



**Bike and Barge on the Rhine and Moselle rivers
from Mainz to Merzig: along Rhine, Moselle and Saar rivers
October 1st - October 8th 2016**

SPECIAL OFFER: TWO FOR ONE: RATE P.P. € 560

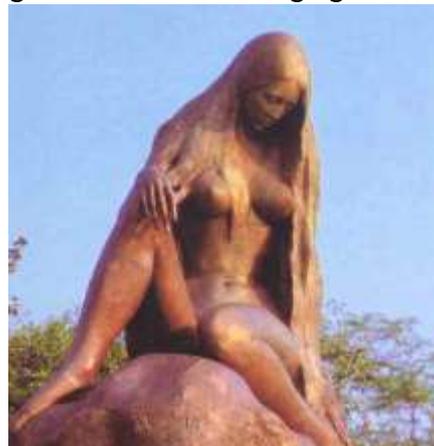
Saturday, DAY 1: Arrival in Mainz - Cruise to Bingen/Rüdesheim

The **Merlijn**, your sailing hotel, already awaits you in the city of Mainz. Embarkation starts at 4 pm. The crew will welcome you onboard and while you enjoy a welcome drink you will get information about the ship, the tours and the bicycles. In the afternoon you may have time for a stroll through Mainz. Mainz's Old Town, its inner city, is the pride and joy of the city-scene. Broad, roomy squares and places, lovingly-restored half-timbered houses and magnificent Baroque churches give the Old Town its charming, "gemuetliches" character. Around 5:30PM the Merlijn motors to Bingen/Rüdesheim where we will stay overnight.



Sunday, DAY 2: Bingen/Rüdesheim - Koblenz (40 km)

Today we start with a sailing breakfast, because we would like you to experience the view on the Loreley from the Merlijn. If you listen carefully, you might even hear her singing.....



In St. Goar you will start biking along the Rhine river passing charming cities such as Boppard. You will have time to visit the ancient city of Boppard, also called 'the pearl on the river Rhine'. You might even want to take the chair-lift up to the magnificent viewpoint on the Rhine loop. The bike trip ends in Koblenz, where the Moselle meets the Rhine river at the "German Corner". Here you will enjoy your dinner in one of the restaurants in Koblenz at your own expense.



Monday, DAY 3: Koblenz - Cochem (25 km)

Today starts with a sailing breakfast while cruising upstream the Moselle river to Alken. Here you will start the biking tour to Moselkern.

You will bike into the Eltztal and visit the castle 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 has already docked. In Cochem you may want to pay a visit to the famous Reichsburg or stroll through the cosy streets in this romantic city. In Cochem are many restaurants and you will enjoy your dinner in one of them tonight at your own expense.



Tuesday, DAY 4: Cochem - Zell - Traben Trarbach (35 km)

The biking tour starts in Cochem and your first stop of today will definitely be the small village of Beilstein. This is absolutely 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*. Before you reach Zell you pass Sankt Aldegund, where the house of Henk and Jantien is, including a Gallery. Also in this village is a great cellar with all kinds of mustards, liquors and wines, worth a visit! In Zell you will board the Merlijn and Captain Henk sails us to Traben -Trarbach, the city of the art nouveau. After dinner we offer you a wine tasting in a local winery.



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

After breakfast your bike tour starts to Bernkastel Kues or you sail with us the first part of this tour and will start your bike tour in Bernkastel Kues. In this city magnificent framework houses line the marketplace. Later on, you will bike to the interesting city of Neumagen-Drohn. 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 Neumagen-Drohn we will stay overnight. In Mehring, you will board the Merlijn again and together we will cruise to Trier. In Trier are many restaurants and you will enjoy your dinner in one of them tonight at your own expense.



Thursday, DAY 6: Neumagen Drohn - Trier (37 km)



After breakfast your bike ride will start from Neumagen Drohn to the city of Trier. In the afternoon you will enjoy the guided city tour. Trier was a Roman government seat and is well-known for its Porta Nigra, a gigantic city gate.

The cityscape 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. After your guided city tour in Trier you will have time on your own, as well as dinner in town at your own expense. We will stay overnight in Trier.

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



Early morning we sail from Trier to Saarburg and your bike tour will start here after you have visited this charming city on the Saar river. After a tour through Saarburg and a splendid view over the city and the Saar valley, you will 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.



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 p.p. in a double room € 1,160

Included in your trip:

7 nights of accommodation, 7 times breakfast buffet, 6 times lunchboxes, 4 times three course dinners

Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and ice water free of charge

Use of a 24-gear bike, including towel, bike bag, water bottle and universal sized helmet

Fees for harbors, bridges and locks

Guided city tour Trier

Wine tasting Traben Trarbach

Daily cabin cleaning service

Welcome drink

Route information

Ferry fares *en route*

Services of a tour guide

Not included:

Insurances

Inbound and outbound journey and transfers

Organised city tours other than Trier

Three dinners

Drinks other than mentioned

Entrance fees, excursions other than the wine tasting

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 6 months prior to starting cruise date 20%
between 6 and 4 months prior to starting cruise date 50%
between 4 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%

We will be happy to inform you on transfers, city hotel reservations, our tandem or electric bikes.