

Discover and enjoy the Moselle countryside



MOSEL SAAR RUWER



At the top

A warm welcome to the Moselle,
Saar und Ruwer ... a countryside of
superlatives awaiting your visit!
It is here that winegrowers produce
top international wines, it is here
that the Romans founded the oldest city
of Germany, it is here that you will find
one of the most successful
combinations of rich, ancient culture
and countryside, which is sometimes
gentle and sometimes spectacular.
As far as the art of living is concerned,
the proximity to France and Luxem-
bourg inspires not only the cuisine
of the Moselle region. There is hardly
any other holiday region that has
so many fascinating facets.



Winegrowers who cultivate steep hillsides



INSIDE GERMANY the Moselle has cut its way through deep gorges and countless meanders into the mountains over a distance of more than 240 kilometres, until it meets Father Rhine in Koblenz. Europe's steepest vineyard, the Bremmer Calmont, with a 68° slope, is situated in the largest enclosed area of cliffs in the world: roughly half of the Moselle vineyards, comprising around 10,000 hectares in total, are cultivated in this way, which demands a lot of

care and manual work. A winegrower must not suffer from vertigo here! The steep slopes and terraces, with their mild micro-climate and slate ground that stores the heat, are the ideal conditions for the Riesling grape, which produces the uniquely delicate fruity and tangy wines along the Moselle, Saar and Ruwer. The dry Moselle wines, in particular, that are cultivated by the 5000 or so winegrowers, with a wealth of individual nuances, are an excellent accompaniment to

ides are heroes



delicate dishes. Their superior-quality, sweet “relatives” - which go well, for example, with the dessert, cheese or cigar – have also found a loyal following amongst connoisseurs.

Experienced wine writers put the Moselle-Saar-Ruwer region amongst one of the top locations: of the 100 best German wine estates, 30 come from the Moselle. However, it is not only Riesling, which made the Moselle famous, that is pressed here. Fresh and uncomplicated

Elbling grows on the shell limestone soils along the Upper Moselle, the fruity dry Rivaner and increasingly also white Burgundy and Burgundy gris wines are being cultivated. Red wines, especially the late Burgundies and Dornfelder, complete the extensive range of the winegrowers. The large variety of aromas of the Moselle wines, with their moderate alcohol content, never detracts from the enjoyment of them – a pure pleasure of discovery for wine buffs. From first class

restaurants to proper “Straußwirtschaften” [wine-bars selling new wines], you will find a Mediterranean joie de vivre in the traditional wine villages and towns to suit every taste, whether your preference is for an earthy, comfortable, family atmosphere or for something more refined in a sophisticated ambience. The Romans, who introduced the vines to the Moselle 2000 years ago, laid the foundations for the hearty and merry hospitality associated with wine.



Throughout the Y

If you live amidst vineyards, then wine defines your life. From the grape harvest in the autumn, until the first frosts provide the

Then, sampling tingling new wines of the Moselle region. But why not discover

Specially trained wine discovery guides are available throughout the year to guide you through the world of wine along the Moselle, Saar and Ruwer in quite a special and vivid way. When you are on tour with a wine discovery guide, you can, of course, sample the fine vintages on site – but you will experience much more. The connection between climate

and geology and wine, the history of the Moselle countryside and the techniques and finesses of wine cultivation are subjects, which you will be familiarised with through a multitude of experiences. The summer gives the grapes everything they need, so that they produce the ultimate pleasure of a sunny and warm taste. Now we come to the street and estate wine

festivals. These are found in every conceivable variety, from the cosy get-togethers with the winegrowers in a village, right through to the elegant occasions in gastronomic establishments. Music is all part of it: from jazz through pop to the classics and folk ... the whole spectrum comes alive. A high-point for gourmets: the Wein&Gourmet festival in spring,





ear

nes your whole year. The traditional time for a trip to the Moselle is the conditions for the deliciously sweet and aromatic Eiswein.

ne (Federweißen) and spicy Zwiebelkuchen [onion pie] are part of the typical pleasures so mething new?

which ensures “pleasure along the river bank” throughout the Moselle countryside for several weeks.

