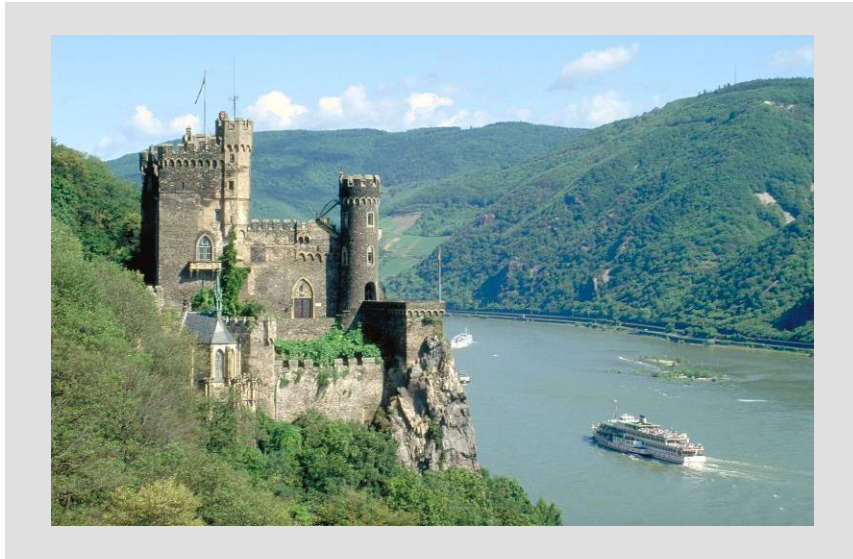


## Sample Itinerary

### Along the Rhine River (7 days)

Wiesbaden – Eltville – Geisenheim – Rudesheim – St. Goar – Boppard –  
Braubach – Koblenz – Bendorf – Bonn – Brühl – Cologne (Köln)



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**DAY 1**     **USA – Frankfurt**

Departure from the USA (overnight flight)

**DAY 2**     **Frankfurt – Wiesbaden**

Arrival in Frankfurt

Transfer to Wiesbaden – 25 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Hotel check-in

Lunch

Guided city tour

**Wiesbaden Tourist Office**

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Tel: +49 (611) 172 9930

Fax: +49 (611) 172 9798

E-Mail: [tourist-service@wiesbaden-marketing.de](mailto:tourist-service@wiesbaden-marketing.de)

[www.wiesbaden.de](http://www.wiesbaden.de)

**DAY 2  
Cont'd**

**Wiesbaden**

**Places of Interest:**

- Biebrich Palace
- Spa House
- Town Hall
- Castle Sonnenberg
- Biebrich Palace
- Roman Gate
- Hessian State Theater
- State House ('Landeshaus')
- Man-size Cuckoo Clock in the Old Quarter
- Neroberg mountain with cable car

**Wiesbaden** – The state capital of Hesse is located in the heart of the Rhine-Main region. The neighboring Rheingau region, one of the most beautiful and traditional wine growing areas in Germany, lives in harmony with Wiesbaden, also known as the 'Gateway to the Rheingau'. The city's historical Old Town has been kept in best conditions and covers all architectural styles of past centuries. This classical flair fits perfectly with the city's development as a modern health center.



Biebrich Palace

Visit to Champagne producer 'Henkell & Söhnlein for a guided tour of the cellars and champagne tasting

**Henkell & Co. Sektkellerei**

Biebricher Allee 142

65187 Wiesbaden

Tel: +49 (0611) 63209

Fax: +49 (0611) 63351

E-Mail: [henkell@henkell-sektkellerei.de](mailto:henkell@henkell-sektkellerei.de)

[www.henkell.de](http://www.henkell.de)

Dinner at castle restaurant Gollner's at Castle Sonnenberg

**Gollner's Burg Sonnenberg**

Am Schlossberg 20

65191 Wiesbaden

Tel: +49 (611) 541 409

Fax: +49 (611) 543 900

E-mail: [info@gollners.de](mailto:info@gollners.de)

[www.gollners.de](http://www.gollners.de)

**Overnight in Wiesbaden**

**DAY 3**      **Wiesbaden – Eltville**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Eltville – 9 miles (by car, coach, or boat). Note: For this and all other boat trips in this itinerary please check with the KD Rhine shipping line for schedules and further passenger information:

**KD Köln Düsseldorf Rheinschiffahrt**

Auf dem Driesch 12  
55127 Mainz  
Tel: +49 (6131) 610 451  
E-Mail: [info@kd-rhein-main.de](mailto:info@kd-rhein-main.de)  
[www.kd-rhein-main.de](http://www.kd-rhein-main.de)

