

The Lahn Valley

Tour Date
03.05.22 - 16.05.22
Cut-off Date: 28.02.2022



CHARACTERISTICS/IDEA BEHIND THIS TOUR:

- + good for working people, not too long
- + short stages
- + time available for individual activities:
cycling, golf, geocaching

PREPARATION:

Travel documents*: Passport or ID-Card, national driving license

CB-radio: not required

Car Insurance: Germany is part of the green card system.

Vaccinations: None are compulsory. A Covid-19 vaccination may be necessary to enter a country/ avoid quarantine. More information at www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk

Pets: require a pet passport

Pre-Tour Meeting: No prior meeting is planned for this trip. You will receive a participant's package by post approx. 5 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.

TOUR LOGISTICS:

Meeting Point: Official meeting point for tour start is in Bad Ems.

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 roads in Germany are good.

Overnight Places: The overnights are set at regular campsites of local standard.

Supplies: Electricity, water and grey water disposal are available daily.

Safety & Security: In the Tourist centres please watch out for pickpockets.

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. Some pitches are near bodies of water, where it gets damp and cooler at night.

MONEY MATTERS

Tour Price: 810,- € per person with the own car + caravan or camper when two persons travel in one vehicle. Additional charge for a single driver 10%.

Fuel: Find the German fuel prices at: www.clever-tanken.de

Additional costs/travel funds:

Plan your own individual cost of living and around € 2 per person / day for tips. Possibly you can still consider a small buffer for souvenirs, breakdowns, visits to the doctor ... But there are EC machines everywhere.

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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.

All this information is subject to change and is meant for this route as part of a group tour. There might be differences if you book an individual tour to these countries.

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

MANDATORY INFORMATION

Cut-off Date: 28.02.2022

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

Booking Closes: 20.04.2022

Should you be unable to book earlier, this is the last day that booking is possible under the condition that you bring your documents 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 03.04.2022

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 registered tour operator – the compliance with travel law is obligatory.

Entry fees for included programme: The tour price includes the normal entry fees for the sights we have put in the programme. 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 Bad Ems 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) **insurance** 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 partake in due to an insured reason. More details 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 information 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.

We assume that everyone who goes on a group trip has also taken advantage of the vaccination offer in order to protect themselves and their fellow travellers from infection. Unvaccinated persons could be refused entry or, when crossing the border - regardless of the direction – may be quarantined, which cannot be reconciled with the travel plan. Should you suffer from a medical condition that prohibits a vaccination, please contact us.

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 required. Please also note that there is a special information available for **customers from the UK**.

ITINERARY:**Day 1 03.05.2022
Bad Ems**

If you arrive early, you may get your bike out and explore the Lahn cycle path or go on a hike to the Limes, the local equivalent of Hadrian's Wall. A visit to the modern thermal baths also offers something good for the body. In the late afternoon, all participants come together to start the journey. In a small meeting, some questions about the tour logistics will be clarified. The day ends with a dinner in a nearby restaurant.

camping fee, dinner

**Day 2 04.05.2022
Bad Ems**

We go into town not too early, to meet the local guide. The pretty Bad Ems hopes to be recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and has dressed up properly. During the tour, we hear about how emperors, kings and tsars used to cure. We see the bathing castle, the fountain hall, the Emser water crane and the marble hall. Then we take the Kur-

waldbahn, one of the steepest funiculars in the world, to the Bismarck Height and enjoy both the view and the atmosphere in the brewery. A leisurely stroll brings us back to the health resort for a stroll or to our vehicles.

camping fee, transfer, local guide, train, drinks

**Day 3 05.05.2022
Bad Ems - Limburg**

After a 15km drive you will reach Nassau an der Lahn. We will hear again and again about the ruling house Nassau, whose headquarters have been preserved as a ruin only a few kilometres away. Nassau is also the birthplace of the Prussian reformer vom und zum Stein and the name comes across everywhere. Those who are not interested in old stories could find happiness at the Leifheit / Söhnle factory outlet. The household items company was founded here over 30 years ago. In the course of the afternoon, we all arrive in the cathedral city of Limburg.

