

# The Neckar challenge

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

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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 – Donaueschingen, approx. 90 km or 80 km + train ride
Day 3	Donaueschingen – Sulz / Glatt, approx. 65 / 75 km
Day 4	Sulz – Tübingen, approx. 55 / 45 km
Day 5	Tübingen – Ludwigsburg, approx. 90 km
Day 6	Ludwigsburg – Bad Friedrichshall / Bad Wimpfen, approx. 65 / 70 km
Day 7	Bad Friedrichshall – Heidelberg, approx. 85 / 80 km
Day 8	Individual departure

#### Travel time

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

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

#### Services

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

# Not included services

- ightarrow Train ride Engen Immendingen, approx. 10 EUR per person incl. bike
- → Citys or visitors tax, if payable

# Basic price per person

Doubleroom, Season A	849,-
Doubleroom, Season B	999,-
Doubleroom, Season C	1149,-
Doubleroom, Season D	1249,-
Additional fee single room	279,-

Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec*	289,-
Rental bike (27-gear)*	99,-
Sporty rental bike (30-gear)*	179,-
Parking (fenced) in Constance	49,-
Return transfer excl. bike (Sat)	99,-
Return transfer incl. bike (Sat)	145,-
*including rental bike insurance	

Additional night prices per person

Heidelberg DBL / BB	89,-
Heidelberg SGL / BB	129,-

## **Exemplary hotel list**

Konstanz	Ko Ono Konstanz	https://koono.de/
Donaueschingen	Hirschen Donaueschingen	https://www.hotel-zum-hirschen.de/
Sulz / Glatt	Lamm Sulz	http://www.gasthof-lamm.info
Tübingen	Schloss Tübingen	https://www.hotelamschloss.de
Heidelberg	Kulturbrauerei Heidelberg	https://heidelberger-kulturbrauerei.de

#### Child reduction on basic price

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

Additional night prices per person

Bad Friedrichshall / Bad Wimpfen DBL / BB	65,-
Bad Friedrichshall / Bad Wimpfen SGL / BB	99,-
Donaueschingen DBL / BB	65,-
Donaueschingen SGL / BB	95,-
Constance DBL / BB	85,-
Constance SGL / BB	125,-
Ludwigsburg DBL / BB	85,-
Ludwigsburg SGL / BB	125,-
Sulz / Glatt DBL / BB	69,-
Sulz / Glatt SGL / BB	99,–
Tübingen DBL / BB	89,–
Tübingen SGL / BB	129,-

#### **Languages Travel documents**

→ German, English, Dutch, French

#### **Additional note**

- → 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**

- → 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.

# 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 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 – Donaueschingen, approx. 90 km or 80 km + train ride

Firstly, you cycle along Lake Constance to the old imperial and modern-day spa town of Radolfzell. The route then continues past the Hegau volcanoes and on to Engen with its charming old town. Alternatively, you can make the ascent to the Alb by train (not included, minus 300 hm). Along the Danube you reach your destination today, Donaueschingen, where the Brigach and Breg rivers meet and form the beginning of the great European river.

#### Day 3: Donaueschingen - Sulz / Glatt, approx. 65 / 75 km

Between the Black Forest and the Swabian Alb, you reach Schwenningen, where you come to the Neckar. The river cuts deep into its valley and gradually widens. Via Rottweil and Oberndorf, a stronghold of the Swabian-Alemannic carnival, you finally reach Sulz and Glatt.

# Day 4: Sulz - Tübingen, approx. 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.

## Day 5: Tübingen – Ludwigsburg, approx. 90 km

You leave the lively student town and soon pass various bathing lakes where you can refresh yourself. Cycle down the Neckar along the valley to Plochingen with the Hundertwasser Tower. Esslingen, which was not destroyed during the war, attracts visitors with its particularly historic flair. Cycle past the state capital of Stuttgart to the baroque city of Ludwigsburg.

# Day 6: Ludwigsburg – Bad Friedrichshall / Bad Wimpfen, approx. 65 / 70 km

Cycle back to the Neckar and follow the winding river through picturesque vineyards to Lauffen, where you should treat yourself to a sip of the delicious Katzenbeißer. From Heilbronn, a centre of viticulture and wine trade, you cycle on along the romantic Castle Road to Bad Friedrichshall or to Bad Wimpfen, which is well worth a visit.

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

The stage leads past numerous castles. The Neckar meanders through the Odenwald near Eberbach and forms the border between Hesse and Baden-Württemberg. The famous university town of Heidelberg awaits with its famous castle ruins, which you should definitely visit.

## Day 8: Individual departure

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

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