Cologne Climb the 509 steps to the top of Cologne's stunning cathedral’s south tower and explore the unique Römisch-Germanisches Museum. 🕒 1 hr to Koblenz

Koblenz Wander Koblenz' pretty rebuilt Altstadt and marvel at the confluence of the Moselle and Rhine. 🕒 ½ hr to Bacharach

Cochem Gateway to the Moselle Valley and a popular cruise terminus. Check out its 11th-century castle, the Reichsburg. 🕒 35 mins to Traben

Bacharach This is one of the Rhine's quaintest villages and certainly worth a stopover. 🕒 50 mins to Rüdesheim

Traben-Trarbach Sample crisp Moselle wines in these twin villages straddling the Rhine and visit the Buddha Museum. 🕒 1½ hrs to Trier

Rüdesheim Enjoy spectacular views of the Rhine and some of Germany's finest wines. 🕒 1½ hrs to Cochem

Trier World Heritage Site Trier boasts Germany's finest Roman monuments such as the Kaiserthermen baths and a Colosseum-style amphitheatre.