

BIKE & BARGE ALONG THE FABULOUS MOSEL RIVER

Journey includes France, Germany & Luxembourg

August 4-14, 2022



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 Caesar 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 Madaleine 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: \$4,300.00 per person/double occupancy

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* This price reflects a 3% discount on the Base Package, only when paying the entire amount by check or money order (selecting Land only eliminates this discount). Discount will be reflected on the final invoice to be paid. If any partial payment is made by credit card, no discount will apply.

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Included in Bike and Barge Package:

- 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 of \$135.00)
- Helmets, panniers & water bottles
- Excursions: Wine tasting, Rails to Trail day tour, entrance Burg Cochem
- Gratuity for barge staff

Additionally included in full trip package:

- Round trip air Miami – Frankfurt Non-Stop
- Coach transfer from Frankfurt airport to Hotel NH Collection 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 NH Collection Frankfurt for 1 night
- Breakfast at hotel followed by coach transfer to Frankfurt airport for flight to Miami
- Tips for coach drivers

Airline: LUFTHANSA non-stop flight

LH 463 04 AUG	Departs MIA: 4:50PM	Arrives FRA: 8:00AM 05 AUG
LH 462 14 AUG	Departs FRA: 10:45AM	Arrives MIA: 2:45PM 14 AUG

Non-Discounted Price

Total Package Price: \$4,300.00 per person/double occupancy

Land Only: Deduct \$1,434.00 (from \$4,300.00 non-discounted price-no cash discounts apply.) Land only does not include airfare or airport/hotel transportation, therefore ground transfer is your sole responsibility.

**** All prices may vary due to changes in air/fuel taxes and/ or currency exchange rate.**