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Full Itinerary: Magical Mosel Cruise - VIVA Cruises

Sep 14, 2026 - Sep 25, 2026

Trip Summary

September 14 - Mon / Arrival Düsseldorf, Germany - 2-night Pre-Stay

Arrivals for 2-night Pre-Stay

Check into Hotel Amando Dusseldorf

Dusseldorf Info

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Düsseldorf - Do & See - Königsallee, Altstadt (Old Town), Burgplatz & Rhine embankment promenade, Carlstadt, Palace and Park Benrath, Barbarossa's Imperial Palace Kaiserswerth, Museum Kunstpalast, KIT - Art in the tunnel, Goethe-Museum

Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf Film Museum, Nordpark, Botanical Garden of the University

Düsseldorf - The City - Hofgarten

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Cochem: Experience the Reichsburg - Walking (2.5 hrs)

Treis Karden: Abbey Stroll - Walking (2 hrs)

September 21 - Mon / Included Day Tours: Rudesheim; Loreley Passage; Konigswinter

Meals Included: B, L, D

Rüdesheim: Hildegard's Trails - Walking (2.5 hrs)

Königswinter: Siebengebirge & Photostop Petersberg - Bus/Walking (3 hrs)

September 22 - Tue / Included Day Tours: Konigswinter

Meals Included: B, L, D

Königswinter: Siebengebirge & Photostop Petersberg - Bus/Walking (3 hrs)

September 23 - Wed / Disembark in Düsseldorf --> OPTIONAL Post-Stay Frankfurt; 2pm VeloPod Tour;

Meals Included: Breakfast

9am Disembark Ship - OPTIONAL Private Transfer to Frankfurt (Post-Trip)

Frankfurt Post-Stay

Check-in at Premier Inn - 2-n Post-Stay Hotel in Frankfurt

2 - 3p VeloTaxi Tour of Old Towne Frankfurt

September 24 - Thu - Post-Stay Frankfurt; 10:30 Guided Bike Tour; Oktoberfest

Meals Included: Breakfast

10:30am Guided Bike Tour of Frankfurt

Evening: Frankfurt Oktoberfest

September 25 - Fri / Depart for home - or parts unknown

Meals Included: Breakfast

Check out of Hotel

Depart for home, or parts unknown

Information & Documents



PASSPORT

Due to airline security measures, **your passport name must match your airline ticket name** or you may be denied boarding.

Your **passport's expiration date must be at least six months after your return** from your trip; if it is not, you should renew your passport.

It is your responsibility to ensure the validity of all travel documents! We recommend that you make copies of your important documents and papers (insurance cards, etc.). Leave a copy at home and have a copy with you. In the unfortunate situation that you lose your original documents, having copies facilitates the replacement process.



CURRENCY

ATMs, DEBIT CARDS, AND CREDIT CARDS

While travelling in Europe, we recommend using your debit card and withdrawing cash at ATMs in the local currency for your transactions abroad. It is the easiest and most cost-effective method. Upon arrival at a European airport, it is a good idea to withdraw cash from an ATM so that you have some on hand for train/taxi travel to your destination but from then on, it is best to use ATM machines at a local bank, which will have lower fees.

Helpful tips:

- Contact your bank to let them know that you will be travelling internationally.
- - Ask your bank what the fees will be for an ATM cash withdrawal
 - Inquire about your daily withdrawal limit and consider increasing it
 - Know your 4-digit PIN
 - Ask your bank what the fees will be if you use your debit card for purchases (this will typically include fees from both the bank and the creditor on the front of your card)
- Stick with actual bank ATMs. There are independent ATMs that are tricky and charge higher fees, and are sometimes located right next to banks as well. (Examples of independent ATMs to avoid are Travelex, Euronet, Moneybox, Cardpoint, Cash Zone).
- Know the symbols on the front and back of your debit card
- - Symbols on the back are for ATM cash withdrawals, they represent the cash networks used (VISA Plus, MasterCard Maestro or Cirrus)
 - Symbols on the front are for purchases – work like a credit card and typically include higher fees (VISA, MasterCard)
- Be aware of ATMs that give you a message sounding like they are doing you a favor by asking if you'd like them to convert the transaction for your bank into your home currency – you don't want to do this, you will end up paying a lot more in fees but they don't tell you. Always choose the currency of the country you are in and have your home bank do the conversion.
- ATMs are also referred to as "Cash Point" in the UK, "Distributeur" in France, and "Bankomat" elsewhere.
- You may also wish to use your credit card but be sure to know what fees will be included.
- Apps for your cell phone that may be helpful: ATM Hunter and Currency Converter



