
Travel with The Met

June 21–July 3, 2023

**L'Esprit Artistique of the Moselle Valley:
Germany, France & Luxembourg**
*Aboard **Princesse Royal***
with Keith Christiansen, Curator Emeritus,
Department of European Paintings



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Dear Members and Friends of The Metropolitan Museum of Art,

The Moselle Valley entralls visitors with its vine-clad hills, Roman ruins, medieval cathedrals, and densely forested landscapes. Yet, this tiny region of western Germany, eastern France, and Luxembourg remains underexplored for its intimate yet inspired art collections. In June 2023, I invite you to join me on an art-rich journey beginning in the less-visited German cities of Frankfurt and Heidelberg. Then, we will board the newly renovated *Princesse Royal* for a seven-night Moselle River cruise. We'll conclude in Luxembourg for a rare, in-depth look at its many art and cultural gems.

As a scholar of European paintings, I am delighted to start with a curator-guided look at Frankfurt's outstanding Städel Museum, whose collection spans seven centuries of European art, including Old Master marvels like Rembrandt's *The Blinding of Samson*. In medieval Heidelberg, we'll privately tour its romantic hilltop castle and meet the artists who make up Germany's oldest art organization. Then, we'll transfer to the picturesque Moselle village of Cochem to board *Princesse Royal*. On this week-long cruise, historic treasures await around every hairpin turn of the river, from sparkling Art Nouveau mansions to immaculate medieval villages with centuries-old, half-timbered houses.

We'll devote a day to UNESCO-listed Trier, Germany's most ancient city, where traces of its Roman imperial past intermingle with the country's oldest cathedrals. In Luxembourg, we'll discover an ancient Roman villa housing a stunning floor of mosaics. Our river voyage concludes in Metz, France, for a special tour of the vast Cathédrale Saint Étienne de Metz. Then, we'll return to Luxembourg, first stopping to visit the American WWII cemetery where General Patton is buried. Another highlight will be a curator-led tour of Luxembourg's National Museum of History and Art, which houses the Roman mosaic of Vichten alongside Italian Renaissance paintings and contemporary art.

I hope you join me for this summer art adventure and cruise through the historic heart of Europe.

Sincerely,

Keith Christiansen

Curator Emeritus, Department of European Paintings
The Metropolitan Museum of Art



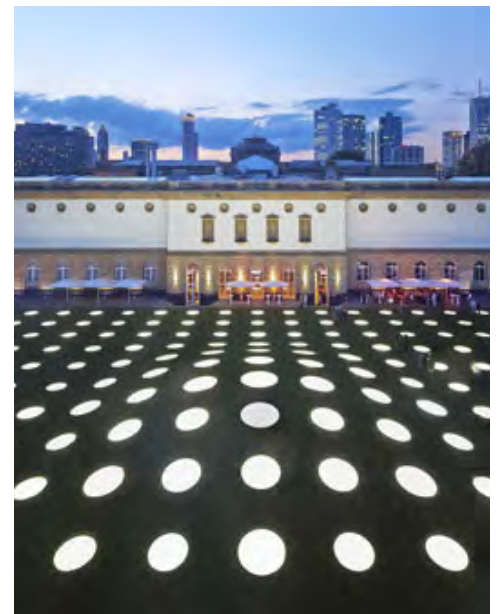
Traveling with You

Keith Christiansen

Keith Christiansen is Curator Emeritus, formerly the John Pope-Hennessy Chairman of the Department of European Paintings at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. He began work at The Met in 1977 and has since organized numerous exhibitions, ranging in subject from *Painting in Renaissance Siena*, *Andrea Mantegna*, and *The Renaissance Portrait to Giambattista Tiepolo*, *El Greco*, *The Age of Caravaggio*, *Juseppe de Ribera*, and *Poussin and Nature*. He has written widely on Italian painting and is the recipient of several awards. Raised in Seattle, Washington, and Concord, California, he attended the University of California campuses at Santa Cruz and Los Angeles and received his Ph.D. from Harvard University.

