EXCURSIONS

Rhine in Flames Koblenz – 7 Nights

Day | Arr | Dep | City
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Sun., 02.08. | - | 17:00 | Cologne, DE
Mon., 03.08. | 11:00 | 21:00 | Mainz, DE
Tue., 04.08. | 09:00 | 18:00 | Germersheim/Speyer*, DE
Tue., 05.08. | 08:00 | 18:00 | Kehl, DE (Strasbourg, FR)
Thu., 06.08. | - | - | Cruising day: Passage Lorelei & UNESCO World Heritage Site Middle Rhine Valley, DE
Fri., 07.08. | 16:00 | - | Koblenz, DE
Sat., 08.08. | - | 00:00 | Koblenz, Rhine in Flames
Sun., 09.08. | 06:00 | - | Cologne, DE

*we are docking in Germersheim or Speyer depending on availability
Create your very personal holiday programme with our choice of carefully chosen excursions! Each excursion is a highlight in itself: from tours through metropolises, trips through impressive landscapes to action and fun-filled excursions. In many cities you have the opportunity to visit the country and its people with your personal guide and driver.

We have compiled the excursion programme in conjunction with well-known, local agencies. We arrange the excursions and they are implemented by the local agencies, which are the excursion organisers, and thus also your contractual partners. Your A-ROSA excursion team has tried every excursion. They explored the cities, the surroundings, museums and castles themselves to provide you with the best experiences. Look forward to a variety of excursions that will make your holiday unforgettable. The excursions for your cruise can be found on the following pages.

In order to provide you with a better overview of the various offers, we have divided our excursions into five categories: Bike, Discovery, Adventure, Family and Gourmet tours. Each is assigned the corresponding symbol. Your International Host on board will happily provide you with more information.

We wish you a great time on shore! Your A-ROSA Team

**A-ROSA CATEGORIES**

**DISCOVERY TOURS**
City tours, city walks or sightseeing tours.

**BIKE TOURS**
Guided bike tours for an energetic way to explore the region.

**FAMILY TOURS**
Exciting and interactive excursions for young and old.

**GOURMET TOURS**
Sample regional specialities directly from the producers.
MAINZ

ON THE GUTENBERG TRAIL – WALKING TOUR OF MAINZ WITH GUTENBERG MUSEUM
The vibrant carnival city of Mainz has a long history. This tour will introduce you to wonderful old treasures such as Saint Martin’s Cathedral. Erected in the 10th century, it is the city’s main landmark, and visitors come here to marvel at its elaborate decor. You’ll also see the 13th-century Heilig-Geist-Spital, a former public hospital, and the Domus Universitatis, or ‘Old University’. Built between 1615 and 1618 as a Jesuit college, the Old University still houses various institutes today. Johannes Gutenberg, the city’s most famous son, invented the printing press here in the 15th century. At the Gutenberg Museum you’ll learn about the history of printing, books and text up close and see two original Gutenberg Bibles.
Price: € 27 | Duration: approx. 3 h

BIKE TOUR THROUGH MAINZ
This exciting bike tour will introduce you to the rich and varied geography and history of the former electoral residence. First, you will cycle to the mouth of the Main into the Rhine. Then, the excursion will take you past old bastions to the nine-metre-high Fastnachtsbrunnen and further up to the citadel, past the Roman theatre and through the old town. The cathedral is the city’s landmark and houses one of the richest church furnishings of Christianity. Also worth seeing are the church of St. Stephen with the unique Chagall windows and of course the Electoral Palace.
Price: € 49 | Duration: approx. 3.5 h | Distance: 20 km

GERMERSHEIM

SPEYER: THE CATHEDRAL CITY
Experience 2,000 years of history in Speyer. This was once the centre of the Holy Roman Empire of the German nation. In the historical old town you’ll come across traces of its remarkable past at every turn as you stroll down romantic lanes and cross busy squares. The mighty Speyer Cathedral dominates the city’s skyline. It is the largest Romanesque church today and is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. At the end of your visit here there’ll be time to have a look around on your own: why not visit the crypt, which was consecrated in 1041 and boasts the largest Romanesque columned hall (admission costs approx. € 4).
Price: € 32 | Duration: approx. 3.5 h
SPEYER ON YOUR OWN
From Germersheim it’s just a short bus ride to Speyer’s historical old town. The bus will stop near the imposing cathedral and the famous Technik Museum Speyer. The pedestrian precinct is just a stone’s throw from here, and you’ll have plenty of time to have a look around on your own.
Price: € 19 | Duration: approx. 3.5 h

