



Bike & Barge on the Merlijn Bamberg - Mainz

We can offer you the possibility of transferring to the Merlijn from Frankfurt airport or centre to Bamberg and from Mainz to Frankfurt airport by bus

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 overnight stay in Bamberg

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



We leave Bamberg and after a visit to the city we 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



The Merlijn sails you to Wipfeld, where your bike tour will start. We head for a cultural highlight: the pilgrimage church 'Maria im Weingarten' and the famous 'Madonna im Rosenkranz' by Tilmann Riemenschneider. You will bike through vineyards passing villages that all are very well known to wine connoisseurs like Volkach, Nordheim, Sommerach and Dettelbach, where the Main eddies like crazy. You will bike further along the Main river, passing 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.

Dinner and overnight stay in the charming village of Marktbreit.



Day 4: Marktbreit [Main 277 KM] - Gemünden [Main 210 KM]; 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.



You will tour through the historic centre of Würzburg with its many towers and also pay a visit to the Residenz, one of the most important baroque castles in Europe. After your visit of Würzburg the bike tour starts to Gemünden. You will pass Erlabrunn, Zelligen, Karlstadt with its historic centre and the bike tour will lead you further on along the river Main to Gemünden. This bike tours also leads you through the vineyards, the hills full of vines and charming wine villages.



Dinner and overnight stay in Gemünden.

Day 5: Gemünden (Main 210 KM) - Miltenberg [Main 157 KM]; Bike tour of approx. 50 KM

Our today's bike stage starts in Gemünden passing Lohr am Main and its Gothic and Baroque buildings 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,. 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 we cruise together 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 - after dinner on the Merlijn - you will visit a German Beer Brewery. 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 many restaurants in Aschaffenburg at your own expense.



Day 7: Aschaffenburg [Main 87 KM] - Mainz [Rhein 471 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 Offenbach, where the

Merlijn will be waiting for you. Together we will be sailing through Frankfurt to Mainz.



After dinner you will have time to explore this interesting city, with its Dom, and charming *Altstadt*.

Day 8: Mainz

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 p.p. in a double room € 1.065

Included:

7 nights accommodations on board the Merlijn

Daily cabin cleaning service

Welcome drink

Breakfast buffets, 6 times 3-course dinners, starting with dinner on day 1 and ending with breakfast on day 8, lunchboxes during the bike tours

Coffee, tea, hot chocolate & ice water on board

7-speed hybrid bicycle, incl. a bike bag and a universal sized helmet

Route information

Tour guide

Free water bottle per person

Ferry fares en route

Brewery tour incl. beer tasting in Miltenberg

Not included:

Insurances

Inbound and outbound journey and transfers

1 dinner

Organised city tours

Drinks other than mentioned

Entrance fees, excursions other than the Brewery tour

Reservations directly to Jantien Wondergem

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