Guided city tour incl. Eberbach Abbey

**Eltville Tourist Office**

Rheingauer Strasse 28  
65343 Eltville am Rhein  
Tel: +49 (6123) 90980  
Fax: +49 (6123) 909 890  
E-Mail: [touristik@eltville.de](mailto:touristik@eltville.de)  
[www.eltville.de](http://www.eltville.de)

**Places of Interest:**

- Eltville Castle with rose garden
- Eberbach Abbey
- Kempinski Castle Hotel Reinhartshausen
- Castle Hotel Kronenschlösschen
- Church St. Peter & Paul
- Old Town Hall
- Medieval alleys with half-timbered houses
- Promenade by the Rhine
- Gensfleisch houses

**Eltville** – a town situated right on the 'German Half-Timbered Houses Route', and famous for its wines, sparkling wines and roses. Take a guided tour of the old town centre, the Eltville Castle and the Gensfleisch Houses where Gutenberg once lived. On the fringes of the vine-clad hills of the Rheingau near Eltville is one of the most impressive examples of medieval abbey architecture: Eberbach Abbey, founded in 1136, and setting for the movie "The Name of the Rose" with Sean Connery.



Eltville Castle by the Rhine

**DAY 3**  
**Cont'd**      **Eltville – Geisenheim – Rudesheim**

Transfer to Geisenheim – 8 miles (by car, coach, or boat)

Lunch at Johannisberg Castle restaurant

**Schloss Johannisberg**

65366 Geisenheim

Tel: +49 (6722) 70090

Fax: +49 (6722) 700 933

E-Mail: [info@schloss-johannisburg.de](mailto:info@schloss-johannisburg.de)

[www.schloss-johannisburg.de](http://www.schloss-johannisburg.de)

Transfer to Rudesheim – 3 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour

**Rudesheim Tourist Office**

Geisenheimer Strasse 22

65385 Rudesheim am Rhein

Tel: +49 (6722) 906 150

Fax: +49 (6722) 3485

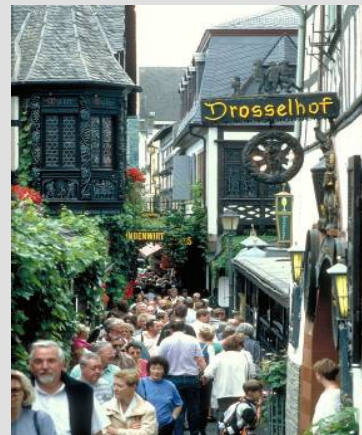
E-Mail: [touristinfo@ruedesheim.de](mailto:touristinfo@ruedesheim.de)

[www.ruedesheim.de](http://www.ruedesheim.de)

**Places of Interest:**

- Drosselgasse
- Niederwald monument
- Ruins of Ehrenfels Castle
- Brömser Castle with wine museum
- Medieval Torture Museum

**Rudesheim** – visit the little *Drosselgasse* lane lined with wine taverns and gardens and the Niederwald monument, depicting the mythical figure of Germania, which can be reached from Rudesheim and Assmannshausen by foot through the vineyards, by cable car or by chair lift. The ruins of Ehrenfels Castle are in an idyllic location surrounded by vineyards above the Rhine gorge. Visitors to the town will also enjoy its coffee specialties and the traditional Asbach brandy pralines.



Drosselgasse

**DAY 3**  
**Cont'd**      **Rüdesheim**

Dinner at wine restaurant and hotel Breuer's Rüdesheimer Schloss

**Breuer's Rüdesheimer Schloss**

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65385 Rüdesheim am Rhein  
Tel: +49 (6722) 90500  
Fax: +49 (6722) 905 050  
E-Mail: [info@ruedesheimer-schloss.com](mailto:info@ruedesheimer-schloss.com)  
[www.ruedesheimer-schloss.com](http://www.ruedesheimer-schloss.com)

Overnight in Rüdesheim

**DAY 4**      **Rüdesheim – St. Goar**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Rheinstein Fortress between Assmannshausen and Trechtingshausen – 6 miles (by car or coach with car ferry over the Rhine) (Alternative 1: Stay on the road east of the Rhine until St. Goar and view the Fortress from the opposite bank / Alternative 2: Take a boat from Rüdesheim to St. Goar and view the castle from the water)

Visit to Rheinstein Fortress on the slopes of the Rhine (*see front page*)

**Burg Rheinstein**

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Fax: +49 (6721) 6659  
E-Mail: [info@burg-rheinstein.de](mailto:info@burg-rheinstein.de)  
[www.burg-rheinstein.de](http://www.burg-rheinstein.de)

Transfer to St. Goar – 15 miles (by car or coach)

Guided city tour incl. visit to Lorelei rock

**St. Goar Tourist Office**

Heerstrasse 86  
56329 St. Goar  
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Fax: +49 (6741) 7209  
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[www.st-goar.de](http://www.st-goar.de)

**Places of Interest:**

- Lorelei Rock
- Katz Castle
- Rheinfels Castle

**DAY 4  
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**St. Goar – Boppard**

**St. Goar** – Part of the UNESCO World Heritage "Upper Mid Rhine Valley", St. Goar is a small town by the river with beautiful castles and a 2000 year tradition of viticulture. Experience exceptional shows, such as the medieval Spectaculum, open air performances in castles and on stage, or the amazing fireworks "Rhine in Flames".



