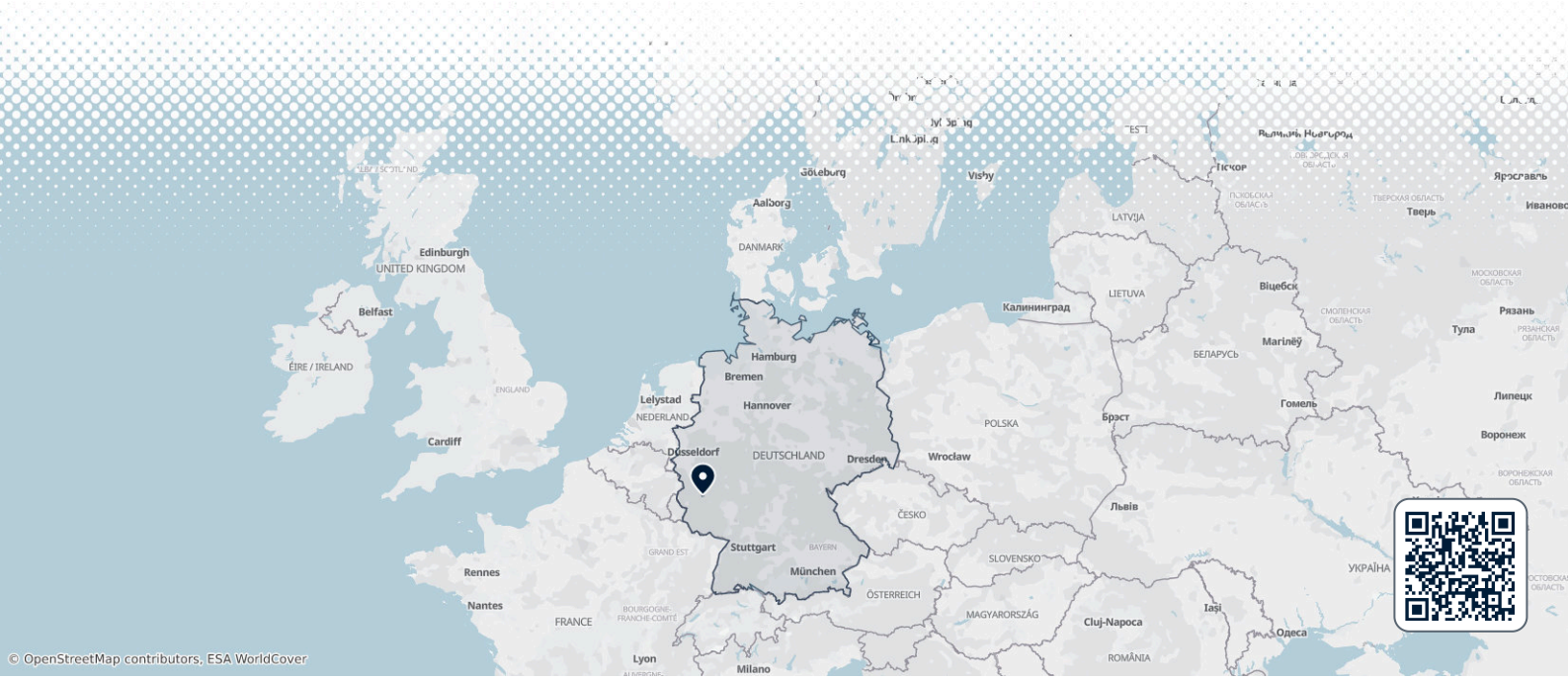


Cochem

Rhineland-Palatinate · Germany

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Cochem is a small wine town on the Moselle. A castle stands on a hill above the old town. Steep vineyards rise on both sides of the river.

The town centre is on the left bank. The district of Cond lies on the right bank. Upstream, the river makes a long series of bends called the Cochemer Krampen.

Cochem suits one or two nights. Use it as a base for the Moselle valley, with wine, short hikes and river views.

When to visit

Summer is warm. Winter is cold and grey.

The Heimat- und Weinfest takes place over several days in late August. The Cochemer Weinherbst is the autumn wine festival.