“Rhythm’n’Wine”, sparkling wine gala in a Rococo setting or classical wine tastings ... the possibilities of celebrating wine, joie-de-vivre and fine food together are innumerable. Finally, the winter is the best time for connoisseurs, who try out the wines of past vintages at leisure.

Riesling is not only there to be drunk young: top wines from selected locations become the true treasures of viniculture as the years pass by. Winter “Gemütlichkeit” – the Moselle region offers the ideal setting for wellness, for an intimate, undisturbed twosome and a break from everyday life.





The stage is set!

The Moselle region represents pure culture.

Hardly surprising, because, after all, it was not only wine
that the Romans introduced to their new home.





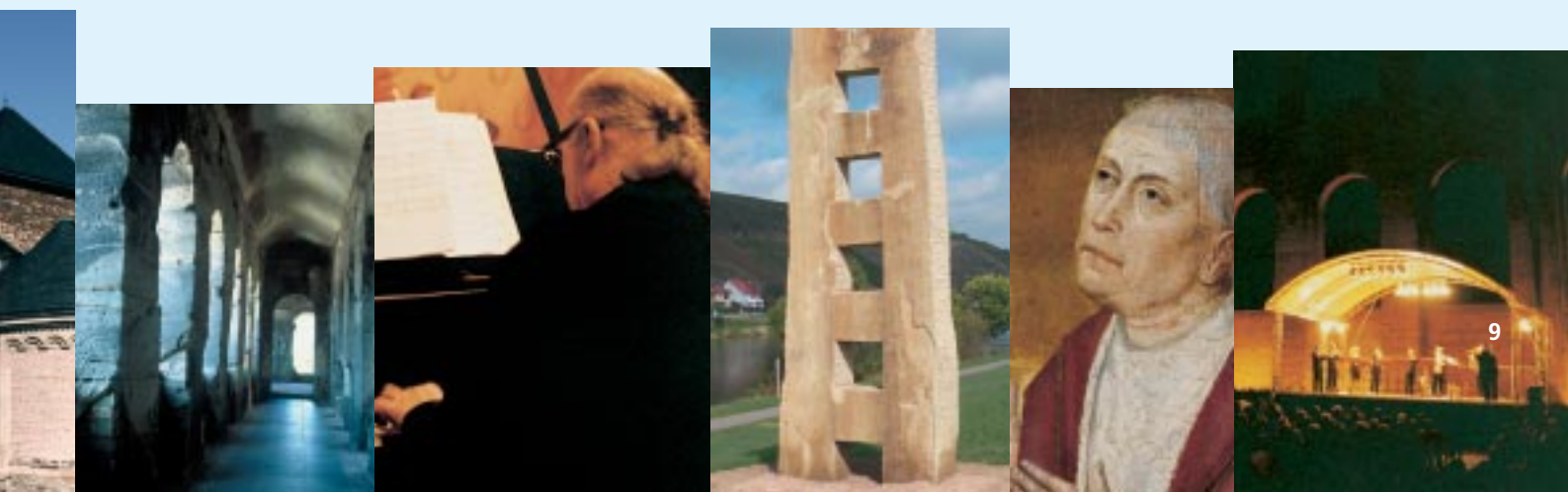
THE SPENDOUR OF THEIR ARCHITECTURE is often very well preserved - from the elegant villa rustica through the amphitheatre, thermal springs and temples to wine presses, sculptures and monuments. The Roman buildings of Trier form part of the UNESCO world cultural heritage. Yet architectural history also has more recent treasures to offer: such famous buildings as castles from the Middle Ages, like Burg Eltz or the Cochem Reichsburg, Baroque half-timber façade houses as are found in Bernkastel and many other towns along the Moselle, seemingly playful „Jugendstil“ buildings, especially in Traben-Trarbach, where the joie de vivre of the Moselle region is particularly well expressed.

