



Explore 4 German wine regions



7 day trip
from **2.650,- €** p.p.

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Travel Dates: May, September, October



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Germany has 13 major wine growing areas filled with rich history and culture offering incredibly diverse and beautiful spectrum of wines. Certainly the most famous are the Rheingau, Moselle and Palatinate. But let's not forget the German Great Wine Capital Mainz in the middle of Rheinhessen. The Great Wine Capitals Global Network is an alliance of internationally renowned cities and wine regions which has developed several initiatives such as the "Best Of Wine Tourism" awards recognising leading wineries and wine-tourism related businesses. All four wine regions are situated close to each other and will give you a great insight into the differences of the soil, the vines and the people growing them. **Rheinhessen** will be the starting point for your trip with accommodation in last year's Great Wine Capitals award winning hotel "Weinzuhaus". Enjoy the rolling hills of the area and young innovative vintners close to the river Rhine. The **Rheingau** is just opposite on the other bank of the river. It is a textbook wine region with a wonderful blend of historic villages, ancient castles and abbeys and a lively wine culture. A drive south from the hotel you find **Palatinate** and its German Wine Route connecting century old estates and vineyards but also producing lemons, figs, chestnuts, and almonds. Last but not least everyone seems to know the river **Moselle** and its impossible loops. There are no steeper, no more spectacular vineyards in the world.

Day 1, Saturday: Arrival

Meeting with the tour leader at Frankfurt airport and coach transfer to the 4 star hotel "Weinzuhaus" in the middle of Germany's biggest wine growing area Rheinhessen. Welcome wine tasting and 3 course dinner at the hotel restaurant "Esszimmer" (Dining room).

Day 2, Sunday: Rheinhessen

Transfer to the nearby village of Ebersheim to the winery Eva Vollmers. Guided tour and tasting with the Australian cellar master giving insight into the new fungus resistant sustainable wines combined with amusing anecdotes. Transfer to the village of Bodenheim for a 3 course lunch at Battenheimer Hof. Drive along the Rhine to Nierstein. Guided tour of an Art Nouveau wine press house and historic vaulted cellar followed by a covered wagon ride through the vineyards of the "Red Slope" named after the red slate soil. On the wagon wine, water and grape juice are served. Transfer to the village of Westhofen with a foto stop in the medieval town of Oppenheim with its stunning St. Catherine's church. In Westhofen tasting in

two befriended wineries each either specialising in red or white wines. 3 course dinner at Gut Leben am Morstein, a listed winery with restaurant and historic gardens. Enjoy first class cuisine with seasonal ingredients from organic farming. Transfer back to the hotel.

Day 3, Monday: Rheingau

Drive to the other side of the river Rhine to the city of Rüdesheim famous for half-timbered buildings and the "Drosselgasse", a cobbled entertainment street with lots of pubs and restaurants. After a guided tour you take the cable car and "fly" over the vineyards to the Niederwald monument which was constructed to commemorate the founding of the German Empire after the end of the Franco-Prussian War. From here you have an overwhelming view of the Rhine Valley. Way back by cable car and drive to Kloster Eberbach. In this cistercian monastery the movie "The name of the rose" was filmed. 3 course lunch at the monastery tavern and wine tasting tour. While you walk through the monastery you gain insights into its history and taste the great wines of the Kloster Eberbach. Drive to Eltville and

walk through the medieval town with its numerous historic buildings, the beautiful Electoral Castle, the city wall and of course the romantic river promenade. Refresh yourself with a tasting at the award winning winery Robert Weil in the village of Kiedrich. Afterwards we leave the Rheingau and cross the river. Being in Rheinhessen again enjoy a wonderful 3 course dinner in Ingelheim. Wasems Kloster Engelthal is not only a winery but a monastery and a hotel. It combines the historic building fabric with modern architecture in perfect harmony and has won the Great Wine Capitals Best of Architecture Award.

Day 4, Tuesday: Palatinate

The morning starts with a drive through Rheinhessen before you reach the area of Palatinate. Today you will discover picturesque villages along the German Wine Route, the oldest tourist wine route in Germany. First stop will be Laumersheim and the award winning winery Knipser. After a relaxed tasting in the courtyard the coach drives further south to Deidesheim. A guided tour of the town and the Museum for



Wine Culture gives you an understanding of the local history and viticulture. Lunch will be very special today as you can "eat like a German chancellor" at the Deidesheimer Hof. Former chancellor Helmut Kohl was a big fan of "Saumagen" a local speciality. It consists of a pig's stomach stuffed with potatoes, pork, onions, spices and herbs which is fried or roasted in the oven. Of course there will be an alternative menu available. After lunch you drive to Schweigen-Rechtenbach the southern end of the German Wine Route. Here you can pass the German Wine Gate on foot. Stop at the local winery Bernhart for another wine tasting before you go all along the wine route passing villages such as Neustadt an der Weinstraße where the Wine Queen of Palatinate is crowned or Bad Dürkheim home to the largest wine barrel in the world. The evening will be spent in Rheinhessen again in a so called "Straußwirtschaft" such as the Christianshof in Selzen a local wine tavern serving simple regional food accompanied by good wines in a relaxed atmosphere.

