

Rhine in Flames Spectacular

24th June – 4th July 2022



Fireworks, Flames and Romantic Flair

Enjoy a picturesque summer getaway along the Rhine River. The highlight of this tour will be an evening cruise with supper to see the magnificent Rhine in Flames, which is the collective name given to a series of spectacular firework displays that take place each year on the Rhine River.

We meet at the charming town of Valkenburg in the Netherlands, the campsite is next to the countries only hilltop castle and sits above the caves and galleries created by the town's long history of quarrying.

Our drive into Germany, takes us first to Bernkastel-Kues, nestling on the banks of the Mosel River. Here we have a vintage bus tour of the historic centre and visit a winery where we taste some of the famous wines the town is renowned for. Then we move to Rudesheim am Rhine, an attractive town laying in the rivers gorge and renowned for its wonderful views. The narrow-cobbled lanes of the Old Town lined with wine taverns and gardens are certainly not to be missed.

We have included a visit to the fascinating museum of mechanical musical instruments. We will also enjoy the "Ring Tour" with a cable car ride up to visit the Germania Monument and get a bird's eye view of the vineyards that cling to the sides of the Gorge as we return to the river by chair lift.

It is from Rudesheim that you will board the river cruiser where dinner will be served whilst enjoying a leisurely cruise along the river. Then we join a flotilla of illuminated riverboats to take in the spectacle of the fireworks, pyrotechnics and experience the riverbanks and landmarks as they change into a magical red glow – an unforgettable experience.

Throughout this tour group activities are reasonably friendly for pet owners. The places included either accept pets inside or the duration of the excursion is such that pets can be comfortably left in the motorhome.

10 Nights

Day One – Friday 24th June

The tour will meet at the lovely Old Town of Valkenburg. This evening we have a welcome dinner in a local restaurant.

Day Two – Saturday 25th June

Valkenburg lies in the Geul Valley and in the past was known for its marlstone which was quarried for building material. Several caves and galleries have been made into museums and today your Tour Directors will take you to one.

Day Three – Sunday 26th June

We drive into Germany making our way to the next campsite in the town of Bernkastel-Kues. **110 miles**

Day Four – Monday 27th June

Bernkastel-Kues nestles on the banks of the Mosel River and is well known for its historical centre and the quality of its wines. We enjoy a sightseeing tour today in a vintage bus.

Day Five – Tuesday 28th June

Today we will visit a wine producer for a presentation and tasting accompanied by a selection of hams and cheese.

Day Six – Wednesday 29th June

Move on today to the charming town of Rudesheim am Rhine. Our campsite is situated near the river and you can take an easy stroll along the riverbank into town. **60 miles**

Day Seven – Thursday 30th June

After a leisurely start to the day, we will take the “Ring Tour” which offers fantastic views of the gorgeous scenery around Rudesheim and the Niederwald Forest. We begin with a ten-minute ride on a cable car from the town, then walk around the Germania Monument and along peaceful forest paths. From here we take a chair lift down through steep vineyards to Assmannshausen where we will board a river boat for a 45-minute cruise back to Rudesheim. Parts of this excursion may not be suitable for people with restricted mobility.

Day Eight – Friday 1st July

A free day, maybe you would like to visit the Asbach Distillery for a tour and taste of their Brandy.

Day Nine – Saturday 2nd July

Rudesheim is the home of Siegfried’s Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum and this morning we have a guided tour of its fascinating exhibits, some of which will be played for us. Early evening, we will walk into town to board our river boat for a cruise along the Rhine while enjoying drinks and dinner. The highlight of the evening will be the spectacular display of the fireworks that light up the night skies – a truly explosive ending to a memorable evening.

Day Ten – Sunday 3rd July

After a late-night finish, you have a relaxing day to recover. This evening we will have our ‘Farewell’ dinner in one of the restaurants in the famous Drosselgasse area.

Day Eleven – Monday 4th July

The tour ends this morning, and you can either head back to the UK or extend your stay on the continent.



PRICE

TOUR DEPOSIT £250

Motorhome with 2 people = £899 per person

Motorhome with 1 person = £1199

INCLUDED IN PRICE

- 10 Campsite nights with electric hook-ups
- Entrance fees on excursions unless otherwise specified
- Tour information pack with suggested routes + GPS Co-ordinates
- Services of Tour Directors travelling in their own motorhome

Excursions, Events & Meals

- Welcome Dinner in Valkenburg with wine
- Entry to one of the Valkenburg Caves
- Sightseeing Tour in a Vintage Bus
- Wine Tasting at Bernkastel-Kues
- Tickets for the Rudesheim "Ring Tour"
- Entry to Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum
- Rhine in Flames, River Boat Cruise with Dinner, and wine
- Farewell Dinner with wine

This tour starts in Holland, but if you would like to travel in a relaxed manner from the UK at the same time as the Tour Directors and extend your holiday by a further 3 days on the outward journey, please book the optional package so that everything can be arranged on your behalf.

OPTIONAL PACKAGE

- Return Dover/Calais Ferry with a 60-day Flexible Ticket + Club Class Lounge
- 3 x additional Campsite nights with electric hook-up in Kent on Tuesday 21st June followed by two nights in Bruges, Belgium. In Bruges there will be a free day, where from our campsite it is walkable or there is regular public transport, for making a visit to Bruges picturesque and historic centre.
- Tour information pack with suggested routes + GPS Co-ordinates
- Services of Tour Directors travelling in their own motorhome

OPTIONAL PACKAGE PRICE

Motorhome with 2 People @ £210 per person

Motorhome with 1 Person @ £355

Additional ferry cost @ £30 per pet