

Rhine and Moselle

Tour Date
04.09.22 - 23.09.22
Cut-off Date: 15.06.2022



PRELIMINARY INFORMATION:

This Tour will be scheduled for 2022. prices, dates and other details will be updated in september 2021.

CHARACTERISTICS/IDEA BEHIND THIS TOUR:

- + short stages
- + also many interesting stops

PREPARATION:

Travel documents*: Passport or ID-Card, national driving license

CB-radio: not required

Car Insurance: Germany is part of the green card system.

Vaccinations: None are compulsory. More information at www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk

Pets: require a pet passport

Pre-Tour Meeting: No prior meeting is planned for this trip. You will receive a participant's package by post approx. 5 weeks before the start of your tour. We also offer an online appointment where you can get to know fellow travellers and clarify questions that arose while studying the participant documents.

TOUR LOGISTICS:

Meeting Point: Official meeting point for tour start is in Remagen.

Tour Leader: Your tour leader informs regularly about driving stages and daily programmes.

Driving Stages: You may drive all stages by yourselves. The tour leader offers to go with him/her.

Road Conditions: The roads in Germany are generally okay.

Overnight Places: The overnights are set at regular campsites of local standard.

Supplies: Electricity, water and grey water disposal are available daily.

Safety & Security: In the Tourist centres please watch out for pickpockets.

Mobility Rating: 2

See catalogue "Your Journey with Mir Tours" (point 7). The required degree of mobility usually only relates to some programmes and segments of the sightseeing. If your walking is not that great, you may still join this trip. To do this, you would skip one or the other programme item or shorten it. We would be happy to discuss the trip with you in this regard. In case you use a tool such as a rollator or travel wheelchair, please note that these may also have to be lifted into the means of transport.

Food Supply: Shops and supermarkets with a good selection are available throughout the route. Gluten- and lactose-free products are available in larger supermarkets.

Clothing: Pack something for all weathers. Rain jackets and hiking gear shouldn't be missing.

MONEY MATTERS

Tour Price: - - - - € per person with the own car + caravan or camper when two persons travel in one vehicle. Additional charge for a single driver 10%

Fuel: It is advisable to refuel in such a way that you can refuel cheaply on a detour across the Luxembourg border (approx. 10 - 20% cheaper than in Germany). Find the German fuel prices at: www.clever-tanken.de

Additional costs/travel funds:

Plan your own individual cost of living and around € 2 per person / day for tips. Possibly you can still consider a small buffer for souvenirs, breakdowns, visits to the doctor ... But there are EC machines everywhere.

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You will be able to pay with debit or credit card at almost all petrol stations, souvenir shops and supermarkets.

Money Exchange: without problems. ATM machines are available for use of your debit or credit card.

All this information is subject to change and is meant for this route as part of a group tour. There might be differences if you book an individual tour to these countries.

* The information about visa and travel documents is considering that your passport is issued in a Schengen state, by Switzerland or a country that belongs to both the EU and the Schengen area. For the other countries we will inform you individually.

MANDATORY INFORMATION

Cut-off Date: 15.06.2022

On this date we have to decide if sufficient participants to run this tour have been reached. Ideally, you should have booked by this point.

Booking Closes: 31.08.2022

Should you be unable to book earlier, this is the last day that booking is possible under the condition that you bring your documents in time and the required number of participants has been reached at the cut-off date.

Payments due: upon booking 10%
Final payment due by 05.08.2022

Cancellation fee: in percentage of tour price; is dependent on the time left to the tour start.

as of booking = 10%

day 54. - 30. before tour start = 20%

day 29. - 10. before tour start = 30%

from day 9. before tour start = 75%

GENERAL SERVICES:

Organization & Booking: We order the included programmes for your and book the overnight places. For us – as a registered tour operator – the compliance with travel law is obligatory.

Entry fees for included programme: The tour price includes the normal entry fees for the sights we have put in the programme. Should there be additional parts (special exhibitions) that are not of interest for everyone they might be at your leisure. Example: We visit the Kremlin as part of the Moscow sightseeing and we pay the entry ticket. Should you opt to see the tsars' weapon chamber you pay this out of your own purse.

The German and English-speaking **tour leader** will meet you in the afternoon of the first day in Remagen and will accompany you until Day 20. His tasks are:

- to inform you regularly about overnight places, meals, stage, fuelling, shopping and leisure options.
- offer to join him on the driving stages.
- give you support in case of mishaps like illness or vehicle break-downs

The **resignation** (travel cancellation) **insurance** is covering if you cannot go on tour

due to an insured reason. The **break-off** (travel curtailment) **insurance** refunds the part of the tour price that you did not partake in due to an insured reason. More details on insured reasons can be found in the annex

During the online **participant meeting** you can get to know other fellow travellers and clarify all open questions about the trip.

