

# RHINE & MOSELLE RIVERS

Destination guide

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# An introduction to Rhine and Moselle Rivers

If for example, your tour starts in Cologne, you may find it difficult to wrench yourself away from this intriguing city. With a fierce sense of identity (the locals consider their city more important than Berlin) and a liberal artistic atmosphere, there is a huge variety of things to occupy a school group.

**“Stunning landscapes, river valleys and fairytale castles abound”**

The centrepiece is the Kölner Dom, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the largest gothic church in Northern Europe. Home to relics of the biblical 3 Kings and boasting the largest facade of any church in the world, it is worth spending a day in or around the church to truly understand it's importance to the city over nearly 800 years.

Explore the many art galleries and museums, or stop for coffee and some people watching, whatever your objectives, Cologne is a great start point. Next head out to Bonn, the old West German capital and then into the stunning landscapes of the river valleys themselves. Fairytale castles abound; stop by Koblenz where the rivers converge, take a Rhine steamer trip and finish the tour with a day at Phantasialand theme park.

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## Marksburg Castle



You will see many 'Schloß' on a visit to the Rhineland, peering down at you from almost every vantage point overlooking the river, but Marksburg Castle is the only hill castle in the Rhineland to never have been destroyed. With over 800 years of history and various wealthy owners there is much to admire here including a keep, gun battery, gothic hall and torture chamber complete with instruments of punishment.

[marksburg.de](http://marksburg.de)

Price	Students £6pp Adults £7pp Contact Voyager for group rates
Opening times	17 Mar - 1 Nov: 10:00 - 17:00 2 Nov - 22 Mar: 11:00 - 16:00

## Koblenz

Deutsches Eck, literally meaning 'German corner,' sits at the point where the Rhine and Moselle meet and the city of Koblenz. It is a very pleasant city with a beautiful old town with narrow streets and pretty city squares. Highlights include Fort Ehrenbreitstein overlooking the valley and the Koblenz cable car, Germany's biggest aerial tramway.

[koblenz.de](http://koblenz.de)

## Burg Eltz

Unlike the many castles lining the river, the Eltz family seat (the present owners represents the 33rd generation of Eltzes to live here!) is hidden away in the woods. If you have time, take a walk through the pine forest to get there for a truly spectacular 'reveal' of this picture postcard fairy-tale castle. One of the highlights is the Treasure Vault, found in the cellar of the Rübenach house (The House of the Silver Lion) and containing an exceptional collection of artworks of including gold and silver, weapons, knight's armour and sacral objects.

[burg-eltz.de](http://burg-eltz.de)

Price	Students £6pp Adults £9pp
Opening times	Every day: 09:30 - 17:30

## Burg Rheinfels

This enormous castle complex may not be as pretty as some of its neighbours but it has plenty of interest within. First built in 1245 it wasn't until the 18th century that it was taken by opposing forces. Even then it was handed over to the French Revolutionary army without a struggle. They then blew the castle up and created the ruin you see today.

[st-goar.de](http://st-goar.de)

Price	Under 15s £2pp Over 15s £2.50pp Adults £5pp
Opening times	25 Mar - 27 Oct Every day: 09:00 - 18:00 28 Oct - 11 Nov Every day: 09:00 - 17:00

## Boppard

Boppard is not alone in being a picturesque riverside town in the middle Rhine, but a million visitors and about 300,000 overnight stays per year suggest it is a major tourist destination.

With a Roman fort, many castles, stately homes and churches, there's plenty to do but the most popular excursions from here are river cruises or a trip on the Boppard chairlift.

[boppard.de](http://boppard.de)

## Cologne

As Germany's fourth largest city Cologne is truly cosmopolitan, with over 17 different nationalities with populations of over 3000 people being represented amongst its residents (not including the Germans!).

It offers some nice contrasts between the historical and the modern; the old town of winding streets, beautiful squares and ancient churches is as atmospheric as its medieval origins, whereas much of the city is modern and post-war due to the bombings that thankfully damaged the Cologne Cathedral centrepiece minimally.

In winter, Christmas markets are in abundance and this could be a good time to visit, but year-round there are festivals and a general exuberance among its natives that is quite infectious.

[cologne.de](http://cologne.de)

## Cologne Cathedral

'Kölner Dom', as with many major churches that have become sites of pilgrimage, began life with the arrival of the 'relics' of the Magi from Milan in 1164. It is Germany's most visited tourist attraction and with good reason, it is truly enormous with its dominating facade reaching up to the spire which, at 157m was the tallest church in the world until 1880 (it remains the 3rd biggest today).

[koelner-dom.de](http://koelner-dom.de)

Price	Free Tower and treasury Students £4pp Adults £8pp
Opening times	Nov - Apr: 06:00 - 19:30 May - Oct: 06:00 - 21:00

## Reichsburg Cochem Castle

Built circa 1100, destroyed by the French in 1689 and rebuilt in 1868 by a wealthy Berlin businessman this castle overlooks the Moselle and affords the visitor an interesting history and fantastic views.

[burg-cochem.de](http://burg-cochem.de)

Price	Under 18s £3pp Adults £6pp
Opening times	10 Mar - 4 Nov Every day: 12:00 & 15:00

## Museum Ludwig Cologne

This impressive museum could easily be in Paris, London or Berlin, due to the huge number of modern masters it houses. There's a large collection of Picasso and many works by the Pop artists Andy Warhol and Roy Liechtenstein.

[museum-ludwig.de](http://museum-ludwig.de)

Price	Permanent collection free Exhibitions £4pp
Opening times	Tues - Sun: 10:00 - 18:00

## Roman Museum Cologne

Tracing the origins of the city to its Roman birth, this museum is home to the world's largest collection of Roman glass.

