

Premium Boat

Tour description and distances

Day 1	
Bad Wimpfen	
Day 2	45 km
Bad Wimpfen - Eberbach	
Day 3	35 km
Eberbach - Heidelberg	
Day 4	25 km
Heidelberg - Mannheim	
Day 5	27 km
Nierstein - Mainz	
Day 6	35 km
Mainz - Rudesheim	
Day 7	45 km
Rudesheim - Boppard	
Day 8	
Koblenz	



## Floating Adventures: Rhine and Neckar

The Rhine is the longest river in Germany. It is here that the Rhine encounters some of its main tributaries, such as the Neckar, the Main and, later, the Moselle. One of the best ways to explore it is at a handlebar level, using your bike to explore the region at your own pace.

Visit all the highlights of the legendary Rhine River on this week long bike and barge adventure. You will see the many charming castles that command the riverbanks as you travel along its shores.

Take in historic Germany, the quaint towns, fortresses and the unique architecture. Explore the lush landscape, with bountiful farmlands and vineyards along the river. Take in a wine-tasting and enjoy all the local flavours.

Engage your senses, hearing the cathedral bells chime the hours as you float by.

## Tour Details 2019

Dates:

Koblenz -Bad Wimpfen  
May 18 July 13 September 7

Bad Wimpfen - Koblenz  
May 25 July 20 September 14

Cost: \$1795 per person below deck  
Above deck cabin add \$250per person

Bike rental: \$175

Single Supplement: add \$695 / \$795

Length: 8 days / 7 nights

Grade: Moderate

Starts / Ends: Bad Wimpfen / Koblenz

## Fast Facts

Includes:

- 7 nights accommodation, with all meals included (breakfast and dinner on board and packed lunch)
- Daily briefings by guides, maps and information

E-Bike Info:

- E-bike rental: \$350
- Limited supplies on boat, so reservations upon booking recommended
- Pedelec models



## ITINERARY

### Day 1 Bad Wimpfen

Individual arrival to Bad Wimpfen - embark at 4.00 pm.  
Bad Wimpfen, known for its Blue Tower and old train station, is an interesting stop along the Castle Road. If you're looking for a less-touristy spa village in Germany, Bad Wimpfen might just be the place you're looking for.

### Day 2 To Eberbach 45 km

Cycle to Neckarzimmern, there you walk or cycle to the fortress Hornberg, where Götz von Berlichingen lived. Then continue by bicycle to Eberbach, to the old residence of German nobility family Staufer.

### Day 3 Eberbach - Heidelberg 35 km

Our first highlight of the day is the quaint town Hirschhorn, the pearl of Neckar valley. You cycle through idyllic mountain ranges of Odenwald to Neckarsteinach and then via Neckargemünd to Heidelberg. Stroll through the historic old town and visit the ruins of the mighty castle. Heidelberg is not only known for its world-famous castle, but also for being the home of Germany's oldest university. It is also a modern scientific and economic centre with an international reputation and a most lively and varied cultural scene.

### Day 4 Heidelberg - Mannheim - by barge to Nierstein 25 km

Cross the Neckar and have a perfect view of Heidelberg and its castle. Cycling to Ladenburg, founded by the Romans, to end in Mannheim. Enjoy lunch on board while sailing to Nierstein. The trail takes to another area with a mild and fertile climate which is rich in orchards, fertile fields, lush meadows and vineyards. It's a popular destination for exploring the vineyards on a tractor wagon.

### Day 5 Nierstein - Mainz 27 km

Leave the largest wine community in the Rhine valley and cycle to Mainz: Romance, Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque - all these you will encounter during the guided city tour of Mainz. Once the episcopal seat of the influential Prince-Electors, the "civilized" origins of Mainz date back to around 38 BC, when the Romans built a citadel here. The city's location at the confluence of the Rhine and the Main is ideal for trade, something reflected by the artifacts kept in the Landesmuseum that show there have been settlements here since 300,000 BC.

### Day 6 Mainz - Rudesheim 35 km

Cycle from Mainz through the beautiful Rheingau, via the rose town of Eltville to the picturesque village of Rudesheim. Make a stroll through the Drosselgasse. Overnight in Rudesheim or Bingen.

### Day 7 Rudesheim - Boppard - by barge to Koblenz 45 km

Cycle the left bank through the panoramic Loreley valley and Upper Middle Rhine. Our boat will bring us to Koblenz, where the Rhine and Moselle converge to one of Germany's oldest and most beautiful towns. French *joie de vivre* and German tradition have produced a cultural fusion in Koblenz, with cozy wine taverns, a genuinely welcoming atmosphere and great food – from gourmet cuisine to hearty fare. Lots to do and see in Koblenz.

### Day 8 Koblenz

Individual departure after breakfast.

Route runs in reverse for Koblenz to Bad Wimpfen. Itinerary subject to change by Captain.



## What to Expect

### What will the weather be like?

The weather is nice and cool especially in the mornings and evenings. A sweater or fleece would be useful. It may rain in the spring so rain gear for cycling is highly recommended.

### How many hours of cycling a day?

You can cycle from 4 to 6 hours a day depending on your fitness level. There are several breaks during the day to get off the bicycle and walk around. The route is completely flat with very little elevation gain or loss.

### How fit do I need to be?

The fitter the better, but even a fit beginner will enjoy this trip. The biggest issue may just be getting accustomed to sitting on a bike for hours a day, so get used to riding on a bike before coming out.

### What are the accommodations like?

Cabins are all fitted with 2 beds, a bathroom with sink, toilet and shower. The main common areas include the upper deck with the dining rooms and lounge. All barges have an outdoor deck to enjoy as well.



## Getting There

- Airports:  
**Tour start Koblenz:** Cologne / Bonn, Frankfurt/Main, Düsseldorf  
**Tour start Bad Wimpfen:** Stuttgart, Frankfurt/Main
- Train stations:  
Between Koblenz and Bad Wimpfen  
Journey 3.5 hrs. /cost €50 p.p.



## Extra Costs

- ◆ The barge does not offer free Wi-Fi. Unlimited data package can be purchased on board: €10 per device
- ◆ Gratuities for crew
- ◆ Alcoholic beverages
- ◆ Entrance fees and excursions
- ◆ Dairy and Gluten-free diets add \$100 per person

Transfers:  
by minivan (approx. €90 p.p., min/ 4 pers.). Limited availability, reservations required.

Excursions where offered can be booked and paid on board.

## How to book your holiday

- Contact our office to make sure there is space available. One of our travel planners will walk you through the entire process.
- Download the reservation form from our site and send in completed form by fax or email. Once this is done, your space is confirmed and a pre-departure packet will be sent.
- A deposit is required immediately, and final payment is due 60 days prior to the trip departure. Terms & conditions are outlined in our Reservation Form.
- Plan your air travel as soon as possible.
- We encourage you to purchase travel insurance, either through us or a travel insurance provider directly.
- Ensure you are in proper health for the trip chosen. Contact us, for more information on vaccinations, inoculations, and fitness requirements.