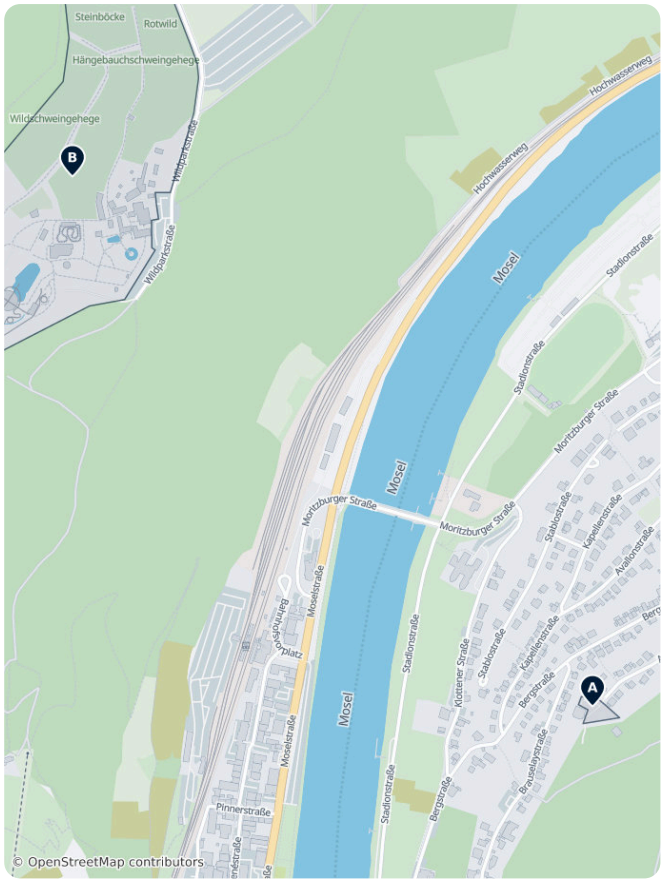
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January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	4° / 11° Feels like -1°	-1° / -9°	13 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	6° / 12° Feels like 1°	0° / -8°	12 rainy days · Dry air
March	Fair Fair for cycling	11° / 17° Feels like 6°	2° / -3°	12 rainy days · Dry air
April	Good Good for cycling	15° / 22° Feels like 11°	5° / -1°	Dry air
May	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 26°	9° / 4°	14 rainy days · Dry air
June	Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 30°	13° / 8°	13 rainy days
July	Good Good for sightseeing	25° / 33°	14° / 10°	14 rainy days
August	Great Great for sightseeing	26° / 33°	14° / 10°	13 rainy days
September	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 29°	11° / 6°	Dry air
October	Good Good for cycling	16° / 22° Feels like 12°	7° / 1°	13 rainy days · Dry air
November	Poor Poor for hiking	9° / 15° Feels like 5°	4° / -2°	14 rainy days · Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	5° / 11° Feels like 0°	1° / -7°	15 rainy days · Dry air

Best months: June, August, September

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights

- The Reichsburg stands above the old town and is the main landmark of Cochem. Guided tours of the castle are offered.
- The Historisches Rathaus stands on the market square in the old town. The *Martinsbrunnen* fountain is on the same square.
- The Kulturzentrum Kapuzinerkloster is a former monastery in the old town. It is now a cultural centre.
- A Bundesbank-Bunker Cochem is a Cold War bunker in Cond. A reserve of German banknotes was stored 30 metres underground.
- B Wild- und Freizeitpark Klotten is a wildlife park in Klotten.



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What to experience

- Take a river boat trip on the Moselle from the harbour.
- Walk through the vineyards to the viewpoints above the town. The Pinnerkreuz lookout can also be reached by chairlift.

Day trips

- Beilstein is a small village on the Moselle. Ruins of Burg Metternich stand above it, and the church of the Carmelite monastery holds a Black Madonna.
- Burg Eltz is a medieval castle in the hills north of the Moselle. It was never destroyed and is open to visitors from April to November.
- Bernkastel-Kues is a Moselle wine town with a historic market square.
- Trier is farther up the valley and has Roman sites. It lies at the other end of the Koblenz to Trier railway line.

Where to explore

- The Moselle meets the Rhine at Koblenz.

Getting there

- By air: Frankfurt Airport is the main international gateway. Continue by train to Cochem.
- By train: Cochem is on the Koblenz to Trier line. Regional and InterCity trains stop at the station. Check times on Deutsche Bahn.