Katz Castle

Lunch at the restaurant of Rheinfels castle and hotel

**Schloss Rheinfels**

Schlossberg 47  
56329 St. Goar  
Tel: +49 (6741) 8022  
Fax: +49 (6741) 802 802  
E-Mail: [info@schloss-rheinfels.de](mailto:info@schloss-rheinfels.de)  
[www.schloss-rheinfels.de/english](http://www.schloss-rheinfels.de/english)

Transfer to Boppard – 9 miles (by car or coach with car ferry over the Rhine), or by boat)

Guided city tour

**Boppard Tourist Office**

Marktplatz (Old Town Hall)  
56154 Boppard  
Tel: +49 (6742) 3888  
Fax: +49 (6742) 81402  
E-Mail: [tourist@boppard.de](mailto:tourist@boppard.de)  
[www.boppard-tourismus.de](http://www.boppard-tourismus.de)

**Places of Interest:**

- Rhine promenade Roman Fort
- Electoral Castle
- St. Severus Church
- Carmelite Church
- Church of Christ
- Baroque Church St. Pankratius
- Provestry Hirzenach

**DAY 4**  
**Cont'd**      **Boppard – Braubach – Koblenz**

**Boppard** – A definitive highlight of the Rhine Valley is Boppard. A visit to the town's beautiful riverside promenade with its many hotels and historical buildings steeped in tradition is an absolute must on any trip to the Rhine Valley. A number of riverboats, large and small, offer tours from Boppard, and it is also a popular stop-off point for river cruises. On a stroll through the lanes of the historical old town, visitors are bound to be enticed into one of the traditional inns selling wine from the "Bopparder Hamm" estate. Along the way, you will see the excavations of the former Roman fort and the medieval town wall.



Rhine promenade

Transfer to Braubach – 7 miles (by car, coach, or boat)

Visit to Marksburg Castle on the slopes of the Rhine

**Marksburg**

56338 Braubach

Tel: +49 (2627) 536

Fax: +49 (2627) 8866

E-Mail: [marksburg@deutsche-burgen.org](mailto:marksburg@deutsche-burgen.org)

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

Transfer to Koblenz – 7 miles (by car, coach, or boat)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Koblenz

**DAY 5**      **Koblenz**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Guided city tour

**Koblenz Tourist Office**

Jesuitenplatz 2

56068 Koblenz

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Fax: +49 (261) 130 9211

E-Mail: [info@koblenz-touristik.de](mailto:info@koblenz-touristik.de)

[www.koblenz-touristik.de](http://www.koblenz-touristik.de)

**DAY 5  
Cont'd**

**Koblenz – Bendorf**

**Places of interest:**

- Deutsches Eck
- Ehrenbreitstein Fortress
- Electoral Palace
- Deutschherrenhaus
- Wine Village
- Empress Augusta Rhine gardens
- Building of the former Prussian government
- Balduin Bridge
- Old Fortress
- Fort Asterstein
- Fort Konstantin
- Castle Stolzenfels
- Florins Church
- Church of Our Lady
- St. Kastor Church

**Koblenz** – Fortress walls and castle towers, palaces and patrician houses are vivid illustrations of a turbulent past. Founded by the Romans, Koblenz is set at the famous *Deutsches Eck* (German Corner), where the Rhine and Moselle rivers meet. Ehrenbreitstein fortress and Stolzenfels Castle are part of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley UNESCO World Heritage site. The town is set amidst four ranges of hills, and two thirds of the surrounding countryside consists of woods, open green spaces or water. The Romans founded the town over 2,000 years ago, calling it "apud confluentes" or "at the confluence". Today, Koblenz is a "small city" with a lot to offer those interested in art and culture.



