

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

The trip departs on 10 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. Cologne, Boppard and the Rhine Gorge 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 slightly 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, with the additional benefit of a full day in Luxembourg.

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	Embark at Güls, on the Moselle just above Koblenz, rather than at Cologne. Flights as booked, then a coach to the ship.
	Coaching: 1hr 45 mins from Cologne, 2hrs 30mins from Dusseldorf Port: Güls
Day 2	Morning: Sektmuseum – Pending confirmation Afternoon: Enjoy scenic sailing to Cochem, during sailing enjoy the German buffet onboard. Coaching: Short transfer into Koblenz Port: Cochem
Day 3	Morning: Enjoy a guided tour of Cochem, a charming Moselle wine town of half-timbered houses, winding lanes and the hilltop Reichsburg Castle. Afternoon: Free time to explore at your own pace Coaching: None Port: Bernkastel
Day 4	Morning: Enjoy a guided tour of Bernkastel, a beautiful medieval wine town of cobbled streets, half-timbered houses and vineyard-covered hills. Afternoon: Enjoy some local wine tasting. Coaching: None Port: Trier-Hafen

Day 5	Full day: Explore Luxembourg's dramatic old town and fortress on a guided tour, enjoy lunch at leisure, then return to the ship for an evening of relaxation. Half day: or explore Luxembourg before enjoying free time to wander Trier at your own pace. Coaching: 30 min Trier and 1hr 20mins Luxemburg Port: Traben Trabach
Day 6	Morning: Enjoy a relaxed/late morning tasting of local wines, discovering the flavours, stories and winemaking traditions that give this region its character. Afternoon: we sail onwards to Guls. Coaching: 20mins to the winery. Port: Guls
Day 7	Morning: Explore Rüdesheim and its charm, before returning to the ship for lunch. Afternoon: Guided tour of Güls or Koblenz at your own pace – Pending confirmation Coaching: 1hr 20mins to Rudesheim, shuttles to Koblenz 20mins Port: Guls
Day 8	Disembark at Güls rather than Cologne, then the coach to the airport. Coaching: 1hr 45 mins from Cologne, 2hrs 30mins from Dusseldorf

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

Your Cruise Director, Cruise Host and crew will be with you throughout, just as planned, and everything you enjoy on board remains unchanged. Once onboard you'll experience exceptional dining, all-inclusive drinks, local entertainment and immersive experiences all continuing as part of your holiday. The itinerary may be slightly different, but the Riviera experience on board is very much the same.

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