

From Lake Constance to Lake Maggiore

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 310 KM
BOOKING CODE: OE-CHKL7-SP

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



Your tour

This Alpine crossing is one of the lesser known, but all the more beautiful routes from north to south. You first follow the shores of Lake Constance and the Alpine Rhine, which becomes increasingly narrow and wild upstream. Through the Vorderrheintal you climb the Lukmanierpass. You have made it, the south side of the Alps lies ahead of you! You cycle through the Valle di Blenio to the picturesque town of Biasca and then relax on your way to the Mediterranean town of Locarno on the northern shore of Lake Maggiore.

Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival to Kreuzlingen
Day 2	Kreuzlingen – Rorschach / region, approx. 35 km
Day 3	Rorschach – Vaduz / Buchs, approx. 70 km
Day 4	Buchs SG – Chur, approx. 50 km
Day 5	Chur – Disentis, approx. 70 km
Day 6	Disentis – Lukmanier Pass – Biasca, approx. 60 km or approx. 40 km + bus
Day 7	Biasca – Locarno, approx. 45 km
Day 8	Individual departure

Travel time

Season A	14.09. – 29.09.
Season B	15.06. – 13.09.

Daily arrival 15.06. – 29.09.2024
The season is dictated by the arrival date.

Services

- 7 nights with breakfast, national 3*-level
- Luggage transportation from hotel to hotel to Locarno, 1 piece of luggage 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.)
- Ticino Ticket (numerous discounts and inclusive services)

Not included services

- Bus ride Disentis – Lukmanier Pass, approx. CHF 25 per person
- Citys or visitors tax, if payable

Basic price per person

Doubleroom, Season A	1249,-
Doubleroom, Season B	1289,-
Price Surcharge Singleroom	339,-

Additional night prices per person

Kreuzlingen DBL / BB	105,-
Kreuzlingen SGL / BB	119,-
Locarno DBL / BB	115,-
Locarno SGL / BB	199,-

Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec*	289,-
Rental bike (27-speed)*	155,-

*including rental bike insurance

Exemplary hotel list

Kreuzlingen	Bodensee Arena Kreuzlingen	https://www.bodensee-arena.com/hotel/
Rorschach / Umgebung	Mozart Rorschach	https://www.mozart-rorschach.ch/home
Vaduz / Buchs	Buchserhof Buchs	https://buchserhof.ch/
Chur	Hotel Chur	https://www.hotelchur.ch/
Disentis	Alpsu Disentis	https://www.hotelalpsu.ch/
Biasca	al Giardinetto Biasca	https://www.algiardinetto.ch/
Locarno	Home Hotel Locarno	https://www.homelocarno.com/

Child reduction on basic price

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

Languages Travel documents

→ German, English, French

Additional note

- All bookings are on request.
- Return journey to Kreuzlingen: On your own by train incl. bike: connections several times a day, 2 – 4 changes, depending on the connection. Duration approx. 4 hours. No reservation possible through Radweg-Reisen.
- 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
- Air pump (per room)
- Hub dynamo
- Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- Waterproof pannier

Journey to Kreuzlingen

- Nearest airports: Zurich, Stuttgart, Basel, Karlsruhe, Memmingen, Friedrichshafen
- Train station: Kreuzlingen

Parking in Kreuzlingen

- Paid parking spaces available in Kreuzlingen. No reservation possible through Radweg-Reisen.

Travel documents

- Travel document dispatch to the arrival hotel, hotel list and arrival information in advance by e-mail

Stages description

Day 1: Individual arrival to Kreuzlingen

Welcome to Kreuzlingen! Your cycle tour from Lake Constance to Lake Maggiore begins at one of the largest lakes in Central Europe. After checking in at the hotel, grab your bike and cycle directly to the shores of Lake Constance before making a cross-border visit to the neighbouring town of Constance. Discover the landmark of this historic city at the harbour - the Imperia. The nine metre high statue is a satirical reminder of the church council in the 15th century.

Day 2: Kreuzlingen – Rorschach / region, approx. 35 km

On the first stage of your cycle tour from Lake Constance to Lake Maggiore, you cycle along the Lake Constance cycle path. A first stopover is worthwhile in Arbon. Visit the picturesque old town with its castle, an original fortress. In Romanshorn, you have reached the southernmost point of Lake Constance. Take a walk along the lake and discover the historic bathing hut. It was built on stilts around 100 years ago and still serves as access to the water today.

Day 3: Rorschach – Vaduz / Buchs, approx. 70 km

From Rorschach, you cycle towards the idyllic estuary of the Rhine into Lake Constance. This is where the Alpine Rhine begins, which takes you southwards through the St. Gallen Rhine Valley. Your destination for the day, the small town of Buchs, lies opposite the Principality of Liechtenstein. Cross the Rhine and visit the sixth smallest state in the world. The residence of the princely family, Vaduz Castle, towers 120 metres above the Liechtenstein capital. The view from the castle, which unfortunately cannot be visited, is well worth leaving your bike behind.

Day 4: Buchs SG – Chur, approx. 50 km

Today's stage of your cycle tour from Lake Constance to Lake Maggiore takes you further along the Rhine, with the mountain peaks rising higher into view. In the small town of Chur, it's time to slow down. The dreamy alleyways, the many historic buildings and the Mediterranean flair provide the ideal backdrop for an extended stroll through Switzerland's oldest town. Try some Bündner Pfirsichsteine, a Chur speciality that you can buy in confectioneries.

Day 5: Chur – Disentis, approx. 70 km

Today you cycle steadily uphill! Once you have passed Bonaduz and thus the confluence of the Vorderrhein and Hinterrhein rivers, follow the cycle path towards the Rhine Gorge, also known as the Ruinaulta. This special natural spectacle was created around 10,000 years ago after a landslide. The gorge can be viewed from viewing platforms. Following the Vorderrhein, you reach Ilanz. Affectionately called Städtli by the locals, Ilanz is considered the first town on the Rhine. The old town, partly surrounded by high town walls, is well worth a tour. Your stage destination Disentis is characterised by the imposing Benedictine Abbey of St. Martin. In the evening, fortify yourself with Capuns Sursilvans, a Graubünden speciality, and a Röteli, a cherry liqueur.

Day 6: Disentis – Lukmanier Pass – Biasca, approx. 60 km or approx. 40 km + bus

On your cycle tour from Lake Constance to Lake Maggiore, you leave the Rhine and cycle southwards into Ticino. By the time you reach the Lukmanier Pass, you will have climbed several hundred metres in altitude. The pass lies at 1915 metres above sea level. Alternatively, you can take the bus from Disentis up to the top of your tour (not included). Situated in the middle of a barren mountain world, the lush

green landscape of the Blenio Valley opens up to you on the descent. In Biasca it's time to relax! Leave your bike and explore the numerous sights of the town. The church of San Pietro e Paolo is one of the most important Romanesque buildings in Switzerland. From here, a path leads to Santa Petronilla, the largest waterfall in Ticino.

Day 7: Biasca – Locarno, approx. 45 km

The last stage of your cycle tour from Lake Constance to Lake Maggiore takes you to Italy's second largest lake. Halfway along the route you reach Bellinzona, the gateway to Italy. The mighty castle complex above the town is one of the most important fortifications in the Alpine region. Enjoy the Italian flair of the old town with a cappuccino in Piazza Nosetto. Re-energised, you cycle to Locarno. Situated on the northern shore of Lake Maggiore, Locarno is one of the warmest towns in Switzerland. Palm and lemon trees give the town a Mediterranean atmosphere.

Day 8: Individual departure

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