

MS OSCAR WILDE · RHINE AND MOSELLE · DEPARTING 2 OCTOBER 2026

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

The trip departs on 2 October as booked, on the MS Emily Bronte, with most of the original destinations visited: Cochem, Bernkastel, Trier, Koblenz and Rüdesheim are all still part of the holiday. What changes is the Rhine stretch, so your week will be spent on the Moselle, joining and leaving your ship at Güls rather than Cologne.

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 there you have a morning among the Rhine valley vineyards at Rüdesheim, with the narrow Drosselgasse and Siegfried's mechanical music cabinet, and an afternoon in Koblenz. Then the ship turns up the Moselle: Cochem beneath the Reichsburg, Bernkastel's crooked half timbered market square, Trier with the Porta Nigra and the finest Roman remains north of the Alps, and Traben-Trarbach, the old heart of the Moselle wine trade.

The Rhine is running too low this month for the stretch your itinerary needed. 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

Day 1	Join your ship at Güls, on the Moselle a short way above the point where it meets the Rhine at Koblenz. The cruise will be on the MS Emily Brontë. We will do our best to allocate you a cabin within the same category as originally booked. Should this not be possible, we will contact you directly to discuss the options available. MS Emily Brontë Riviera Travel Coaching: 1hr 45 mins from Cologne, 2hrs 30mins from Dusseldorf Port: Güls
Day 2	A morning in Rüdesheim among the Rhine valley vineyards, with the Drosselgasse and Siegfried's music cabinet, then a guided tour of Koblenz and the Deutsches Eck, where the Moselle runs into the Rhine. Coaching: 1hr 20mins to Rudesheim, shuttles to Koblenz 20mins Port: Güls
Day 3	A free morning at Güls, then sail up the Moselle in the afternoon, between the steep vineyard terraces, towards Cochem. Coaching: shuttles to Koblenz 20mins Port: Cochem
Day 4	Cochem, the old wine town gathered beneath the Reichsburg, the castle standing on its crag above the rooftops. Coaching: None Port: Bernkastel
Day 5	Bernkastel, with its crooked half timbered houses leaning over the market square and the Landshut ruins on the slope above. Coaching: None Port: Trier-Hafen
Day 6	Trier, the oldest city in Germany: the Porta Nigra, the imperial baths and the cathedral, the finest Roman remains north of the Alps. With the option to travel to Luxembourg. Coaching: 30 min Trier and 1hr 20mins Luxembourg Port: Traben Trarbach

Day 7	Traben-Trarbach, the old heart of the Moselle wine trade, with its Jugendstil villas, the Bridge Gate of 1899 and the Grevenburg ruin above the town. Coaching: 20mins to the winery. Port: Guls
Day 8	Disembark at Güls after breakfast and travel home. Coaching: 1hr 45 mins from Cologne, 2hrs 30mins from Dusseldorf

Your flights are as booked; you join and leave the ship at Güls, just above Koblenz, and we will take you there by coach.

For the first two nights the ship stays at Güls, with Rüdesheim and Koblenz reached from there. From day three you are sailing the Moselle.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IS UP TO YOU

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YOU WILL BE WELL LOOKED AFTER

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