

Germany – Mosel Valley



Trip Summary

Journey along the sparkling waters of the lush Mosel Valley for a relaxing ride in Germany's abundant wine growing region. Flanked on each side by steep vineyard covered hills, our gentle riverside bicycle path leads to grand castles, lively market towns, and unpretentious wine villages. Discover Germany's fascinating Roman past, taste new wines, and marvel in serene pleasure at the Mosel's timeless charm.

Itinerary

Day 1: Trier

We meet in the morning in the town of Luxembourg • After a short transfer, saddle up in Diekirch, following the Sûre and Mosel rivers via the old monastic town of Echternach to your comfortable hotel in the imperial 2,000-year-old Roman City of Trier • Then feast on hearty local specialties tonight! • (L, D) *Overnight at Hotel Eurener Hof*

Day 2: Neumagen

Before leaving Trier, be sure to visit some of the town's many historic sites • Roman statues line your bike route and point the way to the historic wine town, Neumagen • Feel free to linger over Roman ruins and reconstructed villas, or stop in picturesque towns like Trittenheim before arriving at your charming hotel • Neumagen produces a variety of award-winning wines and you'll get to enjoy an exceptional wine tasting before dinner • After a wonderful meal at your hotel, relax in your room for the rest of the night • (B, D) *Overnight at Hotel Lekker*

Day 3: Zeltingen

Start the day with a guided walking tour along Neumagen's old streets, accompanied by your entertaining local historian • Walk on the ancient Roman Road, discover countless artifacts and architectural treasures, and enjoy a rare opportunity to tour the magnificent gardens that grace this area • After the walk, today's picturesque bike ride leads to historic Piesport and bustling Bernkastel • A more challenging side trip travels uphill for spectacular views of the valley and villages below • It's worth the climb! • Tonight you'll have lovely riverside views from your hotel in the resort town Zeltingen • Dine in style at your hotel's gourmet restaurant tonight • (B, L, D) *Overnight at Hotel St-Stephanus*

Day 4: Cochem

Following the Mosel as it loops and bends, you'll pass busy river towns with plenty of shopping, snacking, and wine tasting • Between towns, the cycling is relaxing and the scenery is lush, green, and delightful • The gated bridge at Traben-Trarbach is the perfect setting for sampling some famous German apple strudel, with or without Schlag • Arrive in Cochem and spend the rest of the evening wandering the sights of this beautiful town • (B) *Overnight at Hotel Kessler-Meyer*

Day 5: Koblenz

Vineyards cover the surrounding hills like a patchwork quilt, cascading below the area's many castles • Cochem's spectacular castle is in plain sight of the bike path, but Burg Eltz, the medieval wonder, is tucked deep in the woods • Tonight join the group for a farewell dinner at one of cosmopolitan Koblenz's premier eateries • (B, L, D) *Overnight at Hotel Mercure*



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Day 6: Koblenz

Enjoy one more delicious breakfast before getting ready to head home • At the appropriate time, your guide will transfer you to the Koblenz train station for your departure home • (B)

***Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures.*

Activities

Cycling:

Day 1 bicycle mileage options: 34 / 40 / 49

Day 2 bicycle mileage option: 31 / 34

Day 3 bicycle mileage options: 19 / 26 / 41 / 50

Day 4 bicycle mileage options: 40 / 46

Day 5 bicycle mileage options: 23 / 34 / 37

Walking:

Day 3 walking tour of Neumagen

Discovery:

Enjoy a relaxing ride on safe bicycle paths amid the bucolic beauty of Germany's premier wine growing region. Learn the difference between the various wine quality indications such as Kabinett, Spätlese, Auslese, Beerenauslese and Eiswein...., in theory and in practice! Climb the footpath to the castle ruins of Beilstein for a postcard perfect view of the valley. Don't miss the side trip to visit medieval Burg Eltz, a wonderful castle tucked deep in the forest. Discover Germany's fascinating Roman past, enjoy a wine tasting or two, and marvel in serene pleasure at the Mosel's timeless charm. This promises to be a regal experience highlighted by seductive inns, simple yet superb cuisine, hearty beers and fine white wines.