ELECTRICITY

Europe's electrical system is different from ours in two ways: the voltage of the current and the shape of the plug. American appliances run on **110 volts**, while European appliances are **220 volts**.

Most phones and cameras have a built in converter but you will need a plug adaptor to be able to plug them into the wall to charge them.

If bringing any other accessories that require electricity, you will also may need a converter - but most items like your phone, tablet and curling iron are built-in dual electric (read the label to see if it lists 220/110).

You can read more about converters and adapters [here](#).



CONVERSIONS for Europe

Celsius Fahrenheit

10°C	50°F
15°C	59°F
20°C	68°F
25°C	77°F
30°C	86°F
35°C	95°F
40°C	104°F

Meters Miles

1 Km	.62 mile
2 Km	1.24 mile
5 Km	3.10 mile
10 Km	6.2 mile
25 Km	15.5 mile
30 Km	18.6 mile
50 Km	31 mile

Time

12:00 hours	Noon
14:00 hours	2:00 pm
16:00 hours	4:00 pm
18:00 hours	6:00 pm
20:00 hours	8:00 pm
22:00 hours	10:00 pm
00:00 hours	Midnight

September 14 - Mon / Arrival Düsseldorf, Germany - 2-night Pre-Stay



Arrivals for 2-night Pre-Stay

Arriving today Sept 14th:

There is no group transfer for arrival, as we are all getting in at different times.
So please take a taxi from the airport to the hotel at your convenience.

Arrivals:

1. Deborah Haling (actually arrived yesterday Sept 13th)
2. Bev Harding
3. Sandra Stocks
4. Sonja Polony
5. Rich Hunsinger

Itinerary in BRIEF: 2-night Pre-Stay:

Sept Sept 14 - 16 Monday - Wednesday
Düsseldorf Hotel with breakfast 2-nights

Includes:

- ♥ Monday Arrival. Get a good nights rest
- ♥ Tuesday eve - Sunset tour
- ♥ Wednesday 11am Düsseldorf Walking Tour
- ♥ Wednesday 11am Hotel Check out - Afternoon free to explore.
- ♥ Wednesday 2:00 Transfer to Ship



Check into Hotel Amando Dusseldorf

Address: Graf-Adolf-Straße 60, 40210 Düsseldorf-Stadtbezirk 1, Germany

Phone: [+49 211 1697860](tel:+492111697860)

Hotel Amando Dusseldorf

Central Location: Hotel AMANO Düsseldorf in Düsseldorf offers a central base with Königsallee less than 0.6 mi away. The German Opera at River Rhein is 0.9 mi, and Düsseldorf Central Station is an 8-minute walk.

Comfortable Accommodations: 92 rooms combine wooden floors with soft tones, creating a calm and almost residential atmosphere in the middle of the city. As a boutique hotel, AMANO Düsseldorf pays close attention to detail, proportion and perspective.

Rooms feature air-conditioning, private bathrooms with baths, hypoallergenic bedding, and soundproofing. Additional amenities include bathrobes, tea and coffee makers, and free toiletries.

Dining and Leisure: The bar blends into the overall concept with deep colours and elegant finishes. In the evening, it becomes the social heart of the hotel.

Guests can enjoy a buffet breakfast, relax on the terrace, and unwind at the bar. Free WiFi is available throughout the property.

