

Heart of Europe

Tour Date
04.10.21 - 17.10.21
Cut-off Date: 31.07.2021



CHARACTERISTICS/IDEA BEHIND THIS TOUR:

- + Varied programme
- + Leisure time to see some of the many interesting sights en route
- + good for working people, not too long
- + short stages

PREPARATION:

Travel documents*: Passport or ID-Card, national driving license, green card, if available pensioners pass, poss. Emission sticker/France

Visa*: not required

CB-radio: not required

Car Insurance: All countries are part of the green card system.

Vaccinations: None are compulsory. More information at www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk

Pets: require a pet passport; All countries of the trip are quite dog-friendly, and dogs are also allowed on most public transports. A muzzle is required for animals that harass other passengers on the bus.

Pre-Tour Meeting: There is no advance meeting for this trip. No prior meeting is planned for this trip. You will receive a participant's package by post approx. 4 weeks before the start of your tour. We also offer an online appointment where you can get to know fellow travellers and clarify questions that arose while studying the participant documents. There is no advance meeting for this trip.

TOUR LOGISTICS:

Meeting Point: Official meeting point for tour start is in Straßbourg in Alsace.

Tour Leader: Your tour leader informs regularly about driving stages and daily programmes.

Driving Stages: You may drive all stages by yourselves. The tour leader offers to go with him/her.

Road Conditions & Traffic: 🇺🇪 The road conditions are good. There are two environmental zones in Strasbourg, one permanent (ZCR) in the city centre and one temporary (ZPA), which is only declared when the air values are poor. The campsite is within the ZPA, in our travel time the chances are very good that no badge will be necessary. If your vehicle meets the requirements, we will be happy to order the environmental badge for France for you (approx. 5 €). We do not enter the environmental zones in Belgium.

Overnight Places: 🇺🇪 The overnights are set at regular campsites of local standard. In a few locations, we have preferred the aire-type site pitch in a central location to the campsite far outside the city gates.

Supplies: Electricity and water are available daily. Grey water disposal is available on most sites. The Re-Fill of gas bottles may be arranged with the tour leader if really required.

Safety & Security: 🇺🇪 Safety is guaranteed on the overnight spaces. In the Tourist centres please watch out for pick-pockets.

Mobility Rating: 2

See catalogue "Your Journey with Mir Tours" point 7). The required degree of mobility usually only relates to some programmes and segments of the sightseeing. If your walking is not that great, you may still join this trip. To do this, you would skip one or the other programme item or shorten it. We would be happy to discuss the trip with you in this regard. In case you use a tool such as a rollator or travel wheelchair, please note that these may also have to be lifted into the means of transport.

Food Supply: 🇺🇪 Shops and supermarkets with a good selection are available throughout the route. Gluten- and lactose-free products are available in larger supermarkets.

Climate & Clothing: 🇺🇪 Pack something for all weathers. Rain jackets and hiking gear shouldn't be missing.

MONEY MATTERS

Tour Price: 890,- € per person with the own car + caravan or camper when two persons travel in one vehicle. Additional charge for a single driver 10%

Fuel:

To clarify the different prices, here are the average prices of the last 2 months.

	Eurodiesel:	Petrol (95)
F	1,40 - 1,50€	1,50 - 1,60€
D	1,20 - 1,30€	1,42 - 1,52€
L	1,05 - 1,15€	1,20 - 1,28€
B	1,40 - 1,50€	1,38 - 1,48€
NL	1,30 - 1,40€	1,63 - 1,73€

Additional costs/travel funds:

Up to 50 € per vehicle for tolls
approx. 20 € per person/day to cover
your living expenses
Up to 2€ per person/day for tips

Also plan a little buffer for souvenirs, mis-
haps, doctor etc.

You will be able to pay with debit or credit
card at almost all petrol stations, souvenir
shops and supermarkets.

Money Exchange: without problems  ATM machines are available for use of your
debit or credit card.

 = like in Western Europe

All this information is subject to change and is meant
for this route as part of a group tour. There might be dif-
ferences if you book an individual tour to these coun-
tries.

* The information about visa and travel documents is
considering that your passport is issued in a Schengen
state, by Switzerland or a country that belongs to both
the EU and the Schengen area. For the other countries
we will inform you individually.