Austin Adventures guides are experienced facilitators and regional experts. They take the time to explain the local history and daily sightseeing and route options. Each route has been carefully planned to include options to please each traveler's interests. Austin Adventures guides are available to help you select the distance that's right for you and to offer advice and assistance as you desire.

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Distinctive Accommodations

Night 1: Hotel Eurener Hof

Originally a country inn, Hotel Eurener Hof is now a first class hotel. Four generations later, it still offers a friendly atmosphere and personalized service. Its traditional architecture has been restored time and again by master craftsmen using natural materials such as hewn stone, wood and natural substances and textiles. Staying here is like being in a country house in the city.

Night 2: Hotel Lekker

Set beautifully on the Mosel River to the far west of Germany, Hotel Lekker provides a good base from which to visit the nearby towns and villages. Enjoy elegant accommodations with modern facilities surrounded by vineyards and forests, and – as its name suggests – serves tasty dishes in its restaurant.

Night 3: Hotel St-Stephanus

Close to the historical market place, Hotel St-Stephanus is set in the midst of the sunny, picture-perfect landscape of the Mittelmosel. In addition to elegant accommodations, you will also enjoy succulent dishes from the first-class gourmet kitchen.

Night 4: Hotel Kessler-Meyer

Located close to the center of town, Hotel Kessler-Meyer offers many relaxation options such as a cozy terrace, swimming pool with sauna, whirlpool and Roman steam-bath. It's also minutes from beautiful, narrow streets full of shops, galleries and restaurants.

Night 5: Hotel Mercure

A four-star hotel, Hotel Mercure is located right on the Rhine River in the city center of Koblenz. Here you will enjoy all the conveniences and comfort you expect with exceptional accommodations and a cordial and attentive staff. It presents one of the best breakfast buffets.

Meals

The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions are included as indicated by itinerary. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities are not included in the trip price.



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Arrival & Departures

Prior to your trip, arrive at your own convenience in Luxembourg City. On Day 1, we will meet you in the lobby of Novotel Luxembourg Centre Hotel in Luxembourg at 8:30 a.m. After a briefing and a short transfer to Diekirch, the cycling begins. After breakfast on Day 6 we take you to the train station in Koblenz to meet the train of your choice that will take you to your next destination, or we can transfer you back to Luxembourg (latter involves a 2 hour transfer).

Trip Price

\$2,698 (\$480 single supplement)

Trip Length

6 days/5 nights

2020 Dates

June 14 – 19

September 6 – 11

September 27 – October 2

Host City

Luxembourg City, Luxembourg (LUX) / Koblenz, Germany

*Recommended airports: Luxembourg (LUX) or Frankfurt, Germany (FRA)

Reservations & Availability

1-800-575-1540

From wine villages to medieval wonders, the Mosel Valley wows you!

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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A \$500 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

Toll free: 800-575-1540

Phone: 406-655-4591

Online: austinadventures.com

Email: reservations@austinadventures.com

Mail: Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

** We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price

- Double occupancy rooms with private baths.
- Meals as listed in detailed daily itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner).
- Fully trained, first-aid certified professional guides and knowledgeable local partners.
- Any necessary equipment – all safe and well maintained.
- Vehicle support and land transportation during the trip.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt, water bottle, luggage tags and luggage service.
- Pre-departure and packing information.
- Incidental expenses such as taxes, dining and housekeeping gratuities, local partner and expert gratuities and national park entrance and permit fees.

Not Included in the Trip Price

- Gratuities to Austin Adventures guides.
- Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.



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Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a "single supplement." If you're traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. Austin Adventures will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you. If you book 90 days before the trip and we cannot find you a suitable roommate, we will take care of the single supplement. **some restrictions may apply*

Minimum Age

The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less a \$300 per person administration fee

Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded

Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure – 50% of the trip payment is refunded

Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure – No refund is given

Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.