Nearby Attractions: The hotel is close to attractions such as the Theater an der Kö (13-minute walk), Kunsthalle Düsseldorf (1 mi), and Düsseldorf Central Station (8-minute walk). Düsseldorf Airport is 5 mi away.



Dusseldorf Info

Düsseldorf is a city in western Germany known for its fashion industry and art scene. It's divided by the Rhine River, with its Altstadt (Old Town) on the east bank and modern commercial areas to the west. In the Altstadt, St. Lambertus Church and Schlossturm (Castle Tower) both date to the 13th century. Streets such as Königsallee and Schadowstrasse are lined with boutique shops. Düsseldorf is famous for being Germany's fashion capital, boasting luxury shopping on [Königsallee](#), a vibrant arts scene with modern museums, and its unique Old Town ("Altstadt") known as the "world's longest bar" for its dense concentration of pubs. It's also recognized for its modern architecture, significant business hub status, diverse cuisine, and its blend of tradition with a cosmopolitan, creative atmosphere along the Rhine River.



September 15 - Tues / Arrive Düsseldorf, Germany - 1-night Pre-Stay



Meals Included: Breakfast

For those that arrived yesterday - Breakfast at **Hotel Amando Dusseldorf**



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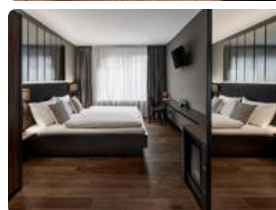
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6. Jennifer Letitia

7. Ann Berry

8. Meg Evoy

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- ♥ Wednesday 3:00 Transfer to Ship

Also arriving on-their-own with NO pre-stay booked -

9. Sandra Murray
10. Mary Neuman
11. Mari Limbaugh
12. Kathy Banks
13. Cynthia Johnson - arrives tomorrow/Wednesday before sailing



Düsseldorf - Do & See

Düsseldorf's urban and cultural landscape has a cosmopolitan flair that is unrivalled by most other German cities. Choices in the Rhine metropolis cover a wide range – in business, fashion, culture, lifestyle and sports.





Königsallee

Königsallee, Düsseldorf



Altstadt (Old Town)

Altstadt, Düsseldorf



Burgplatz & Rhine embankment promenade

Burgplatz, Düsseldorf



Carlstadt

Carlstadt, Düsseldorf



Palace and Park Benrath

Benrather Schlossallee 100-106, 40597

+49 211 8993832



Barbarossa's Imperial Palace Kaiserswerth

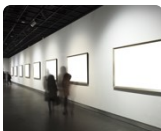
Kaiserswerth, Düsseldorf



Museum Kunstpalast

Ehrenhof 4-5, 40479

+49 211 566 42 100



KIT - Art in the tunnel

Mannesmannufer 1b, 40213 Düsseldorf

+49 211 8920769



Goethe-Museum Düsseldorf

Jacobistraße 2, 40211 Düsseldorf

+49 211 8996262



Düsseldorf Film Museum

Schulstraße 4, 40213 Düsseldorf

+49 211 8992232



Nordpark

Stockum/ Kaiserswerther Straße/Stockumer Kirchstraße/ Rotterdamer Straße, 40474 Düsseldorf

+49 211 / 43 36 34



Botanical Garden of the University

Universitätsstraße 1, 40225



Düsseldorf - The City

Düsseldorf – a successful combination of traditions and trends, a city of five seasons: during the “foolish season”, i.e. carnival time, the city bubbles over with sheer zest for life.

The city pulsates, it is palpable everywhere. Above all in the Altstadt (Old Town), the legendary square kilometre on the banks of the Rhine with its around 260 restaurants and inns, pubs, rustic breweries and cafés, which earned it the name “the longest bar in the world”. This is the home of the Altbier. Nowhere else does this topbrewed beer taste as delicious as at the historic microbreweries. But the Altstadt (Old Town) is more than that: quiet lanes with cobblestones, the old palace tower saluting the ships passing by, the twisted spire of St. Lambertus church leaving its observer puzzled, and the splendid old private houses, a reminder of past glamour.

