

# The Castle Route

**8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 260 KM**  
**BOOKING CODE: NE-HR7**

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



**From Heidelberg castle to medieval Rothenburg**

From Eur **799,-**



## Your tour

Along the Neckar, Kocher and Jagst, you cycle to the Burgenstraßen cycle path, sometimes flat, but it often goes uphill and downhill. Over you, numerous proud fortresses and ancient castles supervise you, like the castle ruin Heidelberg, the Imperial Palace in Bad Wimpfen and the castle of Götz von Berlichingens in Jagsthausen. The night guard in Rothenburg ob der Tauber sets the right final chord – with its numerous anecdotes it makes past times alive.

## Itinerary

<b>Day 1</b>	Individual arrival in Heidelberg		
<b>Day 2</b>	Heidelberg – Eberbach, approx. 40 km		
<b>Day 3</b>	Eberbach – Bad Friedrichshall / Neckarsulm, approx. 55 km		
<b>Day 4</b>	Bad Friedrichshall – Jagsthausen / Sindringen, approx. 40 / 50 km		
<b>Day 5</b>	Sindringen – Öhringen – Schwäbisch Hall, approx. 40 / 50 km		
<b>Day 6</b>	Schwäbisch Hall – Kirchberg, approx. 40 km		
<b>Day 7</b>	Kirchberg – Rothenburg ob der Tauber, approx. 35 km		
<b>Day 8</b>	Individual departure		

## Travel time

<b>Season A</b>	14.04.	21.04.	
<b>Season B</b>	28.04.	15.09. – 29.09.	
<b>Season C</b>	05.05.	12.05.	02.06. – 23.06.
	01.09.	08.09.	
<b>Season D</b>	19.05.	26.05.	30.06. – 25.08.

Arrival Sunday 14.04. – 29.09.2024  
 The season is dictated by the arrival date.

## Services

- 7 nights with breakfast, national 3\*-level
- Entrance Castle Heidelberg
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel to Rothenburg, 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.)
- Guided tour Rothenburg with the night watchman

## Not included services

- Citys or visitors tax, if payable

## Basic price per person

Doubleroom, Season A	799,-
Doubleroom, Season B	899,-
Doubleroom, Season C	999,-
Doubleroom, Season D	1099,-
Price Surcharge Singleroom	279,-

## Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec (freewheel)*	259,-
Rental bike (27-gear)*	99,-
Sporty rental bike (30-gear)*	169,-

\*including rental bike insurance

## Additional night prices per person

Heidelberg DBL / BB	89,-
Heidelberg SGL / BB	125,-
Rothenburg DBL / BB	69,-
Rothenburg SGL / BB	105,-

## Exemplary hotel list

Heidelberg	Kulturbrauerei Heidelberg	<a href="https://heidelberger-kulturbrauerei.de">https://heidelberger-kulturbrauerei.de</a>
	Bayrischer Hof Heidelberg	<a href="https://www.bayrischer-hof-heidelberg.com">https://www.bayrischer-hof-heidelberg.com</a>
	Qube Bergheim Heidelberg	<a href="https://qube-hotel-heidelberg.de/bergheim">https://qube-hotel-heidelberg.de/bergheim</a>
	Qube Bahnstadt Heidelberg	<a href="https://qube-hotel-heidelberg.de/bahnstadt">https://qube-hotel-heidelberg.de/bahnstadt</a>
	Alte Brücke Heidelberg	<a href="https://www.hotel-zur-alten-bruecke.de">https://www.hotel-zur-alten-bruecke.de</a>
Eberbach	Karpfen Eberbach	<a href="https://hotel-karpfen.com">https://hotel-karpfen.com</a>
Neckarsulm / Bad Friedrichshall	Nestor Neckarsulm	<a href="https://www.ghotel-group.de/hotels/neckarsulm/">https://www.ghotel-group.de/hotels/neckarsulm/</a>
	Vienna House Easy Neckarsulm	<a href="https://www.viennahouse.com/de/easy-neckarsulm">https://www.viennahouse.com/de/easy-neckarsulm</a>
	Schloss Lehen Bad Friedrichshall	<a href="https://www.welcome-hotels.com/hotels/bad-friedrichshall-schloss-lehen">https://www.welcome-hotels.com/hotels/bad-friedrichshall-schloss-lehen</a>
Jagsthausen / Sindringen	Krone am Fluss	<a href="https://www.krone-sindringen.de">https://www.krone-sindringen.de</a>
Schwäbisch Hall	Goldener Adler Schwäbisch Hall	<a href="https://hotelgoldeneradler.de">https://hotelgoldeneradler.de</a>
	Adelshof Schwäbisch Hall	<a href="http://www.hotel-adelshof.de">http://www.hotel-adelshof.de</a>
Kirchberg	Landhotel Kirchberg	<a href="https://www.landhotel-kirchberg.de">https://www.landhotel-kirchberg.de</a>
Rothenburg	Markusturm Rothenburg	<a href="https://www.markusturm.de">https://www.markusturm.de</a>
	Rappen Rothenburg	<a href="https://www.hotelrappen.de">https://www.hotelrappen.de</a>

