

Along the Elbe to the North Sea beach

11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS, APPROX. 460 KM
BOOKING CODE: NO-ELMC10

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



From Magdeburg via
Hamburg to Cuxhaven

From Eur **1079,-**



Your tour

This journey takes you along the Elbe – from the „Otto City“ Magdeburg in the heart of Germany to Cuxhaven on the North Sea. You follow the course of the river and along its banks you will encounter numerous charming towns such as Burg, Tangermünde, Wittenberge and Lauenburg as well as species-rich natural areas such as the Elbe meadows. After you have discovered the lively Hanseatic city of Hamburg, you can try the famous matje in Glückstadt before you let the North Sea wind blow around your nose at Cuxhaven’s landmark, the Kugelbake.

Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival in Magdeburg
Day 2	Magdeburg – Burg, approx. 30 km
Day 3	Burg – Tangermünde, approx. 40 km
Day 4	Tangermünde – Havelberg, approx. 50 km
Day 5	Havelberg – Wittenberge / Gartow am See, approx. 40 / 65 km
Day 6	Wittenberge – Hitzacker, approx. 75 / 55 km
Day 7	Hitzacker – Lauenburg, approx. 55 km
Day 8	Lauenburg – Hamburg, approx. 55 km
Day 9	Hamburg – Glückstadt, approx. 55 km
Day 10	Glückstadt – Cuxhaven, approx. 60 km
Day 11	Individual departure

Travel time

Season A	19.04. – 12.05.	20.09. – 29.09.
Season B	17.05. – 15.09.	

Arrival Friday and Sunday 19.04. – 29.09.2024
The season is dictated by the arrival date.

Services

- 10 nights with breakfast, national 3* / 4*level
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel to Cuxhaven, 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

- Ferry Glückstadt – Wischhafen, approx. 4 Euro per person
- Citys or visitors tax, if payable

Basic price per person

Doubleroom, Season A	1079,-
Doubleroom, Season B	1169,-
Price Surcharge Singleroom	319,-

Additional night prices per person

Cuxhaven DBL / BB	105,-
Cuxhaven SGL / BB	185,-
Magdeburg DBL / BB	59,-
Magdeburg SGL / BB	95,-

Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec*	329,-
Rental bike (30-speed)*	189,-
Rental bike (7- / 21-gear)*	129,-
Return transfer excl. bike (minimum 4 persons)	180,-
Return transfer incl. bike (minimum 4 persons)	219,-

*including rental bike insurance

Exemplary hotel list

Magdeburg	Ratswaage Magdeburg	http://www.ratswaage.de/hotel
Burg	Pension Villa Wittstock Burg	http://www.villawittstock.de/
Tangermünde	Alte Brauerei Tangermünde	http://www.hotel-alte-brauerei.de/
Havelberg	Hotel am Hafen Havelberg	http://www.hotel-havelberg.de/
Wittenberge / Gartow am See	Hotel Seeblick Gartow am See	http://www.hotel-seeblick-gartow.de/
Hitzacker	Parkhotel Hitzacker	http://www.parkhotel-hitzacker.de/
Lauenburg	Zum Alten Schifferhaus Lauenburg	http://www.schifferhaus.de/
Hamburg	Best Western Raphael Hotel Altona Hamburg	http://www.raphael-hotel-altona.de/
Glückstadt	Anno 1617 Glückstadt	https://www.anno1617.de
Cuxhaven	Hotel Wehrburg Cuxhaven	http://www.wehrburg.de/

Child reduction on basic price

0 - 5 Years	100%
6 - 11 Years	50%
12 - 14 Years	25%
15 - 17 Years	10%

Reduction for children is valid for accommodation in room with two full-paying guests.

Languages Travel documents

→ German, English

Additional note

- All bookings are on request.
- Return journey to Magdeburg: Optionally by minibus including bike from 4 people, duration approx. 3.5 hours, must be specified when booking, payment on site.
- Alternatively on your own by train. Connections several times a day, duration approx. 5.5 hours, 2 - 3 x change trains.
- 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

- Odometer
- Handlebar bag
- Air pump
- Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- Unflat Schwalbe Marathon Plus tyres or comparable
- Waterproof pannier

Journey to Magdeburg

- Nearest airports: Magdeburg-Cochstedt, Leipzig
- Train station: Magdeburg

Parking in Magdeburg

- Underground parking spaces in Magdeburg, cost approx. 14 € / day. No reservation by Radweg-Reisen possible.

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

Stages description

Day 1: Individual arrival in Magdeburg

The former imperial city is the starting point of your bike tour along the Elbe. The Ottostadt, as it is affectionately called by its inhabitants, is not stingy with charm and sights. Because the 1200 year old history peaks out at almost every corner of the old town. Be sure to visit the cathedral of St. Mauritius and St. Catherine. It is the first Gothically designed cathedral on German soil and one of the largest church buildings in Germany. The Green Citadel, created by Friedensreich Hundertwasser, is also highly worth seeing. Stroll across the world's longest canal bridge and visit the Magdeburg Rider on the Old Market Square.

