

# Cycling in Franconia







→ Duration: 8 days / 7 nights
→ Start / Destination: Bamberg
→ Length: approx. 305 km
→ Daily route length: ●●○○○

→ Topography: •••oo

→ Travel documents available in: DE / EN / NL

→ Accommodation: 3\* level→ Booking code: BY-BB7



# Itinerary

#### Your tour:

Cycle from Pegnitz to Regnitz and get to know a section of the Five Rivers cycle path. Experience how the Red Main turned into the Main River. Surrounded by Steigerwald Forest and Franconian Switzerland, you cycle along lovely riverside paths, through this enchanting countryside and gentle rolling hills, passing meadows full of flowers or shady woods. You pedal through small, sleepy villages, medieval towns and stop in one of Franconia's most beautiful old towns.

#### Day 1: Individual arrival in Bamberg

Your cycling holiday should get off to a start with a tour of Emperor Heinrich II's town. He was the one with the vision, who built and loved Bamberg, and lies here, buried in in the cathedral in a sarcophagus by Tilman Riemenschneider. It is with reason that the entire Bamberg historic quarter was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

## Day 2: Bamberg - Erlangen, approx. 45 km

First day on the bike, first riverside cycle path: With Steigerwald Forest on your right and Franconian Switzerland on your left, you cycle up river, through Regnitz Valley. Enjoy the lovely countryside and the impressive fortifications here. At Strullendorf Lock and Hirschaid hydroelectric power station, you cross the Main-Danube canal twice. You cycle through the open sandy countryside, so typical of Regnitz Valley, into the Huguenot, University and Industry town of Erlangen.

#### Day 3: Erlangen - Hersbruck, approx. 60 km

Onwards through green fields and shady river woodland, today you continue south, first heading for Franconia's biggest town - Nuremberg. The Regnitz cycle path ends here, right in the old town, which will entice you off your bike for a wander and a longer break! From Nuremberg, you're on the Five Rivers cycle path, which initially takes along the Pegnitz river. Via the picturesque town of Lauf and Pegnitz fields and meadows, the route is level and takes you to Hersbruck.

#### Day 4: Hersbruck - Pegnitz, approx. 40 km

Today, you get a closer look at the Pegnitz valley cycle path. First to Velden, followed by Neuhaus an der Pegnitz. The river meanders through a narrow valley. To the left and right surrounded by mountains and steep rising rocks. You cycle mostly along trails or forest paths, which heightens the charm of this lovely countryside. Following a hillier route, you cross Veldensteiner Forst, with its many pine and spruce trees, before finally rolling into Pegnitz.

#### Day 5: Pegnitz – Bayreuth, approx. 40 km

You cycle on to Schnabelwaid, at the Main and Pegnitz watershed. Stop for a while to visit Craimoosweiher mere, with its amazing variety of flora and fauna. Or, if you prefer, leave it and head off to the left of the pond on your way to Creußen. The source of the Red Main is very close. You soon reach the festival town of Bayreuth and have enough time to explore the many sights here.

## Day 6: Bayreuth - Burgkunstadt, approx. 50 km

Welcome to the Main cycle path! The Red Main, which started off as a bubbling stream - by Bayreuth it has developed into a small river and unites with the White Main at Kulmbach - to form the Main River. Follow the river - crossing it several times via roofed wooden bridges and historic sandstone bridges. Along field trails, lined by fruit trees and along the big bends and curves of the Main you pass Mainleus and Mainklein to finally reach the pretty half-timber-framed town of Burgkunstadt.

# Day 7: Burgkunstadt – Bamberg, approx. 70 km

Today is the last day of swinging into the saddle along the Main cycle path. Today a slightly longer section is ahead of you. A short stop in Lichenfels, town of many basket makers, and then on to Bad Staffelstein. Banz Monastery is on your right and the Basilica of the Fourteen Holy Helpers is on your left. Stunning views from afar. Colourful fields with old fruit trees alternate with small villages. And at your destination - Bamberg, the old diocese town with imperial cathedral, Little Venice, a historic town hall and many other lovely sights.

#### Day 8: Individual departure

Your tour through Franconia ends here. If you don't want to set off for home just yet, we are happy to extend your stay in Bamberg.



