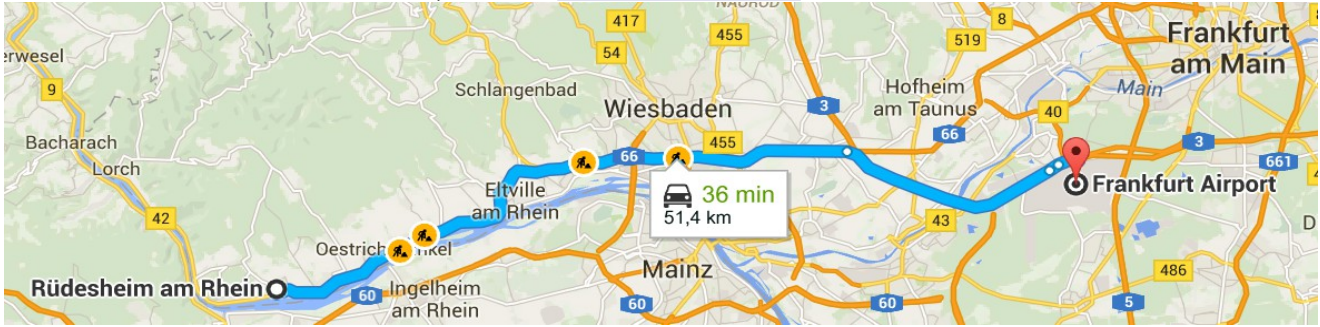


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We have been to Germany once before, Berlin 2008. This time we would run along the Rhine valley and Moselle valley. We drove to the [airport parking lot](#) at the airport and parked on P4. We flew with [Lufthansa](#) from Gardermoen kl. 12:55 to Frankfurt 15:00. At the airport in Frankfurt, [Frankfurt Airport](#), we had rented a car via [Rental Cars](#) at Global Drive. The car we had decided for, was the [Ford Focus C-Max](#).



We wanted to stay in [Rüdesheim](#) first. Here is the driving route from the airport.



We had booked a room at [Rüdesheimer Hof](#)



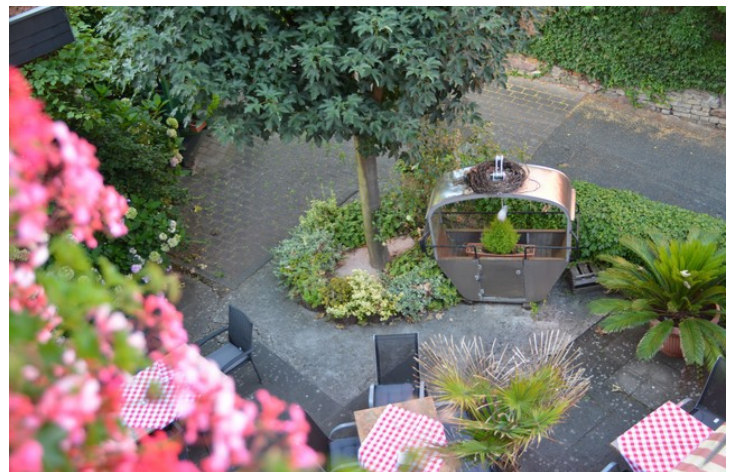
This is the view from the balcony.

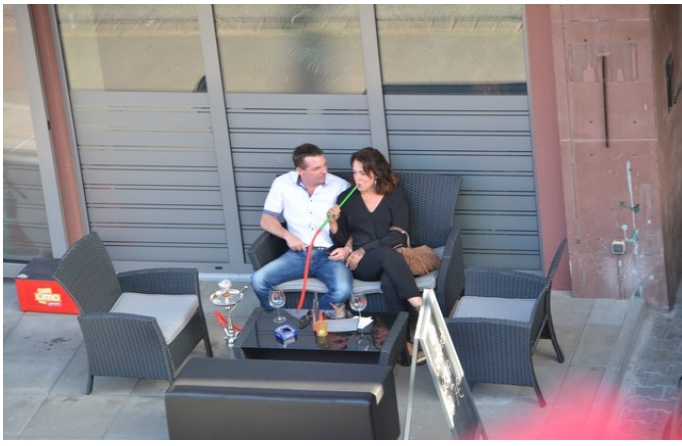


We also see the street from the balcony.



