



**Bike & Barge Rhine, Moselle and Saar rivers
from Mainz to Merzig**

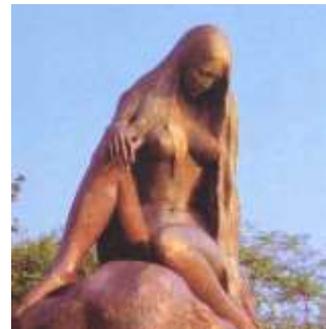
October 5th - 12th 2019

Saturday, DAY 1: Arrival in Mainz - Rudesheim

The **Merlijn**, your sailing hotel already awaits you in Mainz, docked on the Rhine river. Embarkation starts at 4 pm. The crew welcomes you on board and while you enjoy your welcome drink you will get information about the ship, the tours and the bicycles. Before dinner we will start sailing to Rudesheim, where we will stay overnight.

Sunday, DAY 2: Rudesheim - St. Goar - Koblenz (40 km)

Merlijn takes you in the early morning to St. Goar. Today is one of the highlights of the trip: sailing by the Loreley, you might even hear her singing.....



We will stay overnight in Koblenz at the confluence of Rhine and Moselle.

Monday Day 3, Koblenz - Cochem (40 km)

During breakfast we will sail to Alken, here you will start biking to Moselkern. You will bike into the Elztal and after a hike of approx. 40 minutes you will visit the beautiful castle of Eltz.



Lying romantically on a cliff, the castle is one of the very few that has never been destroyed during its long history. Afterwards, you will bike to Cochem where the Merlijn is already waiting. In Cochem you may want to pay a visit to the famous Reichsburg or stroll through the cosy streets in this romantic city.



Tuesday, DAY 4: Cochem - Zell - Traben Trarbach (40 km)

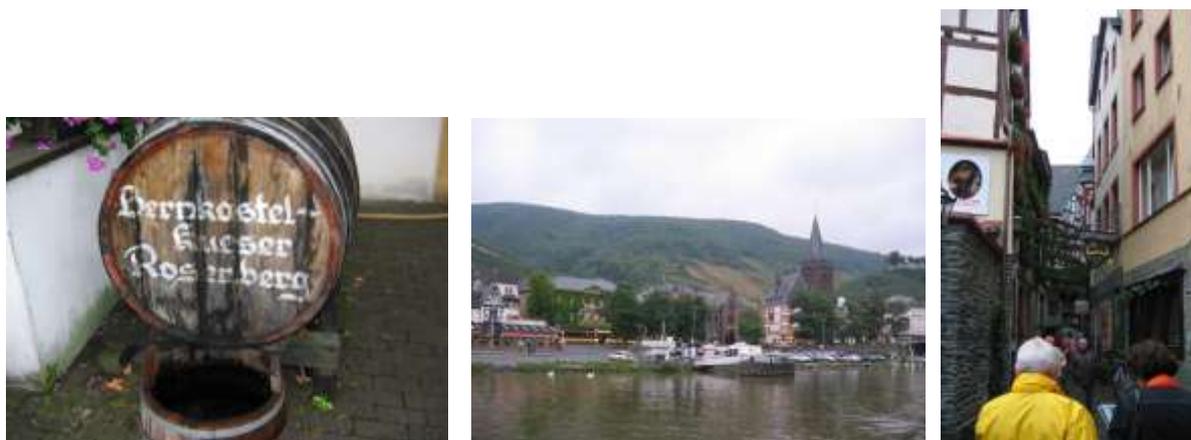
In the morning you will start biking from Cochem and the first stop will be in Beilstein. The small village of Beilstein is worth a visit, it has never been destroyed and you will enjoy a stroll through this medieval village. Along the meandering Moselle River, you will bike to Zell - famous for its vineyard *Zeller Schwarze Katz*. Here in Zell you will board the Merlijn and together we will sail to Traben - Trarbach, the city of the art nouveau. Tonight you will be offered a wine tasting at the Winery of Storck in Traben Trarbach.



Wednesday, DAY 5: Traben-Trarbach - Bernkastel Kues - Trier (45 km)



During your breakfast the Merlijn sails to Bernkastel Kues, where your bike tour will start. First you will have some time for a tour through Bernkastel-Kues.



Later on, you will bike to the holiday resort of Mehring, passing Neumagen-Drohn. This is the spot where the Romans first set foot travelling from the Rhine to the Moselle river. The Roman poet Ausonius already sang of the beautiful landscape in this area. The Romans fell in love with this landscape more than 2000 years ago and built splendid country-villas here. In Mehring, you will board the Merlijn again and together we will cruise to Trier. Tonight you will enjoy your dinner in one of the many local restaurants in Trier.

Thursday, DAY 6: Trier - Saarburg (25 or 55 km)

In the morning, you may want to explore Trier more, also a guided city tour is offered by us. Trier was the capital of the Western Roman Empire, a Roman government seat and is well-known for its Porta Nigra, a gigantic city gate. In the afternoon you will bike to Saarburg.



The cityscape of Saarburg is embossed from 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.



Friday, DAY 7: Saarburg - Merzig (32 km)



After a tour through Saarburg and a splendid view over the city and the Saar valley, you bike about 15 km to the Saar-loop near Orscholz, the renowned river bend of the Saar. More than any other region, it symbolizes the "rendezvous in Saarland", a junction of water and land. An excellent viewpoint over the landscape and the Saar loop is at the “Cloef” above and invites you to a short stay. From there, it is only 10 km to today’s destination, the city of Merzig. On your way you may want to visit the village of Villeroy & Boch: Mettlach. In Merzig, a short city tour in the afternoon gives you a chance to have a look at structures dating over eight centuries as well as visiting some museums

Saturday, DAY 8: Departure from Merzig

Disembarkation will be at 9 am after breakfast.



Rate p.p. in a double room € 1.480

Your trip includes:

- 7 nights in a cabin with private toilet, shower, two comfortable air controlled mattresses, climate control, safe, hairdryer
- welcome cocktail
- daily cleaning of your cabin
- 7 x breakfast buffet and 6 x 3 course dinners; packed lunches during your biking days
- guided city tour in Trier, wine tasting in Traben Trarbach
- use of a 24-gear bicycle, including a bike bag, towel, water bottle and helmet;
- toll for bridges, harbours etc.
- services of a tour guide
- daily information of the trip on the next day
- bike maps coffee and tea throughout the day, ice water at dinner

Not included:

- travelling to and from the Merlijn
- 1 dinner
- Insurance
- city maps
- excursions other than mentioned
- drinks other than mentioned

Payment: Deposit: 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
6 months prior to starting cruise date 20%
4 months prior to starting cruise date 50%
1 month prior to starting cruise date 80%
at the day of starting cruise date or later 100%

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