



MS RIVIERA RESPELENDEANCE · RHINE AND MOSELLE · DEPARTING 17 OCTOBER 2026

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

Your holiday departs on 17 October as booked and still runs for the duration you booked. Your flights out and home are unchanged. Two things have changed, and we would rather set both out plainly. The Rhine cannot be sailed this month, and we cannot bring the MS Riviera Resplendence through onto the Moselle, so you can sail on the MS Emily Brontë instead, and your week will be spent on the Moselle rather than split between the two rivers. This is a holiday we have offered to many of our guests this summer.

THE RIVERS, AND WHY WE HAVE CHANGED YOUR ITINERARY

You fly as booked 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. Koblenz comes first, with the cable car across the Rhine to the Ehrenbreitstein fortress if you fancy the view, then Cochem beneath its hilltop Reichsburg, and Bernkastel with its leaning half-timbered houses around the market square. Day five is 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, and spend the following morning tasting at a local winery. On your last full day you travel across to Rüdesheim before an afternoon free in Güls and Koblenz.

The Rhine has dropped too far this month for a ship to sail through the Rhine gorge, and we are not able to bring the Riviera Resplendence through onto the Moselle, which is why your holiday now stays on the Moselle and why you move to the Emily Brontë. 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. You board her at Güls, on the Moselle just above Koblenz, rather than at Cologne, and you leave her there on day eight. Your flights are as booked and 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. Your cabin grade carries across, and we will confirm your cabin number before you travel.

YOUR ITINERARY, DAY BY DAY

Coaching times are shown every day. The airport transfers on days one and eight are the new ones, and the Rüdesheim day is a coach excursion rather than a sailing. Operations will confirm pick-up times before you travel.

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: Guls The trip now takes place on the MS Emily Bronte, one of our five star ships. We will aim to book the same standard of cabin, if this is not possible we will discuss your options with you.
Day 2	Morning: 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. Afternoon: Enjoy scenic sailing to Cochem 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: Free time to explore at your own pace 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 Luxembourg 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: Free time to explore Guls or Koblenz at your own pace Coaching: 1hr 20mins to Rudesheim, shuttles to Koblenz 20mins Port: Guls
Day 8	Disembark at Guls rather than Cologne, then the coach to the airport. Coaching: 1hr 45 mins from Cologne, 2hrs 30mins from Dusseldorf

Your flights are unchanged. We coach you from the airport to Guls on day one and back to the airport on day eight. Some of the original itinerary is not part of this one, and we would rather tell you now than let you find out on board: Cologne is not visited, so the old town tour and the Lindt presentation do not take place; the Rhine Gorge and the Lorelei are not sailed and Boppard is not called at. Yet there are some additional inclusions which are detailed below above.

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 a five star ship with a panoramic lounge, a sun deck, a spa and wellness area and the Riverview Kitchen alongside the main restaurant. 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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