

Cycle tour in Merry old England

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 300 KM

BOOKING CODE: EN-GBIB7

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●

TOPOGRAPHY ●●●●●



Your tour

The journey takes you to Suffolk in the southeast of England, where you will be enchanted by rolling countryside, historic market towns, and the relaxed atmosphere of English country life—ideal for a leisurely bike ride. Easy stages leave plenty of time for breaks and discoveries, while thatched cottages, castles, and quiet river valleys characterize the region. Selected accommodations and the successful blend of nature, history, and British charm make this trip particularly enjoyable.

Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival to Ipswich
Day 2	Ipswich – Needham Market – Halesworth, approx. 60 km + train ride
Day 3	Excursion to Southwold, approx. 40 km
Day 4	Halesworth – Felixstowe, approx. 60 km
Day 5	Felixstowe - Stoke by Nayland, approx. 50 km
Day 6	Stoke by Nayland - Long Melford, approx. 40 km
Day 7	Long Melford – Bury St Edmunds, approx. 40 km
Day 8	Individual departure

Travel time

Season A	01.05. – 30.06.	01.09. – 27.09.
Season B	01.07. – 21.07.	28.07. – 31.08.

Daily arrival 01.05. – 21.07.2026

Daily arrival 28.07. – 27.09.2026

The season is dictated by the arrival date.

Services

- 7 nights with breakfast, national 3*-level
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel to Bury St. Edmunds
- Cycle route description with maps (1 x per room)
- Route navigation via app
- Service-Hotline (7 days, 09.00 a.m. – 05.00 p.m.)

Not included services

- Train ride Ipswich – Needham Market, approx. 7 euro per person
- Ferry trip on day 3, 4 and 5

Basic price per person

Doubleroom, Season A	1239,-
Doubleroom, Season B	1429,-
Surcharge single room, season A	489,-
Surcharge single room, season B	549,-

Additional night prices per person

Bury St. Edmunds DZ / ÜF	139,-
Bury St. Edmunds SGL / BB	259,-
Ipswich DBL / BB	139,-
Ipswich SGL / BB	259,-

Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec	259,-
Rental bike (21-gear)	119,-

Notes

- Minimum number of participants: 2 persons

Exemplary hotel list

Ipswich	Salthouse Harbour Hotel, Ipswich	https://www.salthouseharbour.co.uk/
Halesworth	The Angel Hotel	
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Felixstowe	The Fludyers Hotel	https://www.thefludyers.co.uk/
Stoke by Nayland	Stoke-by-Nayland Hotel & Spa	https://www.stokebynayland.com/spa/spa-days/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=20685697858&gclid=CjwKCAiA8vXIBhAtEi-wAf3B-g73jzCqcQ52C9RUptNshUgGt0FdD1zBLiZX-Ma9mya1EWGCOLZTclwhoC8KsQAvD_BwE
Long Melford	The Bull Hotel	
Bury St. Edmunds	The Angel Hotel, Bury St Edmunds	https://www.theangel.co.uk/

Child reduction on basic price

0 – 15 Years	30%
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Children's discount applies for accommodation in a room with two full-paying guests, no discount from the age of 18. A multi-bed room is usually a double room with an extra bed or folding sofa. No four-bed rooms possible.

Languages Travel documents

→ German, English, French, Italian, Spanish

Additional note

→ All bookings are on request.
→ 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.
→ Local currency Pound sterling

Equipment of our rental bikes

→ Bike lock
→ Luggage rack
→ Air pump
→ Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
→ Unflat Schwalbe Marathon Plus tyres or comparable
→ Waterproof pannier

Journey to Ipswich

→ Nearest airports: London
→ Train station: Ipswich

Parking in Ipswich

→ Free parking on the premises of our partner tour operator directly on the cycle pat, journey time from the hotel approx. 45 minutes.

Stages description

Day 1: Individual arrival to Ipswich

As the oldest Anglo-Saxon town in England and a former settlement of the Hanseatic League, Ipswich welcomes you with its charm. The town boasts thirteen medieval churches and many historic buildings. For example, Christchurch Mansion, the unique Tudor manor house, has a history of over 500 years and can now be visited as a museum. A visit to the harbour is particularly worthwhile in the evening, when the lights slowly come on in the many bars and cosy restaurants.

offer magnificent views of the town and the gently rolling countryside of Suffolk. Shady paths and open, gently rolling countryside finally lead you past village cottages and more medieval churches to the market town of Halesworth.

