Trip plan Moselle - Mediterranean

Stage calculation from Schengen to Cannes. Not passage planning - check operating hours, closures and weather yourself.

Overview

Item	Value
kilometres	1,266 km
locks	144
cruising days	27
weeks	3.9
Cruising hours per day	6
Cruising speed in knots	8 kn

The starting point

Schengen Marina Schwebsange - km 237.5

1, Am Hafen, L-5447 Schwebsange

Item	Value
Phone	+352 23 66 44 60
E-Mail	info@schengenmarina.lu
Fuel	Monday to Saturday 10:00 to 17:00, closed Sundays
Harbour office	1 April to 31 October, daily 10:00-13:00 and 14:00-18:00

Your route in 8 stages

1. Schengen -> Apach (Mosel, LU / DE / FR)

6 km - 0 locks - 1 days - 0.4 hours

The familiar part. From Schengen the Mosel becomes the Moselle, the border running down the middle. The last chance to refuel on the Luxembourg Moselle is Schwebsange.

2. Apach -> Metz (Moselle canalisée, FR)

55 km - 6 locks - 1 days - 5.7 hours

Beyond Apach, France begins at full gauge: wide chambers, self-service at many locks, industrial scenery around Thionville. In Metz you moor right in the city - the marina on the plan d'eau is one of the finest urban berths of the whole route.

3. Metz -> Neuves-Maisons (Moselle canalisée, FR)

93 km - 8 locks - 2 days - 8.9 hours

From Metz the canalised Moselle winds on southward, past Pont-à-Mousson and Toul with its ramparts. At Neuves-Maisons the large-gauge waterway ends - from here the Canal des Vosges takes over.

4. Neuves-Maisons -> Corre (Canal des Vosges, FR)

122 km - 93 locks - 7 days - 39.2 hours

The decisive stage. 93 locks over 122 kilometres, chambers of 38.50 by 5.05 metres, air draught 3.50 m, draught 1.80 m. Over the summit level at 360 metres. Reckon on ten to fifteen locks a day, no more. Supplies are sparse.

> This is the narrowest point of the entire route. If your boat is going to fail anywhere, it is here.

5. Corre -> Auxonne (Petite Saône, FR)

175 km - 19 locks - 4 days - 18.1 hours

The Petite Saône is the finest stretch of the trip: calm, rural, almost no commercial traffic. Nineteen more small-gauge locks, then it opens up.

6. Auxonne -> Lyon (Saône (Großschifffahrt), FR)

190 km - 5 locks - 3 days - 14.5 hours

From Auxonne, large gauge: five locks of 185 by 12 metres, push-tows up to 3000 tonnes. The character changes and the pace picks up.

7. Lyon -> Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône (Rhône, FR)

325 km - 12 locks - 5 days - 25.9 hours

Twelve locks, one of them at Bollène with a 23-metre lift - among the highest in Europe. The current runs with you at four to seven km/h, saving time but making berthing demanding. Going downstream is far easier than up.

8. Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône -> Cannes (Mittelmeer, FR)

300 km - 1 locks - 4 days - 20.6 hours

From here it is sea passage, not inland navigation. From Port-Saint-Louis you lock out to sea, then follow the coast past Marseille and Saint-Tropez to Cannes. This is a different environment with different demands on boat, equipment and licence.

> This stage goes to sea. It requires seagoing equipment, a suitable navigation area and matching weather - it is not inland water.

On your route (Moselle km 229.5-242.2)

No known closures and no critical water levels on the Moselle section.

Covers the Moselle down to Apach. Beyond the French border (VNF area) we have no official notices - check the avis à la batellerie there.

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The Moselle in detail

For the first part of the route we have real data: every lock with kilometre, leisure-craft chamber and radio channel.

km	Place to call at	Leisure lock	VHF channel
242.4	Schleuse Apach	keine	Kanal 20
229.9	Schleuse Stadtbredimus / Palzem	18 m x 3,30 m	Kanal 20
212.8	Schleuse Grevenmacher / Wellen	18 m x 3,30 m	Kanal 18

195.8	Schleuse Trier	18 m x 3,30 m	Kanal 79
166.2	Schleuse Detzem	18 m x 3,30 m	Kanal 78
141.5	Schleuse Wintrich	18 m x 3,30 m	Kanal 22
123.8	Schleuse Zeltingen	18 m x 3,30 m	Kanal 20
103	Schleuse Enkirch	18 m x 3,30 m	Kanal 18
78.4	Schleuse St. Aldegund	18 m x 3,30 m	Kanal 82
59.4	Schleuse Fankel	18 m x 3,30 m	Kanal 81
37.1	Schleuse Müden	18 m x 3,30 m	Kanal 79
20.8	Schleuse Lehmen	18 m x 3,30 m	Kanal 78
1.9	Schleuse Koblenz	18 m x 3,30 m	Kanal 20

From Apach upstream the VNF licence is compulsory in France. For the locks there and everything beyond you need the official charts - we deliberately do not reproduce them here.

> This calculation does not replace passage planning. Lock operating hours, closures, water levels, licences and the weather on the Rhône and the Mediterranean are yours to check. The figures are guidance, not promises.

Sources: WSA Mosel-Saar-Lahn - Mosel - VNF - Voies navigables de France - Canal des Vosges - Wikipedia - Rhône - Wikipedia