MANDATORY INFORMATION

Cut-off Date: 31.07.2021

On this date we have to decide if sufficient
participants to run this tour have been rea-
ched. Ideally, you should have booked by
this point.

Booking Closes: 14.09.2021

Should you be unable to book earlier, this
is the last day that booking is possible un-
der the condition that you bring your docu-
ments in time and the required number of
participants has been reached at the cut-
off date.

Payments due: upon booking 10%
Final payment due by 06.09.2021

Cancellation fee: in percentage of tour
price; is dependent on the time left to the
tour start.

as of booking = 10%
day 54. - 30. before tour start = 20%
day 29. - 10. before tour start = 30%
from day 9. before tour start = 75%

GENERAL SERVICES:

Organization & Booking: We order the
included programmes for your and book
the overnight places. For us – as a regis-
tered tour operator – the compliance with tra-
vel law is obligatory.

Entry fees for included programme: The
tour price includes the normal entry fees
for the sights we have put in the pro-
gramme. Should there be additional parts
(special exhibitions) that are not of interest
for everyone they might be at your leisure.
Example: We visit the Kremlin as part of
the Moscow sightseeing and we pay the
entry ticket. Should you opt to see the
tsars' weapon chamber you pay this out of
your own purse.

The German and English-speaking **tour
leader** will meet you in the afternoon of the
first day in Strasbourg and will accompany
you until Day 14. His tasks are:

- to inform you regularly about overnight
places, meals, stage, fuelling, shopping
and leisure options.
- offer to join him on the driving stages.
- give you support in case of mishaps like
illness or vehicle break-downs

The **resignation** (travel cancellation) **insu-
rance** is covering if you cannot go on tour
due to a insured reason. The **break-off**
(travel curtailment) **insurance** refunds the
part of the tour price that you did not par-
take in due to an insured reason. More de-
tails on insured reasons can be found in
the annex.

During the online **participant meeting** you
can get to know other fellow travellers and
clarify all open questions about the trip.

Information Material: We create a infor-
mation booklet for this tour. This informs
about all relevant topics from equipment to
customs. Forms, brochures, booklets
about sites and stages are added by us.
Also, you receive GPS waypoints and map
material so all participants have the same
opportunities.

USEFUL INFORMATION:

When putting this trip together, we are still
in the situation that the SARS-Covid19
pandemic is affecting our lives and travels.
Please note our general information on this
topic in the travel catalogue, as well as our
Corona promise.

The withdrawal of the United Kingdom from
the EU and the only recently concluded
contracts for future cooperation may result
in changes to the travel documents requi-
red. Please also note that there is a special
information available for **customers from
the UK**.

ITINERARY:

Day 1 04.10.2021

Straßburg

The participants arrive in Strasbourg.
The trip begins with a greeting by the
tour leader and an introduction to the lo-
gistics on site, as well as the program for
the next day. Of course, there is also a
joint dinner where you can get to know
your fellow travellers better.

camping fee, transfer, dinner

Day 2 05.10.2021

Straßburg

We use public transport to go to the old
town, which is about 3 km away. To-
gether with a local guide, we learn a lot
about the history of the city on the Ill and
also see the Strasbourg cathedral with

the famous astronomical clock. The af-
ternoon is at leisure, there are various in-
teresting museums and many small
shops to stroll through in the city centre.

camping fee, transfer, local guide

Day 3 06.10.2021

Straßburg

We will visit the "Simone Veil" parliamen-
tarium, with the plenary hall, in which you
can attend an interactive session and
find out about the work of the European
Parliament. We can also see the plenary
hall today, there is even supposed to be
a meeting today. The rest of the day is at
leisure. In the evening, if you want, you
can meet other fellow travellers in the
camp's lounge.

camping fee, transfer, local guide

Day 4 07.10.2021

Straßburg - Kleinblittersdorf

The stage is only approx. 120 km long
and an important question arises for the
first time: motorway or country road? We
drive through the plain that divides the
Northern and Southern Vosges and then
move north parallel to the Saar. The goal
today is in the southwest of the Saar-
land, on the border with France. We are
right next to the Saarlandtherme, a ther-
mal bath, where you can easily pass the
time.

