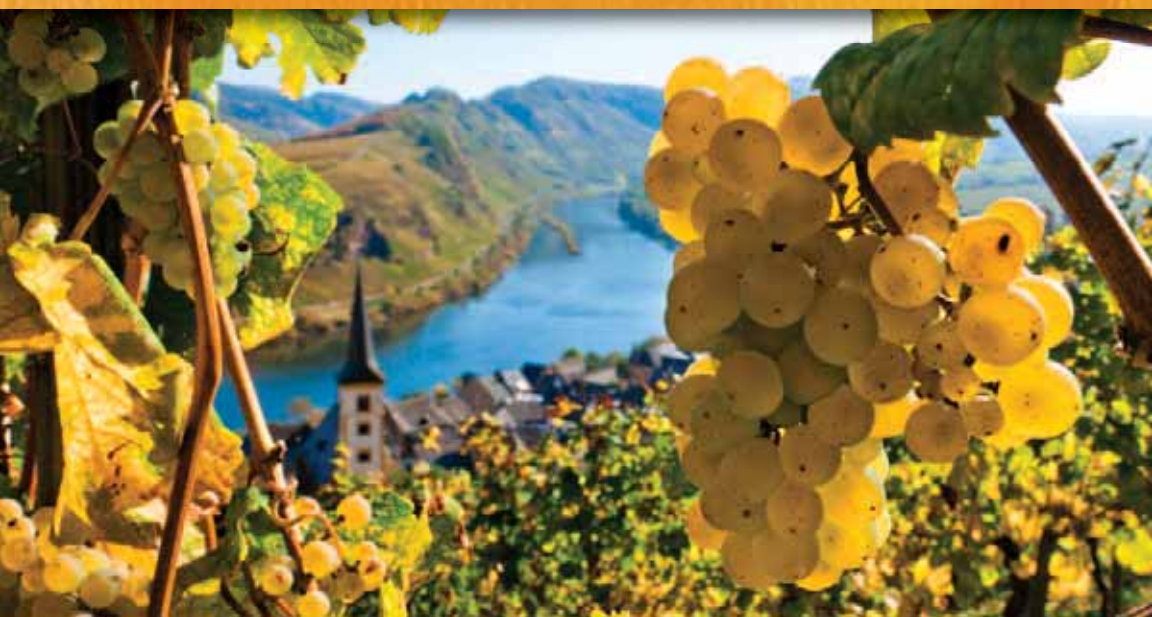


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MOSEL, RHINE & MAIN RIVERS

CRUISE FROM BERNKASTEL TO WÜRZBURG



With MIT Professor Emerita Ellen T. Harris

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Statue of St. Kilian, one of Würzburg's patron saints, on the Alte Mainbrücke with Marienberg Fortress in the background

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise three of Europe's most scenic, cultural and historic waterways: the **Mosel**, **Rhine** and **Main** rivers.
- Discover the world of **German wine** through visits to two wineries, four wine tastings and discussions about the country's wine regions.
- Stroll through **Trier** to see its trove of ancient Roman monuments.
- Visit **Heidelberg**, one of Germany's prettiest towns and home to the country's oldest university.
- Explore **Würzburg**, a city that sits in the heart of Franconia wine country.
- Roam the Romantic Road to discover the medieval charm of **Rothenburg**.

Germany in autumn is a wonderful place to explore. Foliage in shades of copper, red and yellow burnishes fields and hillsides. Meanwhile, the cool, crisp bite of the fall air encourages you to envelop yourself in the cozy warmth of a favorite sweater as you explore the villages and vineyards of this storied region. Enjoy the best of autumn and indulge in seasonal delights. Admire steep, hillside vineyards resplendent with color as you cruise Germany's waterways. Vineyards in harvest set an idyllic scene for wine tasting in addition to providing excellent accompaniments to traditional, hearty fall foods. Come to Germany, immerse yourself in the season's delights and build memories of a lifetime.

UNESCO

The UNESCO World Heritage sites featured on this program are the **Roman Monuments**, **Cathedral of St. Peter** and **Church of our Lady in Trier**, the **Upper Middle Rhine Valley** and the **Würzburg Residenz**.





Reichsburg Castle

Dear MIT Alumni and Friends,

Join fellow MIT travelers on a cultural journey along three of Germany's most scenic waterways: the Mosel, Rhine and Main rivers. Along the way, explore the baroque cities and medieval burgs and delve into the world of German wine making. This is a beautiful time of the year to visit Germany, with the fall foliage ablaze and vineyards ready for the harvest.

