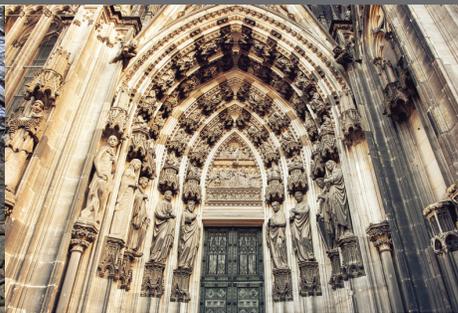




# THE WINE AND CASTLE TOUR OF THE Rhein River Valley

with Roger Green and Eva Lenova



The Valley of the River Rhine is the energetic spine of Europe and the natural border of Empires and Kingdoms. It is called the "Father of Rivers" and the Romantic authors choose it as the ideal countryside and have revived many old legends in their novels, music and paintings. Prussian kings, German poets and British painters discovered the gorge's timeless beauty. This region has been inhabited since the beginning of humankind and is Germany's landscape at its most dramatic.

Wine has been grown here since Roman times. We will experience many varieties of wine (and wine bars!). The diversity of German wines (both red and white) will impress every wine lover. The local wine growers are very proud of their products, history and skills.

All along the Rhine, it seems each castle and every rock comes with a story. It is easy to "see" the romantic dreamers rafting on the river, medieval nights riding their horses between the castles and fortresses, early saints coming to Christianize the pagan inhabitants, Roman soldiers protecting their camps against German tribes, Celts producing the first pottery and glassware, older people (nobody knows who they were) building their first stone and rock sanctuaries. Simply walking in the valley will rouse your romantic soul.



## 10 days of absolute fun in one of the most beautiful and magical country in the world!

The Tour Features:

- Accommodation in charming, small, cosy, boutique, country hotels
- Well planned days to offer you many highlights, without feeling rushed.
- Impressive castles, palaces, chateaux, cathedrals and monasteries.
- Lots of wine, bars and local food!
- Tracing the dragon legends, the geomancy, folklores and rituals.
- Arrive into either Prague or Cologne to join the tour. Depart either Prague, Cologne or Frankfurt.

**Option 1:** Arrive into Prague 2-3 days before the tour departs for the Rhine Valley and explore Prague with Roger Green and friends. Arrive either Friday or Saturday 21st / 22nd July. Saturday, walking tour of Prague. See Cesky Krumlov on Sunday 23rd. Rest on Monday, July 24th - or arrive to join the tour. Rhine tour departs Prague early morning Tuesday, July 25th from your hotel via coach.

**Option 2:** Arrive Cologne and join the tour on the evening of Day1, Tuesday, July 25th.

**The beginning:** The 4 objects of Holy Grail - the Sword - ended up in hands of Charlemagne. You can supposedly see it in Vienna Treasury. But, what if the original sword was buried with the King - can we find it in Aachen Cathedral? **Visit:** Cathedral, Town Hall, Elisenbrunnen, the Spa, and the city gates **Taste:** Local biscuits and more.

**The Treasure:** The legendary Gold of Rhine or Treasure of Nibelungs supposedly hidden in the underground of the Cathedral in Cologne. **See:** The Old Town, Farina Haus with the museum of Eau de Cologne, the Cathedral with the Three Kings reliquary and the tower, Dionysus mosaic in the Romano-Germanic Museum. Remagen - the bridge and Roman sites. **Taste:** Local Kölsch beer.

**The Dragon:** Drachenfels is said to be the place where Siegfried killed the dragon Fafnir and won the treasure from the Nibelungs. It is also one of the legendary seven hills. Climb up and meet the dragons! **See:** Castle ruin and the Hall of Nibelungs. Coffee in Linz, Bad Hönningen hot water spa **To try:** The healing waters.

**The Limes:** The Romans built 550 km of

protective walls with over 900 towers and hundreds of castles and strongholds. **To see:** Limes museum, afternoon Abbey Maria Laach, the world's highest cold-water geyser. **Visit:** Andernach and the Roman fort in Boppard, the café-restaurant Gedeons Eck, local lakes. **To try:** Kneipp-bad (barefoot and walk in the cold mineral water). Night in the city of Boppard.

**The Knights:** The city of Koblenz used to be the headquarters of the Knights of the German Order. The city is surrounded by castles and fortresses. **To see:** Deutsches Eck, Church St. Castor, House of the German Knights and Königsstuhl. Marksburg, the only castle that was never taken and destroyed, and many other castles and villages. **To taste:** The wine. Night in Bacharach

**The Water Maid:** Loreley, the daughter of the River God who makes the sailors blind through her glittering hair and still they kept coming to search for her. **To see:** Loreley, the Islands called the 7 water maids, die Pfalz - the castle in the river, Oberwesel - with its hand-carved gold altar, and the intact city walls. Lorch - a church with the largest carved altar in Germany, Bacharach with its medieval flair.

**The Saint:** Many believe that there are two people who can be called parents of European medicine - Paracelsus, from the 16th century who wrote many important books on healing and disease and St. Hildegard von Bingen of the 12th century who possibly wrote the first medical description of plants, food and forces that influence our health. **To see:** Castle Rheinstein and many others on the way, Bingen, Hildegardis Museum, Abbey St. Hildegard, Ostein Tempel and Rudesheim. **To taste:** Hildegardis herbs, spices, liqueurs, wines. Night in Eltville.

**The Wine:** Mainz has a strong Roman history and is called the capital of wine, as well as Rudesheim, where the famous Riesling Route starts. **To see:** Cathedral in Mainz, Guttenberg Museum, the streets in Rudesheim and Eltville. **To taste:** Wine, Asbach Liqueur, sparkling wine in the Castle of Eltville.

**Homeward bound Day 10:** Morning coffee in Wiesbaden, a wonderful spa-city before we leave home. Travel back to Prague with us, or fly out of Cologne / Frankfurt or continue your European adventure.

**Note:** July is peak season for both Prague and the River Rhine.  
**Book Now with a deposit to secure your place.**

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