EXPLORE THE PALATINATE REGION AT YOUR OWN PACE – ENGLISH-SPEAKING PRIVATE TOUR GUIDE FOR UP TO 4 PEOPLE
The Palatinate is known for its laid-back atmosphere, its Mediterranean-style climate and its wonderful cuisine. If you like fine wine, good food and regional specialities, you’ve come to the right place. And, as if that wasn’t enough, there are also castles, palaces, museums and mining centres to explore. Your private tour guide will be happy to show you all of this: we recommend that you book a people carrier too, so that you can relax as you discover the beauty of the Palatinate.
Price: € 469 | Duration: approx. 4.5 h | Please note: This excursion is only bookable on request. We recommend that you make a reservation online.

EXPLORE THE PALATINATE REGION AT YOUR OWN PACE – PRIVATE PEOPLE CARRIER WITH DRIVER FOR UP TO 4 PEOPLE
Few routes are better known than the Palatinate region’s German Wine Route, which passes through picturesque towns such as Bad Dürkheim, Deidesheim and Neustadt. You’ll find a wealth of treasures of all kinds in this region, which has long been famous for its wine. Thanks to your private people carrier and your driver, you’ll have the opportunity to explore this stunning region in comfort. You can also book an expert tour guide at the same time if you wish.
Price: € 549 | Duration: approx. 4.5 h | Please note: This excursion is only bookable on request. We recommend that you make a reservation online.

KEHL/STRASBOURG

CITY TOUR THROUGH STRASBOURG
The capital of the Alsace region offers an exciting mix of tradition and modernity with a large portion of savoir-vivre. The tour will take you to the European Parliament, the Council of Europe and continues to the historic centre known as “Petite France”. You will explore this little gem with its historic buildings on foot, such as the Liebfrauenmünster (Strasbourg Cathedral). It is one of the world’s largest sandstone buildings.
Price: € 49 | Duration: approx. 4 h
CYCLE THE GRANDE ÎLE

From the Roman Empire to the Middle Ages, many epochs left their mark on the Grande Île. Your cycling tour through the Alsatian capital of Strasbourg takes you past historic half-timbered houses, the majestic cathedral, the European Parliament and the Two Shores Garden. Variety is guaranteed. Spectacular nature as well. And cosy cafés everywhere to take little breaks. Finally, you will cycle across the magnificent bridge designed by the Parisian architect Marc Mimram. It connects Strasbourg with Kehl and embodies the union of the two banks and countries. In the centre of the bridge, there is a platform resting 12 metres above the river.

Price: € 49 | Duration: approx. 3.5 h | Distance: 25 km

KOBLENZ

BY CABLE CAR TO THE FORTRESS EHRENBREITSTEIN

The breath-taking cable car ride across the Rhine and up to the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress should not be missed: Behind you the roofs of Koblenz, below you the broad river and in front of you the gigantic fortress Ehrenbreitstein. This adjective is by no means an exaggeration, as you will be entering the second largest preserved fortress in Europe. Prussian King Friedrich Wilhelm III ordered the construction as part of an anti-French military line. Up to 6,500 craftsmen and day labourers were employed. The mighty fortress rises 118 metres above the Rhine and was once the core of the fortification around Koblenz. Together with the Deutsches Eck, it forms the northern gateway to the UNESCO World Heritage Upper Middle Rhine Valley. Afterwards we will walk through the old town back to the ship.

Price: € 32 | Duration: approx. 2.5 h

EXPLORING EHRENBREITSTEIN FORTRESS: FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

If a city tour isn’t quite exciting enough for your children, why not take the whole family to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, where visitors of all ages can go on journey of discovery. You’ll start by taking a cable car up the hill, which is an experience in itself! Once you’ve arrived, you’ll go on a walking tour that’s geared to young guests and makes exploring and learning fun. There’ll also be plenty for you to enjoy, including breathtaking views from the Fortress across the mouth of the Moselle and the city of Koblenz.

Price: € 22 | Duration: approx. 1.5 h | Please note: suitable for children between 6 and 12 years.

BIKE TOUR THROUGH THE UPPER MIDDLE RHINE VALLEY

Experience the first few kilometres along the Middle Rhine Valley not only by ship but also by bike. From Koblenz we will cycle to Spay, passing picturesque spots, such as Braubach and Lahnstein. Stolzenfels Castle and Marksburg Castle, on top of a hill high above the banks of the Rhine river, allow you to travel back into the Middle Ages.

