



LUXURY RHINE FLY & DRIVE WINE JOURNEY

7 days – 6 nights

Flowing from the Alps to the North Sea, the **Rhine River** is not only one of Europe's most important waterways, but also one of its most historic wine corridors. Along its banks lie centuries of viticulture, medieval castles, Gothic cathedrals, and vineyard-covered hills that have inspired poets, painters, and winegrowers alike. This **7-day fly & drive journey** invites travelers to experience the **Rhine** at their own pace, combining prestigious wine regions, UNESCO-listed landscapes, and timeless towns, all with the comfort and flexibility of a luxury self-drive itinerary.

Beginning and ending in **Frankfurt**, the route follows the **Rhine** through **Rheinhessen**, the **Rheingau**, the **Middle Rhine Valley**, and the **Ahr Valley**, offering an exceptional overview of **Germany's** most classical **Riesling** and **Pinot Noir** terroirs. Guests will taste elegant **Rieslings** from south-facing river slopes, discover the refined **Pinot Noirs** of **Assmannshausen** and the **Ahr Valley**, and meet renowned producers whose wines have shaped **Germany's** international reputation.

The journey is carefully designed around two main hotel bases, allowing relaxed day trips without the need to change hotels frequently. From each base, travelers explore wine villages, castles, and historic cities within short driving distances, enjoying scenic river roads and vineyard panoramas. Wine tastings are complemented by visits to iconic castles such as **Marksburg** and **Rheinfels**, medieval towns like **Bacharach**, and cultural centers including **Mainz** and **Koblenz**.

Equally important, the itinerary balances wine experiences with cultural and scenic interludes, ensuring that each tasting remains enjoyable and memorable. River cruises, historic walks, panoramic viewpoints, and fine dining complete the experience, creating a journey that is both indulgent and enriching.

This **Rhine fly & drive** tour is ideal for independent wine travelers, couples, or small private groups seeking a sophisticated, immersive, and unhurried exploration of Germany's wine heritage, framed by one of Europe's most legendary rivers.

DAY 1 FRANKFURT – MAINZ Arrival day

Arrival at Frankfurt International Airport, where you will pick up your rental car and begin your journey westward toward the Rhine. The drive to Mainz takes less than one hour and introduces the gentle vineyard landscapes of Rheinhessen, Germany's largest wine region. Mainz, located at the confluence of the Rhine and Main rivers, is a city with over 2,000 years of history. Founded by the Romans, it later became a powerful ecclesiastical center and the birthplace of Johannes Gutenberg, inventor of the printing press. After check-in at the hotel, enjoy a relaxed walk through the old town, visiting the impressive Mainz Cathedral, whose red sandstone towers dominate the skyline. The evening is at leisure, with the option to dine in a traditional wine tavern serving regional dishes paired with Rheinhessen wines. Overnight in Mainz.

DAY 2 MAINZ Rheingau wine region: Rüdesheim, Geisenheim & River scenery

Breakfast at the hotel. Today is dedicated to the Rheingau, one of Germany's most prestigious wine regions, located just across the Rhine from Mainz. Here, the river makes a unique bend, allowing vineyards to face south and capture optimal sunlight, producing some of the country's most elegant Rieslings. Drive along the river to Rüdesheim, a lively wine town surrounded by steep vineyards. Ride the cable car above the vines for panoramic views of the Rhine Valley before continuing to Geisenheim, home to Germany's historic wine university. Visit Weingut Schloss Johannisberg, considered the birthplace of late-harvest Riesling, for a guided tasting overlooking the Rhine. Continue to Weingut Kloster Eberbach, a former Cistercian monastery whose vaulted cellars and historic presses reveal centuries of monastic winemaking. Return to Mainz in the late afternoon via scenic river roads. Evening at leisure. Overnight in Mainz. (B)

DEPARTURES 2026

Every day from March through October

PRICE PER PERSON
EN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

EUR 1.080.-

Single supplement EUR 360.-

CAR RENTAL FROM EUR 230.-

FULLY CUSTOMIZABLE!!!

We can start and end of the week and make changes according to your plans

INCLUDED SERVICES

- 6 nights in selected hotels with breakfast.
- ✓ **MAINZ** Mercure Htl. City Center 4****
- ✓ **KOBLENZ** Hotel Morjan 3,5***
- ✓ **FRANKFURT** Avani Frankfurt City 4,5****
- All excursions mentioned in the program with local english-speaking guide.
- 5 Winery visits with wine tasting & guide
- Guided tour in Speyer Old Town
- Guided tour in Heidelberg
- Entry ticket to Marksburg Castle
- Ticket and Cable car to Ehrenbraitstein Fortress from Koblenz
- Entry ticket to Drachenfels Castle
- Entry ticket for Rheinfels Castle
- Entry ticket for Oppenheim Cellar Labyrinth
- 24 h. support via WhatsApp.

