martin, one of the proud imperial cathedrals of Germany, or the castle Kurfürstliches Schloss. In the old town you will find attractive alleys and squares like the Augustinerstraße and the Kirschgarten with its lovely timber framed houses and wine restaurants.

8. Tag: Departure from Mainz

Disembarkation after breakfast until 9:00am.



Travel Dates | Prices | Services

Travel Dates 2025 / From Saturday to Saturday

14.06. – 21.06. | 12.07. – 19.07.

Price per Person in EURO

Main Deck		Upper Deck	
2-bed cabin	2-bed cabin astern*	2-bed cabin	Single cabin
1.249,-	1.399,-	1.449,-	1.499,-

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

Supplements

2-bed cabin for single use:	30% (limited quantity)
Rental bike fee 7-gear-Unisex:	EUR 89.-
Rental bike fee 8-gear-E-bike:	EUR 199.-
Bing your own bike / own E-bike:	EUR 39.- (on request only, limited number)

Bikes:

- 7-gear-Unisex-trekking bikes und 8-gear-E-Bikes (brand: Velo de Ville - special SE-Tours edition)
- With hand brake and pedal brake or hand brakes only (subject to availability, please indicate as a non-binding customer request by the booking)
- Pannier bag and rental bike insurance included.
- E-Bikes on a limited number only
- Please indicate your body height by the booking

Travel safe and secure with SE-Tours: We recommend to wear a bike helmet. Onboard selling (limited quantities; brand: UVEX I-VO): EUR 40,- apiece, payment: cash only

Services included

- Seven nights in outside cabins with private facilities in the booked cabin category
- Program according to routing
- All charges for harbours, bridges and locks
- Room cleaning every day, changing of towels and bed cloths as necessary
- Welcome-Drink
- Full board consisting of 7x breakfast, 6x lunch package for cycle tours or snack on board (non-cyclists), 6x coffee or tea in the afternoon, 7x 3-course-dinner
- Daily meeting for the cycle tours
- Digital travel documents via GUIBO-App incl. GPS tracks for cycle tours
- Tour guide on board

Not included

Journey way, shuttles, bike rentals, entrance fees and excursions, city maps, ferry fees, travel insurances, parking fees, tips, drinks on board, personal expenses

Car Park facilities (subject to change, as of May 2024):

Car park with an attendant: „Globus-Parkgarage“ (to be reserved in advance) - approx. 6 km from berth in Cologne, Fare: approx. € 109,- to € 134,- per week.

Ship's description | Remarks

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Built in 1984 | **Cabin refurbishment** 2015/2016 | **Registry** Switzerland | **Length** 88,50 m | **Width** 10,50 m | **Draft** 1,50 m
Number of Crew ca. 21 | **Passengers** max. 96

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.

Cabins 49 outside cabins, comfortable and cosy with en-suite bathroom, hair dryer, telephone, TV, individual air conditioning/heating, fridge and safe.

Main Deck 21x 2-bed-cabins (approx. 11m²), panoramic window (not opening windows)

Upper Deck 22x 2-bed-cabins (approx. 11m²) + 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.



Important remarks

Embarkation at 4.00 p.m.

Disembarkation from 9.00 a.m.

Minimum number of participants 75 guests (must have been reached within 21 days prior to departure)

To bring your own bike On request only – due to lack of space on sun deck. E-bikes exclusively with removable battery pack. We exclude any liability for loss, theft and damage - this also applies to damage caused by transportation from shore to ship or vice versa.

Excursions We offer a small excursion program that can be booked directly on board at the cruise director only. You will get a brief description together with your travel documents. Depending on the number of participants some excursions could be carried out in 2 languages (German/English)

Schedule and program changes Basically, we reserve the right to make changes of routing and program. If there is low or high water and a route cannot be shipped, the captain reserves the right to change the route in view of your safety (this cannot be accepted as a reason for free withdrawal). Same applies to previously unbeknownst administrative orders of lock or bridge repairs.

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Travel documents EU-citizens (without special situations like dual citizenship, main residence abroad or a limited-validity passport) are required to have a valid passport or ID-card, not expiring within six (6) months of the return of your cruise. We kindly ask non-EU citizens, EU-nationals with multiple citizenship or anybody who has to respect special legal entry requirements for the country to visit, to inform about visa and entry documents at the competent embassy.

This trip is not suitable for guests with reduced mobility.

We recommend that you take out a **travel health insurance** with repatriation coverage as well as baggage, accident and travel cancellation insurances.

