

Rhine in Flames Spectacular

31st August – 12th September 2023



Wine Festival and Spectacular Fireworks

There will be two highlights to this tour, firstly 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 river Rhine.

We meet at our first campsite in Luxembourg, situated in the middle of the Upper Sauer Nature Park in the Luxembourg Ardennes where we have a group welcome dinner.

Our drive into Germany then takes us first to Bernkastel-Kues, nestling on the banks of the Moselle River. Here we have our second highlight, as we will be visiting the area during the Wine Festival of the Middle Moselle, where we will be able to enjoy many of the festivities and a little wine tasting!!

Our next stop is Koblenz, one of Germany's oldest and most beautiful cities, where the Rhine and Moselle rivers converge.

Our next and final location is 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, and you will also see 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 cable car.

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.

12 Nights

Day One – Thursday 31st August

The tour will meet in Luxembourg. This evening we have a welcome dinner in the campsite restaurant.

Day Two – Friday 1st September

We drive into Germany making our way to the next campsite on the outskirts of Bernkastel-Kues where we stay for four nights. **75 miles**

Day Three – Saturday 2nd September *

The Central Moselle wine festival is one of the major events in the region. Wine tasting evenings, fireworks, winemaker procession, crowning of the Mosella: a visit to the wine festival promises a true Moselle-style atmosphere! Vibrant hospitality, world-famous wines and lively traditions: There is no better way to experience the Moselle atmosphere than at one of the best wine festivals in Germany.

The grand firework display takes place on Saturday outside the Landshut castle ruin and on the bank of the Moselle in Bernkastel. Visitors can marvel at this colourful lighting spectacle on both sides of the Moselle and from the bridge.

Day Four – Sunday 3rd September *

The big winemaker parade starts its 2.5 km tour on Sunday at 2 pm in the old town. The towns and villages of the Central Moselle, as well as groups from abroad, are represented in the parade with their most beautiful vehicles, marching bands and music groups



*Note: Over these two days times and arrangements may change, our Tour Directors will be on hand to keep you updated.

Day Five – Monday 4th September

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

Day Six – Tuesday 5th September

Our next stop is Koblenz, one of Germany's oldest and most beautiful cities, our campsite is where the Rhine and Moselle converge. The campsite has a beautiful view of the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress. **70 miles**

Day Seven – Wednesday 6th September

Discover Koblenz and the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress by Cable Car, Inclined Lift, and Ferry with your Hop-on, Hop-off ring ticket.

Day Eight – Thursday 7th September

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. **45 miles**

Day Nine – Friday 8th September

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

Day Ten – Saturday 9th September

A free day to relax before in the 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 Eleven – Sunday 10th September

Rüdesheim 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.

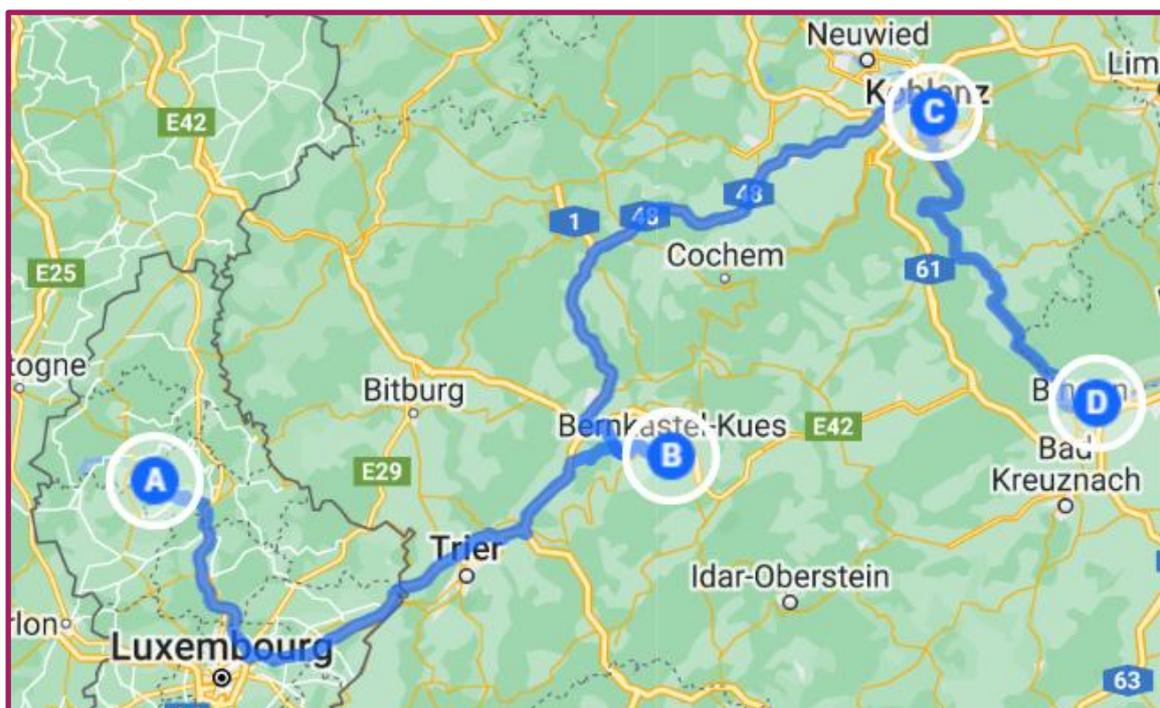
Day Twelve – Monday 11th September

Free day to revisit the town for some shopping or maybe you would like to visit the Asbach Distillery for a tour and taste of their Brandy. This evening we will have our 'Farewell' dinner in one of the restaurants in the famous Drosselgasse area.



Day Thirteen – Tuesday 12th September

The tour ends this morning, and you can either head back to the UK or extend your stay on the continent. If you have travelled out from the UK on the optional package (see below), your return Calais to Dover ferry ticket is included and this is fully flexible allowing you to choose your own return time.



PRICE

TOUR DEPOSIT £300

Motorhome with 2 people = £1199 per person

Motorhome with 1 person = £1599

INCLUDED IN PRICE

- 12 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 Luxembourg with wine
- Bernkastel-Kues Wine Festival Events
- Wine Tasting at Bernkastel-Kues
- Hop-on, Hop-off Koblenz Ticket
- Rudesheim "Ring Tour"
- Rhine in Flames, River Boat Cruise with Dinner, and wine
- Entry to Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum
- Farewell Dinner with wine

This tour starts in Luxembourg, but if you would like to travel from the UK at the same time as the Tour Directors 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 Flexible Ticket + Club Class Lounge
- 3 x additional Campsite nights with electric hook-up starting in Kent on Monday 28th August followed by two nights in Belgium
- 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 @ £289 per person

Motorhome with 1 Person @ £499