A visit to the Altstadt is also an absolute must for art and culture lovers. The Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen, which shows 20th century painting, the Deutsche Oper am Rhein Düsseldorf/Duisburg (both on Heinrich-Heine-Allee), the Kunsthalle (Grabbeplatz), Kunstakademie, Tonhalle and Ehrenhof (all on the Rhine embankment) are major elements of Düsseldorf’s art axis.

The Rhine embankment promenade has drawn the city close to the Rhine again, it is an invitation to stroll and relax. The promenade leads all the way to where the city’s creative brains are at home, the MedienHafen.

A feast for lovers of architecture: Ancient railway lines listed for preservation form an exciting contrast with the glass palaces of the present. Trendy bars, clubs and restaurants complete the ensemble.

Night owls are able to choose between noble clubs on the “Kö”, dancing the night away at the ultramodern MedienHafen or on former shop floors in the district of Lierenfeld. “Ratinger Straße” in the Altstadt (Old Town) is hip – the whole road is one big open-air party in summer.



Hofgarten

Heinrich-Heine-Allee, Inselstraße

September 16 - Wed / Transfer; VIVA Cruises Embarkation - Magical Moselle River Cruise



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Breakfast at **Hotel Amando Dusseldorf**



Check out of Hotel & 2pm Transfer

Please meet in the hotel lobby, with your luggage by the assigned time (to be announced). Remember to "Check Out" of the hotel - give them your key card, and pay any bill if needed.

You can store your luggage with the front desk (in hotel lock-up) until the afternoon - and explore Düsseldorf for the morning.

Our group transfer will be at 2pm.

Please meet in the hotel lobby no later than 1:45 with your luggage.



ms VIVA ONE - Sailing at 4:30pm

Magical Moselle Cruise

2027 Sept 16 - 23

VIVA ONE sails at 16:30

You must board ship no later than 2 hours before sail time.

The VIVA One berth in Düsseldorf is usually located on the Robert-Lehr-Ufer or Joseph-Beuys-Ufer below the Oberkasseler Brücke, centrally located in Düsseldorf's old town. You will receive further information with your travel documents.

If you are traveling to Düsseldorf in your own car, we recommend the following parking lot in the immediate vicinity of our Steiger:

Düsseldorf, Rheinterrasse/Tonhalle

Robert-Lehr-Ufer 1

40474 Düsseldorf

NAVY OVERVIEW	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
Düsseldorf		16:30
Coblenz	07:00	13:00
Traben-Trarbach	03:30	12:00
Berncastel	15:00	21:00
Trier	02:30	14:30
Cochem	07:00	13:00
Treis-Karden	14:00	17:30
Rüdesheim	07:00	14:00
Loreley passage		16:00
Königswinter	21:00	
Königswinter		13:00
Düsseldorf	18:00	
Düsseldorf		

ation takes place after breakfast.



VIVA CRUISE INFO

Highlights of the VIVA ONE:

- A warm welcome with a welcome champagne - to a wonderful stay on board
- Full board with breakfast buffet, lunch, dinner (multi-course gourmet gourmet menus, served at the table) and snacks with free choice of table and flexible dining meal times
- All day high quality, cold and hot non-alcoholic beverages and exquisite selection of alcoholic beverages
- High Tea: once per trip a selection of sweet and savory treats such as scones such as scones, sandwiches, cupcakes, chocolates and macaroons. In addition, various teas

- Daily freshly filled mini-bar and reusable water bottle in the cabin
- Selected beauty products from RITUALS
- Free WLAN on board for undisturbed reception
- Main restaurant "RIVERSIDE" with flexible dining hours and free seating
- "VIVA's Bistro" as an alternative to the main restaurant with classics for dinner
- Fitness center with treadmill, bike and dumbbells
- Wellness area with steam bath and infrared sauna
- Pool on the sun deck
- Free rental bicycles
- Elevator connecting the Emerald Deck to the Ruby and Diamond Deck
- Tips for the entire crew!



