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Germany, Luxembourg & France Aboard *Princesse Royal*

June 24–July 2, 2022



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Replica of a Roman statue of a wine merchant's ship from Neumagen, Trier, Germany (above); Saarburg, Germany (below). Front cover: Cochem, Germany, photo courtesy of the GNTQ. Back cover: Cathédrale Saint Étienne of Metz, photo © Phillippe Gisselbeck.

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Lined with storybook castles, magnificent churches, natural wonders, and colorful villages, the landscapes along Europe's Moselle River are magical in their beauty. Once inhabited by ancient Romans, the region has a rich wine heritage dating back more than 2,000 years. Join us on a seven-night Moselle cruise aboard the newly renovated *Princesse Royal*, and experience the many historic treasures of Germany, Luxembourg, and France.

Embark *Princesse Royal* in enchanting Cochem, Germany, and stop in a medieval town for a special historian-led tour of the 12th-century Metternich Castle. In a nearby wine village, sample a variety of the Valley's most acclaimed vintages, known for their intense fruity notes and high acidity. In romantic Traben-Trarbach, admire the Art Nouveau-style *Jugendstil* architecture. Join an expert to discover UNESCO-listed Trier, once an ancient Roman imperial city, and explore Saarburg, with its 10th-century castle and 60-foot waterfall.

Arrive in Luxembourg to tour the little-known ruins of an ancient Roman villa housing a gorgeous mosaic floor. Join a local artist in historic Schengen. Conclude in France, where a highlight will be a special tour of the vast and spellbinding Cathédrale Saint Étienne de Metz. You will never forget this leisurely river voyage along the beautiful Moselle, which will excite all the senses. An optional prelude to the historic German university town of Heidelberg is offered.

Activity Level 3:

A LITTLE MORE TO IT

This moderately active program includes walking over uneven, hilly terrain and tours of historic buildings that may involve climbing stairs. Travelers should be fit and in good health. Comfortable walking shoes are essential! In June, temperatures across this region should be in the 60s, 70s, and 80s °F—and mostly sunny. However, we suggest that you bring a raincoat or umbrella, hat, sunblock, insect repellent, and warmer layers for evenings when the temperatures drop. On occasion, a more conservative dress and demeanor are essential to your visits to religious sites.

Study Leaders

As this brochure goes to print, we have not yet confirmed the faculty study leader for this program. We intend, however, that you will be joined by a Harvard lecturer who will enhance your travel experience. You will discover that our lecturers are not only first-rate scholars and teachers but also friendly traveling companions, eager to share their insights through conversation as well as in scheduled presentations.



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Vineyards in Beilstein, Germany (left) Porta Nigra, Trier, Germany (right)

Schedule by Day

B=Breakfast, L= Lunch, D=Dinner

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

Departure

Depart for Frankfurt, Germany on an overnight flight.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Frankfurt, Germany / Cochem / Embark *Princesse Royal*

Arrive in Frankfurt, and transfer to Cochem to embark *Princesse Royal* in the early afternoon. After getting settled, take a guided walk through this cozy Moselle town, with its surrounding vine-clad mountains, wooded hills, and a vividly colorful town square with beautiful timber-framed houses and cafés. L,D



Moselle Valley Reisling

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Cochem / Zell

Following breakfast, transfer to Beilstein, one of the best-preserved historical villages on the Moselle. Explore the medieval ruins of Metternich Castle, which towers above the village. After leaving Beilstein, pass the world's steepest vineyard—with slopes inclining up to 65 degrees—at Bremmer Calmont. Conclude in the wine village of Zell, well-known in the industry for the wine Zeller Schwarze Katz. In Zell, acquaint yourself with the excellent wines of the Moselle valley. B,L,D



Saarburg Castle, Germany

MONDAY, JUNE 27

Bernkastel-Kues

Visit the romantic village of Traben-Trarbach, located on the Moselle's left bank and famous for its *Jugendstil* ("youth style") architecture, Germany's answer to Art Nouveau. From there pass through the wine city of Kröv—renowned for its popular Kröver wine—to Bernkastel-Kues, your destination for the night. A photographer's delight, the ensemble of grand half-timbered houses surrounding Bernkastel-Kues' marketplace dates back to the Middle Ages. After a tour, return to the boat in Kues. B,L,D

