

Rhine in Flames

Tour Date
09.09.22 - 18.09.22
Cut-off Date: 15.06.2022



CHARACTERISTICS/IDEA BEHIND THIS TOUR:

- + good for working people, not too long
- + short stages
- + 2x wine festival with fireworks incl.

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. A Covid-19 vaccination may be necessary to enter a country/ avoid quarantine. 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 Bingen.

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 good.

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

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

Safety & Security: watch out for pickpockets in tourist centres and during events.

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.

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

MONEY MATTERS

Tour Price: 690,- € per person with the own car + caravan or camper when two persons travel in one vehicle. Additional charge for a single driver 10%

Fuel: 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 country that belongs to the EU or 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 10.08.2022

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 Bingen and will accompany you until Day 10. 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.

We assume that everyone who goes on a group trip has also taken advantage of the vaccination offer in order to protect themselves and their fellow travellers from infection. Unvaccinated persons could be refused entry or, when crossing the border - regardless of the direction – may be quarantined, which cannot be reconciled with the travel plan. Should you suffer from a medical condition that prohibits a vaccination, please contact us.

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 09.09.2022****Bingen**

The participants arrive in Bingen, here we are staying at the Hindenburgbrücke campsite with farmer Schorsch. 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, dinner

Day 2 10.09.2022**Bingen**

At around 1 p.m. we leave the campsite by bus to go downstream to Bacharach. Here, in one of the most beautiful places on the Rhine, we take a tour with a guide. After all, the place was one of the most important trading centres between Cologne and Mainz. A few kilometres downstream is Oberwesel - the city of towers. Here is the wine festival "Rhine in Flames" today. From our base in one

of the Weinstube (wine rooms) one can go around and dance, eat, drink and meet folks. The fireworks are set off after dark. The special thing about the fireworks in Oberwesel is that the Bengal fires and the music offer a wonderful atmosphere.

camping fee, bus, local guide, wine festival

Day 3 11.09.2022**Bingen**

We meet for a morning pint with a snack made from regional specialties. In the afternoon we make our way to the other side of the Rhine, which can be reached quickly by ferry. Not far from the famous Drosselgasse, the chairlift goes to the Niederwald monument and if you have binoculars you may be able to see your vehicle on the other side of the Rhine. Afterwards everyone can pursue their own interests. The Asbach Uralt visitor center is interesting and there are a variety of places to stop for a break for every taste and budget.

camping fee, ferry, caber car, morning pint

Day 4 12.09.2022**Coach to Idar-Oberstein**

A full day excursion is on the program. The bus takes us to the gemstone metropolis Idar-Oberstein. After a short tour of the old town, we visit the German Gemstone Museum and stop for a local speciality, a slowly grilled meat. After some free time, we return along the Nahe. We stop one more time in Bad Kreuznach, where we take time to see the salt pans and the famous bridge houses.

camping fee, bus, local guide, entrance fee, lunch

Day 5 13.09.2022**Bingen – Boppard**

Today we reposition to the area that is protected as UNESCO world heritage site, the Middle Rhine Valley. The distance is only about 50km to the next site and it is worth stopping here and there, or to take a small boat trip on the Rhine. On the right bank of the Rhine we see Kaub, the Loreley and St. Goarshausen.

The B9 on which we drive leads via Bacharach and Oberwesel to St. Goar, Bad Salzig and Boppard. Our campsite is at the end of the Bopparder Hamm (vineyard).

camping fee

Day 6 14.09.2022

Bustour nach Koblenz

Again, there is a day trip by bus - this time we meet the Rhine as well as the Moselle. But first we drive to the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress. Here you have a spectacular view over the city. Then we use the cable car built for Federal Flower show 2011 to float over the Rhine. Koblenz is one of the oldest cities in Germany and there is a lot to see. In addition to the historic old town, the St. Kastor basilica, the Church of Our Lady, the Kaiser Wilhelm monument at the Deutsches Eck and the Schängel-Fountain at the town hall are part of the programme. If you want, you can visit the state museum or one of the exhibitions or stroll individually through the city. On the way home we stop at a winery where the winemaker gives us a tasting of his work.

camping fee, transfer, cable car, local guide, entrance fee, wine tasting

Day 7 15.09.2022

Boppard

The day is at leisure. You can relax today or pursue your individual interests. How about a hike through the Bopparder Hamm, or a ride on the chairlift to the Four-Lakes-Viewpoint? The Marksburg on the other side of the Rhine is also worth seeing.

camping fee

Day 8 16.09.2022

Boppard - Kastellaun

We leave the Rhine Valley to set up our base for the last two nights in the somewhat quieter Hunsrück. Because of the very short stage, we have time in the afternoon to pursue our own interests. The campsite is close to the Schinderhannes cycle path, the barefoot park, storm- adventure-trail and the high ropes course. The local swimming pool is also a great way to pass the time. In the evening we go on a tour of the old town with the night watchman.

camping fee, local guide

Day 9 17.09.2022

Wine festival St. Goar

The morning is at leisure, the bus picks us up in the late afternoon and takes us to St. Goar for the wine festival. After taking a look around the pedestrian zone and having a drink, we go to the jetty of the Cologne-Düsseldorfer. After everyone is on board, the ship slowly brings us to our berth in the middle of the Rhine. After the 2-course menu served on board, we can watch the fireworks from the ship. The special thing about the fireworks in St. Goar is that the fireworks are ignited from 3 different points: from Rheinfels Castle, from Katz Castle and from a fire brigade ship in the Rhine. When the last cannon has faded, the ships start moving again and soon we are at the bus that will take us back to the campsite.

camping fee, bus, boat, dinner

Day 10 18.09.2022

Kastellaun

You have the option to sleep a little longer. We meet for brunch in the restaurant at the camping restaurant. This brings us to the end of the journey and you drive home individually. Of course, you have the option to extend your stay on site.

Brunch

As per 12/2021
Subject to change