Day 2: Ipswich – Needham Market – Halesworth, approx. 60 km + train ride

In the morning, a train will take you to Needham Market, where you will receive your rental bikes and travel documents. Cycle along the small paths to Debenham, a pretty, historic village with its overhanging half-timbered houses, antique shops, and impressive church. From there, continue to Saxtead Green, where you can visit the lovingly restored 18th-century post mill. Then discover the charming little town of Framlingham – typically English with a lively market square full of small, interesting shops and a mighty 12th-century castle. Take a break, enjoy the atmosphere, or stroll along the castle walls, which

Day 3: Excursion to Southwold, approx. 40 km

Halesworth captivates visitors with its multitude of historic facades and inviting little shops. The medieval St. Mary's Church is also worth a visit before you set off on a round trip towards the coast to discover more of Suffolk's historical treasures. On the way, you will pass Holton Post Mill and finally reach Wangford, a village full of diverse cottages, traditional houses, and an impressive inn—each with its own history. Soon, the Suffolk Heritage Coast and Sole Bay appear on the horizon, accompanied by Southwold, the dignified and extremely charming coastal town. Wide green spaces lined with elegant historic houses, a pier, a lighthouse, an excellent local brewery, and a promenade lined with colorful beach huts characterize the scene. Cross a small bridge or take the foot ferry across the River Blyth to historic Walberswick, then follow the estuary to picturesque Wenhampton before returning to Halesworth.

Day 4: Halesworth – Felixstowe, approx. 60 km

Head back to the coast to Dunwich, the former medieval capital of East Anglia, now largely swallowed up by the sea. Visit the ruins of Greyfriars Priory on the cliffs and continue your journey across the impressive heathlands, perhaps stopping off at the famous Minsmere bird sanctuary. Passing through Eastbridge, the route leads past the ruins of Leiston Abbey to the winding waters of the River Alde. In Snape Maltings, you will find the Aldeburgh Festival concert hall as well as small galleries and shops – ideal for a break with a view of the river. Then cross the River Deben on the small ferry (arriving by 5 p.m. at the latest, otherwise you'll face a very long detour!) before ending the day relaxing on the terrace of your hotel right on the waterfront in the Victorian seaside resort of Felixstowe.

Day 5: Felixstowe - Stoke by Nayland, approx. 50 km

Leave the seaside resort of Felixstowe and cross the Orwell and Stour rivers from the harbor. Then follow the River Stour into the heart of Constable Country. In the gently rolling countryside of the Stour Valley and Dedham Vale, you will encounter motifs from the 18th-century landscape painter John Constable that are still recognizable today, including his birthplace East Bergholt, the meadows of the River Stour, and Flatford Mill. The surrounding villages, large and small, impress with their stately churches, pretty half-timbered houses, and old inns, which bear witness to the medieval prosperity of the wool region. Your destination, Stoke-by-Nayland, is no exception.

Day 6: Stoke by Nayland - Long Melford, approx. 40 km

From Stoke by Nayland, the gently rolling countryside leads through the pretty village of Shelley to Hadleigh, an important wool town with its striking Tudor Deanery Tower, an impressive medieval church, and crooked half-timbered houses with colorful stucco along the main street. The route continues to Kersey, which delights visitors with its steep path from the church to the waterway and, together with nearby Chelsworth, is one of the most beautiful villages in England. Passing more historic farmhouses, you finally arrive in Long Melford, which impresses with two Tudor manor houses, wide green spaces, a remarkable church, and a long, lively main street full of shops, antique stores, and pubs.

Day 7: Long Melford – Bury St Edmunds, approx. 40 km

Start the day in the medieval maze of streets in Lavenham, the most famous of all the “wool towns.” The route then takes you through rolling hills to idyllic Hartest and on to the unusual oval-shaped country estate of Ickworth House, a few miles from the old market town of Bury St Edmunds. Bury is steeped in history, with narrow streets and typical Suffolk charm. Through the mighty stone gate, you reach the ruins of the abbey, surrounded by beautiful gardens down to the River Lark. The cathedral received its impressive tower at the millennium, and twice a week there is a lively market. For a break, visit The Nutshell – the smallest pub in Britain.

Day 8: Individual departure

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