Getting around

- Bridges connect the town centre with Cond on the right bank.
- Trains on the Koblenz to Trier line serve other towns in the valley.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The old town is small and flat. The castle is uphill.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Cycle paths follow the Moselle.

Food & drink

Cochem is a wine town. The Moselle region is known for Riesling. Wine taverns serve local wine with regional dishes.

A local peach variety, the Mosel-Weinberg-Pfirsich, grows on the vineyard slopes. Wine taverns and restaurants cluster in the old town around the market square.

What to eat & drink

LUNCH

Doner Kebab · Döner Kebab
A sandwich of roasted meat, salad, and sauce in flatbread, invented by Turkish immigrants in Berlin and now a national staple.

DINNER

Schnitzel
A thin, breaded and fried cutlet, usually pork, served with potatoes or fries and a lemon wedge.

Sauerbraten
A pot roast marinated for days in vinegar and spices before slow cooking, served with red cabbage and dumplings.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Bratwurst
A grilled or fried pork sausage, often served in a bread roll with mustard, sold at stands nationwide.

Currywurst
Sliced sausage topped with curry-spiced ketchup, a Berlin invention now popular across the country.

Pretzel · Brezel
A large, chewy salted bread pretzel, especially common in Bavaria, often eaten with butter or cheese.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Black Forest Cake · Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte
A layered chocolate sponge cake with cherries, cherry liqueur, and whipped cream.

DRINKS

Beer · Bier
Germany brews hundreds of regional styles, from Bavarian Weissbier to Cologne's Kölsch, each tied to its home city.

Gluhwein · Glühwein
Mulled, spiced red wine served hot, a staple of winter and Christmas markets.

Apfelschorle
Apple juice mixed with sparkling water, the everyday non-alcoholic drink of choice.

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Safety & health

- Cochem lies directly on the Moselle. The river can flood the lower town at high water.
- Vineyard and viewpoint paths are steep. Wear sturdy shoes.

History

- Cochem is first mentioned in 866. It received town rights in 1332.
- The Reichsburg is documented from 1130. King *Konrad III* declared it an imperial castle in 1151.
- French troops destroyed the castle in 1689 during the Nine Years' War. It stayed a ruin for almost two centuries.
- In the 1860s the Berlin businessman *Louis Ravené* bought the ruin and rebuilt it in the Gothic Revival style. Work continued until 1877.
- The town has owned the castle since 1978.
- In 1962 the Deutsche Bundesbank built a secret bunker in Cond. It is now a museum.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Germany at a glance:

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EMERGENCY
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ELECTRICITY



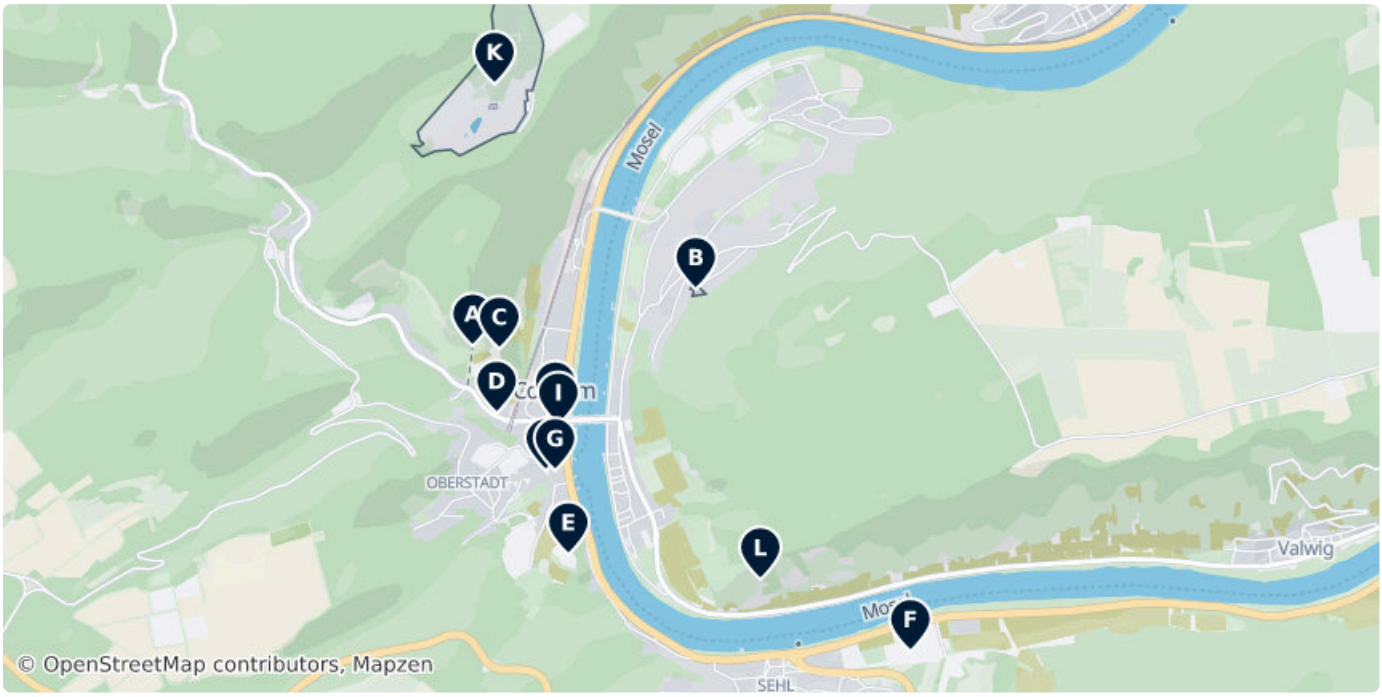
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LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Cochem Must-Sees

