















Rheinsteig: Rüdesheim to Koblenz

Castles and wines along the Rhine walking trail

Prepare for a remarkable hiking week between Mainz and Coblenz, where you'll be treated to mountain ranges offering legendary views of the majestic Rhine River, vineyards stretching as far as the eye can see, numerous castles and palaces, and charming half-timbered architecture.

This journey takes you through the enchanting Rheingau region, known for its idyllic wine locations and the inviting wine taverns known as 'Straußenwirtschaften,' where you can savour the delightful Riesling wine. In the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage region of the 'Mittelrheingau,' you'll stroll past majestic fortresses perched on ledges, steeped in the pure romance of the Rhine, a setting that once inspired Heinrich Heine to pen his famous Loreley song. With its breathtaking natural beauty and rich cultural heritage, it's no wonder that the Rheinsteig trail was nominated as Germany's most beautiful hiking route. This is hiking at its finest, both in terms of elevation and experience!

And when it comes to wine, the residents of the Rhine banks are true connoisseurs! Join their ranks and embark on the 'Rheinsteig hike,' an expedition into the world of fine grape nectar and, of course, a journey filled with hiking pleasure. The Rheinsteig, spanning a total of 320 kilometres, ranks among Germany's most beloved hiking routes, with the stage between Rüdesheim and Koblenz being particularly noteworthy.

As you traverse this picturesque landscape, vineyards will unfold before you, along with a tapestry of castles, fortresses, and monasteries. The villages where you rest for the night boast charming half-timbered facades and genuine warmth. There's no better way to conclude an exhilarating day of hiking than with a glass of Rheingau Riesling in the evening.

Details about the hiking holiday on the Rheinsteig

The Mittelrheingau region has been destined for viticulture since ancient Roman times, and the Romans themselves laid the groundwork for the success of today's winemakers through their meticulous construction of wine terraces.

As you follow the Rheinsteig trail, you'll largely walk along the Winzerwegen, where numerous traces of the Romans still exist. But there's more to discover besides wine in this remarkable region. You'll be captivated by the unique landscape, breathtaking vistas, and an exceptionally high concentration of castles and fortresses, each steeped in history and adding to the allure of your journey.

The highlights of this walking holiday at a glance

- **Rheinsteig:** Voted the most beautiful hiking trail in Germany several times and for good reason. From nature-shaped trails to cultural attractions, the Rheinsteig is a treat for all hikers.
- **Hiking on the paths of the winegrowers:** The wine leaves its mark not only in the form of good wines but also in the form of lonely hiking trails. The Rheinsteig between Rüdesheim and Koblenz mainly runs through and along idyllic wine-growing routes.
- **Historic castles and palaces:** The term 'Rhine Romanticism' is no coincidence, it describes the style of many castles in the region but also the prevailing attitude to life along this river. Countless castles and palaces line your route and are places where a short break is well worth it.

Worth knowing about the hike on the Rheinsteig

The next few days will be sporty. Every day of the walking holiday, you can expect varied walks between 13 and 21 kilometres. A good basic condition is an advantage, especially for the ascents and descents on the ridges of the Middle Rhine Valley.

Route summary

Hiking tours along well-maintained paths and in parts on asphalted vineyard paths. Depending on the route you can enjoy the tours leisurely or make it more challenging. Summits in the Rhine Valley area are not high, but partly steep. Hence surefootedness is required in a few places. This week of walking offers a beautiful combination of nature, sights and enjoyment.

This tour has been graded as **Medium**. Find out more about our **walking holiday difficulty levels**.

Tour information



Medium



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-Guided



Luggage transfers included



Total walking distance: approx.
111 km

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Itinerary

DAY 1	Arrival in Rudesheim	
DAY 2	Rudesheim – Lorch	approx. 21 km 5.5 hours
<p>Today you will climb (cable car) the ridges to the Middle Rhine Valley and enjoy the breathtakingly beautiful panorama and view. Past Jagdschloss Niederwald you continue to Assmanshausen, known for its excellent red wines and beautiful half-timbered houses. In your overnight stop at Lorch, you will also find many half-timbered houses and excellent wine.</p> <p> ca. 5,5 hours 21 km 660 m 680 m</p>		
DAY 3	Lorch – Dörscheid/Kaub	approx. 15 km 4.5 to 5 hours
<p>On varied paths and along mountain ranges with fantastic views over the Rhine Valley, your path takes you to the historic shipping town of Kaub or up into the hills to Dörscheid. The ruins of Nollig Castle, Gutenfels Castle and, as a highlight, the imposing Pfalzgrafenstein Castle, located on an island in the Rhine, make today's route a real experience.</p> <p> ca. 4 to 4,5 hours 13 km 460 m 460 m</p>		
DAY 4	Dörscheid/Kaub – St. Goarshausen	approx. 19 km 6 hours
<p>The heart of the Middle Rhine Valley awaits you with winding paths, fantastic views and beautiful castles. The most famous rock on the Rhine, the Loreley rock is also on your program, as well as the view of the three towers of Katz, Maus and Rheinfels. A great way to end the day before reaching St. Goarshausen.</p> <p> ca. 6 hours 19 km 590 m 620 m</p>		

