

A2A multiplayer group flight on 190929: “German Rivers and Castles”

For those who are interested up front in knowing what they might expect on this tour below please find a bit more detailed description of the tour as well as links to Wikipedia sites providing more information about the real objects.



We start at **Mainz-Finthen, EDFZ** a former military airfield now available for private use in the close southwest of Frankfurt/Main, EDDF airport.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mainz-Finthen_Airport

From **EDFZ** we are heading west towards **Bingen**.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bingen_am_Rhein

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhine>

At **Bingen** we enter the **Upper Middle Rhine Valley** or by its popular name the **Rhine Gorge**,

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhine_Gorge

which is part of the **UNESCO World Heritage Collection**.

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1066>

Most popular spots on this section will be the city of **Kaub** with **Castle Pfalzgrafenstein**,

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaub>

the **Loreley**, a steep slate rock on the right bank of the river and a **large variety of other castles**.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lorelei>

At the end of the river Rhine section we have a glance at the mighty **Ehrenbreitstein Fortress** on the right side of the river Rhine.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ehrenbreitstein_Fortress

Opposite to **Ehrenbreitstein Fortress** you find the so called **Deutsche Eck / German Corner** as part of the town **Koblenz**. The ORBX scenery Germany South even displays the monumental equestrian statue of William I, the first German emperor, in appreciation for his merits in the [unification of Germany](#) in 1871.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koblenz>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deutsches_Eck

At this point we leave the river Rhine valley and turn left to follow upstream the smaller **River Mosel (Moselle)**. Short behind Koblenz there is a small airfield called **Winningen (EDRK)** for a touch and go or a short stopover before we start concentrating on the tight and narrow curves of the valley of the river Mosel.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moselle>

Further destinations on our tour will be **Cochem** with its imperial castle

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cochem#Cochem_Imperial_castle

and **Zell** on Mosel with its worldwide known vineyards (e.g. Zeller Schwarze Katz).

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zell_\(Mosel\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zell_(Mosel))

At **Traben-Trarbach** with its small airfield **Mont Royal (EDRM)** we have achieved more than half the way to Trier.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Traben-Trarbach>

Next on our tour we arrive at **Piesport**, the biggest winegrowing center in the Mosel wine region.

Before reaching Trier, the 4th largest city in the **state Rhineland-Palatinate**

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhineland-Palatinate>

there is an opportunity for another touch and go or even a stopover at the airfield **Trier-Foehren (EDRT)**.

Finally we fly over **Trier** the old Roman town with its **Porta Nigra**, the Black Portal having been constructed by the Romans in the year 170 (!). In the distance we can have a glance at the **Aula Palatina** an old Roman basilica (Constantin Basilica) constructed in the 4th century.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trier>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Porta_Nigra

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aula_Palatina

Between these two original Roman buildings we find the **Trier Cathedral**, the eldest church of Germany completed in the year 1041.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trier_Cathedral

All three buildings have nicely been placed in the *ORBX-scenery Germany South*.



Above an aerial view on the city of Trier

Southwest of Trier the valley of the river Mosel is turning westwards towards Luxembourg and France to reach its spring.

However, we continue our tour upstream the **River Saar**,

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saar_\(river\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saar_(river))

which flows into the River Mosel at the village of **Konz** with is **Gliders airfield (EO42)** and a bumpy grass strip right on top of the hills on the western side. About 11 NM south as the crow flies we make a U-turn at the famous and narrow **Saar loop at Mettlach**.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saar_\(river\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saar_(river))

The last two points of interest are two ironworks, first **Dillingen Ironworks** the main application of which is the making of large-caliber line pipe for major pipeline projects.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dillinger_H%C3%BCtte

Next is former **Voelklingen Ironworks** now converted to a huge museum and UNESCO World Heritage Site.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/V%C3%B6lklingen_Ironworks

Finally we arrive at **Saarbruecken** the capital city of the smallest area state of Germany, Saarland. The **regional airport Saarbruecken, EDDR** is located about 5 NM east of center of town.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saarbr%C3%BCcken#Toponymy>