[roemisch-germanisches-museum.de](http://roemisch-germanisches-museum.de)

Price	Under 18s free
Opening times	Tues - Sun: 10:00 - 17:00

## Niederwald Memorial

After the Franco-Prussian war ended in 1871, the German Empire was re-established and this memorial, topped by Germania, a colossal female statue, was built to commemorate the event. Take the cable car to the top where the views are magnificent. The monument is over 132 ft. high and 120 ft. wide.

## Karl Marx Museum

The Karl Marx House museum in Trier is the birthplace of the famous philosopher and revolutionary, born in 1818.

[fes.de](http://fes.de)

Price	£1pp
Opening times	5 May - 4 Nov Every day: 09:00 - 18:00 5 Nov - 30 Dec Mon: 13:00 - 17:00 Tues - Sun: 10:00 - 17:00

### Rhine Steamer Trips



No trip to the Rhineland would be complete without taking a river cruise and what better way to do it than on a steamboat. You can pick one up all along the river in various towns, but be sure to book your group in advance.

Price	Contact your Voyager salesperson
Opening times	Contact your Voyager salesperson

### Rudesheim Chairlift

This chairlift is worthwhile as it takes you up to the Niederwald Memorial and the 20 minute ride affords spectacular views as you approach the "Vierseenblick" - the view of the four lakes.  
[seilbahn-ruedesheim.de](http://seilbahn-ruedesheim.de)

Price	Students £2.50pp - £3.50pp Adults £4.50pp - £7pp
Opening times	Peak season: 09:30 - 18:00 Off season: 09:30 - 16:00

### Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinett

A quirky little museum containing over 350 examples of mechanised musical instruments.  
[smmk.de](http://smmk.de)

Price	Students £4pp Adults £7.50pp
Opening times	Every day: 10:00 - 16:00

### Boppard Chairlift

This chairlift takes you up over 1000 metres and at the top, there are magnificent views of the largest bend on the Rhine and the 'Four Lakes'.  
[sesselbahn-boppard.de](http://sesselbahn-boppard.de)

Price	Students £4pp Adults £7.50pp
Opening times	Every day: 10:00 - 17:00

### Boppard Mini Train

This 56 seater mini-train offers a 30 minute tour around town taking in Roman and Medieval sites and giving your group an excellent historical overview of the town and the history of the Rhineland.  
[boppard-tourismus.de](http://boppard-tourismus.de)

Price	Under 14s £3pp Adults £5pp
Opening times	Apr - Oct: 09:30 - 18:00

### FC Cologne Museum

Museum dedicated to the history of FC Koln, located at the current football stadium.  
[fc.de](http://fc.de)

Price	£6.50pp
Opening times	Mon - Sat: 10:00 - 18:00 Sun: 10:00 - 20:00

### Phantasialand



A day at this theme park is a good idea if you plan it in your itinerary and your students need to let off a bit of steam! It's enormous with 6 different themed zones to keep you entertained.  
[phantasialand.de](http://phantasialand.de)

Price	£24.50pp
Opening times	Winter months: 09:00 - 18:00 Summer months: 09:00 - 20:00

## Cochem Swimming and Freizeitzentrum

A Waterpark and activity centre in Cochem. There is an outdoor pool but the main waterpark is indoors with a number of slides and other attractions.  
[moselbad.de/aktuelles.html](http://moselbad.de/aktuelles.html)

Price	See website
Opening times	See website for timetable and availability

## Movie Park Germany

A theme park with real movie studios in Bottrop-Kirchhellen. Attractions include the Van Helsing's Factory rollercoaster.  
[movieparkgermany.de](http://movieparkgermany.de)

Price	See website
Opening times	See website for timetable and availability

## Tree 2 Tree

An elevated adventure walkway high in the trees in Oberhausen!  
[tree2tree.de](http://tree2tree.de)

Price	See website
Opening times	See website for timetable and availability

## Cologne Zoo

Cologne Zoo is large, with over 7,000 animals and 700 species to see. There are a number of endangered species that the zoo is host to and actively protecting.  
[koelnerzoo.de](http://koelnerzoo.de)

Price	7€ pp on site
Opening times	Winter months: 09:00 - 17:00 Sumemr months: 09:00 - 18:00

## West Bowling

Ten pin bowling alley in Cologne.  
[bowling-cologne.de](http://bowling-cologne.de)

Price	See website
Opening times	See website for timetable and availability

## Chocolate Museum

Visit the Chocolate museum in Cologne and enjoy an expedition through 3,000 years of chocolate history.  
[schokoladenmuseum.de](http://schokoladenmuseum.de)

Price	Students £7.50pp Adults £11.50pp
Opening times	Mon - Fri: 10:00 - 18:00 Weekends/Holidays: 11:00 - 19:00

## J Koll and Cie Winetasting

Now in the third generation, the Koll House has been family run and owned since 1898. Currently run by Manfred Koll, the current owner of the 'Weinkellerei' in Cochem on the Moselle.  
[weinkoll.de](http://weinkoll.de)

Price	Contact your Voyager salesperson
Opening times	Contact your Voyager salesperson

## Cologne Christmas Markets



The city of Cologne offers eight Christmas Markets in total. Among them are four big Christmas Markets, located: at the Cologne Cathedral, on the Alter Markt, on the Neumarkt and on the Rudolfplatz. Every year these four Christmas Markets attract almost 2 million visitors.  
[germany-christmas-market.org.uk](http://germany-christmas-market.org.uk)

Price	Free
Opening times	Contact your Voyager salesperson