Trier, as the metropolis of the Moselle region, offers a vast range of cultural high points, such as the classical festival, which stages classical material in a modern setting. And then there are the successful series of events like the “Mosel-Festwochen” – the largest classical music festival in the

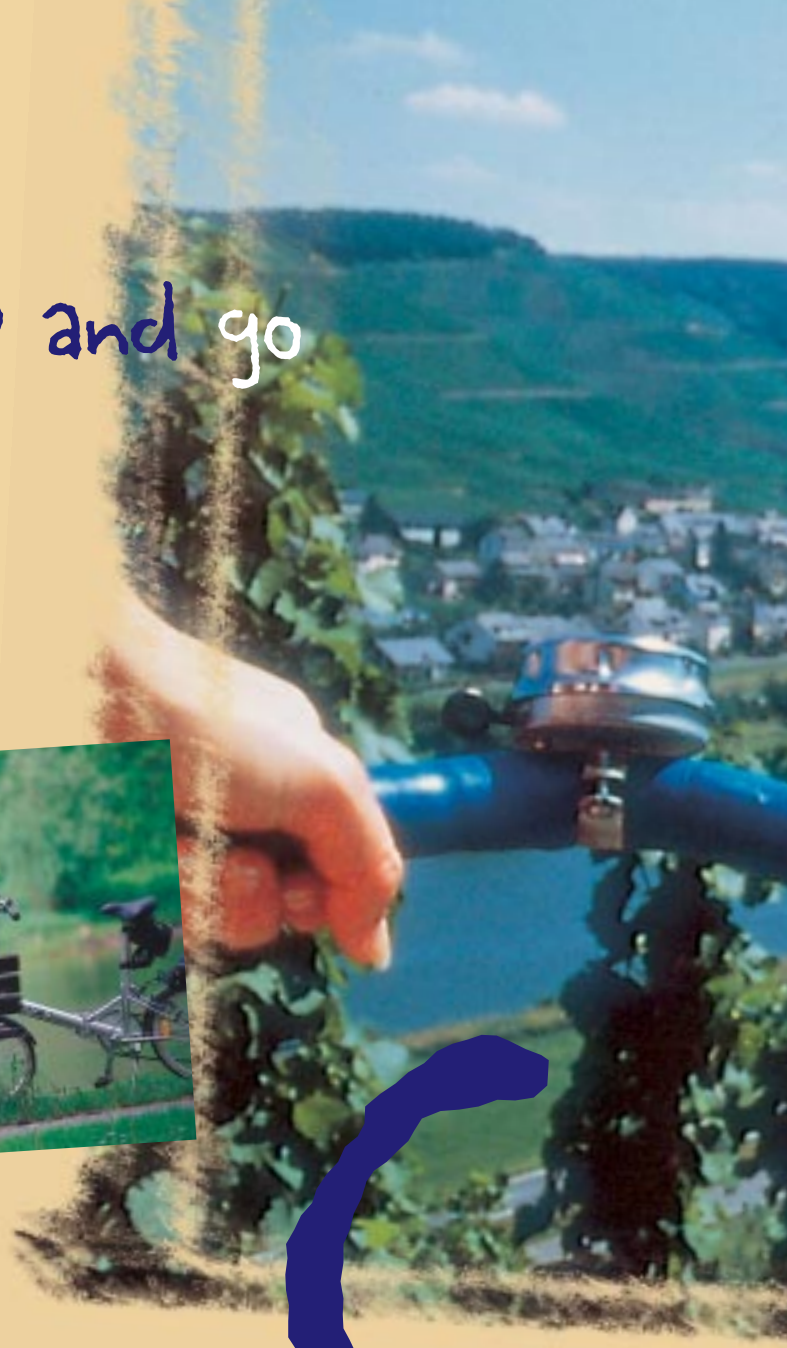
Rhineland-Palatinate that has been staged over the last 15 years. All these events embrace the region as a whole.

Monasteries, wine cellars and castles are majestic backdrops for numerous music and theatre productions, exhibitions of plastic arts, poetry readings, cabaret or literary wine tastings. Everything associated with culture is at home in the Moselle region, ranging from the after-work party in town through lounge music to traditional costume events in the wine village.

