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## Mainz - Cologne, MS Olympia

### TRAVEL BY BIKE & BARGE THROUGH A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE FROM MAINZ TO COLOGNE

The UNESCO world cultural site "Upper Middle Rhine Valley" is a paradise for romantics. Follow the river Rhine through a splendid hilly landscape in which aristocratic developers built many castles and fortresses in the past and where elaborate timber framed houses dominate the lanes of the historical old town.

At the same time you will experience a wild romantic landscape which is home to many legends like the Loreley. Your journey on the MS Olympia from Mainz to the Cathedral City of Cologne is however also a journey with many culinary delights. Along the Rhine grapes are grown, which are turned into excellent wines. The art of cooking here is in no way inferior to the skills of local wine growers either.

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#### Easy



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided Tour



Minimum number of participants:  
75 persons

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# Itinerary

DAY  
1

## *Arrival in Mainz*

Embark between 3pm and 5pm. There may be time to see the old town of Mainz with its lovely alleys and public squares.

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DAY  
2

## *Mainz – Rüdesheim* | Cycle tour approx. 30 km

Today we will show you why the river Rhine and its surroundings are part of the UNESCO world cultural heritage. Beautiful islands, steep slate rocks and vineyards shape the region around Rüdesheim. By bike you will pass Eltville with its fortress "Kurfürstliche Burg" and Oestrich-Winkel with its crane for loading wine as a famous landmark and arrive finally in Rüdesheim. Here, the world-famous wine alley "Drosselgasse" is well worth a visit.

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DAY  
3

## *Rüdesheim – St. Goar / St. Goarshausen*

| Cycle tour approx. 30 km

Today you will cycle along the Rhine through the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, passing romantic castles and ruins. These buildings include the Reichenstein and Rheinstein fortresses. You will also go past the famous rock of the Loreley on your way to St. Goar - today's destination. From the top of the rock you will have a beautiful view of St. Goar and St. Goarshausen.

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DAY  
4

## *St. Goar – Coblenz* | Cycle tour approx. 40 km

Boppard and the Marksburg are possible destinations today on your way to Coblenz with its famous "Deutsche Eck" (German corner), where the rivers Moselle and Rhine merge. From the fortress Ehrenbreitstein, which you can reach comfortably by cableway, you will enjoy a fantastic view over the splendid landscape of the Rhine. Tickets for the cableway are available on board.

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DAY  
5*Coblenz – Andernach*

Cycle tour approx. 25 km

Your path will lead you past Neuwied with its castle Engers to Andernach, which is today's destination. Like Coblenz this is one of the oldest cities in Germany. Here you will find the famous cold water gush spring. This water fountain with a height of 50 to 60 meters is said to be the highest in the world. In Andernach you can enjoy sights like the Round Tower or you can visit the wine village Leutesdorf, which you can reach from Andernach by ferry.

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DAY  
6*Andernach – Bonn*

Cycle tour approx. 45 km

On your way to Bonn it is worthwhile to visit castle Drachenburg in Königswinter on the Drachenfels (steep slope) or the Sea Life with its various marine inhabitants. Later in the day you will reach Bonn. Germany's former capital is cosy yet cosmopolitan. Numerous global organisations still have their headquarters here and provide the city of Beethoven with international flair.

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DAY  
7*Bonn – Cologne*

Cycle tour approx. 35 km

Before you reach Cologne by bike, you can have a nice rest at the leisure island Groov amidst a vast landscape of the Rheinaue wetland in one of Cologne's suburbs, Porz-Zündorf.

Once you have reached the city centre of Cologne, take your time for a stroll through the old town. Museums like the Ludwig Museum or the Chocolat Museum by the river Rhine are worth a visit. The modern parts of Cologne are also good and can be found at the port of the Rheinaue wetland with its crane houses. The breweries with their famous "Kölsch" beer show a relaxed side to this big city.

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DAY  
8*Departure from Cologne*

After breakfast it is time to disembark. Please do so before 9am.

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# *Tour character*

The cycle paths on this tour are in excellent condition. Most sections are either paved or asphalted. You cycle alongside the Rhine dikes and there are not any noteworthy hills. This makes the tour suitable for novice cyclists too.

# Prices and events

Place of arrival: Mainz

Season 1  
24.06.2023 | 22.07.2023 |

Bike & Boat Along the river Rhine - Mainz - Cologne, main deck, MS Olympia, 8 days, DE-RHSMK-08-H	
Base price	1,099.00
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin single use	250.00
Bike & Boat Along the river Rhine - Mainz - Cologne, upper deck, MS Olympia, 8 days, DE-RHSMK-08-0	
Base price	1,299.00
Discount 2-bed-cabin astern	-50.00
Surcharge 1-bed cabin	150.00
2-bed-cabin single use	50%

# Our rental bikes

	Filter
7-gear with back brake	79.00
7-gear with freewheel	79.00
Electric bike with freewheel	189.00
E-Bike with back brake	189.00

Prices per person in EUR

# *Services and infos*

## Services

### Included:

- Accomodation in outside cabin with shower/WC in the booked category
- Programme according to itinerary from Cologne to Mainz
- Welcome drink
- Full board (7x breakfast, 6x packed lunch for cycle tours or lunch snack, 6x coffee and tea in the afternoon, 7x three-course dinner)
- Cabin cleaned daily
- Change of bedding and towels if required
- Lock, harbour and bridge fees
- Daily briefing on board for the respective cycle tours
- Tour guide on board
- GPS tracks
- 1 set of maps and information material per cabin

## Infos

### Arrival/Parking/Departure:

- Mainz station is about 3 km away from the pier
- Central station car park (unguarded, cannot be booked in advance) costs approx. € 10 per day.

### Notes:

- Further important information according to the package travel law and additional information about your bike and boat trip can be found [here!](#)

# Accommodation

## *MS Olympia*

Comfortable and cosy river ship with family environment. The ship was refurbished in 2015/2016.

***Beds:*** 96

***Crew:*** 21

***Length:*** 88,50

***Width:*** 10,50

## Contact & booking

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.



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**Book now**