DAY
5**St. Goarshausen – Kamp-Bornhofen**

approx. 21 km | 6 hours

Via beautiful paths, fantastic landscapes and past fascinating castles, today you go through the Filsener Lay, one of the most beautiful nature reserves in the region. Castles Liebenstein and Sterrenberg, the "enemy brothers", will accompany you on your way to the winegrowing community.



ca. 6 hours



21 km



690 m



700 m

DAY
6**Kamp-Bornhofen – Braubach**

approx. 17 km | 5.5 hours

On the way to Braubach, you will come across Burg Liebeneck, the Dinkelholder mills and the impressive Marksburg Castle. You should definitely take the time to visit the fully preserved castle. The wine town of Braubach welcomes you with its ramparts and numerous half-timbered houses.



ca. 5,5 hours



17 km



620 m



620 m

DAY
7**Braubach – Koblenz**

approx. 20 km | 5.5 hours

On the last leg, you can expect many more highlights: castles, nature reserves, forest areas and the thriving Bienhorn Valley. The hike offers distant views, and beautiful nature, as well as an adventurous passage through the Ruppertsklamm, a real highlight! You cross the Rhine via the impressive Pfaffendorfer bridge and ends your hiking week at the "Deutsches Eck" in Koblenz.



ca. 5,5 hours



20 km



690 m

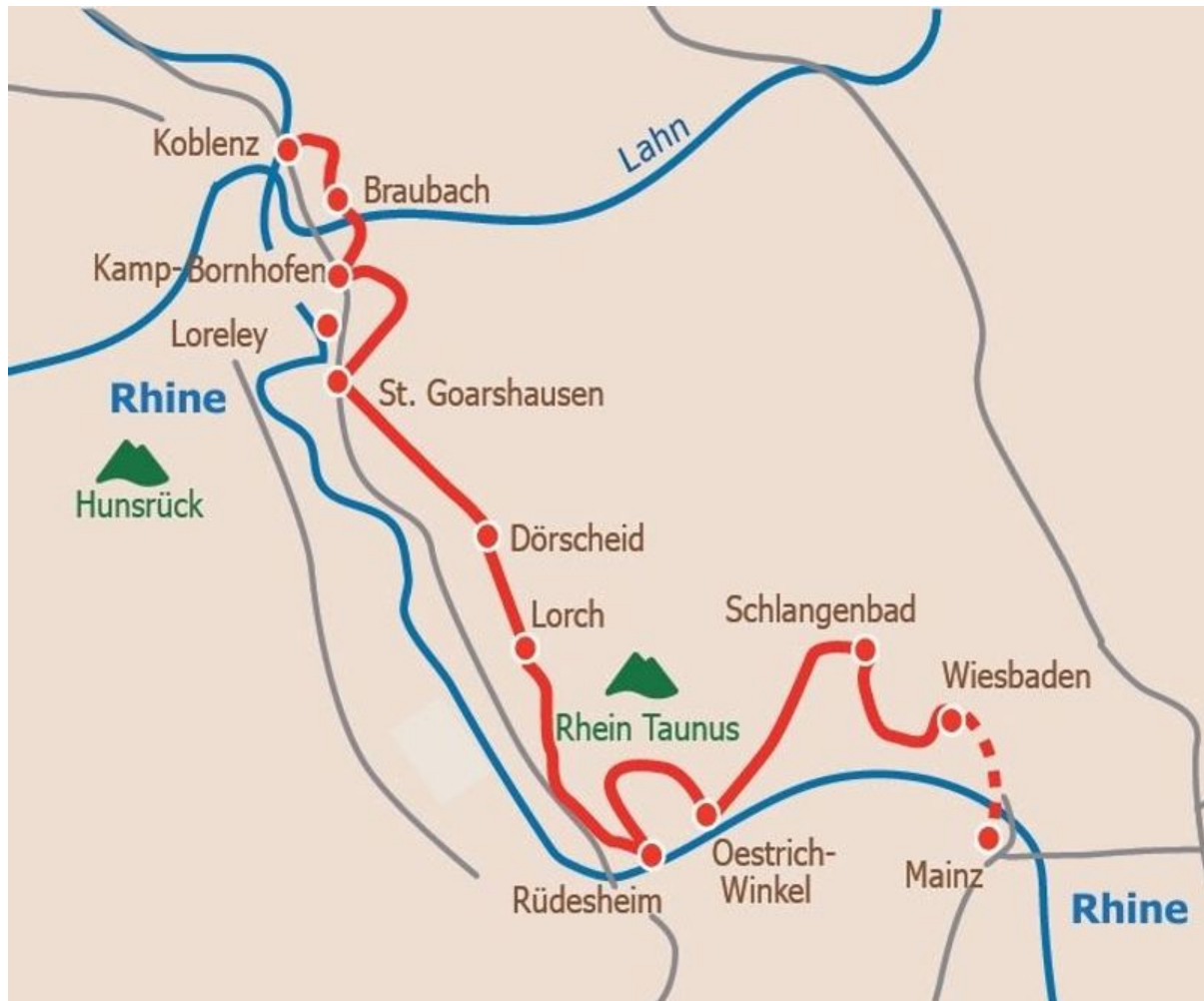


680 m

DAY
8**Return trip or extension**

Route information

Most of the time you will walk on wine trails and quiet hiking trails, always accompanied by beautiful views. The ascents/descents to the ridges of the Middle Rhine Valley can be walked without any problems with a good basic condition, in some cases a certain amount of firmness is required when hiking. However, most stages can be shortened by bus, train or boat.



Prices and dates

Price calculation and check availability: **Rheinsteig: Rudesheim to Koblenz**

Place of arrival: Rudesheim

	Season 1	Season 2	Season 3
	23.03.2024 - 28.04.2024	29.04.2024 - 02.06.2024	03.06.2024 - 11.08.2024
	23.09.2024 - 13.10.2024	12.08.2024 - 01.09.2024	02.09.2024 - 22.09.2024
	Daily	Daily	Daily
Rheinsteig, Rudesheim - Koblenz, DE-PFWRK-08X			
Base price	829.00	869.00	929.00
Single room surcharge	269.00	269.00	269.00

Hotel information: You will stay in carefully selected middle-class hotels and guesthouses.

