# Cycle tour on the Lower Rhine

7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS, APPROX. 245 KM BOOKING CODE: SW-RHKA6

# DAILY ROUTE LENGTH •••••



#### Your tour

On this cycle tour you start in the cathedral city of Cologne, experience the world's longest bar in lively Düsseldorf, follow in Barbarossa's footsteps in Kaiserswerth, marvel at the industrial architecture of Duisburg and cycle over Germany's longest suspension bridge near Emmerich. And in between? You cycle almost ascent-free along beautiful Rhine meadows, past old Roman settlements and technical monuments. Without hectic, at your own pace.

# Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival to Cologne
Day 2	Cologne – Düsseldorf / Neuss, approx. 55 km
Day 3	Düsseldorf / Neuss – Duisburg, approx. 50 km
Day 4	Duisburg – Wesel, approx. 50 km
Day 5	Wesel – Emmerich, approx. 50 km
Day 6	Emmerich – Arnheim, approx. 40 km
Day 7	Individual departure

#### Travel time

Season A	07.04.	06.10 13.10.	
Season B	14.04 28.04.	15.09 29.09.	
Season C	05.05 09.06.	07.07. – 08.09.	

Arrival Sunday 07.04. – 13.10.2024 The season is dictated by the arrival date.

#### Services

→ 6 nights with breakfast, national 3\*-level

- → Guided tour of Duisburg North Landscape Park (from May to September)
- → Luggage transport from hotel to hotel to Arnhem, max. 2 pieces of luggage per person, max. 20 kg / piece
- $\rightarrow$  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 trips on the Rhine
- → Citys or visitors tax, if payable
- → Tram ride in Duisburg

#### Basic price per person

Doubleroom, Season A	769,-
Doubleroom, Season B	849,-
Doubleroom, Season C	889,-
Price Surcharge Singleroom	259,-

#### Additional night prices per person

Cologne DBL / BB	79,-
Cologne SGL / BB	119,-

#### Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec*	259,-
Rental bike (7- / 27-gear)*	99,—
Return transfer excl. bike (Sat, from 2 persons)	139,-
Return transfer incl. bike (Sat, from 2 persons)	179,-

\*including rental bike insurance

# Exemplary hotel list

Köln Düsseldorf / Neuss

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Duisburg	Wyndham Duisburger Hof	https://www.wyndhamduisburg.com/de
Wesel	Welcome Hotel Wesel	https://www.welcome-hotels.com/hotels/wesel/
Emmerich	Hotel Rheinpromenade Emmerich	www.hotel-rheinpromenade.de
Arnheim	Best Western Plus Haarhuis Arnheim	www.hotelhaarhuis.nl

Hotel Coellner Hof, Köln

Intercity Hotel Düsseldorf

## Child reduction on basic price

0 - 2 Years	100%
3 - 5 Years	50%
6 - 13 Years	25%
14 - 17 Years	10%
Reduction for children is valid for accommodation in room with two full-paying guests.	

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#### Languages Travel documents

→ German, English

#### Additional note

- → All bookings are on request.
- → Return journey to Cologne: Optional by minibus (only on Saturdays), minimum 2 persons, departure approx. 08.00 a.m., duration approx.
  2.5 hours, must be specified when booking.
- → Alternatively, take the train yourself, connections approx. 2 x per hour, 1 – 3 x change, duration approx. 2,5 – 3 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 (per room)
- → Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- → Waterproof pannier

#### **Stages description**

#### Day 1: Individual arrival to Cologne

Welcome to Cologne! The old cathedral city is an ideal starting point for a cycle tour on the Lower Rhine. After checking into your hotel, grab your bike and explore Cologne's Old Town, the Roman-Germanic Museum or snack your way through the Chocolate Museum. Treat yourself to a Kölsch on the banks of the Rhine in the old town before setting off on your first stage tomorrow.

# Journey to Köln

- → Nearest airports: Cologne, Düsseldorf
- → Train station: Cologne

#### Parking in Köln

→ Public parking garages near the hotel or hotel parking lots, details in the travel documents.

https://www.coellnerhof.de/

https://hrewards.com/de/intercityhotel-dues-

89,-

139.-

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

#### Day 2: Cologne – Düsseldorf / Neuss, approx. 55 km

Leaving the Cologne skyline behind you, today you cycle to Düsseldorf or Neuss, depending on where you are staying overnight. Passing the small fortress town of Zons with its picturesque townscape, you reach Neuss, which is famous for its Roman past. The Quirinus Minster and the Clemens Sels Museum are well worth a visit. The longest bar in the world awaits you on the opposite side of the Rhine, in Düsseldorf. More than 250 pubs, bars and restaurants lie side by side in the historic city centre. If this is too hectic for you, take a stroll along Königsallee, also known as Kö, or make yourself comfortable in Rheinpark Bilk.

# Day 3: Düsseldorf / Neuss – Duisburg, approx. 50 km

Before you reach the Ruhr region, today's cycle stage first takes you to Kaiserswerth. Here, the legendary Emperor Frederick Barbarossa once had an existing castle extended into a mighty fortress. Before the green Rhine meadows give way to the industrial architecture of the Ruhr region, you visit the Linn Castle Museum Centre, including the moated castle and hunting lodge. Once in the Ruhr region, you will soon reach your destination for the day, Duisburg. See Duisburg with different eyes: on a boat tour through the world's largest inland harbour. Duisburg's inner harbour with its striking architecture is well worth an evening stroll.

# Day 4: Duisburg – Wesel, approx. 50 km

Today's cycling stage begins with a short S-Bahn journey. The programme includes a guided tour of the Duisburg-Nord Landscape Park, which is steeped in industrial history. On the almost 200-hectare site, you will learn about the history of this former steelworks. The former Hanseatic city of Wesel is your destination for the day. The tower of the Willibrordi Cathedral, visible from afar, and the Prussian Museum, which depicts 350 years of Rhineland-Prussian history, are notable sights in Wesel.

# Day 5: Wesel – Emmerich, approx. 50 km

Not far from Wesel, the Roman, cathedral and Siegfried city of Xanten awaits you on today's stage of your cycle tour on the Lower Rhine. Germany's largest open-air archaeological museum invites you to visit. Situated on the site of the former Colonia Ulpia Traiana, it is not only fans of Roman culture that will be amazed here. Once you have crossed the Rhine over Germany's longest suspension bridge, you will reach Emmerich.

# Day 6: Emmerich – Arnheim, approx. 40 km

Welcome to the Netherlands today. Not far from the German-Dutch border, the Rhine splits into the Waal and the Nederrijn. You follow the Nederrijn past locks and bridges to Arnhem, the capital of the Dutch province of Gelderland. The lively city invites you to end your cycle tour on the Lower Rhine with a visit to the Airborne Museum Hartenstein, which is dedicated to the Battle of Arnhem in the Second World War. In addition to the city's diverse cultural programme, numerous parks invite you to take a stroll.

# Day 7: Individual departure

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