The intellectual heritage of the Moselle region is also famous: the famous philosopher, Nikolaus von Kues, and Karl Marx, the lateral thinker of great consequence, stand, throughout the world, as representatives of change in their particular historical epoch. For religious people, the region is a focus: Trier cathedral is the oldest church north of the Alps; the Holy Rock still attracts thousands of pilgrims and the bones of the St. Matthew the Apostle are kept as relics in Trier.



Get up and go



There are many active ways of enjoying the Moselle region.

Cyclists, above all, enjoy peddling along the picturesque meanders of the river. Tours along the Moselle, Saar and other Moselle tributaries, like the Sauer; the Kyll, Lieser and Ruwer are ideal for cyclists who are not driven by pure sporting ambition but are seeking relaxation in movement. Signposted and ADFC-tested routes perfect the enjoyment on two wheels and there is much for nature lovers to see in the often-wild fissured side valleys of the Moselle. It's really worth while getting on your bike!





But other sports lovers also get their money's worth out of the Moselle: golfers and para-gliders, fans of water skiing and oarsmen, anglers and parachute jumpers ... as far as sport is concerned, almost anything is possible. Wine trails or the Moselle ridge path, on both sides of the river, entice hikers to explore the landscape on foot. Baths and hot springs enthruse swimmers and at the same time are an eldorado for people, who want to do themselves good. Wellness is written in block capitals here, particularly in Traben-

Trarbach/Bad Wildstein and Bad Bertrich, Germany's only Glauber's salt thermal spring, the natural warmth of which caters for your health in a side valley of the Moselle. Many first class hotels in the Moselle region offer wellness and beauty programmes for demanding customers. The classical method to make progress in the Moselle region, is, of course, a trip on one of the elegant ships of the "White Fleet". Round trips, dance cruises, day or half-day excursions or, as a parti-

cular highlight, a trip at dusk are the chosen form of transport from Easter to the end of October, to get to know the Moselle region, whilst at the same time exercising by doing sweet nothing. Nothing is more relaxing than being transported over water to the gentle chugging of the engines, whilst enjoying a few drinks of vintage wine and some fine food.



Course set for pleas

THE MOSELLE REGIONAL tourist board will provide you with detailed information about the holiday region as a whole, as part of its service to visitors and will be pleased to help you plan your journey to the Moselle region at any time.

If you are interested in a particular holiday destination or have already decided on a location, then our partner tourist offices will be pleased to help and send on any detailed brochures.

MOSEL-SAAR-RUWER WEIN E. V. will give you tips on how to explore the diverse world of wine along the Moselle, Saar and Ruwer. We will be pleased to send you our wine guide, a list of dates for the many wine festivals and other information literature on wine and winegrowers to enable you to plan your wine discovery journey.



FERIENREGION TRIERER LAND E.V. DEUTSCH-LUXEMBURGISCHE TOURIST INFORMATION

Between the Moselle, Sauer and Kyll: a border-hopping pleasure for cyclists and hikers.
Moselstr. 1, 54308 Langsur-Wasserbilligerbrück, Fon (+49) 06501-602666, www.lux-trier.info

SAAR-OBERMOSEL-TOURISTIK

A paradise for cyclists where the three countries (Germany, France and Luxembourg) meet – including Elbling and Riesling along the Upper Moselle and Saar.
Granastr. 22, 54329 Konz, Fon (+49) 06501-7790 und Graf-Siegfried-Str. 32, 54439 Saarburg,
Fon (+49) 06581-995980, www.saar-obermosel.de



ure



VERBANDSGEMEINDE MAIFELD

Cycling, jogging, and skating on the Maifeld – all around Eltz castle.

Marktplatz 4, 56751 Polch, Fon (+49) 02654-9402-0, www.maifeld.de



TOURIST-INFORMATION FERIENLAND TREIS-KARDEN

From Romans to canons: traditional wine growing country.