Trip Highlights

- Enjoy privately guided visits to some of Europe's most exceptional museums, viewing masterpieces by Rembrandt, Botticelli, and Vermeer at Frankfurt's **Städel Museum**, plus the incredible Roman mosaics and contemporary works at Luxembourg's **National Museum of History and Art**
- In **Heidelberg**, join a local scholar for a private look at its splendid medieval castle and gardens, and meet artists at the **Heidelberger Kunstverein (HDKV)**, one of Germany's oldest art organizations, founded in 1869
- Take behind-the-scenes tours of UNESCO-listed monuments in **Trier**, Germany's oldest city, featuring Roman ruins and the fourth-century-A.D. **Basilica of Constantine**, the largest existing single-room structure from the Roman Empire
- Join experts in the magical Moselle village of **Traben-Trarbach**, known as the center of *Jugendstil* ("youth style"), Germany's Art Nouveau movement, to view opulent, early 20th-century mansions in this style
- Cruise on the newly renovated *Princesse Royal*, a charming Dutch-style riverboat with only 15 staterooms, and conclude with an in-depth exploration of **Luxembourg**, featuring a visit to the American World War II cemetery where General George S. Patton is buried



Städel Museum, Frankfurt



Photos from top: Cochem, Germany; Stained glass windows by Chagall, Metz Cathedral, Metz, France; and colorful houses in Berncastel-Kues, Germany



Photos clockwise from top right: Regional map; Gallery, City Museum Simeonstift, Trier; Saarburg; Porta Negra, Trier; Evening in the Market Square, Trier; Traben-Trarbach town gate. Front cover: Heidelberg. Back cover: Metz Cathedral (detail) (top); Moselle River Valley (bottom).

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Heidelberg University, Germany

Departure

Wednesday, June 21

Depart for Frankfurt, Germany, on an overnight flight.

Frankfurt, Germany / Heidelberg

Thursday, June 22

Upon arrival in Frankfurt this morning, meet to transfer to the Städel Museum. Enjoy a guided tour of highlights from the museum's expansive permanent collection, which spans seven centuries of European art. Admire treasures from Old Masters such as Rembrandt, Botticelli, and Vermeer as well as impressive modern and contemporary works. After lunch, travel by motor coach to Heidelberg, a center of German Romanticism and home to the famous Heidelberg University, founded in 1386. Check in at the hotel, then stroll through this storied town with a local expert. This evening, dinner will be at the hotel. L, D

Heidelberg

Friday, June 23

By funicular, arrive at Heidelberg Castle, which sits 300 feet above the town. Join a local guide for a private morning tour of its centuries-old ruins, whose romantic beauty inspired Victor Hugo and Mark Twain, and step into the castle's gardens for a panoramic view of the city. After lunch in a traditional *stube* (parlor), meet artists at the Heidelberger Kunstverein (HDKV), one of Germany's largest and oldest art organizations, founded in 1869. Later, meet other fascinating local artists during an intimate visit to a private gallery. Dinner is at leisure. B, L

Heidelberg / Cochem / Embark *Princesse Royal*

Saturday, June 24

After breakfast, transfer to Cochem, a cozy Moselle town. After lunch in a local restaurant, embark *Princesse Royal* in the afternoon. After getting settled in your cabin, a guide will accompany you on a walk through Cochem. Take in views of its surrounding vine-clad mountains, wooded hills, and a vividly colorful town square with beautiful timber-framed houses and cafés. B, L, D

Cochem / Zell

Sunday, June 25

Princesse Royal departs for Beilstein, where you will stroll through one of the best-preserved historical villages on the Moselle. Transfer to the village of Ediger, whose historical center features enchanting centuries-old houses and remnants of a medieval wall. After lunch, conclude in the wine village of Zell, well known for the wine Zeller Schwarze Katz, and taste some of the Moselle Valley's most acclaimed vintages. B, L, D

Bernkastel-Kues

Monday, June 26

Visit the romantic village of Traben-Trarbach, located on the Moselle's left bank and famous for its *Jugendstil* ("youth style") architecture, Germany's answer to Art Nouveau. From there, travel to Bernkastel-Kues, your destination for the night. Admire its medieval ensemble of grand half-timbered houses, a photographer's delight. After a walking tour, return to *Princesse Royal* in Kues. B, L, D

Bernkastel-Kues / Trier

Tuesday, June 27

After breakfast, transfer by motor coach to Trier, Germany's oldest city, which was conquered by the Romans around 15 B.C. Discover Trier's UNESCO-listed Roman monuments, which offer a testament to its time as a trading town and administrative center during the Late Roman Imperial Period. A highlight is the fourth-century-A.D. Basilica of Constantine, Constantine the Great's audience hall and the Roman Empire's largest surviving single-room structure. B, L, D

Trier / Saarburg

Wednesday, June 28

Begin the morning at Trier's city gate, the Porta Nigra, which was built around 18 A.D. Then, venture to the City Museum Simeonstift, where you will tour collections representing 2,000 years of Trier's history, including paintings, sculptures, porcelain, textiles, and an outstanding collection of Eastern Asian objects. This afternoon, follow the Moselle and Saar Rivers to Saarburg, with its picturesque ensemble of fully intact 17th- and 18th-century houses. B, L, D

