

Part 8 Europe 2025 for Cathy's blog

Friday 11th April 2025.

The ship left while we were at dinner. You can hear the engines and you can feel the ship moving, but it is not noisy and it does not sway. We are sailing up the canal that connects with the Rhine River; we are on our way to Cologne. We are travelling slowly because the river water level is very low.



This is the view of the canal bank from our room. There are wind farms everywhere.

Eventually we got to Cologne, two hours late. We are so glad we did a few days there before the trip. Here in Cologne, we were met on the side of the Rhine River by our guides.

Alexis had good English, good knowledge and a bit of a sense of humour. He showed us the Hohenzollern Bridge, the Roman Road, Die Heinzelmanchen fountain and the cathedral. We had only about half an hour of free time before having to walk a long way back to the ship.



Above is another picture of the Heinzelmanchen fountain. Below are more pictures of the cathedral.







The blossom is out (in just a few days, the trees are in full bloom along the side of the Rhine River).

There was just time to dress up for our bus trip to La Redoutt, a large house where Beethoven and others used to perform.

There, a talented string quartet played beautiful classical music and we had a lovely meal (our meal was not Michelin starred, but the kitchen was associated with a restaurant that is Michelin starred)

We bussed back to the ship, which had sailed on while we were out enjoying ourselves.

The La Redoutt house, just beautiful.



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