camping fee, entrance fee

Day 5 08.10.2021

Kleinblittersdorf - Schengen

The Saar will accompany us for almost
the entire stage, first to Saarbrücken,

then past the Völklinger Hütte (ironworks museum) to Merzig and Mettlach. On the further journey you should definitely stop at the Saarschleife. A treetop path was built at the well-known vantage point in 2016, which offers a good view of the distance. In Schengen, a small inconspicuous Moselle village in the triangle that became world famous because of the agreement signed here in 1985, we take a look at the memorial. But since we are also on the "Luxembourg Wine Route", a wine tasting is part of the programme today.

camping fee, entrance fee, dinner, wine tasting

Day 6 09.10.2021 Schengen - Luxembourg

It is only a short stage to the Luxembourg capital, so we do a city tour in the afternoon. While the old town of Luxembourg exudes cosiness and the charm of the bourgeoisie, the Kirchberg Plateau in the northeast of the city is the centre for banks, business, cultural palaces and various European institutions. We focus here on architecture. Lookout points, unusual materials and styles, and the ideas of modern builders will impress us. After this excursion in this truly international European city, we return to our vehicles together or individually.

camping fee, transfer, local guide

Day 7 11.10.2021 Luxembourg

We go back to the city centre by public transport and visit the old city centre in the centre of the capital within walking distance with the local guide. From Place Guillaume the guide leads us on to the palace of the Grand Duke. In addition to various churches, we also see the lower town, the casemates and various buildings. The afternoon is at your leisure after a leisurely lunch.

camping fee, transfer, local guide, entrance fee, lunch

Day 8 12.10.2021 Luxembourg - Clervaux

The Ardennes in Luxembourg are only 400 - 500m high. We end the stage here, because here there is the opportunity to spend the afternoon in beautiful nature or with culture. The monastery and the castle are the most important architectural monuments. In the latter there are

various interesting museums, including the toy museum. Those interested in history will be more interested in the Museum of the Battle of the Bulge.

camping fee

Day 9 13.10.2021 Clervaux – Maastricht

There are various stops in Belgium on the way north today. Nature lovers should stop in the High Fens, here there is a special landscape with raised bogs, heath and polders to see. Those who prefer the city can visit Liège, the second largest city in Wallonia. In between there is the pretty Malmedy or the health resort Spa, where the famous race track is. In the afternoon we meet at the campsite in the south of Maastricht and talk about our experiences.

camping fee

Day 10 14.10.2021 Maastricht

Of course we will explore the city on the Meuse again with a local guide. We visit the most beautiful buildings, the liveliest places and stroll through narrow streets. From the city wall with its fortifications, to the Roman ruins and the stately churches, it goes through parks and former poor quarters to the modern shopping palaces. After exploring the historical heart of the city together in the morning, you can pursue your own interests in the afternoon. How about a boat trip on the Meuse?

camping fee, transfer, local guide, meal

Day 11 15.10.2021 Maastricht – Brussels

On the stage, the town of Sint-Truiden - a small abbey town - which is famous for the flower festivals in spring, is ideal for a break. Around noon we meet at the battlefield of Waterloo to have a guide explain the meaning of the battle and its course before we explore the various exhibitions and sightseeing points at our own pace. The campsite we have chosen for the next three nights is probably also in the south of the Belgian capital and is not far anymore.

camping fee, local guide, entrance fee

Day 12 16.10.2021 Brussels

Today we go to the capital, which is called the beating heart of Europe. As today is a weekday, we move around the European Parliament and get the chance to learn more about the history of the Berlaymont building, the seat of the European Commission, and see some architectural gems or the remains of the megalomaniac road construction projects of the 1960s discover ... Léopold quarter, European quarter, Place Jourdan - our guide will present us the location of Europe in the heart of the capital, its effects on housing and the appearance of the quarter. In the afternoon we visit the Atomium, which was built for EXPO 58 and is one of the city's landmarks.

