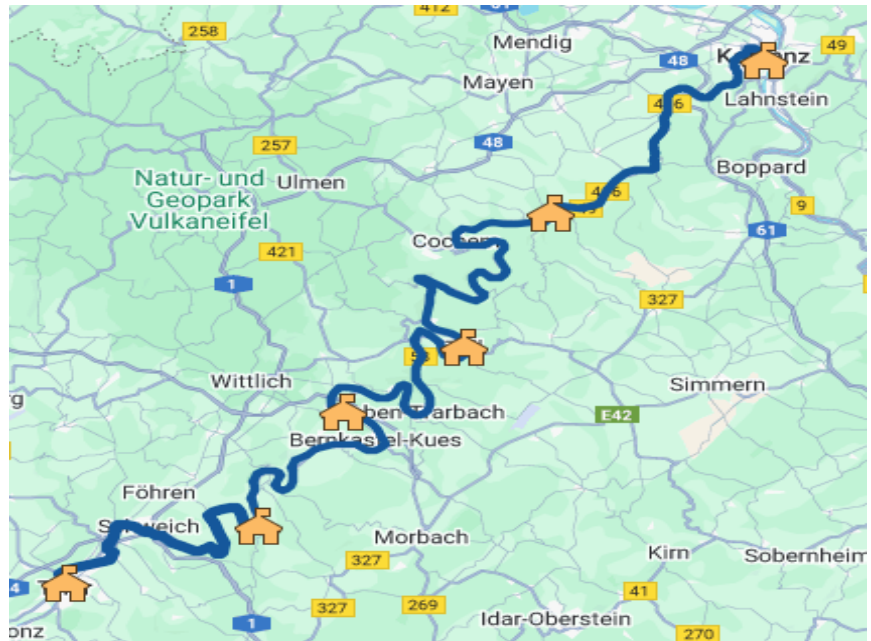




Moselle Castles & Vineyards-GMTK7 Trier to Koblenz

7 Days 6 Nights
112 miles 180 kms

A best-of-both-sides, super-flexible Moselle Cycle Path tour like no other. Discover a carefully crafted approach to this cycle route classic that is set to deliver an optimum cycling experience and where you can add extra nights along the way, or at either end of your stay to get the most from your Moselle cycling discover tour. Path sections combine cycling comfort with the best panoramic views of the different stages of the super-scenic Moselle Valley as it narrows from wide flood plains and gentle vineyard slopes to the steepest valley sides set with tiny vine-filled terraces. Bookended by the Roman city of Trier and the mighty trading town of Koblenz where the Moselle river meets the Rhine at the Deutsches Eck, highlights include Cochem and its Reichsburg castle, Bernakastel-Kues, the famous Goldtröpfchen vineyards, mighty Zeller Hamm river meander and the 'Sleeping Beauty' medieval village of Beilstein.



Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrive and explore Trier

Arrive in ancient Trier and there are already tempting Moselle vineyards beckoning on the horizon. But this is Germany's riverside city of superlatives that's home to 9 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, so maybe take to the terrace café to acquaint yourself with the fresh local Riesling and plan your attack!

When the Romans invaded this neck of the Eifel-Hunsrück woods, their powerful Emperor founded Germany's first city. Augusta Treverorum was a super-showcase of might, with all the home comforts left behind in Italy. So many of these feats of engineering still survive in the heart of Trier of today – so you don't have to go on a route-march to visit them all.

Pick off the 'Pochta' (Porta Nigra gateway AD 170), Emperor Constantine's Dom St Petri (Germany's oldest cathedral) or his breath-taking pillar-less Aula Palatina hall that's now a church. Check out the amphitheatre, the Römerbrücke (Germany's oldest bridge, with basalt pillars from AD 144) and the ruins of two sets of über-impressive thermal baths, the largest thermal bath complex outside of Rome. Or if early medieval is more your thing, make for the stunning Liebfrauenkirche (Church of our Lady - AD 1230) or the illuminated early Ada Gospel in the Scientific Library of the City of Trier. All have UNESCO World Heritage status.

Overnight in **Trier**.

Extra nights can be booked in Trier to allow more time to explore.



DAY 2: Trier to Trittenheim - From ancient treasures to river islands

23 miles 37 kms

On leaving Trier, you won't be leaving the Ancients behind. It was the Romans who introduced vines to the region around 2,000 years ago and their legacies are very much in evidence as you push your pedals towards Trittenheim, located on the inside of one of the Moselle's sharpest river meanders.