# Services / Dates / Prices

#### **Services**

- → 7 nights with breakfast in the local 3\* category
- → Luggage transport from hotel to hotel, no limit on the number of pieces, max. 20 kg / piece
- → Cycle route description with maps (1 x per room)
- → 7 day Service Hotline

#### Not included

→ City or visitor's tax (if payable)

#### Note

→ We do not offer half board (dinner) on this tour.

#### **Dates 2021**

Daily arrival 27.03. –	24.10.2021.			
Season A	27.03. – 31.03.	05.04. – 17.04.	01.10. – 24.10.	
Season B	01.04 04.04.	18.04. – 05.05.	07.06. – 10.06.	14.06. – 17.06.
	21.06. – 24.06.	12.09. – 30.09.		
Season C	06.05. – 10.05.	16.05.	24.05. – 27.05.	06.06.
	11.06. – 13.06.	18.06. – 20.06.	25.06. – 30.06.	22.08. – 11.09.
Season D	11.05. – 15.05.	17.05. – 23.05.	28.05. – 05.06.	01.07. – 21.08.

<sup>→</sup> For pricing purposes, the season is dictated by the arrival date.

### Prices 2021 in EUR

Basic price per person double room / breakfast	Suggested retail price	
Season A	599,-	
Season B	679,-	
Season C	729,-	
Season D	779,-	
Additional fee single room	225,-	

### **Extra nights**

Per person in EUR	Suggested retail price	
Double room / breakfast Bamberg	55,-	
Single room / breakfast Bamberg	85,-	
Double room / breakfast Erlangen	55,-	
Single room / breakfast Erlangen	85,-	
Double room / breakfast Hersbruck	45,-	
Single room / breakfast Hersbruck	65,-	
Double room / breakfast Pegnitz	55,-	
Single room / breakfast Pegnitz	85,-	
Double room / breakfast Bayreuth	55,-	
Single room / breakfast Bayreuth	85,-	
Double room / breakfast Burgkunstadt	55,-	
Single room / breakfast Burgkunstadt	85,-	

 $<sup>\,\,\</sup>boldsymbol{\rightarrow}\,\,$  An additional night does not shift the day of arrival.

# Rental bikes prices in EUR

	Suggested retail price per bike
27-gear rental bike	79,-
(freewheel, calliper brakes, derailleur gears)	
E-bike (freewheel, internal gear hub) 199,-	
Teenager's bikes	39,-

## Children discount

→ Because of the more challenging sections, we recommend this tour only for youths in good physical condition.



# Further information

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#### **Arrival in Bamberg**

→ Closest airports: Nürnberg, Frankfurt (Main)

→ Train station: Bamberg Hbf

#### **Parking in Bamberg**

- → Public car park, approx. 45 EUR / week, it is not possible to reserve
- → Park & ride car park at the outskirts of Bamberg, free of charge. It is not possible to reserve.

#### Twin rooms / separate beds

- → Available only sporadically.
- → We handle requests for twin rooms as **non-binding requests.**
- → In case twin rooms are booking condition it must be clearly communicated as such when booking!

#### **Availability**

- → All bookings are on request!
- → For this tour we provide an availability link (The link is updated regularly, best to save it as a bookmark in your browser)



# **Booking code**

- → BY-BB7: 3\* level
- Booking code must be stated in every booking!



# Exemplary hotel list

Bamberg		
Hotel Europa	www.hotel-europa-bamberg.de	
Hotel Tandem	www.tandem-hotel.de	
Erlangen		
Hotel Grauer Wolf	www.grauer-wolf.de	
Hersbruck		
DORMERO Schlosshotel, Reichenschwand	www.dormero.de/schlosshotel-reichenschwand/	
Pegnitz		
Hotel Ratsstube	www.ratsstube-pegnitz.de	
Bayreuth		
Hotel Restaurant Lohmühle	www.hotel-lohmuehle.de	
Hotel Rheingold	www.hotel-rheingold-bayreuth.de	
Burgkunstadt		
Hotel und Gasthof Drei Kronen	www.hotel-3kronen.de	
Landgasthof Anker	www.landgasthof-zum-anker.de	