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

Neumagen / Schweich / Trier

From Bernkastel, the valley opens up and vineyards expand as far as the eye can see. Cruise past several well-regarded names in the wine world: Brauneberg, Piesport, and Trittenheim, which lies in a sharp hairpin turn on the river surrounded by mountains coated with grapes. Around lunchtime, arrive in Neumagen, an important center of wine

production in the Roman Empire. Then, cruise to Trier, the oldest city in Germany. Trier was founded around 15 B.C. by Caesar Augustus under the name of Augusta Treverorum. Trier's impressive number of UNESCO-listed monuments offer a testament to its time as a trading town and administrative center during the Late Roman Imperial Period. Most authentic is the city gate Porta Nigra, which was built around 18 A.D. B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

Trier / Saarburg

In the morning, take a guided tour of Trier with a focus on its Roman history, with additional time to explore the town on your own. After lunch, follow the Moselle and Saar Rivers to our next destination, Saarburg, situated in the densely forested, most beautiful part of the Saar valley. Discover this old town's 10th-century castle as well as a 60-foot-high waterfall. Admire Saarburg's intact 17th- and 18th-century houses, which give the town a picturesque look. This evening, gather for a private dinner at a local restaurant in Saarburg. B,L,D



Organ at l'Église Saint-Maximin, Thionville, France (left) and Temple Neuf, Metz (right)

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

Remich, Luxembourg

Today, *Princesse Royal* sails the section of the Moselle that forms the border between Germany and the tiny country of Luxembourg. On the Luxembourg side, visit a wine cooperative specializing in *Crémant*, a sparkling wine known as “the Champagne of the Moselle.” Near Remich, admire an ancient mosaic floor that was once the centerpiece of a palatial Roman villa. Composed of three million individual tile pieces, the mosaic floor reveals scenes of gladiatorial combat that would have taken place in local amphitheatres. B,L,D



Roman Mosac Nennig, Luxembourg © Yannik Planta

FRIDAY, JULY 1

Schengen / Thionville, France / Metz

While enjoying breakfast on board, cruise to Schengen. This town is the eponym of the landmark European treaty called the “Schengen agreement,” the results of which you will experience as you move from Luxembourg to France: no border controls between countries. Pass the fortress of Sierck-les-Bains, one of the palaces inhabited by the powerful Dukes of Lorraine, and follow the route through lovely French countryside and friendly villages. Around lunchtime, arrive in Thionville, once the center of France’s steel industry. This industrial city has ancient roots: Medieval ramparts, lovely gardens, old streets and the 18th-century church, l’Église Saint-Maximin, are among the sights you will find in Thionville’s historic center. At the city’s port, board the waiting *Princesse Royal*, and cruise to Metz, another ancient city strategically situated on a Roman trading route. In a city full of stunning architecture, flowers, and great cafés, a magnificent highlight will be the Cathédrale Saint Étienne de Metz, the third-largest Gothic church in France. View its flying buttresses, opulent interior, and Marc Chagall-designed stained glass windows. This evening, overnight in Metz. B,L,D

SATURDAY, JULY 2

Metz / Disembark / Frankfurt / Return

Disembark *Princesse Royal* this morning. A group transfer to the Frankfurt airport is included for flights home. B



Heidelberg, Germany

Optional Heidelberg Prelude

JUNE 22-25, 2022

Home to the famous 14th-century university, Heidelberg is built on the steep embankments on either side of the Neckar River, surrounded by dense forests and picturesque hills. Enjoy an in-depth, two-night exploration of its layered history. Join a local guide for an expansive private tour of the ornate centuries-old ruins of Heidelberg Castle, whose romantic beauty inspired the likes of Victor Hugo and Mark Twain. The castle sits 300 feet above the town and offers panoramic views. After a sumptuous lunch at a historic venue, meander the city’s cobbled pathways on a walking tour with a local expert, followed by a tasting of a variety of local beers.

Prelude rate per person:

\$1,299 double rate / \$1,599 single rate

Excursion Rate Includes: Two nights at the Hotel Europäischer Hof Heidelberg, with two breakfasts, one lunch, and two dinners. Sightseeing as noted.

Ship Details

Princesse Royal has fifteen cabins, situated on the lower deck. Each cabin has an en-suite bathroom with shower, toilet, and wash basin. All cabins have an individually regulated air conditioning, ventilation system, and central heating; the portholes in all cabins are fixed for safety reasons. Furthermore, each cabin has a flat-screen (satellite) TV, a mini safe, and a hair dryer. On the upper deck, *Princesse Royal* has a tastefully furnished lounge with air conditioning, restaurant, a beautiful bar, a sitting area with cozy corners, a widescreen TV, and large windows. Wi-Fi is available. Furthermore, *Princesse Royal* offers two partly covered teak wooden sundecks with chairs and tables where you can have a drink when the weather is nice and enjoy the scenery while cruising. On the elevated aft deck, you will find a barbecue and a whirlpool/Jacuzzi to relax.