camping fee

**Day 4 06.05.2022
Limburg**

The first thing to do today is a little tour of the old town, during which we will get to know the "Limburger Säcker". You can get this little apple crumble cake in the oldest café in town. Well strengthened, we make our way to Limburg Cathedral to visit this and the adjoining Diocesan Museum. We also take a look at the sinfully expensive, but architecturally impressive bishop's house with the modern chapel. The rest of the day is then at your leisure.

camping fee, local guide, entrance fee, snack

**Day 5 07.05.2022
Limburg - ☞ - Weilburg**

Also, a short stage and again there are a few stops on the way. On the one hand there is the Selterswassermuseum in Selters / Taunus and on the other hand the Kubach crystal cave just before Weilburg. Again, we set up camp for three nights directly on the Lahn.

camping fee, entrance fee

Day 6 08.05.2022**Weilburg**

Weilburg Castle in its baroque splendour with its beautiful garden is our destination today. The last landlord became the Grand Duke of Luxembourg in 1890. The people of Weilburg are particularly proud of the ship tunnel, which is the oldest and longest of its kind in Germany. After the tour with the local guide, we will have lunch together. The rest of the day is at leisure.

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

Day 7 09.05.2022**Weilburg**

On the day at leisure, everyone can follow their own interests. The Lahn offers various recreational opportunities such as canoeing, stand-up paddling, and bike paths along the river. Stroll around, explore the surrounding area or relax at the campsite there is so much to do.

camping fee

Day 8 10.05.2022**Weilburg - Wetzlar**

Another short stage and we reach the campsite, which is a few kilometres up the Lahn from Wetzlar. We can reach the old town in half an hour by public transport. Drivers often only know the city from driving on the B49, which only presents industrial and shopping areas to the right and left. That is deceptive - after all, the city was an imperial city in the Middle Ages. It was the seat of the Imperial Court of Justice in the 17th century and only later became an industrial city. During a city tour we also hear from an intern in love and various industrial pioneers.

camping fee, transfer, local guide

Day 9 11.05.2022**Day trip to Giessen**

Since the 1950s, the city has been renewed again and again according to the respective trends in urban architecture - a variety that is a matter of taste. The locals take it with humour - what other city has an "elephant toilet"? Today we are walking in the footsteps of famous scientists like Justus Liebig and Wilhelm Roentgen by visiting the Mathematicum. In the world's first mathematics hands-on museum, you are invited to playfully explore mathematical phenomena.

camping fee, transfer, local guide, entrance fee

Day 10 12.05.2022**Wetzlar - Marburg**

If you want to see something en route: There are several castles to the right and left of the route. In Marburg itself, the Landgrafenschloss (castle) or the Spiegelslustturm (observation tower) are worth an afternoon excursion, if we are not already attracted by the Lahn or the old town. As a university town, we also find the kitchens of the world here; the tour guide recommends tandoori at the local Indian.

camping fee

Day 11 13.05.2022**Marburg**

The first stop on today's sightseeing program is Philipps University. It was founded in 1527, as the first Protestant university in the world, in the premises of Landgrave Philipp's monastery. Almost four hundred years later, the new university building was completed with depictions of the history of the city of Marburg. But also, in the small alleys of the old town of Marburg, you come across numerous documents and traces left by famous figures such as the Brothers Grimm, Martin Luther and Nobel Prize winners such as Emil von Behring. The rest of the day everyone can devote themselves to their own interests.

camping fee, transfer, local guide, entrance fee, dinner

Day 12 14.05.2022**Marburg - Bad Laasphe**

Today we come to the third state of our trip, to North Rhine-Westphalia. Bad Laasphe is located in the Wittgenstein district and has been recognized as a Kneipp spa. Here, at the foot of the Rothaargebirge, not far from the Lahn spring in a country known for legends and sagas, we will spend the last days of the journey with nature, hiking and wellness.

camping fee

Day 13 15.05.2022**Bad Laasphe**

There are a number of long and short hiking trails in various degrees of difficulty and thematic focuses around the health resort. Depending on the composition of the group, we choose a route that suits everyone. Of course, the weather has to play along too. We end this small, varied tour with a meal together.

camping fee, dinner

Day 14 16.05.2022**Bad Laasphe**

We say goodbye, our almost two-week journey comes to an end and from here everyone can choose their own path. An on-site extension is possible.

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