

Part 10 Europe 2025

Sunday 13th April 2025.



A bridge and a lock on the Main River.

We stopped the ship at Miltenberg, a walled town. We were met by guides and taken through the winding streets. We each have a QuietVox (think “walkie talkie”) and our ear pieces and we go to the set channel and listen to the commentary.



The gate into the walled city.



Looking back at the gate (our group has already spread out).



A Miltenberg street.



More houses in Miltenberg.



In the towns, these brass plaques have names, dates and places on them. They tell the destination of Jewish people who were rounded up by the Nazis. A small reminder of the many people taken from their towns at that time.



Just a very pretty building in Miltenberg.



It is Easter week here, and all the shops and many of the houses are decorated accordingly.



An interesting mix of movies showing at the small picture theatre.



Another Easter display.



The town can only blame itself for having so many tourists. It is on the Main River and it is pretty.



This is the gate at the other end of the town.



The path leads up to some ruins further up the hill (and a view back to the city and the river).



Another gate, this one to the bridge over the river.

Miltenberg became part of Bavaria in 1816. Neolithic and pre-Roman civilisations dwelt here. The Romans had a base here, but were often attacked by the local Germanic tribes. By 1237, the walls were extended around the town and taxes were forced on the goods on the Main River. This is how the town got its money.

In modern times, the flooding of the Main River has been mitigated by flood control gates, but the town lost some of the very little land available to it (due to the river and the mountains).

After our trip to Miltenberg, we then bused to a small family farm. It was nice to these the animals (some rescue, some working and some for produce... they slaughter their own cows and make a variety of small goods, which we got to taste).





The cows are kept “inside” during the winter. The weather is warm enough now, but they expect some cooler weather (and some rain!).



Small butcher's shop to sell the small goods.



Even with these excursions, we were at the next stop before the ship, so we had a quick walk along the riverside.

That evening was our special “degustation menu” meal. Delicious and slightly experimental food, well presented and our waiters were young and enthusiastic and doing a great job, considering we were at a table at the far end of the dining room where everyone else was eating.



David is the one for the food pictures, but here are some of our courses.



