# Cycling tour in the Lüneburg Heath

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 290 – 305 KM BOOKING CODE: NW-LUELL7 DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ••••

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## Your tour

"Back there on the heath, where the birch tree stands..." is how one of Hermann Löns' best-known heather songs begins. The Lüneburg Heath is one of the most beautiful landscapes in northern Germany. Unspoilt heathland, grazing heather sheep and, in between, a variety of towns such as Uelzen, Soltau and Lüneburg. Cycle on well-maintained cycle paths through a largely flat and level landscape, as you will certainly not find any high mountains here. Due to slightly hilly sections on forest paths and sections on sandy paths, you should have a certain level of fitness for this cycle tour through the Lüneburg Heath.

# Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival to Lüneburg
Day 2	Lüneburg – Uelzen, approx. 55 km
Day 3	Uelzen – Celle, approx. 60 km
Day 4	Celle – Hermannsburg region, approx. 40 km
Day 5	Hermannsburg – Soltau, approx. 50 km
Day 6	Soltau – Schneverdingen, approx. 35 km
Day 7	Schneverdingen – Lüneburg, approx. 50 – 65 km
Day 8	Individual departure

## Travel time

Season A	13.04. – 22.04.	05.10.	
Season B	27.04. – 20.05.		
Season C	25.05. – 30.09.		

Arrival Monday and Saturday 13.04. – 05.10.2024 The season is dictated by the arrival date.

#### Services

- → 7 nights with breakfast, national 3\*-level
- → Luggage transport from hotel to hotel, 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	789,-
Doubleroom, Season B	819,-
Doubleroom, Season C	849,-
Price Surcharge Singleroom	249,-

#### Additional night prices per person

Lüneburg DBL / BB	79,–
Lüneburg SGL / BB	145,-

## Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec*	259,-
Rental bike (7- / 21-gear)*	99,–
Sporty rental bike (30-gear)*	169,-

<sup>\*</sup>including rental bike insurance

## **Exemplary hotel list**

Lüneburg	Seminaris Lüneburg	http://www.seminaris.de/
Uelzen	Deutsche Eiche Uelzen	http://www.eiche-uelzen.de/
Celle	Caroline Mathilde Celle	http://www.caroline-mathilde.de/
Hermannsburg / Umgebung	Best Western Heidehof Hermannsburg	http://www.hotel-heidehof-hermannsburg.de/
Soltau	Pension Dat greune Eck Soltau	http://www.dat-greune-eck-soltau.de/
Schneverdingen	Landhotel Schuck Schneverdingen	http://www.landhotel-schnuck.de/
Lüneburg	Seminaris Lüneburg	http://www.seminaris.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.
- → 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**

- → Bike lock
- → Odometer
- → Handlebar bag
- → Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- → Waterproof pannier

#### Journey to Lüneburg

→ Nearest airports: Hamburg

→ Train station: Lueneburg

#### Parking in Lüneburg

→ Subject to availability in the parking garage of the start hotel, price approx. 12 € / day. Free public parking spaces near the hotel. No reservation possible through Radweg-Reisen.

#### 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 to Lüneburg

Lüneburg looks back on a long and proud history. Neanderthal man settled close to the town of today. In the Middle Ages, Lüneburg developed into a booming trading town thanks to its trade with salt. Even today you can be amazed at the history of salt mining on a visit to the German salt museum. The historic quarter is almost entirely intact still - a visit to Lüneburg is a truly unique experience.

# Day 2: Lüneburg – Uelzen, approx. 55 km

From Lüneburg, you explore Lüneburg Heath. Your first section takes you through very typical heathland till you reach your destination in Uelzen. The former Hanseatic and enterprising cultural town awaits your visit. It has a lovely townscape featuring lots of half-timbered houses. The station is the most well known. It was converted by Friedrich Hundertwasser in his incomparable style.

## Day 3: Uelzen – Celle, approx. 60 km

Today is section takes you through Müritzsee National Park. The description of the village of Scharnhorst from the 19th century is apt: 1 free farmstead, 5 full farmsteads, 4 semi-farmsteads, 3 cottagers, 1 of the Weser Renaissance style.

## Day 4: Celle - Hermannsburg region, approx. 40 km

Along the River Örtze, the little wooden bridges here a perfect for stopping and spending some time admiring at the valley. Log driving once increased the importance of this river as an essential way of transporting resources. Hermannsburg looks back on a 1000-year history. The Saxon duke, Hermann Billung, is considered the founder—when he chose the area around today's Church of St Peter and St Paul as the location for his castle. The town went on to develop further when cottagers, smallholders and craftsmen settled here.

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#### Day 5: Hermannsburg - Soltau, approx. 50 km

Today, on your way to Soltau you will pass a monument to the poet, Hermann Löns. When you arrive in Soltau it's worth going on a tour of the town - a number of interesting churches were built here in the 15th century. The large toy museum and the old town hall are also worth a visit. The theme park, Heide Park Soltau is probably the most famous attraction. It is North Germany's largest theme park.

## Day 6: Soltau - Schneverdingen, approx. 35 km

Today, you leave Soltau for Schneverdingen. On the way, you stop in Weideholz, which is where the last battle of knights took place. Here you will also find the former heath farmstead, Möhr, and visit the gothic church in Wolterdingen. When you get to Schneverdingen, we recommend visiting the heather garden, which gives you an overview of the 130 different types of heather there are here.

#### Day 7: Schneverdingen - Lüneburg, approx. 50 - 65 km

Your tour today takes you through some beautiful, totally unspoiled heathland. Junipers, broom and heather typify the landscape, which is kept free by the grazing Heidschnuck sheep. Your last section by bike takes you into the old university town of Lüneburg. In addition to the historic quarter, the old harbour and baroque town hall are interesting sights to visit.

## Day 8: Individual departure

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

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