



**Bike & Barge on the Merlijn  
Bamberg - Frankfurt  
September 28<sup>th</sup> - October 5<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**Day 1: arrival in Bamberg [Main 389]**

You are welcomed on board the Merlijn with a welcome cocktail. The afternoon is free, allowing you to explore Bamberg, the 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.

Dinner and overnights stay in Bamberg



**Day 2: Bamberg [Main 389 KM] - Schweinfurt [Main 355 KM]; Bike tour approx 35 KM**

We leave Bamberg and bike along the river Main passing the famous pilgrimage church Maria Limbach and the town of Eltmann. We reach our today's goal 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. In Hassfurt we embark and barge to 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).

If you want to bike the whole trip to Schweinfurt it will take you approx. 20 Km more.

Dinner and overnight stay in Schweinfurt.



**Day 3: Schweinfurt [Main 333 KM] - Marktbreit [Main 277 KM];** Bike tour approx. 56 KM

Cruising during breakfast you will pass villages such as Fahr, Hirschfeld, Röhlein and Grafenrheinfeld. We also pass Kitzingen, that's 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.



You will disembark in Wipfeld. Passing villages that all are very well known to wine connoisseurs like Dettelbach, Sommerach and Nordheim, and Volkach - where the Main eddies like crazy - we head for a cultural highlight: the pilgrimage church 'Maria im Weingarten' and the famous 'Madonna im Rosenkranz' by Tilmann Riemenschneider.

Dinner and overnight stay in the charming village of Marktbreit.

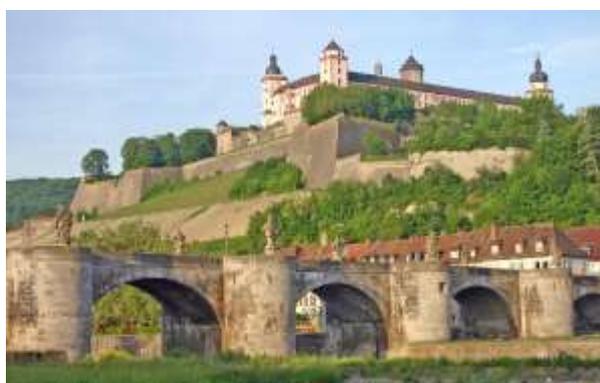


**Day 4: Marktbreit [Main 277 KM] - Gemünden [Main 210 KM] - Lohr [220KM];** Bike tour approx. 45 KM

While you enjoy your breakfast we cruise to Würzburg [Main 253 KM], the Baroque town on the river Main. Here you disembark and explore this beautiful city. The road mounts gradually as we climb the fortress that offers a magnificent view on the historic centre of Würzburg with its many towers. After your visit of Würzburg the bike tour starts to Gemünden. You will pass Karlstadt with its historic centre and the bike tour will lead you further on along the river Main via Zelligen and Erlabrunn. We continue through the vineyards, the hills full of vines and charming wine villages like Eibelstadt and Sommerhausen. From Gemünden to Lohr we will sail together, enjoying your dinner. Dinner and overnight stay in Lohr an Main.



Residenz Würzburg



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**Day 5: Lohr (Main 220 KM) - Miltenberg [Main 157 KM];** Bike tour of approx. 50 KM

Our today's bike stage starts in Lohr and takes us along historic monuments, like the Triefenstein monastery and half-timber castle Homburg, through the varying landscape with both wine mountains and afforested mountain slopes with bizarre rocks.



Wertheim



Miltenberg



You arrive at 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. After your visit to Wertheim your bike tour continues to the historic city of Miltenberg. It is charming 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. Tonight you will also visit a brewery, local beer tasting included. Dinner and overnight stay at Miltenberg.



**Day 6: Miltenberg [Main 157 KM] - Aschaffenburg [Main 87];** 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. Groszheubach and Klingenberg are famous for their fine red wines. We continue via Bürgstadt to Freudenberg and further on to Aschaffenburg, with its museums, churches and of course the castle that's situated at the river bank. Tonight you will enjoy your dinner in one of the local restaurants in town at your own expense.



**Day 7: Aschaffenburg [Main 87 KM] - Frankfurt [Main 35 KM];** Bike tour of approx. 45 KM  
Today's bike tour leads us through Kleinostheim and Dettingen. After crossing the river Main on a small ferry, we continue to the small and romantic city Seligenstadt with its meandering alleys, half-timber houses and the basilica.



Further on along the river Main to Klein-Krotzenburg, Hainstadt, Kleinauheim via Steinheim with its charming historic centre to Hanau, the town where the famous Grimm brothers were born. Via Mühlheim you will ride to Frankfurt, where we will meet the Merlijn. In the late afternoon you will have time to explore this metro pole with its modern buildings, museums and lively shopping centre.



Schloss Philippsruhe

### Day 8: Frankfurt

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.

**Rate in a double room € 1.480**

Reservations through [www.tripsite.com](http://www.tripsite.com)

**Included:**

7 nights accommodations on board the Merlijn  
Daily cabin cleaning service  
Welcome drink  
7 x breakfast buffets, 6 x packed lunchbox, 6 x 3-course dinners  
Coffee & tea on board, ice water during dinner  
24-speed bicycle, incl. a towel, bike bag and helmet  
Route information  
Tour guide  
Brewery tour incl. beer tasting  
Guided tour through the Residence Wurzburg  
Free water bottle per person  
Ferry fares en route

**Not included:**

Insurances  
Inbound and outbound journey and transfers  
Organised city tours  
One dinner  
Drinks other than mentioned  
Entrance fees, excursions other than mentioned

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