

Visual Itinerary

Moselle Valley Tour 2026

About this itinerary:

This guide will show you what to expect during the tour. There is information about:

- The MMF team going on tour
- Where we will be staying
- How we will be travelling
- What we will be doing each day
- Some frequently asked questions

You can read this before the tour or bring it with you if it is helpful.

Key Information about the tour

- It will take place between Wednesday 22nd – Monday 27th July 2026.
- There are 50 young musicians going on tour and 7 members of staff.
- Young musicians going on tour are aged 11-18.
- We will be staying and performing in The Moselle Valley, Germany.
- There will be four concerts and a range of activities and trips.

Here's a picture of staff and young musicians from the MMF tour in 2024:



The Tour Team

There will be seven members of staff on the tour. They are there to help answer questions, lead ensembles, provide support, and help the tour run smoothly.

All staff members will also be attending rehearsals before the tour, so you will have a chance to meet them beforehand.

Meet the staff going on tour:



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Michael



David



Helena



Frances



Martha



Billy

Where we will stay

When we are on tour, we will be staying at the DHJ Youth Hostel in Traben-Trarbach in the Moselle Valley.

MMF Staff Martha & David visited the hostel in May. Here they are outside it:



What are the rooms like?

Each room sleeps four people. Rooms have bunk beds, a small bathroom, and space to store clothes and cases. Each bed has its own plug socket (you will need to bring a European adapter) and space for personal items.

You'll be in a room with 3 other people a similar age to you. Before the tour, you'll have the chance to say who you want to share a room with. We will let you know who you are sharing with at the last rehearsal before tour.



What is the food at the hostel like?

We will have breakfast at the hostel each morning, as well as some evening meals.

Meals at the hostel a self-service buffet. At breakfast, there will be a range of options including bread, fruit, cereal, and yoghurt, alongside juices, and hot drinks. In the evening there will usually be a main meal option, side dishes, a salad bar, and a dessert.

The hostel also has a café/snack bar and vending machines.

Breakfast buffet:



Evening salad bar:



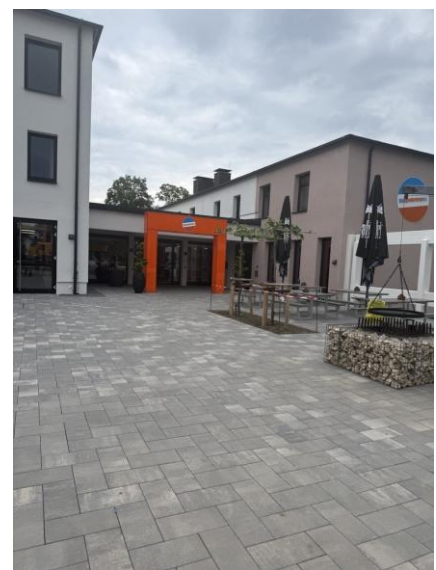
Hostel dining room:



What else is in the Hostel?

The hostel also has some outdoor spaces, a games room, lounge area & group spaces. We will use a group space to store our instruments, rehearse and for some evening activities during the tour.

Outdoor spaces:



Games room:



Lounge area:



Day 1 – 22 July (travel day)

On Tues 22 July we will meet very early in the morning at Merton Abbey Primary School. We'll then load up the coach with our instruments and luggage and begin our journey to Dover.

Here's a coach similar to the one we will be travelling on:



It will take a couple of hours to travel to Dover. We will then board the Ferry to Calais. We'll be on the ferry for around 2 hours and it will have a cafe, a shop and spaces to sit.

Here's what the ferry will look like:



Once we get to Calais, we will get back onto our coach and travel for around 7 hours. There will be one or two stops along the way at service stations.

We will arrive at our hostel at around 7pm. We'll have dinner straight away and then you'll get the keys to your room.

Day 2 – 23 July

Morning & Lunch

Our day will start with breakfast in the hostel at around 8am.

We will rehearse in the hostel & practice setting up. Everyone will be given a specific job to do during set up. This means that we can work as a team and set up & pack down quickly.

Afterwards, we will have lunch at the hostel. Lunch on this day will be provided.

Afternoon

In the afternoon we'll travel to Bad Kreuznach which is our first concert location.