Information Material: We create an information booklet for this tour. This informs about all relevant topics from equipment to customs. Forms, brochures, booklets about sites and stages are added by us. Also, you receive GPS waypoints and map material so all participants have the same opportunities.

USEFUL INFORMATION:

When putting this trip together, we are still in the situation that the SARS-Covid19 pandemic is affecting our lives and travels. Please note our general information on this topic in the travel catalogue, as well as our **Corona** promise.

The withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU and the only recently concluded contracts for future cooperation may result in changes to the travel documents required. Please also note that there is a special information available for **customers from the UK**.

ITINERARY:

Day 1 04.09.2022

Remagen

The Remagen bridge, a landmark from the last days of WW2 is found on the river banks and if there is time you should visit the monument that it is today. After the official welcome through the tour leader you will be briefed on the next day's itineraries. This is followed by a welcome dinner in the campsite restaurant.

camping fee, welcome dinner

Day 2 05.09.2022

Remagen – Koblenz

Today we reposition to the area that is protected as UNESCO world heritage site, the Middle Rhine Valley. The Geyser at Andernach is one optional sight en route. Another is the Maria Laach monastery, which lies idyllic at a lake and justifies a small detour. In the late afternoon we meet up at the Campsite opposite the Deutsche Eck, where Rhine and Moselle meet.

camping fee

Day 3 06.09.2022

Koblenz

Together with the local guide we explore the old part of town and hear about the conflicts with France and Koblenz as an army town. This is made easy by a small ferry boat across the river. Koblenz, despite its 100 000 inhabitants is affectionally called "a large village". Its historic centre offers many individual shops, food and drink places and small squares rather than the usual high street occupants from global chains. Your tour escort and the local guide will offer several options on how to spend the remainder of the day.

camping fee, ferry, local guide

Day 4 07.09.2022

Koblenz

The small ferry boat and the cable car will take us across town to the hills on the Eastern banks of the river Rhine at Koblenz. The Ehrenbreitstein fortress towers over the city and gives us the opportunity to take panoramic pictures of the

Rhine and Moselle joining up. With the cable car we go down to the Deutsche Eck, where Koblenz was prettied up for the 2011 flower show.

camping fee, ferry, cable car, entrance fee

Day 5 08.09.2022

Koblenz - Boppard

Going south along the western banks of the Rhine Boppard is only a short drive away. So, in the afternoon once settled in at the campsite we will have a guided wine-walk in the famous Bopparder Hamm hills – a spectacular view, tasting included.

camping fee, wine tasting, local guide

Day 6 09.09.2022

Boppard - Bingen

Have you ever heard of Rhine romanticism? In the 18th and 19th century this region was made popular by Lord Byron and William Turner and today this part of the Rhine is UNESCO World Heritage

site. On the way to Bingen there are nearly thirty, palaces, castles or fortresses to be seen. The Loreley Rock, known for the fairy tale about a blond maiden and the fishermen is passed south of St. Goar. In Bingen, where the river Nahe meets the Rhine we will put up our base for a few nights.

camping fee

Day 7 10.09.2022

Bingen

Not too early we will travel by bus to Bacharach. The half-timbered houses make this one of the most picturesque German towns. A local guide will tell us about the wine region and the history of Bacharach in Roman, medieval and modern times. Try the local Riesling ice cream and then we are off to the wine festival. Oberwesel is known as the city of the towers and as with most festivals in the region part of the high street is closed off for the event giving a cosy atmosphere. From our base in one of the Weinstuben (wine rooms) one can go around and dance, eat, drink and meet folks. After dark, around 21:30 everyone is out on the street and at the river banks to see the "Rhine in Flames" which is traditionally performed with music. We are due to return home before midnight.

camping fee, bus, entry to the wine festival

Day 8 11.09.2022

Bingen

After the late night yesterday, you may sleep late and relax. Enjoy the tranquil atmosphere of Sunday in Germany, which enables you to recharge your batteries. We meet for a traditional morning pint and make our way across the river to Rudesheim a little later. This is the ultimate tourist trap and walking through the Drosselgasse is a "must do". We will take the cable car leisurely swinging over the vineyards to enjoy the viewpoint near the impressive Germania monument.