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Rudesheim

	Season 1	Season 2	Season 3
	Mar 23, 2024 - Apr 28, 2024	Apr 29, 2024 - Jun 2, 2024	Jun 3, 2024 - Aug 11, 2024
	Sep 23, 2024 - Oct 13, 2024	Aug 12, 2024 - Sep 1, 2024	Sep 2, 2024 - Sep 22, 2024
	Daily	Daily	Daily
Rudesheim			
Double room p.p.	69.00	79.00	89.00
Single room surcharge	49.00	49.00	49.00
Koblenz			

	Season 1 Mar 23, 2024 - Apr 28, 2024 Sep 23, 2024 - Oct 13, 2024 Daily	Season 2 Apr 29, 2024 - Jun 2, 2024 Aug 12, 2024 - Sep 1, 2024 Daily	Season 3 Jun 3, 2024 - Aug 11, 2024 Sep 2, 2024 - Sep 22, 2024 Daily
Double room p.p.	69.00	79.00	89.00
Single room surcharge	49.00	49.00	49.00

Prices per person in GBP

Included services and travel information

Services

Including

- 7 nights as described, including breakfast
- Wine tasting (German, English)
- Luggage transfer(s) max. 1 piece of luggage 20 kg per person
- Travel folder 1x per room (German, English with route and overview maps, detailed route description, places of interest, important telephone numbers, luggage labels)
- GPS data available on request
- Service Hotline

Not included

- Tourist tax, if applicable, to be paid locally

Arrival information

- Airport: Frankfurt
- Train: Rüdesheim station and in a few minutes or by taxi to the hotel
- Parking: Limited number of free parking spaces, reservation not possible. Public parking around €10 per day
- Return journey by train, travel time approx. 1 hour for all routes
- Return journey by ship (www.kd.com), travel time Koblenz-Rüdesheim approx. 6 hours

Sample hotel list

This is a sample hotel list. Hotels will be booked depending on availability.

Mainz

Intercity Hotel Mainz 4****

www.intercityhotel.com

Schlangenbad

Hotel Schlangenbader Hof 3***

www.schlangenbader-hof.de

Oestrich-Winkel

Hotel Ruthmann 2**

www.hotel-ruthmann.de

Rüdesheim

Central Hotel 3***

www.centralhotel.net

Lorch

Hotel im Schulhaus 3***

www.hotel-im-schulhaus.com

Dörscheid/Kaub

Loreleyhotel Fetz 3***

www.fetz-hotel.de

St. Goarshausen

Hotel Herrmanns Mühle

www.hotel-herrmannsmuehle.de

Kamp-Bornhofen

Hotel Anker

Braubach

Hotel Maaß 2**

www.hotelmaass.de

Koblenz

Hotel Brenner 3***

www.hotel-brenner.de