

An important update on your cruise, and where you will sail instead

The trip departs on 3 October as booked, on the same ship and in the same cabin, with your guided tour of Koblenz and your morning in Rüdesheim still part of the holiday. The main change is that the Rhine route is not running, so your week will be spent on the Moselle instead, joining and leaving your ship at Güls rather than Cologne. Heidelberg, Strasbourg and Colmar are not part of this sailing.

THE RIVER, AND WHY WE HAVE CHANGED YOUR ITINERARY

You begin at Güls, a quiet mooring on the Moselle a few minutes above the Deutsches Eck, where the Moselle runs into the Rhine beneath the Ehrenbreitstein fortress. From Koblenz the ship turns up the Moselle between the vineyard terraces: Cochem beneath the Reichsburg on its crag, Bernkastel's crooked half timbered market square, then a full day at Trier, the oldest city in Germany, and over the border into Luxembourg. Traben-Trarbach and a wine tasting follow, and you finish with a morning in Rüdesheim and Siegfried's mechanical music cabinet.

The Rhine is running too low this month for the route you booked. The Moselle is a different proposition: it is a lock controlled river, its level held by dams and locks rather than left to the weather, so it holds up far better in a dry spell. That is why we have built your week around it. Our river cruise partner's nautical team and our own in house team read the gauges daily, judging what they mean for your ship rather than the river in general; levels can move either way, and we will tell you promptly if anything alters.

YOUR ITINERARY, DAY BY DAY

Coaching times are shown for every day. Most of it is our usual excursion programme; the ship moors in the heart of the Moselle towns, so those guided tours need no coach at all.

Day 1	Join your ship at Güls, on the Moselle a short way above the point where it meets the Rhine at Koblenz. <i>Coaching: Coach from the airport to the ship</i> Port: Güls
Day 2	A morning city tour of Koblenz and the Deutsches Eck, the spit of land where the Moselle runs into the Rhine beneath the Ehrenbreitstein fortress. In the afternoon, scenic sailing towards Cochem. <i>Coaching: Short transfer into Koblenz</i> Port: Cochem
Day 3	Cochem: a guided tour of the old wine town gathered beneath the Reichsburg, the castle standing on its crag above the rooftops. <i>Coaching: No coaching</i> Port: Bernkastel
Day 4	Bernkastel: a guided tour of the crooked half timbered houses leaning over the market square, with the Landshut ruins on the slope above. <i>Coaching: No coaching</i> Port: Trier-Hafen
Day 5	A full day in Trier and Luxembourg: the Porta Nigra and the finest Roman remains north of the Alps, then over the border to Luxembourg City, whose old quarters and fortifications are UNESCO listed, standing high above the Alzette. <i>Coaching: 30 minutes to Trier, 60 minutes to Luxembourg</i> Port: Traben Trarbach
Day 6	Traben-Trarbach: a wine tasting in the old heart of the Moselle wine trade, a town of Jugendstil villas with the Bridge Gate of 1899 and the Grevenburg ruin above.

	<i>Coaching: No coaching</i> Port: Guls
Day 7	A morning in Rüdesheim with Siegfried's mechanical music cabinet and the lively Drosselgasse, then free time in Koblenz or Guls in the afternoon. <i>Coaching: 60 minutes to Rüdesheim, then a shuttle into Koblenz</i> Port: Guls
Day 8	Disembark at Güls after breakfast and travel home. <i>Coaching: Coach to the airport</i>

You join and leave the ship at Güls, just above Koblenz, rather than at Cologne. We will confirm your flights and transfers with you.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IS UP TO YOU

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YOU WILL BE WELL LOOKED AFTER

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