NOT INCLUDED

- International and local flights
- City taxes (to be paid directly at the hotel)
- Rental car (we can book one for you)
- Fuel and parkings during your trip
- Tips for Guides, drivers and Porters
- Personal expenses
- Optional tours
- Other services not mentioned here





DAY 3 MAINZ - KOBLENZ Middle Rhine Valley

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart Mainz and follow the Rhine north into the Middle Rhine Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its dramatic landscapes, medieval castles, and terraced vineyards clinging to steep slate slopes. Stop in Assmannshausen, renowned for Spätburgunder (Pinot Noir), a rare specialty along the Rhine. Visit a boutique producer such as Weingut August Kesseler for a tasting highlighting the region's refined red wines. Continue north through storybook villages including Bacharach, with its half-timbered houses and medieval walls. Enjoy free time to stroll the old town and admire the surrounding vineyards. In the afternoon, cross the river to visit Marksburg Castle, the only Rhine castle never destroyed, offering insight into medieval life and commanding views of the valley. Continue to Koblenz and check-in at the hotel. Later, take time to visit Deutsches Eck, the symbolic point where the Moselle meets the Rhine, dominated by the monumental equestrian statue of Emperor Wilhelm I. If time allows, ascend to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress by cable car for panoramic views over the Rhine Valley and Koblenz's historic center. Overnight in Koblenz. **(B)**

DAY 4 KOBLENZ The Ahr Valley, Germany's red wine treasure

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart Koblenz in the morning and drive to Königswinter, a charming town on the right bank of the Rhine. Here, visit Schloss Drachenburg, a 19th-century hilltop castle perched dramatically above the Rhine. Explore its opulent rooms, terraces, and gardens while enjoying panoramic views over the river and surrounding vineyards. The castle offers a perfect blend of history, architecture, and Rhine scenery, creating a memorable cultural stop. After lunch in Königswinter or a riverside tavern, continue into the Ahr Valley, Germany's most celebrated red wine region. Visit a prestigious estate, such as Weingut Meyer-Näkel or Weingut Deutzerhof, for a tasting of Spätburgunder (Pinot Noir). Learn how the steep slopes, volcanic soils, and cool microclimate create elegant, refined red wines unique to the Ahr Valley. In the late afternoon, return to Koblenz. You can relax by the Rhine promenade or enjoy dinner at a riverside restaurant. Overnight in Koblenz. **B**

DAY 5 KOBLENZ Rhine cruise and Rheinfels Castle

Breakfast at the hotel. A lighter, scenic day to avoid wine fatigue. Begin with a Rhine river cruise from Koblenz to St. Goar, passing legendary landmarks such as the Lorelei Rock and countless castles perched above the river. In St. Goar, visit Rheinfels Castle, the largest castle ruin on the Rhine, offering expansive views and insight into medieval fortifications and Rhine trade history. Enjoy free time in the village before returning to Koblenz by boat or car. Evening at leisure. Overnight in Koblenz. **(B)**

DAY 6 KOBLENZ - FRANKFURT Rheinhessen: Nierstein and Oppenheim

Breakfast at the hotel. Begin the day with a short drive to Oppenheim, a beautifully preserved medieval town overlooking the Rhine. Explore its narrow cobblestone streets, half-timbered houses, and the lively market square, which has witnessed centuries of Rhine commerce. Descend into the Oppenheim Cellar Labyrinth, a fascinating network of underground tunnels once used for wine storage and trade, offering insight into the town's historical connection to viticulture and river commerce. The morning walk through this atmospheric town provides a cultural and sensory introduction to the Rhine's wine heritage. After a relaxed lunch, continue to Nierstein, a charming village at the heart of the Roter Hang vineyards, famous for producing mineral-driven Rieslings on steep red slate soils. Visit a prestigious estate, such as Weingut Gunderloch or Weingut Kühling-Gillot, for a guided tasting of their single-vineyard Rieslings. Learn about the influence of soil, slope, and microclimate on the wines' unique character. You can enjoy a stroll among the terraced vineyards or relax in the estate's panoramic terrace, savoring the connection between the Rhine landscape and its celebrated wines. In the late afternoon, depart for Frankfurt. Free time to discover the financial capital of Germany and do your last shopping. Overnight in Frankfurt. **(B)**

DAY 7 MAINZ - FRANKFURT AIRPORT

Breakfast at the hotel. After enjoying a final morning in Frankfurt, guests return their rental car and are transferred to the airport terminal for their onward flights. This marks the end of a memorable journey along the Rhine, combining historic towns, scenic castles, terraced vineyards, and world-class wines. You leave with an intimate understanding of Germany's rich viticultural heritage and the dramatic landscapes of the Rhine Valley. End of our services. **(B)**



(B) Breakfast **(L)** Lunch **(D)** Dinner