September 17 - Thu / Included Day Tours: Koblenz



Meals Included: B, L, D

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Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Coffee & Cake, Dinner



Koblenz Info

Koblenz is a city in the German state of Rhineland-Palatinate, on the banks of the rivers Rhine and Moselle, a multinational tributary. Koblenz was established as a Roman military post by Drusus c. 8 BC. Its name originates from the Latin *cōnfluentēs*, meaning "confluence".



Koblenz City Tour - Walking (1.5 hrs)

Discover the rich history and vibrant soul of Koblenz on this guided walking tour through one of Germany's oldest and most scenic cities. Accompanied by a knowledgeable local guide, you'll stroll through charming streets, historic squares, and along the picturesque Rhine promenade, where the past meets the present in striking harmony.

Along the way, admire impressive landmarks, well-preserved architecture, and hidden gems that tell the story of Koblenz — from its Roman roots to its role as a modern cultural hub. Your guide will share fascinating facts and engaging anecdotes, breathing life into the centuries of history that surround you.

Perfect for first-time visitors and history lovers alike, this walking tour is a captivating introduction to the spirit of Koblenz.

VIVA reserves the right to make changes. You will receive more information about the bookable excursions on board, as well as when you receive your travel documents.



Koblenz: Marksburg Castle - Medieval hilltop stronghold - Bus/Walking (3 hrs)

Your journey begins with a bus transfer from the ship to the imposing Marksburg, one of the best-preserved castles of the Middle Ages in Germany. Perched high above the Rhine, this impressive fortress offers not only breathtaking views of the Rhine Valley but also fascinating insights into medieval history.

During a guided tour of the Marksburg, you will discover the authentic architecture and well-preserved rooms that bring medieval life to life. You will visit the old castle kitchen, the knights' hall, and the impressive fortifications that highlight the strategic importance of the Marksburg. The original furnishings and historical details provide a striking picture of everyday life during that time.

After the tour, you will have some time to enjoy the magnificent view of the Rhine Valley before returning to the ship by bus.

Note: Please be aware that the path to the castle and within the grounds is steep and uneven. There are also several stairs to navigate, so this excursion requires sturdy footwear and good mobility.

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Koblenz: Nightwatchman tour - Walking (1.5 hrs)

Step into the past and join the Koblenz Night Watchman for a walking tour through the historic old town. Dressed in traditional attire, your guide brings the Middle Ages to life with tales of law and order, forgotten customs, and local legends that once echoed through these narrow alleys.

As you wander hidden corners and historic squares, you'll hear gripping stories of crime and punishment, strange traditions, and the daily lives of townspeople centuries ago. With a mix of humor, suspense, and rich storytelling, this tour offers a memorable and atmospheric way to experience Koblenz after dark.

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Koblenz: Sparkling Koblenz Experience - Walking (3 hrs)

Begin your tour right from the ship and take a short walk through Koblenz to one of its most storied landmarks: the historic Deinhard sparkling wine cellars, with a tradition dating back over 200 years. Founded on May 1st, 1794 by Johann Friedrich Deinhard as a wine merchant's house, the production of sparkling wine began here in 1843 using the traditional bottle fermentation method.

On this fascinating guided tour, you'll delve into the art of sparkling wine production. With the help of original equipment, you'll learn how grapes are transformed into refined sparkling wine, with a focus on the champagne method, renowned for its exceptional quality.

Discover key stages of the process, such as riddling and disgorging, and enjoy a walk through the atmospheric vaulted cellars, where centuries of craftsmanship come to life. A must for wine lovers and anyone curious about tradition, taste, and timeless elegance.

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Traben-Trarbach: Underground Tales - Walking (1.5 hrs)

Around 1900, the Art Nouveau town of Traben-Trarbach ranked among Europe's most important wine trading hubs — second only to Bordeaux. Thanks to the soaring international demand for Riesling, especially from Britain and overseas markets, over 100 wine merchants established their businesses here, triggering a rapid expansion of the town's wine cellar infrastructure.