Lots of flowers at the hotel.





We look across the street to a cafe. There sits a couple who smoke hookah.



This is in the hotel garden. We ate here in the evening.



First bread and herb butter.



I had a steak.



Anne Berit had Wiener Schnitzel.



The next day, the 9th of August, we went for a walk in town. Here we come to the market place. Der Markt.



This is Hotel Pension Post, which lies at the bottom of Drosselgasse.



This is the lower end of Drosselgasse, which is the most famous restaurant street in the city.



There is not much people here early in the day.



In the evenings there can be quite crowded here, when there is live music played on several of the restaurants.



Fine doors. Most of them are not opened yet.



Weinhaus Drosselhoff claims to be the oldest winery restaurant in Rudesheim.



At the top of the street lies [Winzerkeller](#).



Fine shutters.





Windows on [Zum Felsenkeller](#).



From here there goes a [cable car](#) up to the Niederwald monument.



Here are the carriages on the way up and down.



[St Jakobs church](#)



[Central Hotel](#).



Funny decoration.



After the walk of the city, we drove up to the [Niederwalddenkmal](#). Looking down to Rudesheim.



More views.



Looking across to Bingen, across the Rhine.



Vineyards.



[Bingen](#).

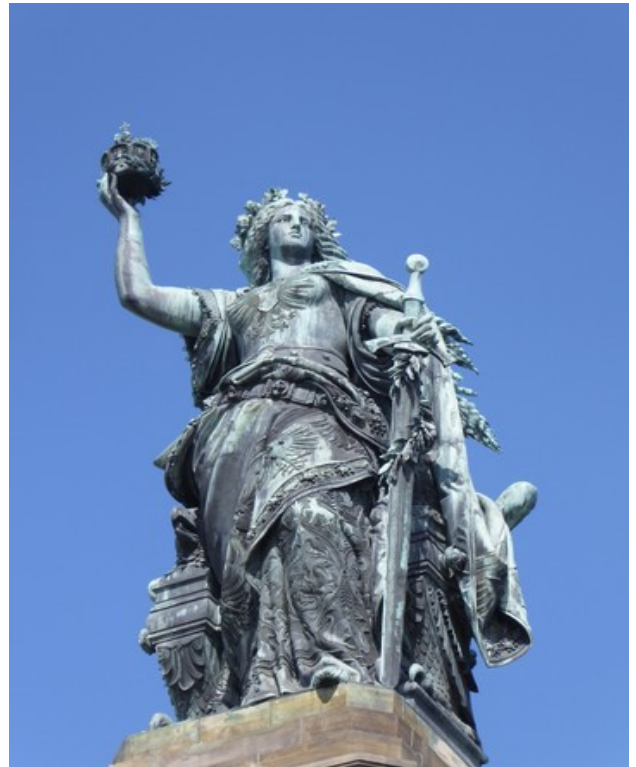




The Niederwalddenkmal monument is almost 38m high.



Relief showing Emperor Wilhelm on the horse in front of officers and soldiers on duty at the Rhine.



Germania stands on top. She represents Germany's pride. In the right hand she holds the imperial crown and in the left the imperial sword.



After we had been on top, we drove down to Assmannshausen.



A nice little town that really is part of Rudesheim.



To get down to the main road along the Rhine, we had to cross the railway. Here comes the train.



Vineyards above Assmannshausen. The city is known for the red wine's.



Then out on the main road. There goes cruise boats up and down the Rhine.



Across the Rhine, we see over to [Burg Rheinstein](#). It was built in the years 1316-1317.



A little further down the Rhine is [Burg Sooneck](#). This castle is probably first mentioned in 1271.



This is [Burg Pfalzgrafenstein](#), located on a small island in the Rhine. There is a small ferry out there from Kaub.



