# The Neckar challenge

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 425 – 450 KM BOOKING CODE: NE-KH7-SP

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# Your tour

On this tour through the country, cycling is in the focus. Highpoints along the way are the university cities Constance, Tübingen and Heidelberg. Besides, the tour is characterized by various landscapes: Lake Constance, Swabian Alb, Wurttembergian wine land and Odenwald make a varied bike tour possible.

#### Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival in Constance		
Day 2	Konstanz – Kirchen-Hausen, ca. 65 km + train ride or 80 km		
Day 3	Kirchen-Hausen – Sulz / Glatt, ca. 85 / 95 km		
Day 4	Sulz – Tübingen, ca. 55 / 45 km		
Day 5	Tübingen – Stuttgart-Bad Cannstatt, approx. 65 km		
Day 6	Stuttgart – Neckarsulm / Bad Friedrichshall, approx. 80 / 85 km		
Day 7	Bad Friedrichshall – Heidelberg, approx. 85 / 80 km		
Day 8	Individual departure		
Travel time			

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Season A	31.03 19.04.	06.10 19.10.	
Season B	20.04 30.04.	15.0905.10.	
Season C	01.05 06.05.	02.06 29.06.	18.08 14.09.
	12.05 14.05.	20.05 25.05.	
Season D	07.05 11.05.	15.05 19.05.	26.05 01.06.
	30.06 17.08.		

Daily arrival 31.03. – 19.10.2024

The season is dictated by the arrival date.

#### Services

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

# Not included services

- → Train ride Engen Immendingen, approx. 10 EUR per person incl. bike
- → 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,-
Sporty rental bike (30-gear)*	169,-
Parking (fenced) in Constance	49,-
Return transfer excl. bike (Saturday)	89,-
Return transfer incl. bike (Saturday)	129,-
*including rental hike insurance	

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# **Exemplary hotel list**

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Konstanz	ABC-Hotel Konstanz	https://www.abc-hotel.de
	Apartment-Hotel Konstanz	https://www.apartment-hotel-konstanz.de/
	Ibis Hotel Konstanz	https://www.accorhotels.com/de/hotel-7290-ibis- konstanz/index.shtml
	Waldhaus Jakob Konstanz	https://hotelwaldhausjakob.com/
Kirchen-Hausen / Geisingen	Sternen Kirchen-Hausen	https://www.hotel-sternen.de
Sulz / Glatt	Lamm Sulz	http://www.gasthof-lamm.info
	Züfle Sulz	https://www.hotelzuefle.de
Tübingen	Schloss Tübingen	https://www.hotelamschloss.de
	Krone Tübingen	https://www.krone-tuebingen.de
Stuttgart-Bad Cannstatt	Krehls Linde	https://krehl-gastronomie.de
Neckarsulm / Bad Friedrichshall	Nestor Neckarsulm	https://www.ghotel-group.de/hotels/neckarsulm/
	Vienna House Easy Neckarsulm	https://www.viennahouse.com/de/easy-neckarsulm
	Schloss Lehen Bad Friedrichshall	https://www.welcome-hotels.com/hotels/ bad-friedrichshall-schloss-lehen
Heidelberg	Kulturbrauerei Heidelberg	https://heidelberger-kulturbrauerei.de
	Bayrischer Hof Heidelberg	https://www.bayrischer-hof-heidelberg.com
	Alte Brücke Heidelberg	https://www.hotel-zur-alten-bruecke.de
	Qube Heidelberg	https://www.qube-hotel-heidelberg.de

#### Additional night prices per person

Kirchen-Hausen DBL / BB	55,—
Kirchen-Hausen SGL / BB	85,-
Neckarsulm / Bad Friedrichshall DBL / BB	65,-
Neckarsulm / Bad Friedrichshall SGL / BB	99,—
Stuttgart-Bad Canstatt DBL / BB	89,-
Stuttgart-Bad Canstatt SGL / BB	125,-
Sulz / Glatt DBL / BB	55,-
Sulz / Glatt SGL / BB	85,-

