



# The Main challenge: Kulmbach – Mainz

9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS, APPROX. 605 KM  
BOOKING CODE: BY-MAKM8-SP

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●●●●  
TOPOGRAPHY ●●●●●●●●



## Your tour

The Main River is a great and mighty river; the countryside around it is beautiful, magical. Not surprising that people get so passionate about it! But this Main bike sport holiday is not as harmless as it may appear. The challenge lies in the energysapping lengths of the daily sections – which shouldn't be underestimated. The proud river twists and turns through the valley - calling on ambitious cyclists to rise to the challenge. Your calves will pulsate - and not just once - you can count on that. Because there are also lots of wonderful attractions - historic, cultural and culinary!

## Itinerary

<b>Day 1</b>	Individual arrival in Kulmbach
<b>Day 2</b>	Trip to the Main source, approx. 95 km
<b>Day 3</b>	Kulmbach – Bamberg, approx. 80 km
<b>Day 4</b>	Bamberg – Volkach, approx. 90 km
<b>Day 5</b>	Volkach – Erlabrunn / Karlstadt, approx. 75 / 90 km
<b>Day 6</b>	Karlstadt – Wertheim, approx. 75 km
<b>Day 7</b>	Wertheim – Aschaffenburg, approx. 80 km
<b>Day 8</b>	Aschaffenburg – Mainz, approx. 95 km
<b>Day 9</b>	Individual departure

## Travel time

<b>Season A</b>	01.04. – 03.04.	12.04. – 18.04.	04.10. – 11.10.
<b>Season B</b>	04.04. – 11.04.	19.04. – 25.04.	27.09. – 03.10.
<b>Season C</b>	26.04. – 22.05.	07.06. – 03.07.	23.08. – 26.09.
<b>Season D</b>	23.05. – 06.06.	04.07. – 22.08.	

Daily arrival 01.04. – 11.10.2026  
The season is dictated by the arrival date.

## Services

- 8 nights with breakfast, national 3\*-level
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel to Mainz, max. 20 kg / piece
- Cycle route description with maps (1 x per room)
- Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. – 08.00 p.m.)

## Not included services

- Citys or visitors tax, if payable

## Basic price per person

Doubleroom, Season A	999,-
Doubleroom, Season B	1129,-
Doubleroom, Season C	1229,-
Doubleroom, Season D	1329,-
Additional fee single room	299,-

## Additional night prices per person

Bamberg DBL / BB	85,-
Bamberg SGL / BB	119,-
Kulmbach DBL / BB	79,-
Kulmbach SGL / BB	109,-
Mainz DBL / BB	69,-
Mainz SGL / BB	105,-

## Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec*	289,-
Rental bike (10-gear)*	99,-
Sporty rental bike (30-gear)*	179,-

\*including rental bike insurance

## Exemplary hotel list

Kulmbach	Kronprinz Kulmbach	<a href="https://hotel-kulmbach.eu">https://hotel-kulmbach.eu</a>
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Bamberg	Europa Bamberg	<a href="https://www.hotel-europa-bamberg.de">https://www.hotel-europa-bamberg.de</a>
Volkach	Tuchhaus	<a href="https://tuchhaus.com">https://tuchhaus.com</a>
Erlabrunn / Karlstadt	Hotel Meisnerhof Erlabrunn	<a href="https://www.meisnerhof.de/">https://www.meisnerhof.de/</a>
Wertheim	Bronnbacher Hof	<a href="https://bronnbacherhof.com">https://bronnbacherhof.com</a>
Aschaffenburg	Ibis Styles Aschaffenburg	<a href="https://all.accor.com/hotel/A9V7/index.de">https://all.accor.com/hotel/A9V7/index.de</a>
Mainz	Königshof	<a href="http://www.hotel-koenigshof-mainz.de">http://www.hotel-koenigshof-mainz.de</a>

## Child reduction on basic price

Due to the challenging stages, we do not recommend this trip for children.

## Additional night prices per person

Aschaffenburg DBL / BB	75,-
Aschaffenburg SGL / BB	109,-
Karlstadt / Erlabrunn DBL / BB	75,-
Karlstadt / Erlabrunn SGL / BB	109,-
Volkach DBL / BB	75,-
Volkach SGL / BB	109,-
Wertheim DBL / BB	75,-
Wertheim SGL / BB	109,-

## Languages Travel documents

→ German, English, Dutch, French

## Additional note

- All bookings are on request.
- Returning to Kulmbach
- On your own initiative, connections several times a day, 1 - 2x change, duration approx. 4 - 5 hours.
- Twin / double rooms / separate beds are only occasionally available. We treat requests as non-binding customer requests, if above mentioned room types are a booking condition, it must be mentioned as a condition at the time of booking.