When we arrive, everyone will help set up. Once everything is ready, we will perform. The concert will last around 75 minutes.

Here is where we will performing:



Here's the indoor (wet weather) option:



Evening

After the concert we will have dinner at a restaurant in Bad Kreuznach. We'll then return to the hostel at around 20:30 and there will be some free time.

Day 3 – 24 July

Morning & Afternoon

We'll have breakfast at the hostel and then travel via coach to 'Eifelpark', a theme park. You'll have the day free to explore the theme park in groups. You'll also need to buy lunch in the theme park.

Here's some pictures of the theme park:



Late Afternoon & Evening

We will depart the theme park mid afternoon and return to the hostel to have an early dinner. We'll then depart via coach to Enkirch, the location for our second concert. We'll set up for the concert and begin performing at around 20:00.

Here's where we will be performing:



After the concert we will head back to the hostel. There'll be a short amount of free time before returning to rooms to rest before the next day.

Day 4 – 25 July

Morning & Afternoon

We will have breakfast at the hostel at around 8:00am before travelling to Reichsburg Castle which is a short walk from the town of Cochem. Once we arrive, there will be time to explore the castle during the morning.

Afterwards, there will be free time to explore the town of Cochem and buy lunch. There will be the option to go on the town's chair lift. The chair lift travels steeply uphill and has views across the valley from the top.

Reichsburg Castle:



Cochem Town centre:



Cochem chair lift (optional):



Late Afternoon & Evening

We will travel to Bad Bartich, the venue for our concert this day. We'll then set up to perform a 75 minute concert at the venue in the late afternoon.

Here's where we will be performing:



Here's the indoor (wet weather) option:



After the concert, we will have dinner in a restaurant in the town of Bad Bartich. We'll then return to the hostel, where we will have an open mic night. Anybody is welcome to perform at the open mic – it doesn't need to be something that you play/do in your MMF ensemble!

Day 5 – 26 July

Morning

We will have breakfast at the hostel then travel to the Triolago lakeside beach. You'll have the choice to do one of the following activities: water assault course, free beach time & swimming, mini golf or pedalo trip.

Water assault course:



Mini golf location:



Beach & swim are:



Before Triolago, we will visit a supermarket, where you'll be able to buy things to have lunch after your activity.

Afternoon

We will then travel to Bernkanstel Kues for our final concert. We'll have a 75 minute concert here.

Here's where we will be performing:



Here's the indoor (wet weather) option:



After the concert, we will return to the hostel for dinner. There will then be time to pack. That evening, we will have a final night celebration event.

Day 6 – 27 July (travel day)

We will have an earlier breakfast at around 7am before checking out of our rooms and loading the coach.

We will then begin the journey back to Calais. The journey will take around seven hours, with stops along the way.

After arriving in Calais, we will check in for the ferry and travel back to Dover.

We are aiming to arrive in Dover at around 6pm and return to Merton Abbey Primary School at approximately 9:30pm, where a parent/carer will collect you.

FAQ's

What time will I go to sleep?

Most evenings we will return to the hostel between 8-9.30pm, then there will be some free time. There will be a "lights out" time each night, this will usually be around 11:00pm.

What meals are included?

You'll need to buy your own food when we are travelling. You'll also need to buy your own lunch every day (except for the first full day). Breakfast and dinner will be included whilst we are checked into the hostel.

Will I need to look after my own money and passport?

MMF Staff will look after your passport and give it to you when we are going through the border at Calais/Dover. Generally, we will ask young people to look after their own money during the trip, but staff can help with this if you need help.

Will I get free time?

Yes there will be free time during some of the activities and some evenings at the hostel.

Can I go off on my own?

No, but there will be set times to explore local towns in small groups of at least 3.

Can I bring my phone?

Yes, but you are asked not to spend too much time using it. You should only take photos/videos of people with their consent and never in your hostel rooms.

Will there be Wi-Fi?

The hostel has free Wi-Fi, but you won't have access to WiFi outside of the hostel

What if I don't know many people?

That's okay - lots of people going on tour may not know everybody yet. Throughout the tour there'll be lots of opportunities to get to know the rest of the group. You'll also be sharing a room with other young musicians close to your age. Staff will help everybody feel included and supported during the tour.