What makes Traben-Trarbach truly unique is its extensive underground world: vast, multi-level cellar vaults stretching over 100 meters long beneath the city's surface — unmatched anywhere else along the Moselle.

On this guided underground tour, you'll venture into the mysterious twilight of these historic wine cellars. Discover fascinating stories of winemaking tradition, cellar craftsmanship, and the golden age of the Riesling trade. A truly immersive journey into Traben-Trarbach's vinicultural heritage — hidden just below your feet.



Bernkastel-Kues: A Bulli Ride Through Moselle's Best - VW Bus (2.5 hrs)

Experience a ride full of nostalgic charm! Hop aboard a lovingly restored VW Bulli and be chauffeured through the sea of vineyards along the Moselle River. This iconic vehicle, reminiscent of days gone by, gives the tour a unique atmosphere and turns the exploration of the breathtaking landscape into an unforgettable experience. As you leisurely cruise through the vineyards, you'll immerse yourself in the Moselle's rich cultural landscape. Learn fascinating facts about the noble grape varieties that have been cultivated here for centuries, and take in views of the steep, sun-kissed slopes. Enjoy the feeling of freedom and relaxation as you travel through one of Germany's most beautiful wine regions in a classic VW Bulli —an experience that perfectly blends tradition, pleasure, and adventure.



Bernkastel-Kues: Panorama tour - a Moselle & wine experience - Bus/Walking (3 hrs)

Discover the charm of the Moselle Valley on this scenic panoramic tour through picturesque villages and rolling vineyards. Capture the beauty of the landscape during a photo stop before visiting an ancient Roman wine press—a fascinating testament to the region's long wine-making tradition. Continue to a local winemaker, where you'll be invited to sample a selection of fine Moselle wines and learn more about their unique character and production. A perfect blend of history, scenery, and authentic Moselle flavors awaits you!



Bernkastel-Kues: The legendary Doctor wine - Walking (1.5 hrs.)

Embark on a guided city tour through the charming medieval town of Bernkastel-Kues, famously known as the “Doctor Town.” As you stroll through its cobble streets and admire the half-timbered houses, your guide will share the fascinating legend behind the world-renowned Doctor Wine.

The highlight of this excursion awaits at a local wine estate, where you'll enjoy a tasting of two exquisite Doctor Wines — a true expression of the Moselle's rich wine-making heritage.



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Trier: Roman Footsteps - Bus/Walking (3 hrs)

Trier, originally founded as Augusta Treverorum, is considered the oldest city in Germany and was one of the most important metropolises of the Roman Empire north of the Alps.

On a guided walking tour, you'll experience the fascinating blend of ancient history and vibrant city life.

As you stroll through the Old Town, you'll pass significant landmarks such as the Imperial Baths, the Basilica of Constantine, and the cathedral district—structures that still reflect the former glory of the Roman era. Your guide will offer engaging insights into the stories behind these impressive monuments and explain just how much of "Rome" can still be found in Trier today.

A special highlight of the tour is the Porta Nigra, the best-preserved Roman city gate north of the Alps. It remains one of Trier's most iconic landmarks and offers a glimpse into the city's grand stature during antiquity. Step into 2,000 years of history and discover why Trier is still known as the "Rome of the North."



September 20 - Sun / Included Day Tours: Cochem; Treis-Karden



Meals Included: B, L, D

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Cochem: Burg Eltz - Walking (3.5 hrs)

Nestled in the picturesque Moselle Valley, Burg Eltz is a beautifully preserved medieval castle surrounded by lush forest. This tour takes you through the castle's rich history, showcasing its stunning architecture, historic rooms, and impressive artifacts.

Highlights include the medieval armory, the Eltz family treasury, and the serene castle grounds, offering breathtaking views of the valley. Explore the charming chapel and enjoy family-friendly exhibits.

Burg Eltz is a must-see for history lovers, architecture enthusiasts, and anyone seeking a magical escape into a fairy-tale setting.



