

# BIKE & BARGE ALONG THE FABULOUS MOSEL RIVER

Journey includes France, Germany & Luxembourg

May 28 – June 7, 2020



Paved bike paths, well-marked signage and easy cycling along the Rhine's largest tributary. Medieval market squares, half-timbered villages, gothic cathedrals and castle ruins. We follow the breadcrumbs of history. The Romans "civilized" this "barbaric" region bringing their culture and the first grapevines. Little did they know at the time of Julius Cesar that this river valley would blossom into a Riesling drinkers' paradise. On both sides of the river, the precisely-tended vineyards hug the steep slopes. We promise you the ride of a lifetime with lots of sampling along the way.

**Towns Included:** METZ, REMICH, SAARBURG, TRIER, BERNKASTEL, DAUN, AND COCHEM

**Highlights:** We start our journey in Metz, one of the largest Roman cities to fall to Atilla the Hun. Known for its great architecture and a cathedral that took 300 years to build. Biking through the Lorraine region, birthplace of French military heroine Joan of Arc. Ooh-la-la the food out here! Those wonderful breads, Quiche Lorraine, delicate Madaline cookies and golden Mirabelle plums you'll find in jams, tarts and a sweet liqueur—the nectar of Gods.

Onto Luxembourg, the only Grand Duchy in Europe. Its strategic position between two super powers made it a hotly contested area to control over the ages. If you know a little French and German, you'll understand their mother tongue—a rich soup of both languages in one pot. And then: Germany! The lead city on this trip is Trier. Never heard of it? You're not the only one. Its hey-day was around 2nd century AD. Known as Roma Segunda at the time, Trier was an Imperial Roman city. Kind of a big deal when Constantine the Great ruled from here. You will see the remnants of this glorious past in Germany's oldest cathedral, amphitheater, the emperor's throne hall and famous "black gate," the blackened remains of the ancient city wall.

Further downstream we get to the heart of the Moselle Valley, with its picture-perfect little towns with hundreds of vineyards and wineries. Gently cycling along the Riverside we reach our final destination at the feet of the Reichsburg of Cochem.

**Total Package Price: \$3,615\*** per person/double occupancy

\* This price reflects a 3% discount for paying by check or money order for the ENTIRE trip. Discount will be reflected on final invoice submitted for payment. Discount only applies if ALL payments are made by check or money order. If not, NO discount will apply (i.e. no partial discounts). Land only is not eligible for discount.

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**Included in bike and barge portion:**

- Double room with private bath
- Bed linens and towels
- Daily breakfast
- 6 dinners on board
- 6 days lunch supplies
- Coffee and tea on board
- Cabins cleaned daily
- Climate controlled cabins
- Tour guides
- Bike rental (electric bikes available by reservation at an additional cost)
- Helmets, panniers & waterbottles
- Excursions: Wine tasting, Rails to Trail day tour, entrance Burg Cochem
- Gratuity for barge staff
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**Additionally included in full trip package:**

- Round trip air Miami – Frankfurt Non-Stop
- Coach transfer from Frankfurt airport to Hotel Scala in the center of Frankfurt for 1 night
- Breakfast at hotel followed by coach transfer to Metz, France to board barge
- At end of barge trip, coach transfer back to Hotel Scala for 1 night
- Breakfast at hotel followed by coach transfer to Frankfurt airport for flight to Miami
- Tips for coach drivers

**Airline Lufthansa:**

LH / 463 28MAY	Departs MIA:	4:55PM	Arrives FRA: 8:00AM 29MAY
LH / 462 07JUN	Departs FRA:	10:45AM	Arrives MIA: 2:50PM

**Non-discounted price**

**Total Package Price: \$3,727** per person/double occupancy

**Land Only: (no air; for airport/hotel transportation, meet our group or transfer is your sole responsibility) Deduct \$1,212**