Price: € 42 | Duration: approx. 3.5 h | Distance: 30 km
MINIATURE TRAIN RIDE TO THE DEINHARD WINERY

Deinhard was founded in 1794 and is still synonymous with sparkling wine in Germany. Its tradition, which goes back more than 200 years, began at Deinhard’s headquarters in Koblenz, at the heart of the unique cultural landscape between the Middle Rhine and the Moselle. Your host, A-ROSA, will bring you to the historic headquarters on a miniature train. Here, you’ll learn all about the Deinhard tradition and embark on an exciting journey into the company’s past at the Cellar Museum. It’s sure to make the hearts of wine and sparkling wine lovers miss a beat, since the spirit of viniculture is tangible in every part of the vaulted cellars. Discover the history of sparkling wine production and – of course – try a few fine wines yourself. The train will then take you back to the ship.
Price: € 39 | Duration: approx. 2.5 h
EVERYTHING YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

EXCURSION AGENCY
GLOBUS Tours GmbH, Untere Paulistrasse 16, CH-8834 Schindellegi

PAYMENT
The excursions will be charged directly to your onboard account.

BOOKING DEADLINES AND CANCELLATIONS
There are booking deadlines for every port. These deadlines are announced in the daily programme on board. Cancellations or rebookings after the deadline are not possible. In case of illness, the excursion for the affected person will be cancelled free of charge.

CLIMATE AND CLOTHING
For shore excursions, we recommend stable and comfortable footwear with nonslip grip soles. In the summer months, you should be prepared for a very hot and humid climate. We recommend to bring insect repellent, sunscreen and headwear. Please also dress appropriately when visiting churches and monasteries.

GUESTS WITH LIMITED MOBILITY
We kindly ask you to get in touch with your Guest Relation Manager or International Host as soon as possible. This allows us to advise you individually or to make the appropriate preparations on location if required.

GOLF
It is possible to play golf in many destinations. The golf courses are very different in terms of quality and condition. Information about the location and costs can be obtained from your Guest Relation Manager or International Host on board.

INCLUDED SERVICES
Included in the excursion price: Guided excursions, transport and admission charges. Drinks and meals are only included if mentioned in the excursion description. We always give preference to typical local specialities where meals are included, giving you the opportunity to get to know and enjoy something new. Please be aware that the meals and drinks on the excursions will not always be up to the standard of the varied range of meals you are used to aboard A-ROSA.

LEGAL MATTERS
The excursions generally take place as described. As your contractual partner, the agencies, however, reserve the right, even without prior notice, to adapt the order or times of the excursions depending on current conditions in order to guarantee your safety. The organiser also reserves the right to exclude a participant from the trip without reimbursement of costs if her/his behaviour is not conducive to the safety, well-being or harmony of the group. The insurance policies taken out by the agencies conform to local legislation and vary widely. We therefore recommend that you take out our comprehensive river cruise insurance (please contact us for further information) before the beginning of your cruise.
MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
Most excursions can only take place if the minimum number of participants of 20 is reached. We will inform you as soon as possible if a trip cannot take place. In this case, your booking will be cancelled and the excursion price will of course be credited to your onboard cabin account. We will also suggest an alternative excursion. For some excursions, the number of participants is limited. Registrations are always considered in the order they were made. We kindly ask for your understanding that we might not be able to accept your registration any longer if the maximum number has already been reached. Of course, we also offer alternatives in this case.

TOUR GUIDE AND LOCAL CUSTOMS
The excursion programme gives you the opportunity to get to know interesting towns, historic places, impressive scenery, as well as different cultures, nations, customs and traditions. Tourism is still at an early stage in some of the excursion ports. The level of the local tour guides, which accompany the excursions, corresponds to the top standard of the respective country. This also applies to all coaches.

PRICES AND DISCOUNTS FOR CHILDREN
Prices are indicated - equivalent to the onboard currency - in Euro. For many of the excursions there are discounts for children up to the age of 11. Children under the age of four can take part for free, but are not entitled a seat. More precise information can be obtained from your Guest Relation Manager or International Host.

TICKETS
After booking, you will receive your shore excursion ticket. Please do not forget to bring it with you for the shore excursion. The excursion ticket entitles you to participate and is collected by the agency at the start of the excursion.

TIPPING
It is a common practice to reward good service with a tip. The local tour guides will be pleased if you show your acknowledgement.

AND FINALLY …
Objects of value, jewellery, large sums of cash and credit cards should be left in your cabin safe, so that you can enjoy the excursions in a relaxed and carefree frame of mind. Enjoy your excursion on shore!

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