Hauptstr. 27, 56253 Treis-Karden/Ortsteil Treis, Fon (+49) 02672-6137, www.treis-karden.de



TOURIST-INFORMATION SONNIGE UNTERMOSEL

Steep slopes, innumerable wine terraces – and the sun shines in your glass.

Bahnhofstr. 44, 56330 Kobern-Gondorf, Fon (+49) 02607-4927, www.untermosel.de



TOURIST-INFORMATION BAD BERTRICH

Highly recommended: Germany's only Glauber's salt thermal spring.

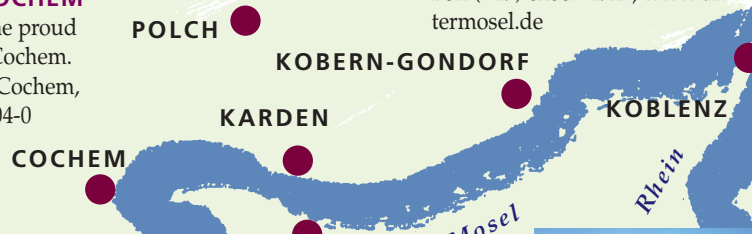
Kurfürstenstr. 32, 56864 Bad Bertrich, Fon (+49) 02674-932222, www.bad-bertrich.de



TOURIST INFORMATION FERIENLAND COCHEM

Visible from afar: the proud Reichsburg above Cochem.

Endertplatz, 56812 Cochem, Fon (+49) 02671-6004-0, www.cochem.de



TOURIST-INFORMATION MITTELMOSEL-KONDELWALD

An unforgettable event held every year: traditional costumes and wine on the floating Moselle stage in Kröv.

Rathaus, 54536 Kröv, Fon (+49) 06541-706-111, www.mittelmosel-kondelwald.de

BAD BERTRICH



TOURIST-INFORMATION ZELLER LAND

It is world famous and tastes excellent – "Schwarze Katz" from Zell.

Rathaus, Balduinstr. 44, 56856 Zell, Fon (+49) 06542-9622-0, www.zellerland.de



TOURIST-INFORMATION ROEMISCHE WEINSTRASSE

From Roman villa to Roman villa and always in view - wine.

Brückenstr. 46, 54338 Schweich, Fon (+49) 06502-9338-0, www.schweich.de/tourismus

SCHWEICH



TRABEN-TRARBACH



TOURIST-INFORMATION TRABEN-TRARBACH

The wine trade helped it to flourish: the Jugendstil town.

Bahnstr. 22, 56841 Traben-Trarbach, Fon (+49) 06541-83980, www.traben-trarbach.de



TOURIST-INFORMATION TRIER STADT UND LAND E.V.

Formerly the second Rome and now the oldest town in Germany: the university town of Trier.

An der Porta Nigra, 54290 Trier, Fon (+49) 0651-97808-0, www.trier.de/tourismus

VERKEHRSAMT DER VERBANDSGEMEINDE NEUMAGEN-DHRON

Thanks to the Roman wine ship: the oldest wine village in Germany.

Römerstr. 137, 54347 Neumagen-Dhron, Fon (+49) 06507-9255-0, www.moselvielfalt.de



MOSEL-GÄSTE-ZENTRUM

TOURIST-INFORMATION BERNKASTEL-KUES

The international town of the grape and wine: Pure Romanticism.

Gestade 6, 54470 Bernkastel-Kues, Fon (+49) 06531-4023, www.bernkastel.de

MITTELMOSELTOURISTIK BERNKASTEL-KUES

Welcome to the land of sundials and Roman winepresses: along the middle Moselle.

Gestade 18 a, 54470 Bernkastel-Kues, Fon (+49) 06531-3075, www.bernkastel-kues.de



VERKEHRSAMT RUWER

Extensive forest meets outstanding wine: in the Ruwer valley.

Rheinstr. 44, 54292 Trier, Fon (+49) 0651-551-24, www.ruwer.de

Tips? You're welcome!