Princesse Royal

Rates Per Person

CATEGORY/DECK	DOUBLE RATES	SINGLE RATES
3, 5, 6, 8, 10 & 14-19	\$6,999	\$11,999

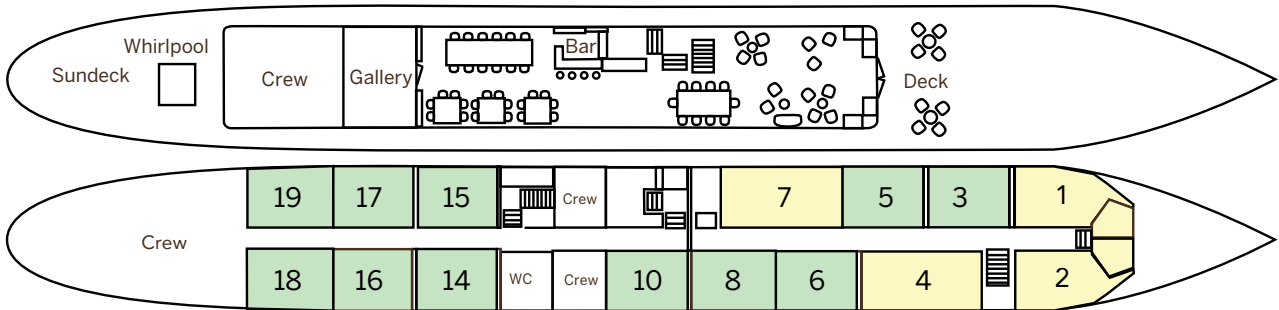
Twin Cabin

1, 2, 4, 7	\$11,999	Inquire
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Premium Twin Cabin



Princesse Royal Lounge (left) and Twin Cabin (right)



The Moselle flowing through Remich, Luxembourg



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Trier, Germany (left) and map of the region (above)



The Moselle Valley



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Terms & Conditions

AA&D Community Expectations: Harvard University Alumni Affairs & Development (AA&D) programs and volunteer opportunities respect the rights, differences, and dignity of others. Those taking part in AA&D activities, including travel programs developed by Harvard Alumni Travels for the Harvard Alumni Association ("HAA"), are expected to demonstrate honesty, integrity, and civility and are accountable for their conduct with University alumni, students, parents, volunteers, employees, and invitees.

AA&D reserves the right to suspend services to—and to exclude from participation in AA&D programs—any person whose inappropriate behavior adversely affects the safety, well-being, and inclusion of community members.

Contract: Harvard Alumni Association does not itself conduct tours, but instead partners with several different tour operators to offer a broad range of travel programs. Tour participants contract directly with tour operators, although HAA is available to act as a liaison with tour operators should participants have any questions or concerns. HAA is not responsible for performing any of the tour operator's obligations. The tour operator for this program is Arrangements Abroad, based in New York, NY.

Program Rates:

Per person double occupancy:

Cabins 3,5,6,8,9,14,15,16,17,18,19	\$6,999
Cabins 1,2,4,7	\$11,999

Single occupancy:

Cabins 3,5,6,8,10,14,15,16,17,18,19	\$11,999
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Program Cost Inclusions: Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard *Princesse Royal* as per itinerary; Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner); bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; complimentary wine and beer with included meals; Airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights; Enrichment program of lectures and special events; Escorted sightseeing by private motorcoach; entrance fees for included visits; Customary shipboard gratuities; enrichment program of lectures and talks; escorted sightseeing by private motorcoach; entrance fees for included visits; customary shipboard gratuities; taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers.

Program Cost Exclusions: International airfare; passport/visa fees; personal items and expenses; airport transfers for those not on suggested group flights; baggage in excess of one suitcase; optional Heidelberg prelude; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

Program Size *Princesse Royal* can accommodate up to 28 passengers for this voyage. Harvard passengers will be joined by guests from the co-sponsoring institutions of The National Trust for Historic Preservation, as well as potential independent travelers.

HAA reserves the right to cancel the program, levy a small group surcharge, and/or send the program without a Harvard study leader. HAA retains the

right to add staff members and/or invited guests to any group departures regardless of the stated group-size limitation.

Reservations, Deposits & Final Payment: To reserve a space on this program, a \$1,000 deposit is required per person. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment has been reached. Final payment is due February 24, 2022 (120 days before departure), payable by cash, check (payable to "Arrangements Abroad") wire transfer, ACH, debit card, or American Express credit card. Participants will receive an invoice directly from Arrangements abroad for all subsequent payments after the initial deposit.

