

Wonderful Koblenz and Upper Middle Rhine Valley – World Heritage (UNESCO) since 1972

40 castles and fortresses, stretched along a mere 65 km of the River Rhine between the cities of Koblenz and Bingen, constitute one of the most outstanding features of the World Heritage Site. Such a concentration of castles within such a small area is to be found nowhere else in the world! The castles stand today as silent witnesses to the turbulent past of the region. Its strategic position and lucrative toll duties meant that the Middle Rhine Valley was a disputed area for a long time. The archbishoprics of Cologne, Mainz, and Treves, as well as Count Palatines and Landgraves, as well as the lower aristocracy all had estates in the region.



Castle Stolzenfels



Loreley Hill

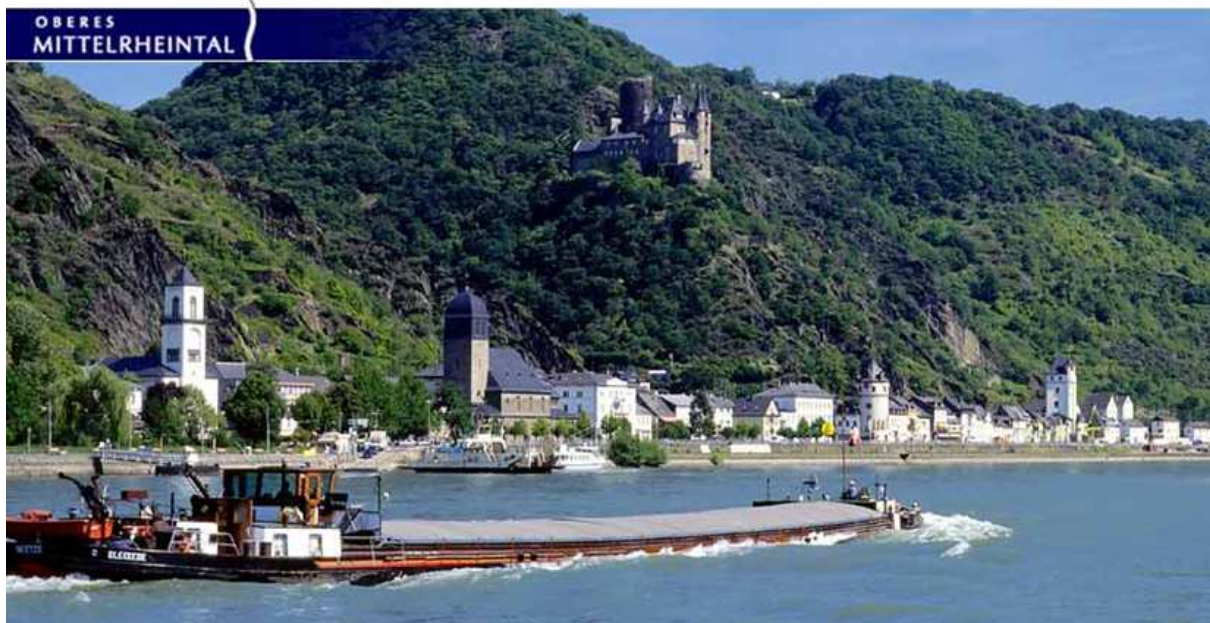


River Moselle

Towns and villages



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Nature



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Viewpoints



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Churches



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Not far away (50 km): Cologne Dome



Not only the biggest airport in Germany, also Romantic Frankfurt Old town Market (150 km)



Down South (150 km): Romantic town and University Heidelberg



Or do you like to go a bit farer: Bavaria, Neuschwanstein Castle

