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City tour I + II Luxembourg



With in historic center, the garden terraces, the grand ducal palais and the impressive EU quarter Luxembourg is an especially worth seeing city. Since 1994 the historic center of Luxembourg has been included into the UNESCO World Heritage. Furthermore the old fortifications with the impressive casemates are as much a part of the cityscape as the silhouette of the banks.

Trip Central Rhine Valley



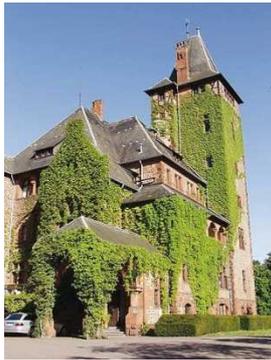
After a bus ride from Luxembourg to Winkel in the romantic Rheingau, the travel group has the possibility to refresh themselves on a summer terrace (in case of bad weather a panoramic restaurant) with a marvelous view of the Rhine with Rheingau specialities and a rich barbecue buffet. Thereafter a romantic boat trip starts through Central Rhine Valley from Rudesheim to Koblenz. In June 2002 the Central Rhine Valley became UNESCO World Heritage. The valley encompasses a beautiful 40 mile (65 km) stretch of river landscape between Bingen and Rudesheim in the south and Koblenz in the north. UNESCO has acknowledged the great diversity and beauty of this valley as a 'cultural landscape'. There are several medieval castles on this unique section of the Rhine. From Koblenz, the city at the confluence of the Moselle and the Rhine, the bus takes guests back to Luxembourg.

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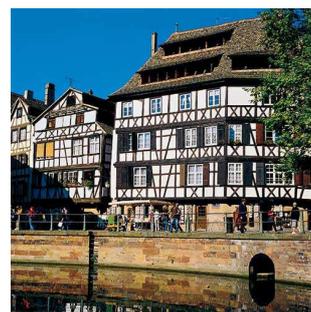
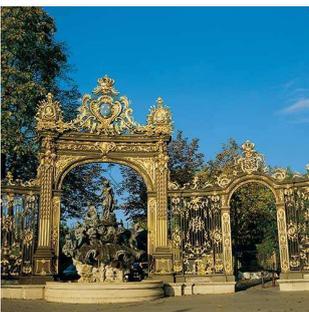
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Wine Tasting Luxembourg



With cultivation area of 800 hectare and a rate of return of about two-three of the national viniculture, Domaines de Vinsmoselle is by far the most significant producer of wine and cremants in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. At a tasting three wines and one Cremant will be served. As well as the famous Alsace Tarte Flambee.

Trip Lothringen



The Lorraine region, home of Jeanne d'Arc, unfolds with varied natural landscapes between the Ardennes and the embossed area of 1000 rivulets of the Vosges. The garden city of Metz presents itself in all its splendour of past centuries. There you will find facades dating from the Middle Ages, a citadel, and the St. Stephen's church with its stained glass windows of Marc Chagall. After a guided city tour you will visit the Centre Pompidou in Metz with a guide. The continuation of your journey will lead you to Nancy. Get to know the town with its beautiful Place Stanislas in company of a city guide, after having eaten a typical regional lunch. This place is considered as the most beautiful royal square in Europe. It is the jewel of an architectural ensemble, which was included in the list of world heritage.

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Trip to Verdun



On this trip we will be visiting the famous Battlefield Verdun. It is well worth a visit since the area was so devastated after the battles of 1916 that was declared a Zone Rouge after the War - so destroyed and with so many munitions still around that, unlike the Somme and Flanders, the villages that had been destroyed were not rebuilt. Hence there are a lot of features still to see, thus the battle field is still authentic, and the sites of the destroyed villages are particularly moving. Verdun was one of the bloodiest and intense battles of the First World War. One infantry soldier wrote "If you haven't seen Verdun, you haven't seen anything of war". We will further visit the Memorial Museum. The museum opened in 1967, on the site of what had been Fleury station, which was built on the remains of the train station. Whilst visiting the battlefield you will also see the Fort Douaumont and the trench.

Trip to Trier



Trier is the oldest city in Germany and enjoys a spectacular location in the Mosel wine-growing region. The Roman Bridge leading over the river is the oldest bridge in Germany. As a visitor you go with your guide on the tracks over 2,000 years of urban history. Roman emperors, bishops and electors, they all formed the city and left architectural and art treasures. Nine buildings in Trier have been ennobled by the UNESCO for World Heritage, such as the Porta Nigra, one of the best preserved city gates of the ancient world and today landmark of the city. You will visit a wine cellar and have the opportunity to sample five typical Mosel wines. The lunch break is on your own disposal and you can discover the city independently, before the bus takes you back to Luxembourg in the afternoon.

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Castle Tour



Luxembourg is famous for its beautiful castles - some of them are among the most impressive in Europe. The Castle Tour of Luxembourg leads to Vianden, Bourscheid Ansembourg and back to Luxembourg. In each city, the castles are visited, which are important witnesses of the Luxembourg and European history.