Cochem is defined by the Reichsburg, a 19th-century reconstruction of a medieval hilltop castle overlooking the Moselle River. The town's history is preserved in the cold-war era Bundesbank bunker and a historic mustard mill dating to 1810. Visitors can reach the Pinnerkreuz viewpoint via the Cochemer Sesselbahn chairlift or explore the cobblestone squares and timber-framed architecture of the old town. Nearby, the Klotten wildlife park offers family-oriented attractions and animal enclosures.





A Cochemer Sesselbahn

An open-air chairlift that transports passengers 155 meters above the town to the Pinner-Kreuz mountain station.

Endertstraße, 56812 Cochem, Germany (50.15010, 7.16158)

cochemer-sesselbahn.de, +49 2671 989063



B Bundesbank bunker

The Bundesbank bunker was the German central bank's bunker in Cochem for the preservation of an emergency currency.

Am Wald 35, 56812 Cochem, DE (50.15221, 7.17458)

Mo–Su 10:00–15:00

bundesbank-bunker.de, +49 2671 9153540



C Pinnerkreuz

A summit cross and viewpoint accessible by chairlift or hiking trails, providing panoramic views of the Moselle valley and Cochem.

(Unnamed Road), 56812, Germany (50.14998, 7.16314)

D Historische Senfmühle Cochem

A historic mill from 1810 producing gourmet mustard using traditional cold-grinding methods and original recipes.

(50.14759, 7.16298)

senfmuehle.net, +49 2671 607665



E Burgführung Reichsburg Cochem

Guided tours through the restored 11th-century castle, featuring the knight's hall, dining room, and weapons collection.

Schloßstraße, 56812 Cochem, Germany (50.14232, 7.16717)

Mo–Su 09:00–17:00

burg-cochem.de/home.html, +49 2671 255



F Kloster Ebernach

A former Franciscan monastery in the Sehl district, originally founded in the 12th century.

(50.13870, 7.18709)

ebernach.de

G Edelstein Museum

A museum and workshop showcasing minerals, gemstones, and the traditional craft of stone cutting.

Unterbachstraße, 56812 Cochem, Germany (50.14545, 7.16639)



H Martinsbrunnen

A central fountain on the market square dedicated to Saint Martin, the patron saint of Cochem.

13 Markt, Cochem 56812, Germany (50.14545, 7.16585)

I Carlfritz-Nicolay-Platz

A cobblestone square located near the Moselle bridge, named after the local painter and graphic artist Carlfritz Nicolay.

24 Bernstraße, Cochem 56812, Germany (50.14715, 7.16658)

J Endertplatz

A central pedestrian square that serves as a transport hub and the gateway to the Endert valley.