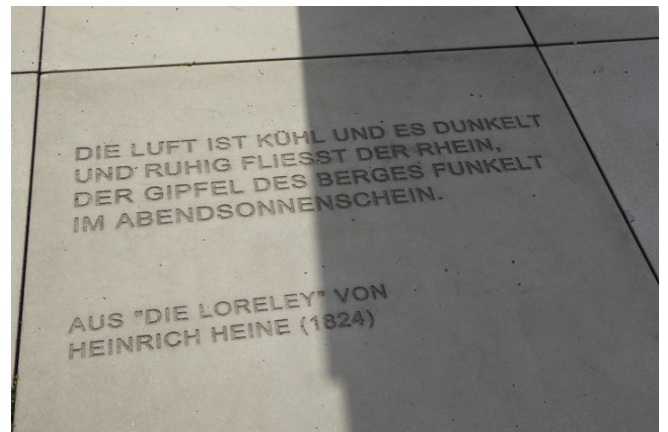
The [Lorelei statue](#) stands at the tip of a narrow peninsula in the Rhine. This siren song and got the sailors to go aground. [Lorelei](#) is in reality the rock crag standing here in the narrowest part of the Rhine.



The view from Lorelei statue and down the Rhine.



This statue with map of this part of the Rhine, stands at the parking lot.



On the ground there is embodied a rock with a bit of [Heinrich Heine's](#) poem about Lorelei.



A bit further down in the valley we can see [Marksburg](#). This is the only castle between Bingen and Koblenz that has never been destroyed.



Last stop that day was at [Ehrenbreitstein Fortress](#), which lies in Koblenz.

It is Europe's second largest fortress after Gibraltar. Here we come to the main entrance.



Inside.



The next step in the defenses.



The upper castle square (Obere Schlosshof). The house straight forward is a restaurant today.



This building is part of a ring wall.



From the square we have views to [Koblenz](#) center and [Deutsches Eck](#) where the Rhine and Mosel meet.



Deutsches Eck.



At Deutsches Eck stands this equestrian statue of Emperor [Wilhelm I](#).



On Obere Schlosshof stands this monument, Brunnendenkmal.



Views up the Rhine.



Views down the Rhine.



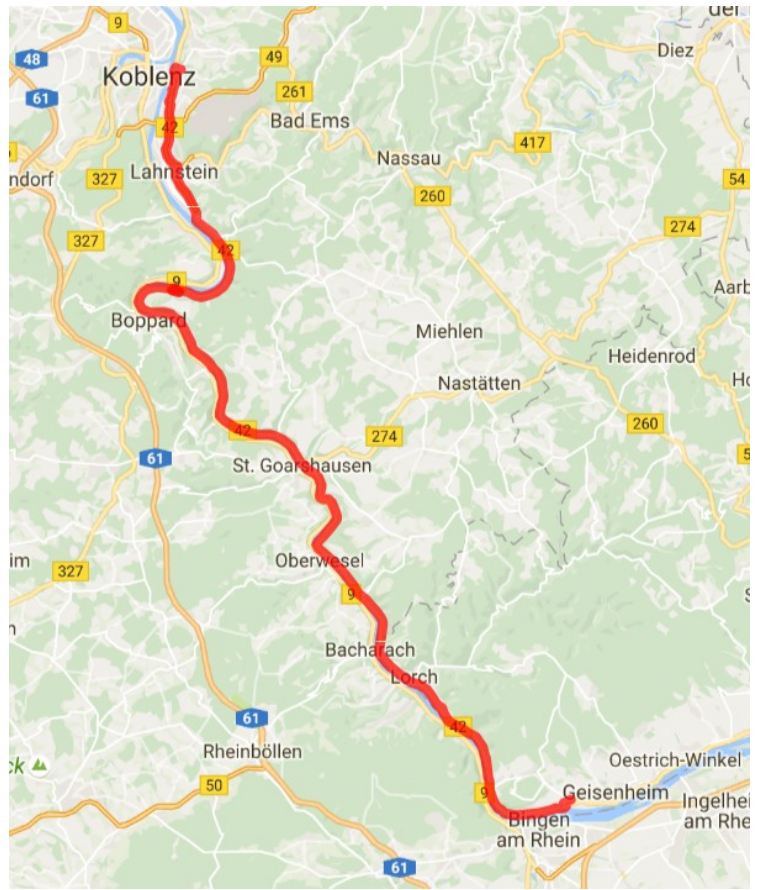
Proof that I was there.



On the way out of the fortress.



The guard. I missed a gun.



This is the stretch we drove that day.