Day 5, Wednesday: Moselle

The day starts with a longer drive to the city of Bernkastel-Kues at the river Moselle. After approximately 1,5 hours it is time to stretch your legs at a guided walking tour of the city. Discover the cobblestone medieval market square with the Renaissance town hall, St. Michael's fountain, the towering spire of the parish church of St. Michael and the numerous narrow and winding streets. Enjoy a wine tasting at one of the best wineries in Germany Joh. Jos. Prüm a lover of high quality Riesling which is grown on the steep slate slopes in this area. Enjoy a light picnic lunch where the Moselle wines are grown before you drive to Neumagen-Dhrön. Here you will be transported into the past by a unique boat tour on the Moselle aboard the "Stella Noviomagi" an open Roman wine barge. Enjoy the view of the steep sloped Moselle vineyards rising about 300m above the river. The accompanying wine and cultural ambassador provides information on the past and the present of this over 2000 years

old viticultural landscape. Coming back to the present the coach drives back to Rheinhessen to your hotel in Mommenheim for a 3 course dinner.

Day 6, Thursday: Great Wine Capital Mainz

Your hotel is situated only a 20 minutes drive away from the Great Wine Capital Mainz. Use your last day to visit this lively city with its history going all the way back to the Romans when it was called Moguntia. The morning will be spent with a walking tour discovering the picturesque half-timbered houses of the old town and St Martin's Cathedral. A contrast to this will be St. Stephen's church with its luminous blue stained glass windows created by Marc

Chagall. But please take your time to explore Mainz on your own. Maybe you want to visit the Gutenberg Museum where you can see the two copies of the world famous Gutenberg Bible. Or you would rather spend some time in one of the wine taverns enjoying a Rheinhessen wine or have an ice cream at the river. Lunch and afternoon are at leisure. In the evening it would be a 30 minute walk or a short drive from your hotel to the next village Harxheim for a 3 course dinner at the Harxheimer Weinstube.

Day 7, Friday: Departure

After breakfast it is time to check-out and get ready for the transfer to Frankfurt airport.

Prices per person:

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in a double room

from 2.650,- €

in a single room

from 3.450,- €

Minimum number: 20



Terms and conditions:

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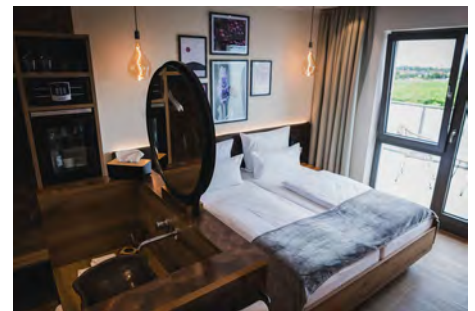
Included services:

- 6 nights in a double room including breakfast
- Daily 3 course dinner as mentioned in the programme excluding drinks
- 3 course lunch on days 2-4, picnic lunch on day 5
- 8 wine tastings
- Covered wagon ride in Rheinhessen
- Guided walking tours of Rüdesheim, Deidesheim, Bernkastel-Kues and Mainz
- Cable car ride to Niederwald monument in Rüdesheim
- Boat tour on the Roman barge with wine and cultural ambassador
- 2 Airport transfers, 4 full day and 1 half day transport in a 25 seater coach
- English speaking organisational tour guide
- Audioguides for better understanding of the tour guides

Not included are flights to Germany, drinks and meals not mentioned, tips and personal expenses.

Accommodation:**Weinzuhaus****, Mommenheim**

The small village of Mommenheim is located in the heart of Rheinhessen, about 15 kilometres from Mainz. In 2022 the 4 star rated wine hotel "Weinzuhaus" was opened by Stefanie and Thomas Wild, your hosts during your stay. The wine theme is omnipresent in the building and its surroundings. The hotel is lovely situated in the middle of vineyards belonging to the related winery of Tobias Becker. The 20 cosy and comfortable rooms have all been named after regional wine growing locations and even the furnishing reflects the passion for wine: some of the furniture is made from wine barrels such as the seats or the indirect lights in the lobby or the interior of the in-house vinothèque next to the reception. The rooms feature free WIFI, flat screen TVs, laptop safes, a minibar with wine and soft drinks, coffee and tea making facilities, organic cosmetics, a sofa or an armchair and desks. The restaurant "Dining Room" offers a stunning panoramic view over the rolling hills of Rheinhessen and serves local specialities with an international touch. The in-house vinothèque and gift shop present the complete range of the Tobias Becker winery.



Outside you can relax at the terrace or in the little Hildegard von Bingen garden featuring all sorts of herbs and plants each with a small explanatory sign.

Ideas for Extensions:

- Play golf at the golf course in Mommenheim
- Visit the numerous wine festivals such as the Bad Dürkheimer Sausage Market the biggest wine festival in the world
- Visit Frankfurt only 50km away for a tour of the bank district the so called "German Manhattan" and the Westend with a guiding architect, a drive with the cider tram or an opera evening at the Old Opera House
- Visit Heidelberg only 100km away for the beautiful old town and the castle

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