camping fee, transfer, local guide, entrance fee

Day 13 17.10.2021 Brussels

It is time to deal with the historical centre of Brussels, or to deal with the various main themes of the city: comic literature, Art Nouveau, chocolate and beer. Today we hear about the Belgian monarchy and the political system - we already dealt with the EU the day before. We see the different squares, the Grand, the Royal and the Grand Sablon, the Manneken Pis, the Sainte-Catherine church, the palace and much more. After the local guide has told us about the development of the city from the Middle Ages to the Baroque and the influences of industry and bourgeoisie to today's Brussels, there is still some free time. We want to get to know the typical local cuisine the last time we eat together. Of course, there are Belgian "specialties" with the famous "frietten" (French fries).

camping fee, transfer, local guide, meal

Day 14 18.10.2021 Brussels

And already we are at the end of the journey. After you have packed, you will go home individually. Of course, you have the option to extend your stay on site.

As per 12/2020
Subject to change

Information sheet for Travel cancellation insurance (including travel curtailment insurance) with excess of ERGO Reiseversicherung AG

We have taken out travel cancellation insurance (including travel curtailment insurance) in your favour with ERGO Reiseversicherung AG (ERV) as part of a group insurance contract. You automatically join this as an insured person when you book your trip. The insurance premium is included in the travel price.

Insurance cover exists in the event of cancellation before the start of the trip and after the start of the trip in the event of a trip interruption for an insured reason. With the booking confirmation you will receive an insurance certificate (insurance certificate) from which you can find the insurance conditions and further details. The following description of services only provides extracts from the scope of insurance. If you have any questions about insurance benefits, please contact the ERV Service Centre on +49 89 4166 - 1766 or contact@ergo-reiseversicherung.de

What risks are insured?

Here you get an overview of the most frequently used insurance services:

- **Cancellation cost insurance:** Should you cancel your trip, e.g. because of an unexpected serious initial illness or an accident, ERV will cover the cancellation costs that you contractually owe to the service provider (e.g. tour operator).

We only pay for previous illnesses if they were not treated in the last six months before the insurance was taken out. A mental illness is insured if it is treated as an in-patient, a specialist doctor's certificate is available or a health insurance provider approves out-patient psychotherapy.

For each insured event, your deductible is 20% of the reimbursable damage, at least € 25 per person.

- **Travel curtailment insurance:** If you interrupt your trip prematurely, we will cover the additional costs of the return journey. In addition, we pay for the unused travel services, up to a maximum of the amount insured. We assume the aforementioned costs if you interrupt your trip prematurely, e.g. because You or a relative become seriously ill at home.

For each insured event, your deductible is 20% of the reimbursable damage, at least € 25 per person.

When do we not provide insurance services?

Some cases are excluded from insurance cover. The following are – among other things - not insured:

With the cancellation cost and travel curtailment insurance, you have no insurance cover if you do not commence or if you interrupt your trip for fear of a terrorist attack.

You also have no insurance cover, e.g. for the fees for issuing a visa. Further exclusions can be found here: VB-ERV 2019 / Kollektiv General Provisions Section 5; Special part: Part A number 13, Part B number 12.

What obligations do you have if a damage has occurred and what consequences can violations of these obligations have?

In the **cancellation cost insurance**, you have to cancel the trip as soon as possible so that the cancellation costs remain low. However, you must cancel at the latest at the point in time at which the cancellation costs would increase. **Our exclusive service plus in cancellation insurance:**

Is your trip due to illness, accident or at risk for other reasons? Are you unsure whether you can start your trip or whether you have to cancel? Our telephone cancellation advice will give you the right recommendation! Our competent employees are at your side with help and advice on +49 89 4166-1839. Our service hours are: Mon - Fri 7 a.m. - 9 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. More at www.ergo-reiseversicherung.de/stornoberatung More in VB-ERV 2019 / Kollektiv General Provisions Sections 6 and 7; Special part: Part A numbers 14 and 15.

In the **travel curtailment insurance**, you submit a medical certificate in the event of serious illness or accident injury. This certificate must contain the diagnosis and the treatment data and must be obtained before the trip is interrupted. More in VB-ERV 2019 / Kollektiv General Provisions Sections 6 and 7; Special part: Part B numbers 14 and 15.

Please note: If you breach your obligations, you put your insurance cover at risk. Depending on the severity of your breach of duty this may mean that we reduce the benefit or do not pay it at all, depending on the severity of your breach.