

# Romance of the Moselle & Rhine 5 days – 4 nights Trier, Cochem, Koblenz, Mainz, Strasbourg River Cruising, Relaxation, History, Culture

# Highlights:

- Travel along the superb valleys of the Moselle and the Rhine rivers
- Panoramic coach tour of Trier and walk in the medieval town
- Visit the castle of Cochem in Reichburg
- Discover the millenary city of Mainz built by the Romans
- Optional visit to the Rheinhessen, the largest wine growing region in Germany

## Day 1: Trier

Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 6 p.m. After comfortably setting into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew to you at a welcome cocktail. Evening of entertainment in the lounge. We'll remain in port overnight.

## Day 2: Trier, Chochem (The Moselle Valley)

In the morning, excursion common for both packages: visit of Trier and its Roman ruins. We'll spend the afternoon cruising on the Moselle. Tonight's entertainment will be provided by the crew.

*Common excursion:* Departure from the boat for a panoramic coach tour of the city of Trier. Discover the Roman cultural heritage of Trier with a splendid view over the Moselle and its magnificent countryside. Trier is the oldest of German cities, founded so long ago that it is 13 years older than Rome. And Trier's age is not its only claim to glory. It is known above all for having been one of the seats of power of the Holy Roman Empire, one of the great centers of Early Christianity as well as a dynamic medieval town. Of these three periods, the city has retained some precious architectural marks. The tour continues on foot. We'll discover (exteriors ony) the Amphitheater, the tenth biggest in all of the Roman Empire which could hold up to 30,000 spectators. We'll move on to the Imperial Baths which were sumptuously arranged inside: marble on the walls, floors, mosaics, frescoes on the walls, statues. The thermae buildings form a rectangle 140m x 250 m. Continuation to the Basilica of Constantine. Since its construction in about 310, the basilica has never been out of use. From the very start, the edifice was an imposing one - 67 m long, 27 m wide and 30 m high. Over time, numerous buildings have been added. Finally, we'll discover the famous Porta Nigra which was designed as a gate as well as a monument. Even Rome today does not have an ancient building of this size in such a state of conservation. Afterwards, we'll walk round the city center, marked by the Middle Ages thanks to St Peter's Cathedral in particular (exteriors only). Its oldest parts date from 326, but the general layout of the church was considerably altered in the 10th century. You'll also be able to enjoy the atmosphere on the Hauptmarkt - the Main Market square. Highly Baroque and located in the heart of the city center, its mixture of styles will enchant you. Old timber-framed houses mingle with classical pastel-colored houses, decorated with white stucco. At the end of your guided tour, you will have some free time to stroll around the town at your own pace. Return to the boat by coach.

### Day 3: Cochem, Koblenz (The Moselle Valley)

This morning, excursions proposed. We'll spend the afternoon cruising on the Moselle. The evening, visit the city of Koblenz with our host or hostess. We'll remain in port overnight.

*Classic option:* Transfer to Cochem castle by minibus in groups of about 25 passengers. The Reichsburg is built on a remarkable site, a steep vine-covered hill overlooking the Moselle. Guided tour of this magnificent castle dating from the year 1000, which was destroyed by French troops in the 17th century and entirely rebuilt according to old plans in a Neo-Gothic style. It is distinguished by its graceful towers topped with bell turrets. It is one of the few castles in Germany which, having been rebuilt after being destroyed, still has its original countenance today. After visiting the castle, you will have some free time in the town. The town of Cochem is interesting in itself, with its narrow winding streets, its carefully restored half-timbered houses with their slate roofs, the Town Hall square with its history-filled past, as well as ancient walls, gates and churches. Return to the boat on foot.



*Discovery option (at a supplement):* Join us for a hike on the Appolloweg trail and enjoy the beautiful countryside in the Moselle region. We'll encounter gorgeous views and enchanting castles in the middle of a wild natural reserve: Cochem Castle (Reichsburg), the Winneburg ruins, and Pinner Kruez jutting from steep cliffs where humans have been cultivating vineyards for centuries.

## Day 4: Koblenz, Mainz (The Romantic Rhine Valley)

In the morning, we'll glide through the legendary and romantic Rhine Valley, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2002. We'll pass the legendary Lorelei rock, named after a beautiful young maiden who, according to German legend, threw herself into the river in despair over a faithless lover and was transformed into a siren. This afternoon, excursions proposed. Return on board in Worms. Gala evening. During the night, we'll cruise to Strasbourg.

*Classic option:* You will set off on foot from accompanied by your guides and visit the town of Mainz. Capital of the Rhine Palatinate, Mainz was founded more than 2000 years ago by the Romans. In the 17th and 18th centuries, the top architects and sculptors created the basic shape of the town, with fine palaces and churches. Here you can admire the magnificent historic houses which have been outstandingly well-restored. Located on the banks of the Rhine opposite the confluence of the Rhine with the Main, Mainz will captivate vou with its quite incomparable lifestyle, its unique charm and its openness to the world. In the company of your guide, you will be able to enter the magnificent Cathedral, whose construction began in 975 and which has left a deep mark on the history of the town. The interior of the cathedral houses some wonderful historic treasures, including tombs and funerary monuments from the 13th to the 18th centuries. You will also have the opportunity to wander up and down the colorful streets in the old town. Finally you will visit the Gutenberg Museum, the world's finest museum for printing equipment, materials and books. Born in Mainz around 1400, Johannes Gensfleisch Gutenberg himself prepared the copy of the Bible referred to as "the 42-line Bible" which was published in 1455 - the oldest printed book in the world. Out of the 46 copies still in existence, the museum has just one, along with a "Mainz Psalter", the first ever document printed using three different colors of ink. The museum extends over five floors and provides a quite remarkable exhibition on the history of the book and written word in both Europe and the world as a whole. Return on board on foot.