Moselle regional
Cycle touring guide:
7,60 Euro

WINE TRAVEL GUIDES AND WINE TASTINGS

Wine buffs and those who enjoy wine can take the four wine routes through the wine-growing region of the Moselle, Saar and Ruwer. The Elbling route runs along the southern Moselle region along the frontier with Luxembourg and France, whilst the Saar-Ruwer-Riesling route embraces the wine-growing regions along the most important tributaries of the Moselle.

All the wine-growing towns and villages from the border with France as far as Koblenz are along the roughly 240 kilometre-long Moselle wine route.

The Moselle-Saar-Ruwer wine travel guide will show you the way to the individual wine-growing villages and the routes where you can learn about wine; it names the winegrowers' co-operatives, which offer wine tasting and guided tours of the wine cellars and vineyards, not forgetting the wine seminars! The wine experience guide offers a tour of the countryside, thereby providing with experience and useful information all about wine. Information on wine tasting and the numerous wine festivals are also available from local tourist information offices. An official seal will help you choose the right wine with your meal. The "Bester Schoppen" award guides the visitor to a tasty glass of wine.

WEIN&GOURMET FESTIVAL

Delightful discoveries await you in cosy wine bars selling new wine, in modern wine bars and fine restaurants in the Moselle and neighbouring regions. The diversity of the wines of the Moselle, Saar and Ruwer regions makes them ideal accompaniments to local and international cuisine. This is particularly clearly demonstrated at the Wein&Gourmet Festival, which Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Wein e.V. and the Moselle regional tourist board organise every year. Winegrowers, chefs and artists combine wine, cuisine and culture with more than 100 events, providing a pleasure for all the senses. The spectrum ranges from culinary wine tastings to excellent gourmet menus right to the glittering gala evening in a historical setting.

CYCLING AND IN-LINE SKATING

An extensive and level cycling route network runs from the German-French border at Perl along the Upper Moselle via Trier and along the central and terraced Moselle right to Koblenz. If you want, you can already start from Thionville in France (VeloTour Moselle). Cycle touring routes where the three countries (Germany, France and Luxembourg) meet provide endless cycling pleasure. Circular tours and day trips by bicycle can be undertaken from any holiday resort in the Moselle region. Even mountain bike riders get their money's worth along the Moselle and Saar. The extensive cycling route network is also eminently suitable for in-line skating.

CYCLING EVENT DAYS

Several times a year, cyclists in the Moselle region have absolute priority, when normal roads are declared wide cycling tracks. One cycling event day full of superlatives is the "Happy Moselle" where the longest stretch of road in Europe is barred to traffic. Other events include: "Saarpedal", "Ruwertal aktiv", "Kylltal aktiv" and "Summer Biking in the Nims- and Sauerthal".

HIKING

Countless hiking routes take the walker through diverse countryside - through river valleys and up onto the tops of vineyards, through narrow and wild gorges, dense forests and through colourful orchards. What is unique is the "Moselle ridge path", that traces the steps of the Romans over 390 km on both sides of the Moselle. Even Alpine mountaineering is on the cards: Europe's steepest vineyard can be climbed via the narrow climbing footpath at Bremmer Calmont. Interesting theme routes, nature trails and historical hiking routes provide interesting insights into the highly traditional cultural scene along the Moselle, Saar and Ruwer.

WELLNESS AND HEALTH

Forget the stress and hectic round of everyday life and immerse yourself in the beneficial warmth of our thermal baths. For example, in the 32-degree mountain spring water of Ger-



www.msr-wein.de
www.weinerlebnisbegleiter.de
www.derbesteschoppen.de

www.wein-gourmetfestival.de





only Glauber's salt thermal spring. You can luxuriously relax and let your tensions melt away in the thermal mineral spring at Trarbach/Bad Wildstein. A warm natural spring with a temperature of more than 33 degrees bubbles up from a depth of 400 m from the massive rocks of slate. Whether you are looking for a holistic approach to health and stress management or a holiday to enhance your beauty, a diverse range of beauty and wellness offers awaits you in the Moselle region.

FUN IN THE WATER AND BOAT TRIPS

Sailing, surfing, water-skiing – our rivers provide you with many ways to enjoy the summer. From wake boarding and introductory diving courses, to rowing and paddling on the Moselle, Saar and Sauer rivers. How about a sailing trip from Koblenz right to the border with France at Perl? There are several yacht marinas and boat moorings along the Moselle and Saar and sailing boats, canoes and kayaks can be hired, as well as motor boats with or without licence requirement. An up-to-date and detailed passenger boat timetable, containing the offers of the "White Fleet" for the Moselle and Saar, can be obtained from the Moselle regional tourist board.



HIGH IN THE AIR

Gentle gliding on the warm air currents of the river valleys of the Moselle and Saar: the particular thermals make the Moselle region not only one of the most important wine growing areas, but also a paradise for hang gliders and paragliders. If you want, you can also observe the picturesque meandering river from the bird's eye view of a hot air balloon or a glider. Round trips by air and charter flights are also available in motorised aircraft.

EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Fancy a bit of culture? The Moselle region has several highlights to offer: for example, the largest music festival in the Rhineland Palatinate, the Moselle festival, with around 60 concerts a year along the Moselle and Saar. The secret of its success is the unusual events with out-

standing musicians and soloists in special surroundings. Every summer, the classical festival in Trier livens up the imposing UNESCO world cultural heritage of the town with classical subjects in all their magnificence. Lovers of organ music should not miss the series of concerts on historical organs in our impressive churches. Keyboard magic can also be witnessed at the International Summer Piano Festival in Bad Bertrich. However, culture in the Moselle region is not only of a classical nature. Events against a historical backdrop are available for all tastes, including jazz, rock and open air cinema. A detailed events calendar that is constantly updated can be found on the Internet at www.mosellandtouristik.de.

SIGHTS

Trier was once a Roman metropolis and the seat of the Emperor Caesar Constantine. Many imposing buildings from this period are still preserved – not only in Trier. The surrounding area, with its Roman villas, temples and monuments, the wine presses and water mains network also testify to the wealth of the Roman province. The Middle Ages come to life, particularly in the knights' castles, which fringe the courses of the rivers Moselle, Saar and Ruwer. Towns and villages are marked by their exceptional architecture: from the Romantic, Gothic and Renaissance periods in churches and cloisters, early Baroque in the form of Moselle-Franconian half-timbered houses or High Baroque, as witnessed in the electoral buildings. In addition to this, the last two centuries produced impressive architecture. A trip along the Moselle, Saar and Ruwer is always a journey back in time.



People wishing to delve even deeper in the treasure chest of history can visit the numerous museums and museums of local history in the Moselle region, ranging from open-air museums to the collections of precious Roman findings, as well as Christian and urban art and cultural treasures.



Tango Kle...
Erleben Sie den in...
Klarinettenisten Gio...

Updated events calendar:
www.mosellandtouristik.de

Moselle regional hiking guide:
6,60 Euro



Published by

Mosellandtouristik GmbH

Postfach 1310, D-54463 Bernkastel-Kues

Fon: (+49) 06531-2091, Fax: (+49) 06531-2093

eMail: info@mosellandtouristik.de,

www.mosellandtouristik.de

Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Wein e.V. Trier

Gartenfeldstr. 12a, D-54295 Trier

Fon: (+49) 0651-71028-0, Fax : (+49) 0651-45443

eMail: info@msr-wein.de, www.msr-wein.de



Text: Angelika Koch · Design: LutzDesign · Management: Annekathrin Knoth
Photography: Hermann Schausten, Fotostudio Thewalt, Klara Prämassing,
Christopher Arnoldi, Faber & Partner, Karl Hoffmann, Andreas Burmann,
Ansgar Schmitz, www.deutscheweine.de, Theater Trier, archives of various tourist-offices,
Burgen, Schlösser, Altertümer Rheinland-Pfalz/Axel Brachat, Michael Jordan
Reproduction: Reprotechnik Schmitt · Printproduction: Johnen Druck
Copyright: © Mosellandtouristik GmbH, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Wein e.V.



MOSELLANDTOURISTIK