1 Endertplatz, Cochem 56812, Germany (50.14757, 7.16641)



K Wild- und Freizeitpark Klotten

A great theme park for families. The rides are fun, no matter what's your age, and the zoo allows you to feed some of the animals.

Wildparkstraße 1, 56818 Klotten (50.15987, 7.16286)

klotti.de, +49 26 71 605 440

L Brauselay

A steep rocky outcrop and nature reserve known for its rare flora and views of the river bend.

(50.14138, 7.17834)

Wineries and Vineyards

The Cochem region is central to the Mosel valley's wine production, defined by steep slate slopes and a focus on Riesling. This list highlights diverse producers, from the historic 12th-century monastic estate of Kloster Ebernach to family-run wineries like Rademacher and Winzerhof Haxel. These locations feature traditional tasting rooms, direct sales outlets, and production facilities that showcase the area's long-standing viticultural heritage and modern winemaking techniques.



A Weingut Winzerhof Haxel

Family-run winery featuring a tasting room and guest accommodations specializing in Mosel Riesling.

Endertstraße, 56812 Cochem, Germany (50.14781, 7.16273)

haxel.de, +49 2671 7297

B Beim Weinbauer

Traditional estate offering regional wines and hospitality in a classic Mosel setting.

(50.14552, 7.16681)

beim-weinbauer.de, +49 2671 7448

C Weingut Kloster Ebernach

Historic monastic winery with roots dating back to 1130, specializing in steep-slope Riesling and Pinot Noir.

Ebernach, 56812 Cochem, Germany (50.13846, 7.18365)

Mo–We	Open
Th–Sa	10:00–17:00

weingut-klosterebernach.de, +49 2671 9171122

D Weingut Kloster Ebernach

Retail shop for the Kloster Ebernach estate, selling monastic wines, spirits, and regional artisanal products.

(50.13840, 7.18366)

Mo–Fr	10:00–17:00

die-antwort-ist.wine/wein, +49 2673 9625811

E Familienweingut Rademacher

Multi-generational family estate producing Riesling, Pinot Blanc, and Pinot Noir from local vineyards.

10 Pinnerstraße, 56812, Germany (50.15177, 7.16550)

Mo–Sa	10:00–19:30

weingut-rademacher.de, +49 2671 4164

F Andreas Oster Weinkellerei KG

Long-established commercial winery and large-scale bottling facility founded in the 19th century.

(50.12852, 7.15130)

ao-weine.de, +49 2671 60050

G Vintage Weinkeller GmbH

Wine cellar and production site focusing on the processing and distribution of Mosel valley varietals.

(50.12805, 7.14222)

vintage-weinkeller.de, +49 2671 989822

H Weingut Ring

Boutique family winery producing Riesling and sparkling wines from traditional slate-soil vineyards.

(50.13072, 7.14771)

I Weinmanufaktur Hubertus

Wine shop and manufacturer offering a selection of estate-bottled wines and regional spirits.

9 Moselstraße, Klotten 56818, Germany (50.16294, 7.20028)

Fr	13:00+
Sa–Su	11:00+

Cochem's Culinary Delights

Cochem's dining scene is deeply rooted in the Moselle Valley's viticulture and history. This selection features historic venues like the 18th-century Ratskeller and medieval-style banquets held within Reichsburg Cochem. You will find traditional mustard produced using 19th-century methods at the Historische Senfmühle, alongside family-run wineries and riverside terraces. The offerings range from regional Riesling-based dishes and hearty German fare to international Greek and Italian cuisine, often situated in repurposed heritage buildings like former tanneries and vaulted wine cellars.



A Historische Senfmühle Cochem

One of the world's oldest mustard mills, dating to 1810 and 1931. It produces gourmet mustard using traditional cold-grinding processes and original recipes.

(50.14759, 7.16298)

senfmuehle.net, +49 2671 607665

B Historischer Ratskeller Cochem Anno 1739

Set in the vaulted basement of the 1739 town hall, this restaurant serves traditional Moselle regional dishes in a preserved historic setting.

(50.14567, 7.16592)

Mo–Fr	17:30–21:30
Sa–Su	11:30–14:30, 17:30–21:30

ratskeller-cochem.de, +49 2671 9189500

C Weinhexenkeller

A traditional wine cellar restaurant in the old town specializing in local Moselle wines and regional German cuisine.

