# The Oder-Neisse Cycle Route to Usedom

11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS, APPROX. 600 KM BOOKING CODE: NO-BRZU10







#### Your tour

Cycle from the beautiful Upper Lusatian Mountains through traditional Sorbian countryside and unspoilt river landscapes to the Szczecin Lagoon. Cultural monuments worth seeing and omnipresent witnesses of recent history accompany you on your journey through the German-Polish border region to the bathtub of Berlin.

#### Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival in Zittau	
Day 2	Zittau – Görlitz, approx. 45 km	
Day 3	Görlitz – Bad Muskau, approx. 70 km	
Day 4	Bad Muskau – Guben, approx. 70 km	
Day 5	Guben – Frankfurt (Oder), approx. 65 km	
Day 6	Frankfurt (Oder) – Groß Neuendorf / Altlewin, approx. 60 / 70 km	
Day 7	Groß Neuendorf – Schwedt, approx. 65 km	
Day 8	Schwedt – Löcknitz, approx. 80 km	
Day 9	Löcknitz – Ueckermünde, approx. 60 km	
Day 10	Ueckermünde – Insel Usedom, approx. 65 / 80 km + boat trip	
Day 11	Individual departure	

#### Travel time

Season A	27.04. – 05.05.	08.09. – 22.09.
Season B	11.05 07.09.	

Arrival Saturday and Sunday 27.04. – 22.09.2024 The season is dictated by the arrival date.

#### Services

- → 10 nights with breakfast, national 3\*-level
- → Ferry ride Kamp Karnin incl. bike
- → Luggage transport from hotel to hotel to Usedom, max. 2 pieces per person, 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	1279,-
Doubleroom, Season B	1329,-
Price Surcharge Singleroom	399,-

## Additional night prices per person

Usedom Island DBL / BB	95,-
Usedom Island SGL / BB	129,-
Zittau DBL / BB	59,-
Zittau SGL / BB	89,-

#### Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec	329,-
Rental bike (7- / 21-gear)	165

#### Notes

→ Minimum number of participants: 2 persons

#### **Exemplary hotel list**

Zittau	Hotel Dreiländereck Zittau	www.hotel-dle.de
Görlitz	Am Goldenen Strauss Görlitz	www.stadthotel-goerlitz.de
Bad Muskau	Hotel & Gasthof Am Schlossbrunnen Bad Muskau	www.schlossbrunnen.de
Guben	Landgasthof Hotel Waldow Guben	www.hotel-waldow.de
Frankfurt (Oder)	City Park Hotel Frankfurt (Oder)	www.citypark-hotel.de
Groß Neuendorf / Altlewin	Gasthof Zum Alten Fritz Altlewin	www.gasthof-zum-alten-fritz.de
Schwedt	Andersen Hotel Schwedt/Oder	www.andersen-hotel.de
Löcknitz	Hotel Haus am See Löcknitz	www.hotel-haus-am-see.de
Ueckermünde	Am Markt & Brauhaus Stadtkrug Ueckermünde	https://www.hotel-ueckermuende.de/
Insel Usedom	Residenz Heringsdorf	www.urlaub-auf-usedom.de

#### Child reduction on basic price

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

#### **Languages Travel documents**

→ German, English

#### **Additional note**

- → All bookings are on request.
- → Return journey to Zittau: Optionally by minibus, must be specified when booking, price on request.
- → Alternatively on your own by train, connections several times a day, 3 4 changes, duration: approx. 8 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**

- → on request: odometer, map holder (to be specified when booking)
- → Bike lock
- → Air pump
- → Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- → Waterproof pannier

#### Journey to Zittau

- → Nearest airports: Dresden, Leipzig, Berlin
- → Train station: Zittau

#### Parking in Zittau

→ Public parking in the center, paid or free parking outside the center.

No reservation possible through Radweg-Reisen.

#### **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

# Stages description

#### Day 1: Individual arrival in Zittau

The most southeastern town in Saxony has a beautiful market square, where the town hall built by Schinkel is located. You can see the famous Zittau lenten cloths in two different museums. Enjoy the flair of this once Bohemian town and let the narrow-gauge railway take you to the surrounding spa towns to get in the mood for your holiday. Booked rental bikes are available at the hotel.

