

Cochem, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany

Perched on a bend of the Moselle, Cochem is everything a Rhine-and-Moselle river cruise promises: a neo-Gothic castle crowning the hill, steep Riesling slopes tumbling to the river, and a half-timbered Old Town you can explore in an afternoon.

Docked (Moselle Promenade) Typical call: 6-8 hrs Euro (€) German

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships tie up along the Moselle Promenade — town center is steps away

Walk to center: 2-3 min on foot from gangway to Marktplatz

Best For: Riesling tastings, Reichsburg Castle, scenic riverside strolling

Don't Miss: Guided tour of Reichsburg Castle and a glass of local Moselle Riesling

Getting around: Taxi €6–€12 · Rideshare not available · Hop-on hop-off Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Reichsburg Castle Tour** — Cochem's neo-Gothic hilltop fortress dates to around 1000 AD, was destroyed in 1689, and was painstakingly rebuilt in the 19th century.
- **Moselle Riesling Wine Tasting** — The steep slate slopes around Cochem produce some of Germany's finest Riesling.
- **Moselle River Cruise to Beilstein** — A short riverboat excursion upstream to the tiny village of Beilstein — the 'Sleeping Beauty' of the Moselle — passes vineyards and a ruined hilltop...
- **Sesselbahn Chairlift to Pinnerkreuz** — Ride the Cochem chairlift (Sesselbahn) from near the town bridge up to Pinnerkreuz for panoramic views over the Moselle bend, the castle, and the...
- **Bundesbank Bunker Museum** — Beneath a residential hillside 4 km from town lies Germany's Cold War secret — a vast emergency vault built to store paper currency in the event of a...

BEST WALKS

- **Old Town & Marktplatz Loop** 1-2 km · 30-45 min · Easy — From the Moselle Promenade, walk into the Old Town and circle through the market square, past the Baroque town hall, and along the narrow half-timbered lanes before...
- **Castle Climb via Schlossberg** 2 km · 45-60 min · Moderate (steep ascent) — Walk from the Marktplatz up Schlossberg — the main pedestrian path to Reichsburg Castle.
- **Moselle Promenade Riverside Stroll** 2-3 km · 30-45 min · Easy — A flat, scenic walk along the Moselle riverbank in both directions from the ship — past moored boats, riverside cafés, and vineyard-covered hillsides.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🌞 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain		
Apr	59°	42°	10d	Apr 6:38AM–8:25PM · Jun 5:21AM–9:42PM · Aug 6:21AM–8:49PM · Sep 7:07AM–7:44PM · Oct 7:53AM–6:39PM	
Jun	74°	57°	11d	Euro (€)	
Aug	76°	60°	12d		
Sep	69°	54°	8d		
Oct	60°	48°	12d		