Saarburg / Remich, Luxembourg

Thursday, June 29

Today, *Princesse Royal* cruises the section of the Moselle that forms the border between Germany and the tiny country of Luxembourg. On the Luxembourg side, visit a wine cooperative specializing in *Crémant*, a sparkling wine known as "the Champagne of the Moselle." Near Remich, admire an ancient mosaic floor that was once the



Bernkastel-Kues, Germany



Roman mosaic, near Remich, Luxembourg

centerpiece of a palatial Roman villa. Composed of three million individual tile pieces, the mosaic floor depicts scenes of gladiatorial combat that would have taken place in local amphitheatres. B, L, D

Schengen / Metz, France

Friday, June 30

While enjoying breakfast on board, cruise to Schengen, famous for the Schengen Agreement, the landmark treaty that largely eliminated border controls between 26 European countries. Meet a local historian to tour this charming town and visit the European Museum Schengen. Continue across the French border to Metz, where you will discover a city full of stunning architecture, flowers, and cafés. A magnificent highlight will be the Cathédrale Saint Étienne de Metz, the third-largest Gothic church in France, which is adorned with spectacular Marc Chagall-designed stained glass windows. This evening, overnight in Metz aboard *Princesse Royal*. B, L, D

Metz/ Disembark / Luxembourg

Saturday, July 1

This morning, make your final disembarkation in Metz, where you will enjoy a guided tour of the Golden Court Museum and view the intriguing architecture of the Centre Pompidou-Metz. After lunch, depart for Luxembourg, where we will first stop at the Luxembourg American Cemetery, the final resting place for General George S. Patton and other American World War II heroes. Continue into central Luxembourg to check in at the hotel, with dinner on your own. B, L

Luxembourg

Sunday, July 2

Join a guide to explore Luxembourg's historic center by tram and on foot, ending with a visit to the National Museum of History and Art, housed in a vast late Gothic and Renaissance mansion. Enjoy lunch and the afternoon at leisure to visit MUDAM, the Contemporary Art Museum of Luxembourg, and perhaps enjoy a stroll along the Museumsmile. This evening, gather for a festive farewell dinner at the hotel restaurant. B, D

Luxembourg / Return

Monday, July 3

This morning, a group transfer to the Luxembourg airport is included for flights home. B

This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.

Accommodations



Hotel Europäischer Hof Heidelberg

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This family-run five-star hotel features lovingly renovated rooms and suites; complimentary Wi-Fi; a panoramic spa with a swimming pool, sauna, and fitness studio; and an elegant summer restaurant with Mediterranean cuisine.

Sofitel Luxembourg Europe

This five-star hotel's luxury bedrooms guarantee the highest comfort with elegant, contemporary design, generous spaces, and sound isolation.



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Accommodations

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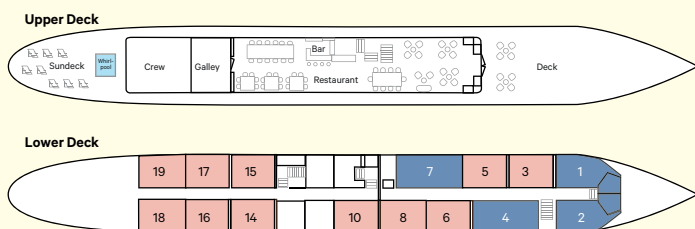
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Princesse Royal



Princesse Royal has fifteen cabins, situated on the lower deck. Each cabin has an en-suite bathroom with a shower, toilet, and wash basin. On the upper deck, *Princesse Royal* has a tastefully furnished lounge with air conditioning, a restaurant, a beautiful bar, a sitting area with cozy corners, a widescreen TV, and large windows. Wi-Fi is available. *Princesse Royal* offers two partly covered teak wooden sundecks with chairs and tables where you can have a drink and enjoy the scenery while cruising. On the elevated aft deck, you will find a barbecue and a whirlpool/Jacuzzi to relax.



Princesse Royal

Cruise Rates

Cabin Categories	Cabins	Double Rates	Single Rates
Twin Cabin Lower Deck, 118.5 square feet	3, 5, 6, 8, 10 & 14-19	\$9,999	Inquire
Premium Twin Cabin Lower Deck, 151 square feet	1, 2, 4, 7	\$12,999	Inquire

Rate Includes

- Two nights hotel accommodations at the Hotel Europäischer Hof Heidelberg; two nights hotel accommodations at the Sofitel Luxembourg Europe
- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard *Princesse Royal* as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner); bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; complimentary wine and beer with included meals
- Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Escorted sightseeing by private motor coach; entrance fees for included visits
- Enrichment program of lectures and special events
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

Not included in rate

International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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