Beyond **Schweich**, call in at the Villa Rustica (Römervilla) on the south bank at **Mehring** for a helping of mosaics and more. It's a fascinating reconstruction of one of the many Roman country residences which lined the valley all those centuries ago. Then it's wide vineyard vistas all the way along the 'Römische Weinstrasse' (Roman Wine route), past the river island near **Detzem**, then as you go round the bend at **Thörnich** and **Köwerich** towards Leiwien where the shape of today's mega-meander starts to become apparent. A detour to the **Zummethöhe viewpoint** reveals the meander in full swing and gives the impression that destination of the day Trittenheim is on an island.

On arrival in Trittenheim, why not set for a wine-trail-and-panoramas wander through the vineyards to the restored Laurentiuskapelle (chapel)?

Overnight in **Trittenheim**.



DAY 3: Trittenheim to Zeltingen - Drops of gold & Mittelmosel magic

17/22 Miles 27/35 kms

Start the day with more Roman connections in **Neumagen-Dhön**, Germany's oldest wine-producing village. Look out for the ship carving on a Roman wine merchant's grave by the Peterskapelle – and the replica vessel on the river! The larger riverside town of **Piesport** has a Roman something to boast about too – the largest Roman wine cellar north of the Alps. Its 'Goldtropfchen' vineyards are a 'little drop of gold'-en Moselle Magic too. So you're sure to want to accept this invitation to sit and sip a while!

There's another magnificent meander, with its 'island' tipped with the little village of Minnheim, but keep your eyes peeled for mermaids (or listen out for sirens) near **Wintrich** as you pedal off past the Loreley of the Moselle – the massive rocky outcrop rising up from the river bank, where mythical creatures may have lured bewitched sailors onto the rocks. If it's romantic fairytales you're after in this land of orchards, vineyards and super-scenic cycling, then Bernkastel-Kues surely won't disappoint – but enjoy the views across the vineyard slopes of Kesten and Lieser first as the river takes a broader swing.

With its iconic Landshut castle looking down towards cobbled streets and half-timbered houses with ornate signs, **Bernkastel-Kues** is one of the Moselle's most popular spots. Understandably, you'll find it brimful of characterful taverns and Weinkellern, but the town also serves up everything you ever wanted to know about Riesling at the Moselle Wine Museum (Vinothek), located in the vaulted cellars of St Niklaus-Hospital (15th century poor hospital).

Further up the cycle path, **Zeltingen-Rachtig** has a gentler charm, combining half-timbered buildings with touches of Baroque splendour. There's the tempting Kloster Machern (Cistercian monastery) to visit too which has both a brewery and wine cellar, as well as gardens and museums.

Overnight in **Bernkastel-Kues / Zeltingen**.



DAY 4: Zeltingen to Zell - Sundials, black cats & meaty meanders

21/25 Miles 33/40 kms

You'll find the typical Moselle villages and their 'Lokale' (riverside refreshment stops) plentiful in the timeless landscape again today, but be sure to look up and out for the historic vineyard sundials on the steepening slopes near **Zeltingen** and opposite, the sundial-laden village of **Wehlen**.

Spin along the meandering Moselle to **Traben-Trarbach** - a satisfying Mittlemosel mini-showcase, complete with must-visit underground vaults, the imposing Brücke Tor, the ruins of Gravenburg castle and the fascinating Mittlemosel Museum. There's so much to exuberance here to enjoy in the 'island' tip town within the first mighty meander of the day. Keep a look out for curly shop signs and pleasing architectural swirls and the town's famous Art Nouveau and Belle Epoque influences and masterpieces.

But it's not long until the valley sides get even steeper.. Enter into the world of the 'Terrassenmosel', where the narrowing river valley sees its vines clinging to ever-steeper slopes, with valley sides engineered into precarious terraces supported by dry stone walls. It's a mighty spectacle that will take your breath away, as you spin gently along the easy-going, river-hugging Moselle Cycle Path.

Burg , Pünderich, Briedel... a string of half-timbered villages with sharp-steeped churches provide the eye-candy as the most famous of all meaty meanders appears on the Moselle menu. The **Zeller Hamm** is an ox-bow lake in the making, best viewed from the Marienburg, on the tiny neck of the meander. Surrounded by vineyards including the Zeller Schwarze Katze (black cat) , it's no surprise that this hugely picturesque part of cycle path is lined with opportunities to get a taste of the place. Whether you're choosing what to dine in destination of the day, Zell, or are just stopping off for leisurely 'Kaffee und Kuchen' (coffee and cake), there's sure to be an irresistible local something to tempt your tastebuds.

Overnight in **Zell**.



