



Germany's Top Wine Regions in a round trip Rheingau, Ahr, Mosel & Nahe

Enjoy the benchmark Riesling wines of Rheingau and Mosel, and take a break from the whites at the Ahr Valley, one of the great Pinot Noir Hot spots of the wine world. Meet the wine makers, enjoy magnificent views and culture along the Rhine River, Mosel terrasses, and scenic walks on the red wine trail.

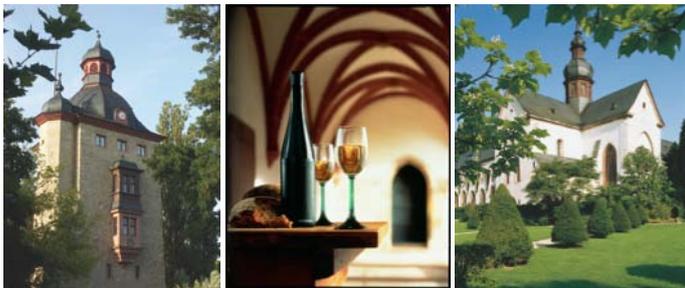
This sample itinerary marks one of our most popular German wine tours, compact and easy to reach from Frankfurt, Cologne and the French border. Fly into Frankfurt and start for your group tour with VinTour to the top producers of the region carefully selected by the Wine Barn for the British market.

Day 1: Arrival and Introduction to the Rheingau

Pick-Up at the airport by comfortable Luxury Tour Coach. After the short ride you will arrive in the heart of the German Wine Mekka - Rheingau. If you prefer to arrive by your own, the tour starts at the hotel on the arrival evening or late afternoon.

You will stay in the most famous small town of the Rheingau, Rudesheim at the romantic hotel "Rudesheimer Schloss", with modern rooms and a traditional atmosphere in the old town.

The programme will start in the first evening with a welcome sparkling wine tasting at Solter cellars, and finish off at the restaurant of Breuer'S Rudesheimer Schloss with a welcome dinner and Rheingau wines.



Day 2: Rheingau

After breakfast, you will experience a visit of the Monastery of „Kloster Eberbach“. The historic place has been film set for many scenes of the movie after Umberto Eco's novel „The Name of the Rose“. The tour ends in the historic wine cellars of the monastery, with a unique tasting of Riesling vintages.

Lunch will be served in the restaurant connected to the monastery, and there will be time to taste more wines at the vinotheque.

Day 3 - Rhine River Cruise and Ahr Valley

Today in the morning, you will board an excursion cruise vessel for a Rhine cruise on one of its most beautiful parts: Down the Middle-Rhine Valley, you pass countless castles and ruins and enjoy the winding river, the famous „Loreley“ Rock and the steep slopes covered by vine grapes.

Lunch onboard the vessel, or you can do a stop at a castle along the river for lunch with great views. After lunch we continue our river cruise with coffee and cakes, and having passed the Loreley, we board the coach again. After another hour's ride we reach the Ahr Valley.

Now, we have come to the home of the German Pinot Noir, which is called "Spätburgunder" here. Of course, there is another famous Pinot Region in the south called Baden, but the Ahr Valley is much more unique for its focus on this grape, and the quality despite of the geographic position so far north.



The twin city of Bad Neuenahr – Ahrweiler is the entrance to the Valley. We will stay in the historic small town of Ahrweiler, at the 3 Star Superior Hotel "Rodderhof" directly in the village. It easily allows strolling in the streets and relaxing.

Arriving in Ahrweiler, we will meet at the International Wine Institute for an entertaining seminar of the Ahr wines. We will try to have the manager, wine journalist, sommelier-educator and director of international Riesling foundation, Alexander Kohnen, as premium expert.

Afterwards, you will check in at the Rodderhof, and enjoy a dinner at the hotel.

Day 4 - The Ahr Valley -Home of world class Pinot Noir

Today we offer you a classic activity of the region: From you hotel you reach the red wine trail, taking you on a very beautiful scenic tour through the Pinot vineyards of the Valley! On the way you enjoy some wine tasting, and a lunch at the Marienthal Monastery.





From there, it is another 45 Minutes walk to the winery village of Dernau, home of the Meyer Näkel famil. Werner Näkel is the famous pioneer converting the formely low regarded region into a top appellation for superb red wines. They do not usually receive visitors to the winery, but thanks to Wine Barn they will present their wines for us, show us their production, and we will finish off with a very nice dinner in their restaurant.

Day 5 - From Ahr to Mosel

Today, we start off for a great day's program. The Mosel Valley is the famous counterpart of the Rheingau regarding the Riesling grape, and here the slate soil and steep slopes mark the challenge and unique character of the region, resulting in highly aromatic wines of mineralic character, as a dry style or a more fruity style with higher residual sugar.

Along the Mosel we will follow the winding river to the South, making a stop at the castle of Burg Eltz, which we could visit. We will travel south to our first winery appointment with Clemens Busch, vintner at Pünderich. His biodynamic wine production earns lots of awards especially in the Grand Cru range, and of course the focus is on Riesling.

Later we arrive at one of the pearls of the Mosel, the small and pittoresque town of Bernkastel-Kues. Here we will stay in a comfortable 3-4 star hotel, unless you want to spend a bit more and travel onwards to Mülheim/Mosel, where you find the Richershof, a romantic and historic place which we consider one of the best wine hotels in Europe. Well worth a treat for the last 2 nights of the tour!

Day 6 - Mosel experiences!

We take you on a tour to one of the finest Mosel Vineyards, including a wine lunch! In the afternoon we will do an excursion to some of the steepest slopes that offer vine growing,- the "Mosel-Terraces" are world famous !

Our winery appointment today will be at St. Urbanshof, a 33 ha Riesling Estate managed by Nils Weis. Like most of our wineries, he is a member of the VDP, Germany's Premium wine producer association.

Your farewell evening will be accompanied by a local winemaker/ wine educator, to join you at a great wine dinner.

Day 7 - Nahe, and Farewell

Well we hope you planned for a late flight out from Frankfurt! Because we would like to show you another wine region which is on our route back from Mosel to Frankfurt.

After a relaxing morning and a good breakfast, we leave the Mosel area. We visit the *Nahe* appellation for yet another unusual tasting

This region boasts Germany's greatest soil biodiversity. The soils range from volcanic stones to weathered soils of sandstone, loess and loam to quartzite, clay and slate. The wonderful diversity gives the wines their distinctive 'terroirs' and has earned this region the name "tasting bar". We visit either Weingut Göttelmann or Weingut Schäfer-Fröhlich, both of whom produce some outstanding Rieslings. Maybe there will even be time for both of them...

Finally, we are convinced this is a fantastic itinerary, and we will be happy to adjust, extend and advise in order to create a great wine tour for your wine club or any kind of group.



Inclusives

Apart from the wineries and hotels, we try to include wines with the meals where possible, modern comfortable coaches and many highlights of the regions. The tours will be guided by VinTour or Wine Barn, in combination with local guides and experts.

Being well connected with wineries and local wine associations, we can guarantee a very high class wine experience, adjusted to your needs.

The prices will depend on season, your budget and priorities.

