MS OSCAR WILDE · RHINE CRUISE TO SWITZERLAND · DEPARTING 23 OCTOBER 2026

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

Your holiday departs on 23 October as booked, still runs for eight days, and your flight home is unchanged. The Rhine is too low for the route you booked, so the cruise to Switzerland is not running. What we can offer in its place is a week on the Moselle aboard the MS Emily Brontë, sister ship to the Oscar Wilde. It is a different holiday, and whether you want it is entirely your decision. We have sailed this trip along the beautiful Moselle many times this summer with positive feedback.

THE RIVER, AND WHY WE HAVE CHANGED YOUR ITINERARY

Instead of flying to Basel you fly into Cologne or Düsseldorf and travel by coach to Güls, a wine village on the Moselle just above Koblenz, where the Emily Brontë is waiting. From there the week belongs to the Moselle: Cochem beneath its hilltop Reichsburg, Bernkastel with its leaning half-timbered houses around the market square, and a full day in Luxembourg, a country the itinerary you booked never reached, with its UNESCO listed old town along the cliffs and the casemates cut into the rock below. You moor that night at Traben-Trarbach, once among the greatest wine trading towns in Europe. Rüdesheim is included too, on day two, reached by coach rather than by sailing the Gorge.

The Rhine has dropped too far this month for a ship of this size to work it reliably, and we would not bring you down from Switzerland, which is why your holiday now stays on the Moselle. 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 SHIP, AND WHERE YOU JOIN HER

You now sail on the MS Emily Brontë, sister ship to the Oscar Wilde: the same year, the same five star layout.. You board her at Güls, on the Moselle just above Koblenz, rather than at Basel, and you leave her there on day eight. We coach you between the airport and the ship, around an hour and forty five minutes from Cologne or two and a half hours from Düsseldorf. We will be able to confirm your exact cabin once we know how many guests we have travelling.

YOUR ITINERARY, DAY BY DAY

Coaching times are shown for every day. The airport transfers on days one and eight are the new ones, and Rüdesheim on day two is a coach excursion rather than a sailing.

Day 1	Embark at Güls, on the Moselle just above Koblenz. Your outbound flight is being changed and we will confirm it with you, then there is a coach to the ship. Güls is a wine village on the left bank, a few minutes upstream of the point where the Moselle runs into the Rhine. You'll embark on the MS Emily Brontë Coaching: 1hr 45 mins from Cologne, 2hrs 30mins from Dusseldorf Port: Guls
Day 2	**Morning:** Explore Rüdesheim and its charm, before returning to the ship for lunch. **Afternoon:** Enjoy a guided tour of Koblenz, with the option to ride the cable car across the Rhine to mighty Ehrenbreitstein Fortress for panoramic views over the city and rivers. Coaching: 1hr 20mins to Rudesheim, shuttles to Koblenz 20mins Port: Guls
Day 3	**Morning:** Free time to explore Güls or Koblenz at your own pace **Afternoon**: Enjoy scenic sailing to Cochem Coaching: Short transfer into Koblenz Port: Cochem
Day 4	**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 5	**Morning:** Enjoy a guided tour of Bernkastel, a beautiful medieval wine town of cobbled streets, half-timbered houses and vineyard-covered hills. **Afternoon:** Free time to explore at your own pace Coaching: None Port: Trier-Hafen
Day 6	**Full day:** Explore Luxembourg's dramatic old town and fortress on a guided tour, enjoy lunch at leisure, then transfer to Trier for free time. **Half day:** or explore Luxembourg's dramatic old town and fortress on a guided tour in the morning, return back to the ship for lunch, before enjoying a guided tour of Trier. Coaching: 30 min Trier and 1hr 20mins Luxemburg Port: Traben Trabach
Day 7	**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 8	Disembark at Güls rather than Cologne, then the coach to the airport. Coaching: 1hr 45 mins from Cologne, 2hrs 30mins from Dusseldorf

Your outbound flight is being rebooked into Cologne or Düsseldorf rather than Basel, and we will confirm it with you. Your flight home is unchanged.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IS UP TO YOU

We would love you to travel with us, and if you do there is something extra by way of apology.

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YOUR SHIP: THE MS EMILY BRONTË

The MS Emily Brontë is the Oscar Wilde's sister ship: the same year, five star, the same main restaurant and Riverview Kitchen, and the same spa and panoramic lounge. You can read about her here: **rivieratravel.co.uk/ships/ms-emily-bronte**

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: exceptional dining, all inclusive drinks, local entertainment and immersive experiences. The itinerary may be slightly different, but the Riviera experience on board is very much the same.

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