## Equipment of our rental bikes

- Comfortable saddle
- Bike lock
- Luggage rack
- Odometer
- Air pump
- Hub dynamo
- Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- Unflat Schwalbe Marathon Plus tyres or comparable
- Waterproof pannier
- Waterproof handlebar bag with map holder
- Further information and photos of the rental bikes are available: [www.cycling-holiday.com/rental-bikes](http://www.cycling-holiday.com/rental-bikes)

## Journey to Kulmbach

- Closest airports: Nuremberg, Frankfurt am Main
- Train station: Kulmbach

## Parking in Kulmbach

- Free, unguarded parking in the immediate vicinity of the hotels, reservation not possible.
- Public parking garage approx. 9 EUR per day, reservation not possible.
- Hotel parking spaces (available in individual hotels, chargeable, details in the travel documents).

## Bike handover

- Arrival: Guests' rental bikes will be available at the arrival hotel. Departure: The guests leave the bikes at the last hotel. If an e-bike has been rented, the battery, charger and key must be returned to the reception.

## Luggage transport

- Luggage pick-up from 09.00 a.m., delivery to the next hotel by 06.00 p.m. at the latest, labeling of luggage is 1 x for the whole tour. No restriction on the number of pieces of luggage, but max. 20 kg per piece of luggage.

## Travel documents

- 1 set (per booked room) consists of: hotel list and voucher, travel information with details on daily stages, short travel guides and route descriptions, maps, luggage tags
- Dispatched up to four weeks before arrival. For short-term bookings, delivery to the start hotel, hotel list and arrival information will be sent by email

## Stages description

### Day 1: Individual arrival in Kulmbach

The brewery and old margrave town of Kulmbach invites you in for a wander to see its old walls, towers and rambling little lanes. If you like a more athletic approach: a lovely route takes you up to Plassenburg Castle - the town's striking landmark. The views up here are wonderful.

### Day 2: Trip to the Main source, approx. 95 km

Today you're going on a trip to the world-famous festival town of Bayreuth, where many musical, architectural and landscaped sights await you. This, Upper Franconia's largest town, is home to many historic buildings and museums. Afterwards you will continue to the source of the Red Main near Creußen before you drive back to Kulmbach.

### Day 3: Kulmbach – Bamberg, approx. 80 km

Just after you leave Kulmbach is where the Red and the White Main rivers meet. In between the Franconian Forest and the Franconian Jura, you cycle along quiet forest paths and field trails. In addition an imperial cathedral, Little Venice, a historic town hall and many other lovely sights - the town of Bamberg is also home to an incredible nine breweries!

### Day 4: Bamberg – Volkach, approx. 90 km

Just a few kilometres after leaving Bamberg, the Main cycle path takes you from the „Beer Franconia“ region to the „Wine Franconia“ area - all on your first day in the saddle. Speedy with a happy heart and a zest for life, you cycle on via Zeil am Main and Hassfurt along the vine-clad banks of the Main. If this section today is a bit too long as your „warm-up day“ you can cover some parts of the route by train.

### Day 5: Volkach – Erlabrunn / Karlstadt, approx. 75 / 90 km

Your love of speed will boost you on to the pulsating town of Würzburg, via the wine-trading town of Kitzingen. As soon as you arrive in Würzburg you whizz up to Marienberg Castle for some beautiful views of the area. On the way from Würzburg to Karlstadt you'll see that even in the olden days people knew to love the Main region for their

summer holidays. In Karlstadt you are sure to meet a lot of like-minded people. The historic city centre is a popular destination for bike tourists.

### Day 6: Karlstadt – Wertheim, approx. 75 km

After the Maindreieck (triangle) comes the Mainviereck (square). And the first corner of the square is Gemünden. You are in Spessart Nature Reserve. You get great views of the area from the ruins of Scherenburg Castle. The Main Valley gets narrower here and the countryside has a lot of forest and is peaceful and isolated. At Rothenfels, a Roman castle watches over the narrow valley and your route. Martkheidenfeld is characterised by its Franconian viniculture. You reach today's destination - Wertheim.

### Day 7: Wertheim – Aschaffenburg, approx. 80 km

Just round the next bend in the river you see Stadtprozelten, home of one of the prettiest castle ruins on the Main, which looks over the town. Henneburg Castle. When you get to Miltenberg you might recognise the „Schnatterloch“ Marketplace and „Riesen“ guesthouse - as the town is particularly known for them. Next you head for the small town of Klingenberg and its vineyards, wine cellars and so-called „Heckenwirtschaften“ - wine taverns that open seasonally. You cycle along the Main cycle path to the Spessart Metropolis of Aschaffenburg. From afar already, the four towers marking each corner of Johannisburg Castle show you the way.

### Day 8: Aschaffenburg – Mainz, approx. 95 km

Just a bit further along the river and - once you've passed Offenbach - you'll soon find yourself in Frankfurt. Then you continue to Flörsheim and then on through the town of Hochheim and its many half-timber-framed buildings. There are two bridges to pedal over and then Mainz' historic old town is in front of you.

### Day 9: Individual departure

After breakfast you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay.