



Itinerary for Five Day Tour to the Rhine General Studies

Day One:

Depart school on executive coach. Coffee making, DVD and toilet facilities on board. Shuttle crossing to France.

Onward journey to our accommodation.

Day Two:

After a German-style breakfast, depart for the **Rhine valley**, with its dramatic landscape of cliffs, vineyards and castles.

Marksburg castle - the group will visit a dramatic castle which has withstood all attacks - the children are particularly fascinated by a grisly torture chamber in the cellar!

The group will board a boat for a **cruise on the river**, viewing the **Burg Rheinfels**, the **Loreley** rock and the **Burg Maus** and **Burg Katz** en route to **Rudesheim**.

At **Rudesheim**, there will be a chair lift ride through the vineyards at **Niederwald** before a return to Koblenz, and a tour of the **Altstadt**. This has a pedestrianised area where the children will taste fresh pretzels and bread from the bakeries and view the many varieties of sausage on offer. If desired, the children can be given sufficient money to buy an ice-cream at an **Eis café!**

There will also be a visit to the **Deutsches Eck**, where the children will have the opportunity to view the confluence of the Rhine and the Moselle.

Return to hotel and supper.

Day Three:

Breakfast and transfer to **Cologne**. Our first visit in Cologne will be to the **sports stadium**, home of F.C. Koln, for a guided tour.

The group will then have the opportunity to visit a **chocolate factory** before seeing the famous **cathedral** and time permitting, exploring the city.

Onward transfer to Bonn and a guided tour of the **history museum**

Return to the hotel.

Day Four:

Breakfast and transfer to **Phantasialand** for an afternoon visit at this popular theme park.

Return to hotel and supper.

Day Five:

Breakfast and departure for the United Kingdom. On the return journey, the group will be able to visit a **hypermarket** for any last minute shopping. Approximate arrival at school 20:00

Option :

*After a German-style breakfast, depart for the **Moselle Valley**.*

*Onwards to the **castle at Cochem** for a guided visit or the **Burg Eltz**.*

*There will then be a visit to a local winery before lunch and transfer to **Trier***

Return to the accommodation and our evening meal.

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