camping fee, ferry, cable car

Day 9 12.09.2022

Bingen – Kastellaun

It is again a short drive to the next site and we recommend a detour driving up

the Nahe to either Bad Kreuznach or even Idar-Oberstein, which is known for the mining and handling of semi-precious stones. The districts main town of Simmern also offers a few sights. The campsite at Kastellaun is not far from a popular cycle path, which was established on old train tracks. Walking distance are some shops and the local indoor swimming centre. The city centre is a good 10-minute walk away.

camping fee

Day 10 13.09.2022

Kastellaun

Today is a leisure day to charge your batteries, especially since the site is quieter than the campgrounds in the valleys. How about a walk through the nearby forest, where the immense force of a European windstorm is documented? Alternatively walk in the bare-foot-park or visit one of the nearby ice-cream parlours.

camping fee

Day 11 14.09.2022

Kastellaun – Burgen

As we move on to the Moselle we recommend a stop in the small village of Morsdorf. This is home to a 360m simple suspension bridge. If you are not afraid of heights, we recommend walking the mile to the Geierlay bridge, named after the side valley it crosses. Since it was erected in 2015 it has become a real tourist attraction. It used to be the longest bridge until a village in Eastern Germany built one slightly longer - by 2 meters!

camping fee, dinner

Day 12 15.09.2022

Burgen

Today we see one of the most famous castles in Germany: Eltz Castle. Erected in the 12th century it is still inhabited by the same families. It is one of the few castles that have never been destroyed. Its remote and tactical position in a side valley of the Moselle caused it to be left out by enemy armies. Anyone up for it walks up through a national park. After the sight-seeing we transfer by bus back to the site.

camping fee

Day 13 16.09.2022

Burgen - Traben-Trarbach

En route the town of Cochem might interest you, but here the Reichsburg castle is a rebuild from the 19th century. How about a visit in the bunker used by the federal bank? The villages and towns we pass are getting more picturesque and wine connoisseurs will recognize the names – Black Cat of Zell today or the Sundial at Wehlen, Naked Bottom of Kröv, Heart of Briedel and Bernkastel Doctor later.

camping fee

Day 14 17.09.2022

Traben-Trarbach

Visit Traben-Trarbach as an optional stop and explore the art deco architecture of the early 20th century. Rich vintners took a liking to art deco and together with a Prussian architect the town became a real gem. A local guide will show us around in the morning. The afternoon is at your leisure.

camping fee, local guide

Day 15 18.09.2022

Traben-T. - Neumagen-D.

It is not far to Klostersn Machern which is not a religious house anymore, but home to a unique museum dedicated to religious icons and toys and also houses a brewery and restaurant worth visiting. Bernkastel only a few miles away, the local guide will tell us something about her home towns most famous son Nicolaus von Cues, a famous scholar and bishop. Then she takes us around the old town with the wooden framed houses and the little squares and market places. After about 90 minutes of tour, you may venture out for yourselves. It is then less just 30 minutes to the campsite for the next two days. It is about one or two hours to drive today and the Moselle valley still has a new sight to offer. Several roman remains are waiting to be explore, like the wine boat at Neumagen-Dhron. Make sure to be on the campsite in time for the wine tasting in the nearby village.

camping fee, bus, local guide, entry fee

Day 16 19.09.2022**Neumagen-Dhron**

This village is widely known for the roman remains and the wine boat is unique. This is a replica of a roman rowing boat and together with a local guide we engage in a kind of time travel, wine tasting included.

camping fee, dinner

Day 17 20.09.2022**Neumagen-Dhron - Trier**

Again a short driving distance upriver and we reach the Trier. The German Federal states are split into administrative divisions. Trier is one of three in Rhineland-Palatinate. Nearly as many people live here as in Koblenz, but everything seems bigger and busier. Perhaps this goes back to ancient times, when trier was capital city in the Roman Empire. Perhaps this is due to the "Quattropol", a metropol region made up of Luxemburg, Metz in France and Saarbrücken.

camping fee, bus, local guide, entry fee, dinner

Day 18 21.09.2022**Trier**

Trier claims to be the oldest city in Germany and with it's over 2000 years of history it has a lot to explore. The tour starts at the Porta Nigra, the black gate dating back to Roman times. The cathedral and the basilica and the electors' palace are stops on our walkabout with the local guide. We hear about the traders and local craftsmen, the wine business and the cities most famous son: Karl Marx. At the ruins of the Roman baths we round up the official tour. After that you have time to explore the market and side streets .