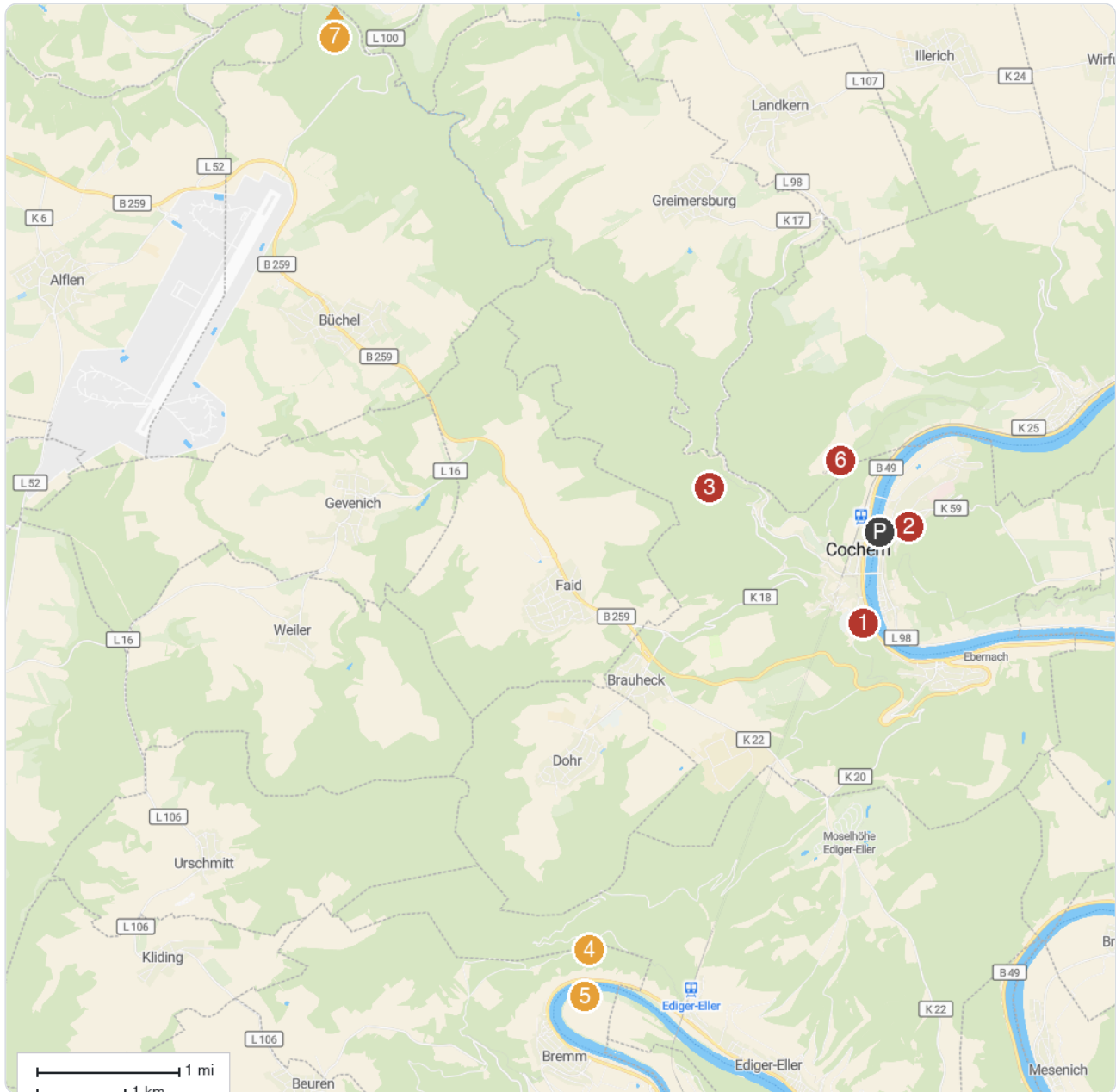
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book castle tours early: English guided tours at Reichsburg Castle run roughly once per hour. Arrive early or check times at the castle gate — demand peaks mid-morning.
- Chairlift vs. hike: The Sesselbahn chairlift is a quick, scenic way up to Pinnerkreuz. It runs seasonally (spring–autumn); check it's operating on your call date before planning.
- Riesling is the move: Moselle Riesling is lighter, crisper, and more mineral than Rhine wines. Skip the beer here — try a glass of Spätlese or Kabinett from a local Weingut.
- Cash useful: Most wine bars, the mustard mill, and smaller Old Town shops prefer cash. ATMs are available near Marktplatz.
- Everything is walkable: The town is tiny — castle, Old Town, and promenade all within 15-20 min on foot. No need to pre-book a ship excursion unless you want the bunker museum or a winery outside town.
- Moselle weather: The Moselle Valley can be warm and sunny in summer but cool in shoulder seasons. The sheltered valley traps warmth — it's often milder here than on the Rhine.

Cochem, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Cochem Castle | Cochem's iconic imperial castle, rebuilt in neo-Gothic style. | 2 Bundesbank Bunker Cochem | A secret Cold War bunker for Germany's central bank. |
| 3 Burgruine Winneburg | Picturesque ruins of a medieval castle overlooking the Moselle. | 4 Mountain sanctuary on the Calmont | A small chapel and pilgrimage site on Europe's steepest vineyard. |
| 5 Kloster Ruine Stuben | Atmospheric ruins of a former Augustinian nunnery by the Moselle. | 6 Wild- und Freizeitpark Klotten | A family-friendly park with wildlife, rides, and shows. |
| 7 Wasserfall bei Maria Martental, regional "Rausch" genannt | A scenic waterfall near the Maria Martental monastery. | P Cruise port / terminal | |