3 Hafenstraße, Cond 56812, Germany (50.14724, 7.16963)

weinhexe.com, +49 2671 97760

D Cafeteria

Casual dining venue located near the base station of the Cochem Chairlift.

Ebernach, 56812 Cochem, Germany (50.13885, 7.18733)

Mo–Su	Open 24/7

klosterebernach.de/cafeteria/

E Akropolis

Restaurant offering a combination of Greek specialties, international dishes, and German regional cuisine.

(50.14700, 7.16560)

Mo–Su 11:30–14:30, 17:00–22:00

akropolis-cochem.de, +49 2671 9153780

F Restaurant Sehler Mark

Hotel restaurant in the Sehl district offering views of the Moselle River and a menu focused on regional ingredients.

(50.13773, 7.18250)

panorama-hotel.de, +49 2671 914140

G Restaurant Lohspeicher

Located in a historic former tannery building, this restaurant serves upscale regional cuisine and features an outdoor terrace.

(50.14266, 7.20900)

lohspeicher.de, +49 2671 7358

H Zum Onkel Willi

Traditional German eatery in the pedestrian zone known for its classic regional menu and outdoor seating area.

(50.14829, 7.16148)

Mo–Su 12:00–14:30, 17:00–21:30

mosellandhotel-enderttal.de, +49 2671 7305

I Rieslingstub'n

Wine-centric restaurant focusing on local Riesling varieties paired with traditional Moselle valley specialties.

(50.14783, 7.16261)

haxel.de, +49 2671 7297

J Weinhaus Thomas

Riverside wine house and restaurant featuring a terrace with views of the Moselle and a menu of local German dishes.

(50.16325, 7.20072)

weinhaus-thomas.de, +49 2671 1538

K Hotel-Café Germania

Historic cafe on the riverfront promenade known for its traditional German cakes, pastries, and outdoor terrace overlooking the Moselle.

Moselpromenade, 56812 Cochem, Germany
(50.14690, 7.16639)

Mo–Su 08:00–18:00

mosel-hotel-germania.de, +49 2671 97750

L Restaurant Müllerstube

Traditional restaurant located within Hotel Müller, offering regional cuisine and outdoor seating.

(50.15966, 7.13873)

Apr-Oct Mo–Su 12:00–14:00, 18:00–20:30
Nov-Mar Fr–Su 12:00–14:00, 18:00–20:30

hotel-weissmuehle.de, +49 2671 8955

M Balduinstuben

Long-standing restaurant in Cochem's old town serving classic German dishes and regional wines.

(50.14579, 7.16657)

Mo–Su 10:00–21:00

hotel-karl-mueller.de, +49 2671 1333

N Weinstuben Hieronimi

Family-operated winery and tavern on the Cond side of the river, offering wine tastings and regional food.

(50.14439, 7.16993)

Mo Closed

weinstuben-hieronimi.de, +49 2671 7271

O Rittermahl Reichsburg Cochem

Traditional medieval-style knight's feasts served within the historic walls of the Reichsburg Cochem castle.

(50.14224, 7.16718)

Mo–Su Open 24/7

burg-cochem.de/home.html, +49 2671 255

P Cafe-Bistro Filou

Central cafe and bistro offering homemade cakes, ice cream, and light meals with a large outdoor seating area.

(50.14662, 7.16631)

cafebistrofilou.de, +49 2671 910302

Q Beim Weinbauer

Traditional wine tavern featuring rustic decor and a menu focused on regional Moselle wines and hearty German fare.

(50.14557, 7.16680)

Mo–Su 10:00–24:00

beim-weinbauer.de, +49 2671 7448

R Familienweingut Rademacher

Family-owned estate winery offering wine tastings and regional snacks in an outdoor garden setting.

10 Pinnerstraße, 56812, Germany (50.15162, 7.16546)

Mo–Sa 10:00–18:30

weingut-rademacher.de, +49 2671 4164

S Da Vinci

Italian restaurant on the Moselle promenade specializing in wood-fired pizza and pasta with river views.

(50.14754, 7.17004)

Tu–Su 17:30–22:00

davinci-cochem.de, +49 2671 916195

T Gleis 9

German restaurant and bar located in close proximity to the Cochem railway station.

58 Ravenestraße, Cochem 56812, Germany (50.15285, 7.16714)

+49 2671 917073

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