DAY 5: Zell to Tris-Karden - Alongside Europe's steepest vineyards to cragtop castle Cochem

27 Miles 47 kms

Pedal past **Bullay**'s double-decker road and rail bridge, and enjoy a straight spot of cycling as you watch how the Moselle Valley slopes get seriously steeper along the way. Beyond **Bremm**, the Calmont vineyards reach the lofty claim-to-fame heights of Europe's steepest vineyard. Look up to see brave souls tackling the rocky ridges of the Calmont 'Kletterstieg'. Park up and join them if you dare, or why not conquer another couple of meanders and cross to the fairytale village of **Beilstein** - 'Moselle's Sleeping Beauty'?

But it's the ever-popular Moselle must-see town of **Cochem** which is the day's crowning glory. Its Reichsburg castle is truly iconic and the Moselle Valley's largest castle. But whilst the imposing dark fortifications of this Neo-Gothic wonder peer above the trees to lord it over the riverscape, the heart of the old town is all Baroque flourishes in pastel shades, ornate marketplace fountains and decorative gables. With such dramatic scenery, it's a great place to take to the water on a boat trip, or spend time along the riverside promenade enjoying its views and cafés.

Beyond Cochem, tight meanders swap out for straighter stretches of river and deliver different sorts of panoramas from the cycle path and there's another river island between Pommern and destination of the day, Treis-Karden, home to the three-towered collegiate church (Moseldom) and towering Burg Wildburg.

Overnight in **Treis-Karden**.

DAY 6: Tris-Karden to Koblenz - Counting the castles to Koblenz

24 Miles: 38 Kms:

Near **Müden** and **Moselkern**, **Burg Eitz**, a massive turreted castle straight out of a fairy story. The short detour up the steep wooded valley side to view this well-preserved, dramatic, yet whimsical castle simply has to be worth it!

Pedal onwards to find round-towered **Burg Bishofstein** sitting almost right on the river bank. In contrast, 12th century crag-top **Ehrenburg Castle** peeps out from the woodland horizon, but you'll want to stop off at riverside Alken, for a closer look at its sprawling double castle, **Burg Thurant**, perched above the village and its vineyards. If you find that you've fallen in love with the Moselle's fairytale 'Fachwerkhäuser' (half-timbered houses), then Alken is sure to please, so too the medieval marketplace with its dragon fountain in **Kobern-Gondorf**, reputedly home to Germany's oldest half-timbered property (1320).

For one last 'Fachwerkhaus' fix before big Wine City Koblenz, hold onto those handlebars for a pedal across the cobbles around the picturesque wine village of **Winningen** to whet your whistle with a glass of 'Winninger Uhlen' at the Weingut.

Finally, accompany the Moselle on the last stage of its river journey towards the 'Deutsches Eck' at **Koblenz** - the point where it meets the River Rhine. For the very best monuments-and-river views, the cable car trip across the Rhine to the 16th century Ehrenbreitstein fortress is an absolute must (included in tour price). A river trip is also a great way to see the bigger picture - but don't miss the finer detail too, like the turreted Alte Burg (castle), historic squares and 'Kunstgässchen' (decorated little alleyways) near the Liebfrauenkirche (church) in old town Koblenz.

Overnight in **Koblenz**.

DAY 7

Depart after breakfast

Take a final wander around Koblenz or dive into one of its many museums – from sparkling wine and fine art to railways, fishing, military hardware, carnival traditions, the River Rhine and even Beethoven's mother(!), Koblenz has a fascinating museum treat for everyone. Sample somewhere, or maybe plan to stay another day to two to top up your Moselle river experiences with a chance to get to know the River Rhine?

Extra nights can be booked in Koblenz to allow more time to explore.

Accommodation

- Ensuite accommodation in selected 3 star hotels or especially selected, comfortable village or vineyard properties ('Pensionen')
- Buffet/continental breakfast
- Extra nights and hotel upgrades available on request.

We are happy to discuss hotel options on request.

Availability

Tours starting on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday
April to October

Prices

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Included in the price

- Ensuite accommodation in selected 3 star hotels or especially selected, comfortable village or vineyard properties ('Pensionen') with buffet/continental breakfast – prices based on two adults sharing
- Hire of hybrid bicycle and ancillary equipment, collected from partner depot (single pannier and handlebar bag, odometer, pump, repair equipment)
- Luggage transfer between hotels (No bag limit, Max weight 20kg per bag)
- Local assistance on call (although puncture repair is excluded)
- Information & Digital Travel Pack sent out approximately 2 weeks before departure, so you can plan ahead and look forward to your cycling adventure. Includes GPS data files for detailed route notes, detailed joining instructions and daily route overviews.
- Cable car ride and admission to the Ehrenbreitstein fortress in Koblenz.

Price does not include

- Local Visitor Taxes in Germany (payable locally – average €2 per person per night)
- Costs of getting to and from the tour area.