# Day 2: Zittau – Görlitz, approx. 45 km

Your first stage takes you to Hirschfelde. Further on, the Neisse accompanies you to the Cistercian monastery of St. Marienthal. The baroque style gives it an imposing appearance. Since 1234 until today, the oldest German house of this order has been in continuous use. With Görlitz you arrive in a place that was spared from war and therefore still has significant buildings from the Middle Ages, the Renaissance and Art Nouveau.

#### Day 3: Görlitz – Bad Muskau, approx. 70 km

Continuing along the river, you will pass the Einsiedel Island of Culture at Zentendorf, where you can see a remarkable tree house hotel. Incidentally, you are not only in Upper Lusatia, but also in former Silesia, which jutted westwards across the Neisse. Prince Pückler lived in Muskau, where he created a unique park and gave his name to the famous ice cream.

#### Day 4: Bad Muskau - Guben, approx. 70 km

After breakfast, you cycle further along the river. Via the Sorbian villages of Zelz and Bademeusel you reach Forst, the city of roses. In addition to impressive cloth factories, a textile museum and numerous churches, the reddish water tower is the town's landmark. Then the cycle path takes you past lakes and through extensive forests as well as the typical heath landscape to the twin town of Guben / Gubin.

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#### Day 5: Guben - Frankfurt (Oder), approx. 65 km

If you don't have a sensitive stomach, you can immerse yourself in the world of anatomy after breakfast. The Plastinarium houses, among other things, the famous travelling exhibition Body Worlds. Continuing on your bike today, you will follow the Oder river, which you will meet shortly after Guben and which will lead you to the baroque monastery of Neuzelle. Treat yourself to a black beer brewed in the Cistercian tradition. You will reach Frankfurt via Eisenhüttenstadt.

# Day 6: Frankfurt (Oder) – Groß Neuendorf / Altlewin, approx. 60 / 70 km

The birthplace of the important playwright Heinrich von Kleist was once an important trading and Hanseatic town. Impressive buildings such as the town hall and St. Mary's Church still bear witness to its former wealth. Today's stage takes you through the Oderbruch, a cultural landscape created in the 18th century by river straightening, embankment and drainage.

#### Day 7: Groß Neuendorf - Schwedt, approx. 65 km

Whereas yesterday it was rural, today it is downright lonely in the Lower Oder Valley Nature Park, home to many rare plants and animals. The river floodplain is a resting place for large flocks of migratory birds. You will pass Stolpe Castle, which has one of the most massive defence towers in Germany, the Grützpott. You then reach Schwedt. Here you will find one of the largest remaining Jewish cemeteries in Brandenburg.

#### Day 8: Schwedt - Löcknitz, approx. 80 km

After breakfast, you cycle to Gartz, which lies in the middle of an end moraine landscape in the national park. Due to its strategically important location on the Oder River, the town has been the victim of warlike conflicts time and again. Inland through forests and fields, the place names point to the former Slavic settlements. Despite its name, which translates as Sumpfloch, Löcknitz is a thriving little town.

#### Day 9: Löcknitz - Ueckermünde, approx. 60 km

Small lakes and heath landscapes characterise today's stage, which takes you through Western Pomerania to the coast of the Szczecin Lagoon. The lagoon was originally a glacial lake and is now very rich in fish with a depth of about four metres. At the mouth of the Uecker River lies the former fishing town of Ueckermünde, now lovingly restored. The residential castle is one of the most important buildings here.

#### Day 10: Ueckermünde – Insel Usedom, approx. 65 / 80 km + boat trip

First you cycle to Kamp, from where you take the ferry to Karnin on the island of Usedom. Here you have a wonderful view over the lagoon and the Baltic Sea from Golm, the highest elevation on the island at 69 metres. Relax in one of the imperial spas and admire the spa architecture on the sunny island. Then cycle through sparse forests and along the wide Baltic Sea sandy beach to your overnight destination.

#### Day 11: Individual departure

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

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