

Post-Conference Tour “Moselle”

This tour will guide us to one of Germany’s most beautiful river valleys. It is known for its **picturesque scenery** characterised by low mountain ranges to terraced and sometimes extreme steep-slope vineyards, which have been used for viticulture since Roman times, and **romantic villages** lining the banks of the river.

This wine growing region is situated along the Moselle and its tributaries Saar and Ruwer between the border triangle Luxembourg, France and Germany and Koblenz, where the Moselle is entering the river Rhine.

Here, on shist-stone the **renowned Riesling** is thriving, accounting for the high reputation of Moselle wines and covering more than 60% of the vineyard area. In 2019 about 168 hl Moselle wines, a value of around 71 Mill Euro, were exported in more than 80 countries.

Of particular interest are eight roman wine presses from the 3rd and 4th century, discovered during land consolidation at the end of the 1970ies until now, placed either at the banks of the river Moselle or directly within the vineyard area.



Magnificent view over the beautiful Moselle valley and the impressive meander.

On July 16, on our way to Moselle, we will stop at Lachen-Speyerdorf to visit the **Volker Freytag’s vine nursery**, which offers a huge PIWI-assortment in addition to traditional varieties. We continue our trip to the Dienstleistungszentrum Ländlicher Raum (DLR) at **Bernkastel-Kues**. After lunch at the station a visit of the DLR follows, demonstrating their research activities and a trip to the **steep-slope vineyards** (78% inclination) at the Zeltlinger Schloßberg, illustrating drone application and RMS (RaupeMechanisierungsSystem). Next destination is the Weinmanufaktur **Van Volxem** at the river Saar with 35 hl/ha extremely quality oriented. The dinner is served at the winery.

In **Trier** we stay overnight and continue with a guided tour through Augusta Treverorum (Trier) on July 17th. We will see **magnificent examples of Roman architecture**, which are only topped by Rome. Our tour ends with a visit of the **Bischöflichen Weingüter Trier**. After lunch we will drive back to reach Frankfurt airport at about 4:00 p.m. and continue further to Landau in der Pfalz.