Cochem: Experience the Reichsburg - Walking (2.5 hrs)

Your journey begins with a ride in minivans up to the castle hill, where the Reichsburg Cochem towers above the town — one of the most impressive castles in the Moselle Valley. Upon arrival, you'll dive into the castle's history during a guided tour. Built in the 11th century, the castle offers a glimpse into medieval life. Learn intriguing details about the castle's strategic importance and its eventful past, from its destruction to its reconstruction in the 19th century. After the tour, take time to enjoy the breathtaking view from the castle terrace overlooking the Moselle River and the surrounding vineyards. Afterward, walk back to the ship at your own pace through the idyllic Old Town of Cochem. Strolling along the charming alleys, past half-timbered houses and cozy cafés, experience the unique atmosphere and character of this Moselle gem.

Note: If the Reichsburg is not available, the tour will instead include a visit to the impressive Eltz Castle – one of the best-preserved castles in Germany, beautifully nestled in a side valley of the Moselle.





Treis Karden: Abbey Stroll - Walking (2 hrs)

Join the “First Canon of the Modern Era” on an entertaining walk through the picturesque abbey quarter of Treis-Karden. Dressed in the authentic costume of the last provost, Jakob Fassbender (circa 1779), your guide leads you on a half-hour journey into the past.

Along the way, you'll hear a delightful mix of historical facts and amusing anecdotes about the lives of the canons and choir bishops who once lived and worked here. The experience culminates with a visit to the Stiftsbrennerei Hambrech, where the master distiller offers a fascinating look into the traditional art of distilling. A multi-sensory experience awaits – including the chance to taste the local spirits.



September 21 - Mon / Included Day Tours: Rudesheim; Loreley Passage; Königswinter



Meals Included: B, L, D

All meals are included on the Ship

Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Coffee & Cake, Dinner



Rüdesheim: Hildegard's Trails - Walking (2.5 hrs)

Embark on an inspiring walk along the 10th stage of the Hildegard of Bingen Pilgrimage Trail, starting at the scenic Rhine promenade in Rüdesheim. This peaceful route winds its way through picturesque vineyards to St. Hildegard Abbey, a place of spiritual significance and natural beauty.

Along the way, you'll have the chance to view the pilgrimage church from the outside and pause for reflection. A highlight of the excursion is the tasting of a herbal liqueur crafted from a traditional recipe based on Hildegard's teachings. Made from carefully selected herbs known for their healing properties, this beverage offers a revitalizing experience for body and mind.

The abbey itself is more than just a place of quiet contemplation – it is a living cultural heritage site shaped by the life and wisdom of Hildegard of Bingen. Learn more about the monastery's traditions and its significance before returning to Rüdesheim on foot.

Note: Please wear sturdy walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing.



Königswinter: Siebengebirge & Photostop Petersberg - Bus/Walking (3 hrs)

From Königswinter, enjoy a drive through a nearby nature reserve, offering views of serene landscapes and lush forests. Next, travel to the iconic Petersberg, a hilltop with sweeping views of the Rhine and a storied past. Enjoy a photo stop to take in the vistas and explore the historic grounds. The tour continues through the enchanting Siebengebirge (Seven Hills) to the Chor-Ruin, a mystical site nestled in the forest. Here, a allows you to stretch your legs and experience the tranquil beauty of this atmospheric ruin. On the return journey, you'll pass through the northernmost vineyard of the Rhine Valley, with beautiful views of the vine-covered slopes, before heading back to your ship.



September 22 - Tue / Included Day Tours: Königswinter



Meals Included: B, L, D

All meals are included on the Ship

Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Coffee & Cake, Dinner



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September 23 - Wed / Disembark in Düsseldorf --> OPTIONAL Post-Stay Frankfurt; 2pm VeloPod Tour;



Meals Included: Breakfast

Breakfast will be served onboard early - until 8:30am



9am Disembark Ship - OPTIONAL Private Transfer to Frankfurt (Post-Trip)

After an early breakfast, gather all your gear and away we go for our Post-Stay in Frankfurt.

Or for others - adventuring to more parts unknown.