## Child reduction on basic price

12 - 17 Years

25%

Due to the more demanding stages, we recommend this trip only for young people with good stamina.

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.

## Additional night prices per person

Eberbach DBL / BB	55,-
Eberbach SGL / BB	85,-
Jagsthausen / Sindringen DBL / BB	65,-
Jagsthausen / Sindringen SGL / BB	99,-
Kirchberg DBL / BB	65,-
Kirchberg SGL / BB	99,-
Neckarsulm / Bad Friedrichshall DBL / BB	65,-
Neckarsulm / Bad Friedrichshall SGL / BB	99,-
Schwäbisch Hall DBL / BB	89,-
Schwäbisch Hall SGL / BB	125,-

## Languages Travel documents

→ German, English, Dutch

## Additional note

- All bookings are on request.
- Return journey to Heidelberg: On your own by train, connections several times every day, duration approx. 4 hours, 3 train changes. We recommend bike hire.
- 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 Heidelberg

- Closest airports: Frankfurt am Main, Stuttgart
- Train station: Heidelberg

### **Parking in Heidelberg**

- Public car parks: P1 Poststraße, costs approx. 15 EUR / day & P4 Darmstädter Hof, costs approx. 16 EUR / day.
- 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

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## **Stages description**

### **Day 1: Individual arrival in Heidelberg**

Heidelberg is considered one of Germany's most beautiful towns. The harmonious flair of Neckar, historic quarter and castle in the midst of vineyards has fascinated artists and poets of the Romantic and will surely enchant you, too. Heidelberg Castle and its beautiful gardens are worth a visit.

### **Day 2: Heidelberg – Eberbach, approx. 40 km**

Your way leads you through Neckar Valley to Eberbach, which is located at the foot of an extinct volcano. Above the town on a hill are Eberbach castle ruins. The size of the complex can only be guessed at by the imposing remaining walls. See the four still intact towers in the historic quarter, which served as the medieval town fortifications.

### **Day 3: Eberbach – Bad Friedrichshall / Neckarsulm, approx. 55 km**

This route takes you along the Neckar to the historic old town of Bad Wimpfen. You will recognize the town's skyline from afar. A short distance now separates you from today's destination, the salt town of Bad Friedrichshall. The Kocher and Jagst rivers meet here and join the Neckar and will bewitch you in this lovely unsoiled riverland.

### **Day 4: Bad Friedrichshall – Jagsthausen / Sindringen, approx. 40 / 50 km**

After breakfast, you cycle along the Kocher-Jagst cycle path, first along the Jagst to Jagsthausen, home of the Knight, Götz von Berlichingen. He spend a few years of his childhood at Castle Jagsthausen, which was also named Götzenburg. Explore the town and visit the Red and White Castle or the old town hall in the town centre.

### **Day 5: Sindringen – Öhringen – Schwäbisch Hall, approx. 40 / 50 km**

You leave the home of Knight Götz von Berlichingen and cycle along the German Limes cycle path to Öhringen. The town on the Limes will enchant you with its special atmosphere and history. The former Hohenlohe castle is on the medieval marketplace, the heart of the town. The Castle Route cycle path takes you to today's destination, Schwäbisch Hall.

### **Day 6: Schwäbisch Hall – Kirchberg, approx. 40 km**

Your bike takes you through the Jagst Valley to Kirchberg. The river has cut a deep path into the shell limestone of the Hohenlohe Levels and formed an impressive valley. The striking town backdrop with its town tower, castle and church rises over the lovely Jagst valley. On a pleasant wander through the town you have the chance to see Kirchberg Castle.

### **Day 7: Kirchberg – Rothenburg ob der Tauber, approx. 35 km**

In the morning you cycle to Rothenburg ob der Tauber. The historic old town features pretty timber-framed houses, narrow towers, winding streets and impressive fortifications. In the evening join the night watchman on a tour through winding streets and brightly lit squares.

### **Day 8: Individual departure**

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