

# By Boat and Bike from Strasbourg to Mainz

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 170 KM  
BOOKING CODE: DE-RHSS

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●●●●  
TOPOGRAPHY ●●●●●●●●



## Your tour

Discover a variety of cultural and scenic highlights on your river cruise on the Rhine by bike. On one side the water, on the other the sunny slopes of the great wine-growing regions of Alsace, Rhine-Hesse and Palatinate. Don't miss a tasting of the grape juice. While your ship, the MS Olympia, accompanies you on the Rhine, you will have enough time to discover the cultural highlights. You will be impressed by the mighty imperial cathedrals in Speyer, Worms and Mainz. Marvel at Karlsruhe's baroque palace and the ruins of Heidelberg Castle, which towers high above the old town. During your river cruise on the Rhine, spend the evening hours in a relaxed atmosphere on your ship with a good meal and a glass of wine.

The starting point alternates between Strasbourg and Mainz.

## Itinerary

<b>Day 1</b>	Individual arrival to Strasbourg
<b>Day 2</b>	Strasbourg – Gamsheim, approx. 20 km, Gamsheim – Gernersheim (boat)
<b>Day 3</b>	Gernersheim – Speyer, approx. 25 km
<b>Day 4</b>	Speyer – Mannheim, approx. 30 km
<b>Day 5</b>	Mannheim – Heidelberg – Mannheim, approx. 50 km
<b>Day 6</b>	Mannheim – Worms, approx. 25 km
<b>Day 7</b>	Worms – Nierstein (boat), Nierstein – Mainz, approx. 20 km
<b>Day 8</b>	Individual departure from Mainz

## Travel time

<b>Season A</b>	08.06. – 22.06.	06.07. – 13.07.
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Arrival Saturday 08.06. – 13.07.2024  
The season is dictated by the arrival date.

## Services

- 7 nights on board in double cabins with shower / WC
- Welcome drink
- Bed linen and towels (no bath towels)
- Coffee and cake in the afternoon
- Passenger and port charges
- Programme as per itinerary
- Travel documents (1 x per cabin), Maps on board
- Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. – 08.00 p.m.)
- Daily cabin cleaning
- Daily cycling tour briefing, on-board tour guide
- Full board (7 x breakfast, 6 x packed lunch, 7 x dinner)

## Not included services

- Admission fees and excursions
- Ferry fees
- Drinks on board and tips for tour guide and crew
- Transfers

## Basic price per person

	Main deck	Upper deck
Double cabin	1229,-	1429,-
Surcharge double cabin for single use	360,-	390,-
Surcharge single cabin	–	50,-
Discount cabins in the back	–	50,-

## Additional services per person

Electric bike / Pedelec (8-speed, freewheel / backpedal)*	169,-
Unisex bike (7-speed, freewheel / backpedal brake)*	59,-

\*including rental bike insurance

## Child reduction on basic price

No child discount is offered on this trip.

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### Languages Travel documents

→ German, English

### Additional note

- All bookings are on request.
- Changes: Changes are possible on boat trips due to weather, water level or technical conditions and remain reserved.
- Arrival dates Mainz – Strasbourg (DE-RHSMS-08I): 08.06. / 06.07.
- Arrival dates Strasbourg – Mainz (DE-RHSSM-08I): 15.06. / 13.07.
- Minimum number of participants to be reached up to 21 days before departure:
- 75 persons

### Equipment of our rental bikes

→ Waterproof pannier

### Journey to Straßburg / Mainz

- Nearest airports: Strasbourg, Mainz, Frankfurt am Main
  - Train station: Strasbourg, Mainz
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### Parking in Straßburg / Mainz

- Strasbourg:
  - Numerous Park & Ride parking lots outside the center.
  - Parking garage „Gare Wodli“ at the main train station, cost about 20 € per day.
- Mainz:
  - Parking garage at the main train station in Mainz (unguarded, not reservable). Cost approx. 55 € per week.
  - No reservation by Radweg-Reisen possible.

### Return trip to Straßburg / Mainz

- On your own by train, connections several times a day in both directions, duration: approx. 3 – 3.5 hours, 2 – 3 changes.

### Travel documents

- 1 set (per booked cabin) consists of: Voucher, travel information with description of the daily stages
  - Dispatch up to four weeks before arrival. For bookings at short notice, handover on site, voucher and arrival information in advance by e-mail.
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## Stages description

### Day 1: Individual arrival to Strasbourg

After your arrival in Strasbourg, check in on your ship, the MS Olympia, from 4 pm. On your first day, explore the beautiful old town with its picturesque half-timbered houses and the city's landmark, Strasbourg Cathedral. Stroll through the narrow cobblestone streets and along the numerous canals. Finally, treat yourself to a traditional tarte flambée in one of the small cozy wine bars of Europe's capital.

