



MS GEORGE ELIOT · COLOGNE, THE RHINE GORGE AND MEDIEVAL GERMANY · DEPARTING 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

An important update on your cruise, and where you will sail instead

The trip departs on 30 September as planned, and the Main river and destinations remain unchanged. You will still begin in Nuremberg before visiting Bamberg, Ochsenfurt, Rothenburg, Würzburg Wertheim and Miltenburg, with the same included tours, excursions and time to explore along the way.

From there, the itinerary changes. Water levels on the Rhine below Mainz are currently too low for your ship to navigate, so Cologne, the Rhine Gorge, Boppard and Andernach will no longer feature on this sailing. Instead, we have introduced a number of new destinations and excursions, with your cruise now finishing in Frankfurt.

THE RIVER, AND WHY WE HAVE CHANGED YOUR ITINERARY

You will still sail the Main through medieval Franconia as booked: Nuremberg and its castle, Bamberg with its town hall on an island in the river, Ochsenfurt and the Romantic Road up to walled Rothenburg, and Würzburg beneath the Marienberg Fortress. From there it is Wertheim, Miltenberg's timber framed houses, Mainz or Frankfurt, and a guided morning in Rudesheim. The Rhine below Mainz has dropped too far this month for a ship of this size to work it reliably. Our river cruise partner's nautical team and our own in house team read the gauges daily, judging what they mean for your ship rather than the river in general; levels can move either way, and we will tell you if anything alters.

YOUR ITINERARY, DAY BY DAY

Day 1	Arrive in Nuremberg and board the MS George Eliot. Coaching: 2hrs from the airport, usual transfer time for this trip
Day 2	Morning Option 1: Guided tour of Nuremberg's medieval history Morning Option 2: Guided tour of Nuremberg's medieval & WWII history Afternoon: Free afternoon scenic sailing towards Bamberg Coaching: 15 minutes each way
Day 3	Morning: Discover Bamberg's beautifully preserved medieval old town, grand cathedral and riverside charm on a guided tour Afternoon: Free afternoon sailing towards Ochsenfurt Coaching: No Coaching
Day 4	Morning: Enjoy free time to explore Ochsenfurt's colourful old town, medieval walls and charming half timbered streets at your own pace Afternoon: Drive along the Romantic Road – aptly named to describe this route through some of the most spellbinding scenery in the world Guided tour of Rothenburg After dinner a Bavarian music night Coaching: No additional coaching, Romantic road is an excursion in itself
Day 5	Morning: Explore Würzburg on a guided tour, discovering its elegant baroque architecture, historic old town and impressive riverside setting. Afternoon: Afternoon at leisure to enjoy Würzburg. Coaching: No Coaching
Day 6	Morning: Scenic sailing to Wertheim Afternoon: Choose between a guided tour of charming Wertheim or a more active hike up to its hilltop castle for sweeping views over the town and river. After dinner a classical duo performance Coaching: No Coaching

Day 7	Morning: Scenic sailing to Miltenburg Afternoon: Discover Miltenberg on a guided tour, exploring its beautifully preserved old town, colourful half timbered houses and atmospheric market square. Coaching: No Coaching
Day 8	Morning: Scenic sailing Aschaffenburg Afternoon: Discover Aschaffenburg on a guided tour, exploring its handsome old town, grand palace and picturesque setting on the River Main. Coaching: No Coaching
Day 9	Morning: Morning sailing to Frankfurt Afternoon: Choose between a guided tour of historic Mainz, with its cathedral and old town, or vibrant Frankfurt, where medieval streets meet a striking modern skyline. Chefs' dinner followed by a dance band Coaching: Frankfurt – No Coaching, Mainz – 1hr each way
Day 10	Morning: Discover Rüdesheim on a morning guided tour, exploring its charming old town, lively Drosselgasse and picturesque setting among the Rhine Valley vineyards. Afternoon: Free time in Frankfurt Coaching: 1hr each way
Day 11	Disembark at Frankfurt Coaching: 2hrs to Cologne airport and 2hrs 30 minutes to Dusseldorf airport

Your outbound to Munich is unchanged;

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IS UP TO YOU

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YOU WILL BE WELL LOOKED AFTER

Your Cruise Director, Cruise Host and crew will be with you throughout, just as planned, and everything you enjoy on board remains unchanged. Once onboard you'll experience exceptional dining, all inclusive drinks, local entertainment and immersive experiences all continuing as part of your holiday. The itinerary may be slightly different, but the Riviera experience on board is very much the same.

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