Stolzenfels Castle



Confluence of Moselle and Rhine

Transfer to Bendorf – 8 miles (by car or coach)

**DAY 5**  
**Cont'd**      **Bendorf – Bonn**

Visit to Sayn Castle incl. tour through the Garden of Butterflies

**Schlossverwaltung Sayn**

Schlosstrasse 100  
56170 Bendorf-Sayn  
Tel: +49 (2622) 90240  
Fax: +49 (2622) 902 425  
E-Mail: [schloss@sayn.de](mailto:schloss@sayn.de)  
[www.sayn.de](http://www.sayn.de)

Lunch at the castle's restaurant

Transfer to Bonn – 38 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour

**Bonn Tourist Office**

Windeckstrasse 1 (am Münsterplatz)  
53111 Bonn  
Tel: +49 (228) 775 000  
Fax: +49 (228) 775 777  
E-Mail: [bonninformation@bonn.de](mailto:bonninformation@bonn.de)  
[www.bonn.de](http://www.bonn.de)

**Places of Interest:**

- Minster
- Old Town Hall
- Villa Hammerschmidt
- Beethoven House (Beethoven's Birth House)
- Double Church Schwarzhof
- Castle Kurfürstliches Schloss
- Poppelsdorfer Castle
- Namen Jesu Church
- Kreuzberg Church
- Old Cemetery (with graves of Beethoven's mother, and Robert and Clara Schumann)
- Bastion Alte Zoll
- Castle Godesburg
- Museum of the History of the Federal Republic of Germany

**DAY 5**  
**Cont'd**      **Bonn**

**Bonn** – A history of more than 2000 years has given the city most varied facets: the birth place of Beethoven attracts visitors with its stately town houses and modern buildings from the time when Bonn was the German capital and seat of government, a wealth of photogenic city panoramas, first-class museums and cultural institutions and the historical architecture. Many of the city's musical events are dedicated to its most gifted son: Ludwig van Beethoven, Germany's greatest composer. At the tender age of 12 he was already creating sonatas and symphonies which to this day form the basis of classical musical education all around the world. The house where Beethoven was born in December 1770 has become the symbol of Bonn, and music fans from all over the world every year come to Bonn's Beethoven festivals.



Minster



Beethoven House

Dinner

Overnight in Bonn

**DAY 6**      **Bonn – Brühl**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Brühl – 15 miles (by car, coach, or train)

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50321 Brühl

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[www.bruehl.de/tourismus](http://www.bruehl.de/tourismus)

**DAY 6  
Cont'd**

**Brühl – Cologne (Köln)**

**Brühl** – The traces of Brühl's history and its development up to the present day are reflected in the lively Old Town. Established as long ago as the 15th century, the Franciscan monastery today serves as the town hall. The Augustusburg electoral palace is a cultural and historical highlight of the town. The extensive baroque palace grounds invite on a journey of discovery on the trail of the rococo and classical French garden architecture. The grounds link the two unique sites of the Augustusburg palace and the Falkenlust hunting lodge which have been designated world cultural heritage sites by UNESCO in 1984.



Augustusburg Palace

Visit to Augustenburg Castle and Falkenlust Hunting Lodge (UNESCO sites)

**Schlösser Brühl**

Schlossstrasse 6  
50321 Brühl  
Tel: +49 (2232) 44000  
Fax: +49 (2232) 944 3126  
E-Mail: [mail@schlossbruehl.de](mailto:mail@schlossbruehl.de)  
[www.schlossbruehl.de](http://www.schlossbruehl.de)

Transfer to Cologne – 12 miles (by car, coach, or train)  
(Alternative: Skip Brühl and take a boat from Bonn to Cologne)

Hotel check-in

Lunch

Guided city tour incl. Cologne Cathedral

**Cologne Tourist Office**

Kardinal-Höffner-Platz 1  
50667 Köln  
Tel: +49 (221) 2213 0400  
Fax: +49 (221) 2213 0410  
Email: [info@koelntourismus.de](mailto:info@koelntourismus.de)  
[www.cologne-tourism.com](http://www.cologne-tourism.com)

**DAY 6**  
**Cont'd**      **Cologne**

**Places of interest:**

- Cologne Cathedral (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Historic Town Hall
- 12 Roman Churches in the old city center
- Chocolate Museum
- Roman-Germanic Museum
- Museum of Art Ludwig
- Rhine river promenade
- Wallraff-Richartz Museum of Art

**Cologne** – The very name bears witness to its Roman past as the town of Colonia, as do, for instance, twelve excellently preserved Romanic churches throughout the city. Cologne's skyline is dominated by the vast Gothic cathedral that was added to the UNESCO World Heritage list in 1996. Begun in 1248, the construction of this Gothic masterpiece took place in several stages and was not completed until 1880. Apart from its exceptional intrinsic value and the artistic masterpieces it contains, Cologne Cathedral testifies to the enduring strength of European Christianity. As well as the legacy from Roman times and the Middle Ages, Cologne has an extremely lively arts and culture scene. And besides being Germany's center of carnival activity and the "capital of Rhenish joie de vivre", supported by the local "Kölsch" beer, Cologne is also an extremely attractive trade fair center.



Cologne Cathedral



Fischmarkt square

Dinner

**Overnight in Cologne**

**DAY 7**      **Cologne – USA**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Cologne/Bonn Airport

Departure to the USA