### Day 2: Strasbourg – Gamsheim, approx. 20 km, Gamsheim – GERMERSHEIM (boat)

You can use the morning again to stroll through Strasbourg. The bike tour to the Gamsheim lock is comparatively short and runs through the Rhine plain. The MS Olympia awaits you there in the afternoon. You will continue your journey from Strasbourg to Mainz on board. Enjoy the view from the sun deck while your ship continues on the Rhine to GERMERSHEIM, where it arrives at night.

### Day 3: GERMERSHEIM – Speyer, approx. 25 km

Visit the old fortress in GERMERSHEIM or treat yourself to a coffee in the cozy town center. Today's bike tour during your trip by bike and ship from Strasbourg to Mainz takes you through seemingly untouched nature. Along the arms of the Altrhein you will cycle relaxed through the Palatinate region to the cathedral city of Speyer, today's stage destination. How about a glass of Palatinate wine with a view of the imperial cathedral of Speyer? It is the largest preserved Romanesque church in Europe.

### Day 4: Speyer – Mannheim, approx. 30 km

Since the cycling stage today is quite short, you will have plenty of time to relax and see the numerous sights. First, cycle leisurely through the beautiful nature past magnificent lakes and through nature reserves. Soon you will reach Mannheim. The city between the Rhine and Neckar rivers offers many opportunities to explore sights worth seeing. Visit the baroque castle complex and the water tower. At nightfall, be enchanted by the brightly lit water games at the foot of the tower.

### Day 5: Mannheim – Heidelberg – Mannheim, approx. 50 km

You leave Mannheim and cycle through the heart of the Electoral Palatinate to Schwetzingen. Don't miss visiting the heart of the city, the castle with its magnificent gardens. On your further way you leave the Rhine and cycle through the small towns of Plankstadt and Eppelheim to the Neckar. Even from a distance, you will recognize Heidelberg's landmark - the ruined castle, which towers high above the city. Not only the castle is impressive, also marvel at the sandstone bridge and treat yourself to a walk through the winding alleys of the old town. You will then cycle back to Mannheim along the banks of the Neckar River.

### Day 6: Mannheim – Worms, approx. 25 km

After yesterday's excursion to the Neckar, you will follow the Rhine again today. The MS Olympia awaits you again in Worms. Here stands the second of the three imperial cathedrals you will visit on the journey by bike and ship from Strasbourg to Mainz. As the home of Kriemhild, Worms is also an important setting in the Saga of the Nibelungs. The Nibelungen Museum is dedicated to her mythical character.

**Day 7: Worms – Nierstein (boat), Nierstein – Mainz, approx. 20 km**

Enjoy the first part of today's leg of your river cruise on the ship that takes you down the Rhine from Worms. Disembark in Nierstein, the largest wine-growing community on the Rhine. It is worth the climb to the Wartturm on the Red Slope. From there you have a wonderful view of the Rhine valley. Or you can visit the historic town center

with its medieval marketplace and noble houses. On the short cycling stage you follow the well-developed Rhine cycle path to the capital of Rhineland-Palatinate, Mainz.

**Day 8: Individual departure from Mainz**

After breakfast and disembarkation until 09.00 your trip by ship and bike already ends.

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# Boat descriptions

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## **MS Olympia**

Enjoy the family atmosphere on board the MS Olympia. The recently renovated river ship awaits its maximum 94 guests with cozy comfort. Spend pleasant hours in the panorama salon furnished in English club style and get into conversation with your fellow travelers after the cycling days. The crew will spoil you with all kinds of delicacies in the bright, friendly restaurant. Enjoy the passing landscapes on the spacious sun deck and relax in the comfortable cabins.

### **Facts about the ship:**

- 48 outside cabins
- Equipment: shower / WC, individually adjustable air conditioner, panorama window
- Twin cabins: approx. 11 m<sup>2</sup>, 20 on the main deck, 24 on the upper deck, 4 in the aft part of the ship
- The aft cabins are located on the upper deck in the rear area of the ship. This may result in interference from engine and generator noise when the ship is in motion and in locks.
- Year of construction 1984,
- 2015 / 2016 renovated
- 2 passenger decks | 48 outside cabins
- Maximum occupancy: 94 passengers
- Length: 88,5 m
- Width: 10,5 m
- Amenities: salon with bar, restaurant, partially covered sun deck
- Board languages: German, English