Begin your journey in Bernkastel, one of the prettiest towns on the Mosel River, and end in Würzburg on the Main River. From here, travel the Romantic Road to Rothenburg, one of Germany's perfectly preserved medieval towns. The lecture series will be led by MIT Professor Emerita Ellen T. Harris. Local expert guides will share their expertise as well.

With all meals included, four wine tastings and included excursions, this travel program offers unparalleled value. We are sharing this departure with alumni from a number of universities including Arizona State, University of Iowa, Northwestern University, Pennsylvania State University, and Wake Forest University.

If you have any questions about this program, or to make a reservation, please call the MIT Alumni Travel Program at **800-992-6749** or email **compass@mit.edu**. Or you may call the tour operator, AHI Travel, at **800-323-7373**. We hope you decide to join us!

Sincerely,

Melissa Chapman Gresh
Director
MIT Alumni Travel Program

P.S. Please visit our website at **<http://alum.mit.edu/travel>** for details and updated information on all our trips.

In the thirty-four years since she began her career in musicology, **Ellen T. Harris, Professor Emerita at MIT**, has enjoyed teaching at three fine institutions: Columbia University, The University of Chicago and MIT. Her published research, focused mostly on music of the baroque with an emphasis on Handel's operas, has garnered many prizes and awards. She enjoys reaching out to communicate about music and has developed long-term relationships with many musical organizations as author and lecturer, including Lincoln Center and Chicago Lyric Opera. As a former singer herself, she has worked as a consultant to Renée Fleming and to the Santa Fe Opera. Her research at the Bank of England on Handel's finances has led to interviews with BBC Radio 3 and the PBS Newshour. She is currently working on a book that focuses on Handel's neighborhood friends and the place of his music in their lives. In her lectures for the river cruise, she looks forward to engaging with music that depicts the legendary mysteries of the Rhine and its countryside. The Lorelei songs of Schubert and Schumann and Wagner's Rhinemaidens and the castle of Valhalla come more vividly to life on the river than they can anywhere else.

*Bremm and the Mosel River*

Spend seven nights cruising Germany's storied waterways to celebrate the culture of the country's most famous wine regions while exploring historic towns and storied scenic areas. Spend your days meeting local wine makers, admiring Roman ruins in Trier, appreciating the medieval architecture of Bernkastel and Rothenburg and visiting castles in Cochem and Heidelberg. This and so much more awaits you as you enjoy your passage to the villages and vineyards of the Rhine, Mosel and Main rivers.

DAY ONE

Depart your gateway city for Frankfurt, Germany, aboard scheduled jet service.†

†*Provided for Air Program participants*

DAY TWO

FRANKFURT/BERNKASTEL D

After arriving in Frankfurt, transfer to the MS Amadeus Diamond, which is docked in Bernkastel on the Mosel River.

This evening, gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

DAY THREE

BERNKASTEL B I L I D

Excursion: Trier, Bernkastel and Vineyards of the Mosel.

Once a regional capital of the Roman Empire, Trier has many ancient ruins. See the Porta Nigra, a Roman city gate built in the late second

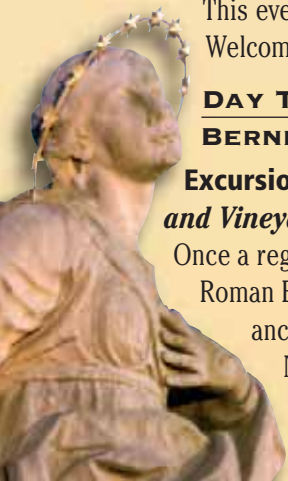
*Rothenburg*

century A.D. and the emblem of the city. Visit the imperial baths, the largest outside of Rome, and a palace built during the reign of Constantine. See the Cathedral of St. Peter and Church of Our Lady, a pair of churches founded to celebrate Constantine's 20th year as emperor. Discover many of Trier's other treasures, such as the 13th-century House of the Three Magi and the Hauptmarkt, the medieval market square. Return to Bernkastel for a walking tour of the 700-year-old town. See St. Michael's Church, the late-Renaissance town hall and more. Continue to the Dr. Loosen wine estate for an exclusive tour and a glass of wine.

This afternoon, cruise through the bucolic Mosel Valley.

Educational Focus: Wines of the Mosel.