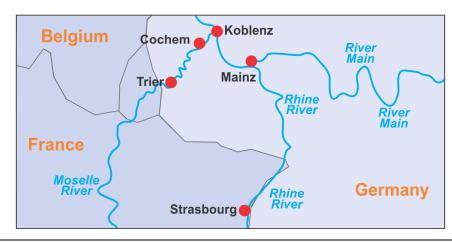
*Discovery option (at a supplement):* Leaving from Mainz, you'll travel to either Nierstein or Nackenheim to discover the largest Germany wine-growing territory in the area: the Rheinhessen. We'll settle in for an openair wagon ride, where we'll be able to take in the magnificent views of the Rhine. We'll also enjoy a traditional bread, wine and cold-cut snack from the region.

# Day 5: Strasbourg

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking at 11:00 a.m. End of our services.

**Note:** For the safety of our passengers, the captain and crew of the boat may decide to modify the navigational itinerary.

Alcohol can damage your health. Please drink in moderation.





### River Cruises - Germany 2017

### Your Cruise includes:

- 4 nights accommodation on board the MS La Boheme or MS Monet
- All meals included for Superb French Cuisine
- Unlimited complimentary onboard beverages

   Including beer, fine wine, spirits, mineral bottled water, soft drinks, specialty coffees and tea.
- Captain Welcome cocktail Reception
- Farewell Gala dinner
- Shore excursions with wireless audio system
   Port Talk
- On board professional entertainment & Crew Team show
- Assistance from our onboard multi-lingual host/hostess
- · Free Wi-Fi on board

# **Cruise Prices:**

- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- Tips to on board personnel
- All port fees

## Your Cruise does not include:

- International and Domestic airfares, taxes and fees
- Transfers between arrival/departure airports and peer(s)
- · Other items not mentioned in the program
- · Optional tours
- All items of a purely personal nature such as other drinks that is not specified, laundry, fax etc.
- Travel insurance
- · Optional gratuities to cruise's personnel

Sailing	Vessel	Main Deck		Upper Deck		Excursion
Dates	Name	Double	Single	Double	Single	Package
2017 Departures						
9/30-10/4	Boheme	\$1,315	\$1,675	\$1,499	\$1,859	Included
2018 Departures						
5/6-5/10	Monet	\$1,429	\$1,955	\$1,635	\$2,165	Included
6/19-6/23	Monet	\$1,429	\$1,955	\$1,635	\$2,165	Included
7/16-7/20	Monet	\$1,379	\$1,909	\$1,585	\$2,115	Included
9/20-9/24	Monet	\$1,429	\$1,955	\$1,635	\$2,165	Included

Prices are per person and may change without notice.

Sailing dates may not be available at time of booking due to heavy demand Capacity is controlled and specific cabins may not be available at time of booking.

# **Reductions:**

- Child discount (2-9 years) : 20%
- 3rd person discount in triple cabin: 30%

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### See Next pages for ship information







Travel Europe's majestic rivers and cultural treasures with a journey onboard the modern, spacious MS La Boheme. Your private stateroom includes two twins or one double bed, satellite television and a bathroom with shower.

### Specs:

- Year built: 1995 refurbish 2011
- Number of cabins: 80
- · Capacity: 162 passengers
- Length: 361 ft. long
- Width: 33 ft. wide
- Power outlets: 220V electricity

Upper deck: 28 cabins

Main deck: 52 cabins

#### **Onboard amenities:**

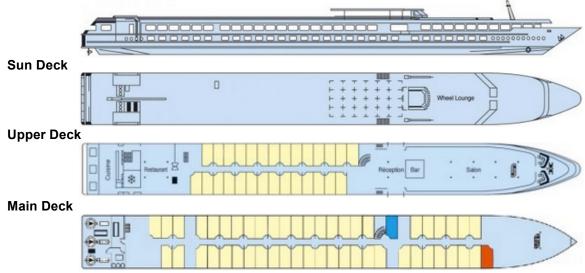
- Lounge-bar with a dance floor
- Bar

- Dining room
- Large sundeck with deckchairs
- Library
- Gift shop
- Central heating
- A/C
- Radar
- Radiophone
- Wi-Fi on board.

# Cabin amenities: All cabins have:

- Private bathroom with shower
- Hair dryer
- Safe
- Satelite TV











Discover Europe's top highlights and hidden treasures when you enjoy a river cruise on the modern MS Monet. You'll enjoy comfortable accommodations and a variety of onboard amenities while sailing.

## Specs:

- Year built: 2000 refurbish 2010
- Number of cabins: 78
- Capacity: 154 passengers
- Length: 361 ft. long
- Width: 37 ft. wide
- Power outlets: 220V electricity

Upper deck: 28 cabins

Main deck: 50 cabins

### **Onboard amenities:**

- Lounge-bar with a dance floor
- Bar

- Dining room
- Large sundeck with deckchairs
- Library
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# Deck Plan:

