

BOPPARD & the CHRISTMAS MARKETS

3rd to 6th December



Visit Germany during the Festive season – picture yourself wandering through the bustling market squares and along streets alive with the sights, smells, sounds and tastes of Christmas – visit the stalls with their handmade toys and decorations; take in the aroma of roasting chestnuts and Lebkuchen – the real German style gingerbread in a variety of shapes and sizes, and to all this add a warming ‘Glühwein’ and the sounds of live festive music and you have the makings of a truly magical Christmas.

Friday 3rd December Depart early morning for the Eurotunnel to Calais. We then cross Northern France and Belgium into Germany, following the Rhine valley, with its castles and vineyards to our hotel in the delightful little town of Boppard on the most scenic part of the River Rhine.

Saturday 4th December This morning we shall be free to explore Boppard. Known as ‘the Pearl of the Rhine’, the town lies on a huge bend of the famous river and is known for its history. Once a free imperial city, it lies in the Bopparder Hamm, a large loop in the Rhine. Early afternoon we shall take a scenic drive down the Moselle River to the picture-postcard town of Cochem with its half-timbered houses, a fairy-tale castle set on a vine-clad hill and a pleasant riverside promenade. Here we shall be at leisure to explore the Cochem Christmas Market which is just as beautiful as the town itself. Festively decorated wooden stalls sell all the gifts and crafts you could wish for. The Glühwein is brewed and produced locally for connoisseurs who only enjoy the best quality, but if Glühwein isn’t your cup of tea then the choice of locally made world famous wines will certainly keep any one else merry.





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Sunday 5th December After breakfast we make the short journey to St. Goar, a picturesque village with, it is claimed, the largest free hanging cuckoo clock in the world. From here we cross the Rhine by ferry and drive on to the Christmas Market in Rudesheim situated in the heart of the wine country. Here you will be at leisure to browse amongst the decorated stalls and soak up the festive spirit of Rudesheim with its quaintly gabled and turreted half-timbered houses, crooked streets and lanes. The Christmas market in Rudesheim am Rhein brings a distinctly festive feel to the romantic old quarter and its popular Drosselgasse lane as 120 stalls representing 12 countries gather to present Christmas customs and traditions from around the world. Europe's biggest Nativity scene with life-size figures can also be found in Rudesheim market square. An absolute must do at the Rudesheim Christmas Market is to try some deliciously made Rudesheim Coffee, which is exclusively made with locally distilled Asbach Uralt Brandy, whipped cream and traditionally served in an authentic Rudesheim Coffee Set. The coffee set itself would of course also make a perfect gift for any one back home.

Monday 6th December Leaving the Hotel we drive to Calais for the Eurotunnel and home, arriving back mid-evening.

What's included:

Hotel Bellevue, Boppard

3 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast.

All bedrooms have private facilities, TV, telephone & hairdryer.

The hotel is located on the banks of the Rhine, enjoying good views. The hotel has an indoor swimming pool, sauna & steam room

Time to explore Boppard, Rudesheim & Cochem

COST: £369.00 per person

Single Room Supp: £45.00



Rudesheim