Participant Cancellations & Refunds: Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by the tour operator with copy to HAA from the participant. No deposit refunds will be given for cancellations received after February 24, 2022. Subsequent payments are subject to the cancellation fees as follows: 120 to 91 days prior to departure: 20% of the Program cost is non-refundable. 90 to 61 days before departure: 50% of the Program cost is non-refundable. 60 days or less before departure: 100% of the Program cost is non-refundable. No refunds will be given for cancellations on or after the day of departure, or for unused portions of the tour, for any reason.

Trip Insurance: Neither HAA nor the tour operator, including all representatives, employees, and agents, will take responsibility for any costs or losses incurred or suffered by a participant, or a participant's dependents or traveling companions before, during or after the tour. This includes, without limitation, cancellation or curtailment of the tour, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, or damage theft/loss of personal baggage, money, and goods. As noted below, neither HAA nor its tour operators shall be liable for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable airline ticket or for any other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for the tour.

HAA highly recommends the purchase of trip insurance to cover unforeseen trip interruptions, cancellations, lost baggage, and emergency medical assistance and evacuation. Participants may purchase trip insurance through any provider. HAA will provide information from one provider, Redpoint Resolutions, upon confirmation, which will detail available options. If a participant purchases a trip insurance policy from Redpoint Resolutions within a 14-day window, then the pre-existing medical conditions exclusion will be waived, and the participant will be eligible to purchase the "Cancel for Any Reason" upgrade. The 14-day window begins on the first day the participant's trip deposits become non-refundable. For participants who utilize a trip credit to book the trip, the 14-day window starts the first day the participant is subject to financial penalty for cancellation, including full or partial loss of the trip credit. An insurance policy, when issued, shall constitute a contract only between the participant and the insurance provider. HAA will not intervene in any transactional issues

or claim disputes between the participant and the insurance provider.

Air Arrangements: International airfare is not included in the cost of the program. The tour operator can assist you with your air arrangements. Neither the Harvard Alumni Association nor the tour operator accepts the liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket. The air ticket when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the airline concerned. Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between you and the airline, even if purchased through Operator.

What to Expect/Physical Health: Due to the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), participants should anticipate rules and restrictions to be enforced at airports, on flights, and at country entry points, as well as protocols in place during the program to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Updates will be provided closer to departure.

All participants must be in overall good health to participate in a HAA trip. All programs require physical independence and mobility: participants must be able to embark or disembark all conveyances used on the program alone or with minimal assistance from a traveling companion and must be able to climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance.

Participants requiring assistance **must** travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling any required equipment. Any physical or mental health condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance must be disclosed in writing prior to booking so that HAA and the tour operator may evaluate whether participation is feasible. All participants should consult with their doctor about whether they can meet the physical requirements of their trip and must complete and return any medical forms required by the tour operator.

Participants with **dietary restrictions** also must make these known to the tour operator well before departure, otherwise the tour operator may not be able to accommodate them.

Preparing For The Tour: Participants will be provided with comprehensive pre-departure travel information, including specific suggestions for packing.

Changes in Itinerary, Program, Staffing & Costs: The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of HAA and the tour operator. HAA reserves the right to change program dates, staff (including study leader), itineraries, or accommodations as conditions warrant. HAA further reserves the right to cancel programs, levy a small group surcharge, send a program without a study leader and/or withdraw HAA sponsorship from a program. Please note that all participants are bound to the cancellation fee schedule and other terms and conditions of the program regardless of whether HAA takes any of these actions. Participants making deviations from the scheduled itinerary do so at their own expense. All prices quoted are based on

Terms & Conditions (continued)

prevailing fuel prices, airfares, and currency exchange rates in effect as of the date of this publication and are subject to change.

Failure to Operate the Tour or Cancellation of the Tour by the Tour Operator: If the tour operator fails to operate the tour or cancels the tour, except as a direct result of adverse weather conditions, strikes, local laws, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, significant health concerns (such as epidemics or pandemics requiring significant travel disruptions), or other such causes beyond HAA and the tour operator's reasonable control (Force Majeure Events), then the tour operator shall refund all monies received from tour participants. If the tour operator's failure to operate the tour or cancellation of the tour is a direct result of a Force Majeure Event, then the tour operator may provide tour participants a refund consisting, in whole or in part, of credit toward future travel. Tours also shall be cancelled if the U. S. State Department, another U.S. government agency, or a relevant local government agency issues a statement within sixty (60) days of tour departure to the effect that American citizens or others should not travel except for essential reasons to any of the destinations on the itinerary for that tour. In such case, the tour operator will provide an alternate tour with a revised or substitute itinerary and may provide tour participants who choose not to travel on the alternate itinerary a refund consisting, in whole or in part, of credit toward future travel.