camping fee, bus, local guide, entry fee, dinner

Day 19 22.09.2022**Trier - Perl-Nennig**

During the city tour of Trier the local guide has explained how close the locals, the "Mosellaner" are intertwined with the Luxemburg and the French. So the last campsite is on the southern banks of the Moselle in Germany, on the northern

banks is Luxemburg. Taking the local bus, we quickly reach Schengen, a small inconspicuous Moselle village in the triangle that became world famous because of the agreement signed here in 1985. We take a look at the memorials with a local guide. But since we are also on the "Luxembourg Wine Route", a wine tasting is part of the programme today. In the evening a dinner of local specialities is rounding up our tour.

camping fee, bus, local guide, entry fee, dinner

Day 20 23.09.2022**Perl-Nenning**

Time to say goodbye, the tour is coming to an end. Extend your stay, drive on to Luxemburg or France. Hope to see you soon.

As per 12/2020
Subject to change

Information sheet for Travel cancellation insurance (including travel curtailment insurance) with excess of ERGO Reiseversicherung AG

We have taken out travel cancellation insurance (including travel curtailment insurance) in your favour with ERGO Reiseversicherung AG (ERV) as part of a group insurance contract. You automatically join this as an insured person when you book your trip. The insurance premium is included in the travel price.

Insurance cover exists in the event of cancellation before the start of the trip and after the start of the trip in the event of a trip interruption for an insured reason. With the booking confirmation you will receive an insurance certificate (insurance certificate) from which you can find the insurance conditions and further details. The following description of services only provides extracts from the scope of insurance. If you have any questions about insurance benefits, please contact the ERV Service Centre on +49 89 4166 - 1766 or contact@ergo-reiseversicherung.de

What risks are insured?

Here you get an overview of the most frequently used insurance services:

- **Cancellation cost insurance:** Should you cancel your trip, e.g. because of an unexpected serious initial illness or an accident, ERV will cover the cancellation costs that you contractually owe to the service provider (e.g. tour operator).

We only pay for previous illnesses if they were not treated in the last six months before the insurance was taken out. A mental illness is insured if it is treated as an in-patient, a specialist doctor's certificate is available or a health insurance provider approves out-patient psychotherapy.

For each insured event, your deductible is 20% of the reimbursable damage, at least € 25 per person.

- **Travel curtailment insurance:** If you interrupt your trip prematurely, we will cover the additional costs of the return journey. In addition, we pay for the unused travel services, up to a maximum of the amount insured. We assume the aforementioned costs if you interrupt your trip prematurely, e.g. because You or a relative become seriously ill at home.

For each insured event, your deductible is 20% of the reimbursable damage, at least € 25 per person.

When do we not provide insurance services?

Some cases are excluded from insurance cover. The following are – among other things - not insured:

With the cancellation cost and travel curtailment insurance, you have no insurance cover if you do not commence or if you interrupt your trip for fear of a terrorist attack.

You also have no insurance cover, e.g. for the fees for issuing a visa. Further exclusions can be found here: VB-ERV 2019 / Kollektiv General Provisions Section 5; Special part: Part A number 13, Part B number 12.

What obligations do you have if a damage has occurred and what consequences can violations of these obligations have?

In the **cancellation cost insurance**, you have to cancel the trip as soon as possible so that the cancellation costs remain low. However, you must cancel at the latest at the point in time at which the cancellation costs would increase. **Our exclusive service plus in cancellation insurance:**

Is your trip due to illness, accident or at risk for other reasons? Are you unsure whether you can start your trip or whether you have to cancel? Our telephone cancellation advice will give you the right recommendation! Our competent employees are at your side with help and advice on +49 89 4166-1839. Our service hours are: Mon - Fri 7 a.m. - 9 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. More at www.ergo-reiseversicherung.de/stornoberatung More in VB-ERV 2019 / Kollektiv General Provisions Sections 6 and 7; Special part: Part A numbers 14 and 15.

In the **travel curtailment insurance**, you submit a medical certificate in the event of serious illness or accident injury. This certificate must contain the diagnosis and the treatment data and must be obtained before the trip is interrupted. More in VB-ERV 2019 / Kollektiv General Provisions Sections 6 and 7; Special part: Part B numbers 14 and 15.

Please note: If you breach your obligations, you put your insurance cover at risk. Depending on the severity of your breach of duty this may mean that we reduce the benefit or do not pay it at all, depending on the severity of your breach.