Please arrange with the ships Guest Services a taxi if going to the train station or airport.

An airport transfer is not included in the package or sailing.



Frankfurt Post-Stay

2-night Frankfurt Post-Stay Includes:

Sept Sept 23 - 25 Wednesday - Friday

♥ Wednesday 9am Private Transfer from Dusseldorf Ship Disembarkation to Frankfurt

♥ Frankfurt Hotel with breakfast 2-nights

♥ Wednesday 2 - 3pm VeloTaxi Tour of Old Towne Frankfurt

♥ Thursday 10:30am Guided Bike Tour of Frankfurt

♥ Thursday 5:30pm- Oktoberfest - FREE - and stroll the tents and activities; or evening on your own

Or if you pre-purchased a 50€ (about \$57) Beer Tent table seat with your fellow Bike Laners for Oktoberfest - we will go to Oktoberfest at 5pm

We have 2 large tables for the 20 of us, for food and drink - and singing German drinking songs!

Appropriate festive dress strongly suggested - see Oktoberfest website <https://frankfurter-oktoberfest.de/>

♥ Friday 11am Hotel Check out.

Depart for airport at your leisure (not included). Ask the Hotel Front Desk to arrange a taxi for you.



Check-in at Premier Inn - 2-n Post-Stay Hotel in Frankfurt

Premier Inn Frankfurt City Centre

Elbestraße 7, 60329 Frankfurt/Main

Phone number +49 69 66778738

E-mail: frankfurt.citycentre@premierinn.com

Check-In is at 3pm

The Premier Inn Frankfurt City Centre hotel is the perfect base for exploring the vibrant banking city of Frankfurt am Main.

Located right next to Frankfurt's main train station, it's an excellent starting point in the heart of this metropolis, ideal not only for night owls and culture enthusiasts but for every guest.

Combine extensive shopping on the famous "Zeil" or the elegant Goethestrasse with a stroll through the historic Old Town, just a stone's throw away.

Afterwards, relax on the banks of the Main River and watch the sun set behind the impressive skyline before turning Frankfurt's night into day.

116 soundproofed, air-conditioned rooms equipped with free Wi-Fi, electric kettles, and private bathrooms.
Standard room: 280 sq feet



2 - 3p VeloTaxi Tour of Old Towne Frankfurt
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September 24 - Thu - Post-Stay Frankfurt; 10:30 Guided Bike Tour; Oktoberfest



Meals Included: Breakfast

Breakfast at Premier Inn Frankfurt City Centre



10:30am Guided Bike Tour of Frankfurt

♥ Thursday 10:30am Guided Bike Tour of Frankfurt

or for non-bikers Guided Walking Tour



Evening: Frankfurt Oktoberfest

The 2026 Frankfurt Oktoberfest takes place at [Deutsche Bank Park](https://www.frankfurter-oktoberfest.de/) from September 9 to October 4, offering a traditional Bavarian-style celebration with beer, food, and music. It runs for nearly four weeks, drawing roughly 60,000 attendees to the city. The event requires tickets, often best reserved for a specific table in advance, with evening sessions typically running until midnight.

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In general: Oktoberfest - FREE - and stroll the tents and activities; or evening on your own

Key Details for Frankfurt Oktoberfest:

- **Location:** Deutsche Bank Park, Frankfurt.
- **Dates:** September 9 – October 4, 2026.
- **Atmosphere:** Traditional music, German beer, and local cuisine like roast chicken and pretzels.
- **Attire:** While not mandatory, wearing traditional *Tracht* (Dirndl for women, Lederhosen for men) is common.

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September 25 - Fri / Depart for home - or parts unknown

**Meals Included: Breakfast**

Breakfast at **Premier Inn Frankfurt City Centre**

**Check out of Hotel**

Please meet in the hotel lobby, with your luggage by the assigned time (to be announced). Remember to "Check Out" of the hotel - give them your key card, and pay any bill if needed.

**Depart for home, or parts unknown**

Please arrange a taxi to the airport or train station, if needed, at your desired time.

Safe travels!