Dr. Michael Stahlmann of the Dr. Loosen winery leads a talk about the wine produced by the estate. Hear about the centuries-old tradition of wine making and the combination of soil, sun, craft and art that goes into producing a Mosel





Grapes ready for harvest



Vineyard, Würzburg



The Residenz, Würzburg

Valley wine. Follow with a wine tasting as you cruise along the river past the Loosen vineyards.

DAY FOUR

COCHEM

B I L I D

Arrive in Cochem this morning.

Excursion: Cochem and Reichsburg Castle. Explore Cochem, which for centuries has been renowned for its idyllic location along a bend on the Mosel River. Gates and other remnants of the 14th-century town wall still remain and add to the charm of this medieval town. Half-timbered homes with colorful flower boxes line the narrow streets and outdoor cafés form a ring around the main square, while Reichsburg Castle overlooks the town from a hill. The original

Tasting & Toasting

Germany produces some of the world's finest wines, many derived from the Riesling grape that grows along the steep, terraced, south-facing slopes that rise from the Rhine and Mosel rivers and their tributaries.

Insulated by wooded hills and warmed by the sun's reflection on the waters below, many of these vineyards were carefully cultivated by the Romans. Despite the relatively cool climate, monks and noble estates carried on the tradition, perfecting winemaking here and exporting highly coveted vintages via the Rhine during medieval times.

In the 1970s, Germany's reputation for winemaking suffered when sweet blended wines flooded the market. Today, Germany's premier winemakers are setting the record straight, producing award-winning, sophisticated, food-friendly Rieslings, as well as Spätburgunder (Pinot Noir) and Sekt, German sparkling wine.

Charismatic Ernst Loosen is one such wine ambassador, producing Riesling with finesse at his 200-year-old family estate nestled above the tranquil Mosel River. In addition to Dr. Loosen Estate, discover the family-run George Breuer Estate, which showcases a dry white characterized by delicate notes of ripe peach and nuts.

Enjoy a tasting at Burg Hornberg, a legendary castle surrounded by vines overlooking the Neckar River, and meander past illuminated wooden barrels as you sip in the candlelit cellar of the Staatlicher Hofkeller, just a stone's throw from the Residenz in Würzburg.

castle was built in the early 11th century. Destroyed nearly 700 years later, the castle was rebuilt in the late 19th century. True to its original style, it has a crenelated wall, multiple turrets crowned with dainty roofs and an imposing tower. Visit the castle, where you will receive a special welcome and a glass of wine.

Independent Exploration: Enjoy some leisure time in Cochem.

This afternoon, the ship cruises to Koblenz.

Right: Restaurants
and shops along
Steingasse,
Heidelberg

Below: Panoramic
view of
Heidelberg



DAY FIVE

KOBLENZ/RÜDESHEIM B I L D

Excursion: Koblenz. More than 2,000 years ago, the Romans established a settlement at the confluence of the Mosel and Rhine rivers. Today, the beautiful town of Koblenz occupies that same strategic location. Take a cable car to Festung Ehrenbreitstein, a fortress that sits high on a hill across the Rhine River from Koblenz. After a tour of the fortress, return by cable car to Koblenz for a tour of the town.

This afternoon, bid farewell to the Mosel River and begin your exploration of the Rhine River. Travel through the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, a particularly beautiful and historic section of valley. Admire hills terraced with vineyards and castles that stand like sentries over the river and medieval towns.

Educational Focus: *The Rhine Legacy.*

The Rhine River, an important waterway that for centuries has nurtured trade, encouraged

cultural exchange and inspired writers and artists, comes with its own legends and lore. Learn about Loreley, the siren whose song bewitched many sailors and caused ships to crash into the rocks, and many other tales about the valley.

The ship arrives in Rudesheim this evening.

Excursion and Educational Focus:

Wines of the Rhine Valley. The Rhine Valley, Germany's smallest wine-growing region, produces some of the world's premier wines. During the growing season, vines heavy with Riesling and Spätburgunder (Pinot Noir in France) grapes lace the steep riverbanks. Visit Georg Breuer Wine Estate to learn more about Rhenish wines and taste its highly regarded Riesling and Spätburgunder wines. Founded in 1880, this Rhine wine estate has been in the Breuer family since the early 20th century. The winery grows grapes on nearly

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Bernkastel



Porta Nigra, Trier

82 acres along the Rhine River and employs natural cultivation methods.