#### Languages Travel documents

→ German, English, Dutch, French

#### Additional note

- $\rightarrow$  All bookings are on request.
- → Return journey from Heidelberg to Constance:
- → Optionally by chartered minibus, only on Saturday between 09.00 10.00 am, must be booked in advance.
- → Self-organised by train, connections hourly, duration approx. 4 hours, 1 – 2 x train change.
- → 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

- $\rightarrow$  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

# Journey to Konstanz

- → Closest airport: Zurich, Stuttgart, Basel, Karlsruhe, Memmingen, Friedrichshafen
- → Train station: Constance

# Parking in Konstanz

- → Fenced parking lot near the Radweg-Reisen office in Constance, must be booked and paid in advance.
- → Parking garages (Fischmarkt, Dammgasse, Lago, Altstadt, Benediktinerplatz), costs approx. 25 Euro / day
- → Hotel parking spaces (available in individual hotels, chargeable, details in the travel documents)

# **Bike handover**

→ Pick-up at Radweg-Reisen in Konstanz between 9 am and 7 pm, 7 days per week. On request delivery to the hotel, then no individual adjustment by our staff on site. Departure: Return at Radweg-Reisen or guests leave them at the hotel.

# **Stages description**

# Day 1: Individual arrival in Constance

Take the opportunity to wander through Constance's old town or visit the aquariums in the Sea Life Center and go to the Archaeological Museum.

# Day 2: Konstanz – Kirchen-Hausen, ca. 65 km + train ride or 80 km

First, you cycle alongside Lake Constance to the former Imperial town of Radolfzell - now a spa resort. Next you're off to discover the Hegau volcanoes and on to Engen which has a beautiful old town. The incline up to the Alb can also be "mastered" by train (not included in price). With Danube now in sight, you reach today's destination.

# Day 3: Kirchen-Hausen – Sulz / Glatt, ca. 85 / 95 km

Up on the Baar plateau, you cycle along the Danube to Donaueschingen. You continue on between the Black Forest and the Swabian Alb to Schwenningen where you reach the Neckar river. The river cuts deep into the valley, and gradually becomes wider and wider. Via Oberndorf, an important centre for the Swabian-Alemannic carnival, you reach Sulz.

# Day 4: Sulz – Tübingen, ca. 55 / 45 km

Take a deserved break in Horb, and visit the abbey church and the Schurkenturm tower. Pedal now to Rottenburg. It suffered many town fires in the past and no longer has a medieval townscape but a Baroque style. You continue on to Tübingen. Visit the lovely old town and Hohentübingen Castle, which gives you great views of the town.

#### 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

#### Day 5: Tübingen – Stuttgart-Bad Cannstatt, approx. 65 km

You leave this lively town and soon pedal past various bathing lakes great for a refreshening swim. Cycling along the Neckar, downstream, you pedal through the valley via Plochingen to Esslingen. You cycle to Stuttgart first, capital of the state of Baden-Württemberg and its largest town. Why not visit the Mercedes-Benz museum or the Old Castle?

# Day 6: Stuttgart – Neckarsulm / Bad Friedrichshall, approx. 80 / 85 km

You pedal on passing vineyards to the royal summer residence of Ludwigsburg. Here you can become familiar with the Neckar valley as a cradle of poets and philosophers - Marbach is the town in which Friedrich Schiller was born. You follow the winding river through picturesque vineyards to Lauffen, where you should allow yourself a glass of tasty Katzenbeisser. From Heilbronn, you cycle along the romantic Burgenstrasse to Neckarsulm.

#### Day 7: Bad Friedrichshall – Heidelberg, approx. 85 / 80 km

This section takes you past all kinds of castles including the residence of Götz von Berlichingen. Goethe wrote a play based on him and is considered a prominent work in the Romantic (Sturm und Drang) Period. The Neckar winds its way through the Odenwald mountain range and forms the border between Hesse and Baden-Württemberg. The famous university town of Heidelberg waits for your arrival with a well-known castle ruin which is definitely worth a visit.

#### Day 8: Individual departure

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