Day 2: Magdeburg – Burg, approx. 30 km

You cycle through the wide floodplain landscapes of the Jerichower Land, which is known as a region rich in storks and beavers. The towers of the small town of Burg, which is not without reason also called the city of towers, greet you from afar. Take a walk through the very pretty old town and visit the Hochständerhaus, which was built in 1450 and is the oldest building in the town. Here you will find the Historical Tannery, where interesting guided tours are offered. Furthermore, the Nicolai Church from 1186 and the three-nave church of Our Lady, built in the Gothic style, await your visit. How many towers can you count in Burg?

Day 3: Burg – Tangermünde, approx. 40 km

You first cycle leisurely to the village of Ferchland. The Ferchland steep bank, which reaches a height of 42 meters at the famous Galgenberg, is well worth seeing. The view of the Jerichower Land and the Elbe lowlands are beautiful. Jerichow Monastery Church is the next worthwhile stop during your bike tour along the Elbe. Built in the brick Romanesque architectural style, the monastery is considered one of the most important Romanesque complexes in Germany in terms of its stylistic purity. The stage destination is Tangermünde, the town at the mouth of the small river Tangier into the Elbe. Stroll through the castle complex dating back to 925.

Day 4: Tangermünde – Havelberg, approx. 50 km

On this stage you cycle through the Alte Elbe nature reserve. Large nature reserves and bird sanctuaries, extensive reed beds, open water areas and picturesque swamp forests await you. The overnight stop Havelberg is located at the confluence of the Havel and Elbe rivers. The townscape of the Hanseatic city and the former bishop's seat is dominated by the cathedral standing on a hill with the associated monastery buildings. The ring-shaped old town with market square, town hall and some gabled and eaves houses is beautifully situated on the town island.

Day 5: Havelberg – Wittenberge / Gartow am See, approx. 40 / 65 km

It is up to you whether you cycle this peaceful stage of the bike tour along the Elbe through Brandenburg or Saxony-Anhalt. Behind Werben, the state border runs right through the middle of the river. You will soon reach Wittenberge through the Elbes glacial valley. Windmills were once built on the white sand hills to which the town owes its name. Either spend the night here or continue cycling through the Elbe-Brandenburg River Landscape UNESCO Biosphere Reserve to Gartow am See.

Day 6: Wittenberge – Hitzacker, approx. 75 / 55 km

The longest stage of the bike tour along the Elbe is coming up, which will first take you to the village with the most storks in Saxony-Anhalt - Wahrenberg. The journey continues through vast nature reserves and along the romantic meanders of the Elbe. You will love charming Hitzacker, the overnight stop in the Elbtalau joint municipality. Don't be afraid to climb the vineyard, from which you will have a fantastic view of the Lüneburg Heath and the Elbe meadows. Don't worry, the hill rises only 40 meters above the Elbe valley. The old town of Hitzacker is idyllically situated on a small island and impresses with its pretty brick houses.

Day 7: Hitzacker – Lauenburg, approx. 55 km

Up and down is the next stage of the bike tour along the Elbe. You cycle through the Elbe meadows either to the left or to the right of the river and can marvel at the typical heath landscape, lush forests and the magnificent farms lying within. The destination of the day is Lauenburg, the old maritime town on the river. The lovingly restored half-timbered houses nestle up high on the slopes of the Elbe. Take a walk over the old cobblestones, through the small alleys and enjoy the wonderful ambience of the Schifferstadt. Visit the very worth seeing Elbschiff-fahrtsmuseum, which will inform you about the historical development of the Elbschiffahrt.

Day 8: Lauenburg – Hamburg, approx. 55 km

You cycle through the Elbe marshes and along the steep slopes of the Elbe, the Hohe Elbufer. Visit the world's largest ship lift in Scharnebeck and the lively town of Geesthacht, where Alfred Nobel invented dynamite. Take a worthwhile swing to the small town of Winsen an der Luhe, beautifully situated in the Lüneburg Heath. After a few kilometers you have reached the port city of Hamburg, which can be seen from far away. Almost two million people live here. Plunge into the hustle and bustle of this living metropolis. Elbphilharmonie, Speicherstadt, fish market, Reeperbahn, Schanzenviertel, Michel: there is so much to see!

Day 9: Hamburg – Glückstadt, approx. 55 km

You leave Hamburg along the Elbe. Following the course of the Elbe, you reach Glückstadt. The town was founded in 1617 by the Danish King Christian IV. The aim was to compete with Hamburg. However, it did not come close to the flourishing trade of the Hanseatic city. The town's trademark is matje, which is famous beyond the borders of Schleswig-Holstein.

Day 10: Glückstadt – Cuxhaven, approx. 60 km

The last stage of your bike tour along the Elbe is coming up. The Elbe ferry (not included in the tour price) will take you to Wischhafen. You cycle through the wide fruit growing area Altes Land. It is the largest closed fruit-growing area in Northern Europe, with 10 million apple, cherry and plum trees. The Elbe widens more and more and the smell of the sea becomes more intense, the dikes more massive and soon you and the Elbe have reached your destination: the North Sea! Cuxhaven is located directly on the Wadden Sea, which has been designated a World Heritage Site. Take a mudflat hike, visit the Alte Liebe, the Kugelbake or board the museum ship Elbe 1.

Day 11: Individual departure

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