Independent Exploration: This evening you have time at leisure in Rüdesheim. Enjoy a walk along the lively Drosselgasse, which is lined with wine taverns.

DAY SIX

HEIDELBERG

B I L I D

This morning, the ship arrives in Hanau. Enjoy a scenic drive to Heidelberg.

Excursion: Heidelberg and the Neckar Valley Wine Region. Heidelberg's eponymous university is Germany's oldest institution of

higher learning. Explore the town with a stroll along the Hauptstrasse and visit the castle overlooking the Neckar River. The excursion continues with a visit to Burg Hornberg — Hornberg Castle — and its vineyard.

Local Flavor: Enjoy lunch and a wine tasting at Burg Hornberg, which overlooks a beautiful terraced vineyard high above the Neckar River. After lunch, meet the ship in Miltenberg to begin your cruise of the Main River.

DAY SEVEN

WÜRZBURG

B I L I D

The morning is at leisure while you cruise the Main River.

Excursion: Würzburg. Würzburg is a beautiful baroque city and your gateway to Franconian wine country and the Romantic Road. Visit the Residenz, an elegant, 18th-century



The Legend of Loreley

Rising 450 feet over the narrowest and deepest point of the Rhine River, Loreley is a rock formation of legendary proportions. There are many folktales, legends and ballads surrounding the slate cliff, including a tale that treasure-guarding gnomes once dwelled in Loreley's echoing caves.

Due to the fast-flowing currents and narrowness of the river, Loreley has stood witness to many wrecks, including wooden dinghies that crashed into her rocks in the Middle Ages.

In the early 1800s, German author Clemens Brentano composed a ballad in which a lovesick maiden plummets to her death from the top of Loreley. In the 1820s, German poet Heinrich Heine adapted the theme for his poem, "Die Loreley." In Heine's work, shipmen are seduced by a golden-haired siren singing on the top of the cliff. As she combs her long locks, the men are distracted and fatally crash into Loreley's rocks.

palace that was home to the prince-bishops of Würzburg. Step into Staatlicher Hofkeller, a winery that was established by the Bishop of Würzburg in 1128, for a specially arranged tasting. Continue to the Alte Mainbrücke,

a 16th-century bridge that was built to replace a Roman bridge, for unsurpassed views of the Marienberg fortress, vineyards and the Kapelle, an 18th-century church picturesquely perched on a hill above the city.

Educational Focus: *Germany Today.* Learn about contemporary issues affecting Germany and the European Community.

DAY EIGHT

WÜRZBURG |

ROTHENBURG

B I L D

Excursion: *The Romantic Road.* Take a scenic drive along the Romantic Road to admire the walled, medieval towns that line this famous route. Stop in Rothenburg, one of the Romantic Road's prettiest towns. Explore the Altstadt and enjoy a traditional lunch before returning to Würzburg.

This evening, gather with fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

DAY NINE

B

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.†

Note: *Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.*

Included meals indicated each day as
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ITINERARY

- Day 1** Depart Gateway City[†]
- Day 2** Frankfurt, Germany | Bernkastel
- Day 3** Bernkastel | Trier | Cruise the Mosel River
- Day 4** Cochem | Cruise the Mosel River
- Day 5** Koblenz | Cruise the Rhine River | Rudesheim
- Day 6** Heidelberg | Cruise the Main River
- Day 7** Würzburg
- Day 8** The Romantic Road
- Day 9** Return to Gateway City[†]

NOTE: This itinerary schedule may change due to local conditions. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

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Ehrenbreitstein Fortress in evening light with painterly reflections in the Rhine River, Koblenz

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 - Half-day excursion of Koblenz and the Ehrenbreitstein fortress.



St Peter's Cathedral and gardens, Trier

- Learn about the wines of the Georg Breuer winery in Rudesheim.
- Half-day excursion in Heidelberg and visit Hornberg Castle on the Neckar River.
- Half-day excursion of Würzburg, including the Residenz and Staatlicher Hofkeller.
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Top to bottom:

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Musicians, Würzburg
Rococo facade of the
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Girl in traditional folk
costume

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MS Amadeus cruising the
Rhine River
Vineyard, Rudesheim



“To cruise the Rhine, Mosel, and Main Rivers is to experience firsthand the stories that so attracted 19th century composers. During this trip, I am eager to share the experience of some of the most beautiful music ever written in the places that gave it birth.”

– MIT Professor Emerita of Music
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