



**Bike and Barge on the Saar and Mosel rivers  
from Merzig to Cochem in Germany  
October 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**Saturday, DAY 1: Arrival in Merzig**

The **Merlijn**, your sailing hotel, already awaits you in Merzig. Embarkation starts at 4 pm. The crew will welcome you on board and while you enjoy a welcome drink you will get information about the ship, the tours and the bicycles. After dinner there is time for a stroll through the city that gives you a chance to have a look at structures dating over eight centuries as well as visiting some museums.



**Sunday, DAY 2: Merzig - Saarburg (32 km)**

Today's tour takes you through the wonderful Saarland region. More than any other region, it symbolizes the "rendezvous in Saarland", a junction of water and land. From Merzig it's about 10 km to the *excellent* viewpoint over the landscape and the Saar loop at the "Cloef" above and invites you to a short stay. Near Orscholz you will pass the Saar-loop, the renowned river bend of the Saar. From here you will bike further on to Saarburg, passing the village Mettlach, well known for the Villeroy & Boch products. In Saarburg you may complete your trip with a city tour and enjoy a splendid view over the city and the Saar valley. In the charming city itself you'll be impressed by the narrow alleys, framework houses, Baroque constructions as well as colourful fishermen and sailor houses. The master architect of Berlin, Karl Friedrich Schinkel, already named the ensemble of romantic houses and small bridges on the Buttermarkt "Little Venice" in the 19th century.



**Monday, DAY 3: Saarburg - Trier (20 km)**

After breakfast you will continue your trip by following the river Saar river 'downstream'. At Konz the Saar meets the Moselle river. Biking along the right bank of the Moselle river you continue your bike tour to Trier. In the afternoon you will enjoy a guided city tour through this magnificent city. Trier was the Roman capital of the western part of the Roman Empire, and there are many remainders such as the Porta Nigra, the gigantic city-gate and the Roman Baths. Tonight you will enjoy your dinner at your own expense in one of the many restaurants in Trier.



**Tuesday, DAY 4: Trier - Bernkastel Kues (42 km)**

Enjoy your breakfast while cruising from Trier to the holiday resort Mehring. The Roman poet Ausonius already sang of the beautiful landscape. The Romans fell in love with this landscape more than 2000 years ago and built splendid country villas here. After visiting Neumagen-Drohn you will bike further on to Bernkastel-Kues, where magnificent framework houses line the marketplace. After a visit to this charming city you will board the Merlijn for dinner and overnight stay at Bernkastel Kues.



**Wednesday, DAY 5, Bernkastel Kues - Traben Trarbach**

After breakfast there will be some more time to visit Bernkastel, one of the pearls on the Mosel river. Your biking tour will lead you again along the meandering Mosel river, passing charming villages and vineyards. Tonight Hen and Jantien offer you a wine tasting at the winery Friedrich Storck.



#### **Thursday, DAY 6: Traben Trarbach - Cochem (37 km)**

Today starts with a relaxing sailing breakfast, cruising up to Zell - famous for its vineyard *Zeller Schwarze Katz*. Here your bike tour starts and you will bike along the Mosel and visit many charming villages, such as Alf, Sankt Aldegund - here you can visit a cellar with lots of liquors, wines and Mosel-mustards and a Gallery - Bremm and finally Beilstein. After exploring this interesting medieval village, that has never been destroyed so far, you will bike to Cochem, where the Merlijn will await you. Farewell dinner and overnight stay in Cochem



#### **Friday, DAY 7 Departure from Cochem**

Disembarkation at 9am, after breakfast.

**Rate per person € 1,450 in a double room**

##### **Included:**

6 nights' accommodation on board the Merlijn, in a double room, with private bathroom, climate control, safe, hairdryer  
Full board - except one dinner  
City tour Trier and wine tasting in Traben Trarbach  
Service of a tour guide  
Daily cleaning of the rooms  
Service of staff  
Use of a 24-speed cycle incl. towel, bike bag, universal sized helmet, water bottle  
Unlimited coffee, tea and hot chocolate during the trip on board and potable ice water throughout the meals  
Harbour fees

##### **Not included:**

Drinks other than mentioned  
One dinner  
Outward and inward journey  
Insurances

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.

We will be happy to inform you on transfers, city hotel reservations, rental of our tandem or electric bikes ( € 25 each per day)