Curtailment of the Tour by the Tour Operator: If a tour is curtailed after it has begun, either as a direct result of a Force Majeure Event, or because the U. S. State Department, another U.S. government agency, or a relevant local government agency has issued a statement to the effect that American citizens or others should not travel except for essential reasons to the remaining destinations on the itinerary for that tour, then the tour operator will take immediate steps to end the tour early and assist tour participants with travel arrangements back to their homes or other final destinations. In such a case, the tour operator may provide tour participants a refund for the number of missed days on the original tour consisting, in whole or in part, of credit toward future travel. The calculation for any such refund shall take into account any non-recoverable prepayments, and any additional expenses incurred by the tour operator to wind up the tour early.

Responsibility: The tour operator, its owners, and employees act only as agents for the various independent suppliers and contractors providing transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurants, and other services connected with this tour. Such travel, accommodations, and services are subject to the terms and conditions under which they are offered or provided, and HAA and the tour operator, along with their respective employees, agents, representatives, and assigns, accept no liability therefor. Neither HAA nor the tour operator assumes liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any aircraft or vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or

person engaged in carrying out or performing any of the services involved. Nor will HAA and the tour operator accept responsibility for losses, injury, damages, or expenses of any kind due to Force Majeure Events, other than as provided above. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. HAA and the tour operator reserve the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour participants. HAA and the tour operator may, in their sole judgment, decline to accept or retain any person as a tour participant. Baggage and personal effects are always the sole responsibility of their owners. The price of the program is given in good faith based on current tariffs and rates and is subject to change. Any increases in tariffs, exchange rates, or fuel prices will be passed onto participants. As part of the consideration and right to participate in a tour, each participant must sign this document and may be asked to sign a separate liability waiver and release form by the tour operator.

Personal Information: HAA and the tour operator will not share participants' personal information with third parties or make it publicly available except as follows: participants' names, degree(s), home city, and email addresses may be included in the tour participant list that is distributed to tour staff and participants prior to departure; and relevant information about participants is shared with those contracted to provide tour services in the destination. Tour operators and their agents are prohibited from sharing or selling this information to other parties. Participants may opt out of sharing their email addresses with others on the tour participant list.

Appearing in Photos: Photos from Harvard trips may be posted on photo-sharing web sites or on social networking sites. Your likeness may appear in some photos or videos, posted either by HAA or by other travelers, and these materials may be circulated worldwide. Trip photos also may be selected to appear in future Harvard Alumni Travels promotions; in such cases, HAA will attempt to notify the traveler in advance, but no compensation is available for appearing in a trip photo used for promotional purposes.

Disclaimer: Every reasonable effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information presented in this document. HAA is not responsible for errors in or damages resulting from the use of the information contained herein. Information contained in this document is subject to change.

Assumption of Risk: Tour participants understand and agree that participation in the tour involves risks that include, without limitation, risks involved in travel; political, legal, medical, social, economic, and weather conditions; standards of design, safety, and maintenance of buildings, public places, and conveyances that may differ from those to which they are accustomed; and health and safety standards that may differ from those to which they are accustomed. Without limiting the

foregoing, tour participants understand and agree that there are risks associated with the possibility of an epidemic or pandemic, the trajectory of which may be unpredictable, and that as a result of such an epidemic or pandemic, local and national governments may enact border, travel, and stay-at-home restrictions, and health care systems may become overwhelmed. Tour participants recognize that they may be subjected to potential risks, illnesses, injuries, and even death and confirm that they have made their own investigation of these risks, understand them, and assume them knowingly and willingly. Knowing the risks described herein, tour participants agree, on behalf of their family, heirs, and personal representative(s), to assume all risks and responsibilities surrounding their participation in the tour.

Release & Indemnification: By signing below (or by checking the respective box on the online registration form), I certify that I am age 18 or older and that I have carefully read and freely signed these Travel Terms and Conditions on my own behalf and on behalf of all members of my party. To the maximum extent permitted by law, I release, hold harmless and agree to indemnify Harvard, and its officers, governing board members, faculty, staff, representatives, employees and agents, from and against any present or future claims, losses, liabilities, costs and expenses for injury to person or property, or for any other damage, which I may suffer, or for which I may be liable to any other person, related to my participation in the tour resulting from any cause, including but not limited to negligence on my part or on the part of any of the released parties.

I understand and agree that no oral or written representations can or will alter the contents of this document. I agree that this agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (excluding its conflict of laws principles), which shall be the forum for any lawsuits filed under or incident to this agreement or the tour.

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