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German Wine and the River Rhine



German wines – it's more than Riesling. With Germany being the most northerly of all wine-growing countries, the diversity of German wines will impress every wine lover. German wines are all produced around rivers, mainly the Rhine and its tributaries. Grapes are often cultivated on the steep slopes so that they will make the best use of the sunlight. On this tour to the Rhine valley and the smaller, surrounding valleys of the Nahe, Mosel and Ahr rivers, we will learn to understand the subtle differences which distinguish the wines from these appellations.

Nahe River (2 nights)

Arrival at Frankfurt airport; transfer to Bad Kreuznach on the Nahe river. Visit to a winery with wine seminar; learn about the different grapes used for German wine. Informative talk with representatives of the Association of German High Quality and "Praedikat" Classified Wine Estates. (Optional: visit to the "German Wine University" at Geisenheim, depending upon availability.)

Mosel River (2 nights)

Continue to Cochem, a picturesque little wine village on the Moselle River; wine tasting and guided walking tour through the vineyards (optional visit to Fortress Eltz).

Ahr River (1 night)

Proceed to the soaring centre of red wine production – the valley of the small river Ahr. Stay overnight at Bad Neuenahr, the renowned spa town and casino. Wine tasting of the fine Burgundy grapes.

Rhine Valley (2 nights)

Rhine river cruise passing the famous Loreley Rock in the Middle Rhine Valley (UNESCO world heritage). Overnight in Ruedesheim. Visit to the famous vineyards of the Rheingau – the top Riesling sites. Farewell dinner at Ebersbach monastery with its impressive wine collection. Transfer to Frankfurt airport and departure.

Tour includes

7 nights at 3*** country style hotels (twin share); breakfast daily, 2 dinners; winery visits and wine tasting as stated above; local sightseeing including a 1.5 hour Rhine cruise and a visit to a medieval castle; transportation by chartered motor coach throughout; bi-lingual tour escort throughout; all taxes and service charges