



**Bike & Barge with MS Merlijn along the river Main  
from Frankfurt to Bamberg - Sep 21<sup>st</sup> - Sep 28<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**Day 1: Arrival in Frankfurt [Main 35 KM]**

You are welcomed on board the Merlijn with a welcome cocktail. After check in the Merlijn motors to Offenbach am Main (approx. 1 hour sailing).



**Day 2: Offenbach [Main 42 KM] - Aschaffenburg [Main 87 KM]; Bike tour of approx. 45 KM**

After breakfast the bike tour will start. Today's tour leads you to Bürzel, Mühlheim and Hanau, the town where the famous Grimm brothers were born.



Via Steinheim, with its charming historic centre and Kleinauheim, Hainstadt and Klein-Krotzenheim along the river Main to the small and romantic city Seligenstadt with its meandering alleys, half-timbered houses and the basilica. After crossing the river Main on a small ferry, we continue to Dettingen and Kleinostheim, and we will reach today's destination Aschaffenburg, with its museums, churches and of course the castle that's situated at the river bank.



**Day 3: Aschaffenburg [Main 87 KM] - Miltenberg [Main 125 KM]; Bike tour approx. 40 KM.**

Following the river (sometimes at the right and then again at the left bank) we pass lovely small towns and villages, such as Obernberg, and further on Klingenberg and Groszheubach, both famous for their fine red wines. We continue and end our day in Miltenberg. This is a charming village because of its meandering streets and alleys, old restored half-timber houses and the historic market square. You may want to go for a drink in the oldest Pub of Germany 'Zum Riesen'. Tonight you will be offered a brewery tour and beer tasting.



**Day 4: Miltenberg [Main 125 KM] - Lohr - Gemünden [Main 210 KM]; Bike tour of approx. 50 KM**

While you enjoy your sailing breakfast the Merlijn takes you from Miltenberg to Wertheim - situated right there where the rivers Main and Tauber meet - a town that invites you to come and visit its historic centre and the mountain ruins.



From here you will bike to Lohr, passing the half-timber castle Homburg, biking through the varying landscape with both wine mountains and afforested mountain slopes with bizarre rocks and historic monuments, like the Triefenstein monastery. Further on there is Lohr am Main and its Gothic and Baroque buildings, here you will board the Merlijn and together we sail to Gemünden. In Gemünden am Main is the confluence of three rivers: Sinn, Saale and Main.

**Day 5: Gemünden [Main 210 KM] - Marktbreit [Main 277 KM]; Bike tour approx. 45 KM**

Today the bike tour will lead you further on along the river Main, passing Karlstadt with its historic centre, Zellingen and Erlabrunn. Afterwards you will reach Würzburg, the Baroque town on the river Main. Explore this beautiful city, hike the road that mounts gradually as you will go on and climb the fortress that offers a magnificent view on the historic centre of Würzburg with its many towers.



After your visit of Würzburg you will embark the Merlijn and together we sail to the charming village of Marktbreit. During our cruise we will pass vineyards and hills full of vines and charming wine villages like Sommerhausen, Eibelstadt and Ochsenfurt.



**Day 6: Marktbreit [Main 277 KM] - Schweinfurt [Main 333 KM] Bike tour approx. 55 KM**

We start cruising, passing Kitzingen, famous for its leaning tower of which the story goes that's its leaning because the builders, who - because of water shortage - mixed the mortar with wine instead of water, had too much wine while mixing. The bike tour of today will start close to Schwarzach, further along the bike path we pass villages that are all very well known to wine connoisseurs like Sommerach, Nordheim and Volkach - where the Main eddies like crazy. Here you will admire a cultural highlight: the pilgrimage church '*Maria im Weingarten*' and the famous '*Madonna im Rosenkranz*' by Tilmann Riemenschneider. We will dock in the city of Schweinfurt, with its old centre full of cosy little spots, the town hall, the tower and the market place, the museums and galleries and a lot more, amongst them all the artificial '*Schweine*' (pigs). This evening you will enjoy your dinner in a local restaurant at your own expense. Overnight stay on the barge as usual.



**Day 7: Schweinfurt [Main 333 KM] - Bamberg [Main 384 KM]; Bike tour approx 35 KM**

We start today with a sailing breakfast and disembark in Hassfurt, famous for the late gothic Ritter chapel and the late gothic church at the market square with its valuable paintings (John the Baptist and Maria with child) by Tilmann Riemenschneider. From here we bike to the town of Eltmann and further on the Main river, passing the famous pilgrimage church Maria Limbach. We reach Bamberg, a very charming, historic bishops town with Villa Concordia, the historic lock 100, the water castle, the baroque house on the bridge and the former fishing settling Small Venice all emphasizing the tight connection between town and river. Try the famous smoked beer in this city!



**Day 8: Bamberg [Main 384 KM]**

After breakfast it is time to say goodbye and continue your European trip or leave for the airport.



We reserve to ourselves the right of changing schedule and/or program. If -part of - the route is not navigable the captain is entitled to change the schedule for safety reasons. Changes in schedule and program do not give you the right on free cancellation.

**Included:**

7 nights' accommodations on board the Merlijn in a double room with private bathroom  
Daily cabin cleaning service  
Welcome drink  
7 x breakfast buffets, 6 x 3-course dinners, 6 x lunch boxes  
Unlimited ice water, coffee, hot chocolate & tea on board  
Use of a 24-speed bicycle, incl. a towel, bike bag and helmet  
Route information  
Brewery tour and beer tasting  
Free water bottle per person  
Ferry fares en route

**Not included:**

Insurances  
1 dinner  
Tour guide  
Inbound and outbound journey and transfers  
Organized city tours other than mentioned  
Drinks other than mentioned  
Entrance fees and excursions other than the beer brewery

**Rate p.p. in a double room € 1,480**

**Payment and cancellation policy:**

**Payment:** 20% of the price at the time of definite reservation,  
80% 1 month prior to starting cruise date

**Cancellation  
fee:**

If the cruise is cancelled  
until 12 months prior to starting cruise date 20%  
between 12 and 6 months prior to starting cruise date 50%  
between 6 and 1 month prior to starting cruise date 80%  
between 1 month and 1 day prior to starting cruise date 90%  
at the day of starting cruise date or later 100%