

# Neckar Cycling Holiday: Donaueschingen - Heidelberg



The long tour along  
the Neckar

FROM EUR **829,-**



**CLASSIC**

- Duration: 10 days / 9 nights
- Start / Destination: Donaueschingen / Heidelberg
- Length: approx. 350 km
- Daily route length: ●●○○○
- Topography: ●●●○○
- Travel documents available in: DE / EN / NL / FR
- Accommodation: 3\* level
- Booking code: NE-DH9

# Itinerary

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## Your tour:

The big Neckar cycle tour takes you through the provinces from Donaueschingen to Heidelberg, straight through the whole county of Baden-Württemberg. The well-balanced mixture of culture and nature is what makes this tour so appealing: diverse scenery such as the Black Forest and the Swabian Alb on the one hand and well-known towns such as Tübingen, Stuttgart or Heidelberg on the other.

## Day 1: Individual arrival in Donaueschingen

In Donaueschingen, the Brigach and Breg rivers merge to form the Danube. However the Romans once thought that the spring in the castle gardens was the source of the Danube. You can still visit the source of the Danube in Donaueschingen today, right in the park of a very impressive castle, where the Fürstenberg family once lived.

## Day 2: Donaueschingen – Rottweil, approx. 30 km

Up on the high Baar plateau, you cycle between the Black Forest and the Swabian Alb to Schwenningen, where you reach the much narrower Neckar river. Your route continues to Rottweil, Baden-Württemberg's oldest town which features a medieval centre.

## Day 3: Rottweil – Sulz / Glatt, approx. 30 / 40 km

Cycling north you head downstream along the Neckar, which now cuts a deep path into the valley and gradually becomes wider and wider. The few villages along the way are idyllically situated and you cycle through Oberndorf, which is famous for its Swabian-Alemannic Carnival, to finally arrive in Sulz.

## Day 4: Sulz / Glatt – Tübingen, approx. 55 / 45 km

Take a deserved break in Horb, and visit the abbey church and the Schurkenturm tower. Pedal now to Rottenburg. It suffered many town fires in the past and no longer has a medieval townscape but a Baroque style. You continue on to Tübingen. Visit the lovely old town and Hohentübingen Castle, which gives you great views of the town.

## Day 5: Tübingen – Esslingen, approx. 55 km

You leave this lively town and soon pedal past various bathing lakes - great for a refreshing swim. Downstream along the Neckar you cycle through the valley to Plochingen which features a tower by Hundertwasser. Esslingen, which escaped damage from the war, is a tempting town to visit with its special historic flair.

## Day 6: Esslingen – Marbach / Freiberg, approx. 40 / 45 km

You cycle to Stuttgart first, capital of the state of Baden-Württemberg and its largest town. Take a break here and visit the Mercedes-Benz museum or the old castle. You pedal on passing vineyards to Ludwigsburg. Here you can become familiar with the Neckar valley as a cradle of poets and philosophers - Marbach is the town in which Friedrich Schiller was born.

## Day 7: Marbach / Freiberg – Bad Friedrichshall / Neckarsulm, approx. 50 – 60 km

You follow the winding river through picturesque vineyards to Lauffen, where you should allow yourself a glass of tasty Katzenbeisser. From Heilbronn, a hub for wine-production and the wine trade, you cycle along the romantic Burgenstrasse to Neckarsulm.

## Day 8: Bad Friedrichshall / Neckarsulm – Eberbach, approx. 45 / 50 km

In Neckarsulm, it's worth visiting the NSU museum with many historic bikes and cars. This section takes you past all kinds of castles including the residence of Götz von Berlichingen. Goethe wrote a play based on him and is considered a prominent work in the "Sturm und Drang" Period. The Staufer town of Eberbach used to be known for its handicraft professions, and a speciality of the town was its sandstone quarry.

## Day 9: Eberbach – Heidelberg, approx. 35 km

The Neckar winds its way through the Odenwald mountain range and forms the border between Hesse and Baden-Württemberg. The famous university town of Heidelberg waits for your arrival with a well-known castle ruin which is definitely worth a visit. You have simply fantastic views of the town from the castle.

## Day 10: Individual departure or extension of stay

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

# Services / Dates / Prices

## Services

- 9 nights with breakfast in the local 3\* category
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel to Heidelberg, 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.

<b>Season A</b>	27.03. – 31.03.	05.04. – 17.04.	01.10. – 24.10.	
<b>Season B</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.		
<b>Season C</b>	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.
<b>Season D</b>	11.05. – 15.05.	17.05. – 23.05.	28.05. – 05.06.	01.07. – 21.08.

- 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	829,-
Season B	929,-
Season C	999,-
Season D	1049,-
Additional fee single room	259,-

## Extra nights

Per person in EUR	Suggested retail price
Double room / breakfast Donaueschingen	49,-
Single room / breakfast Donaueschingen	79,-
Double room / breakfast Rottweil	69,-
Single room / breakfast Rottweil	95,-
Double room / breakfast Sulz / Glatt	49,-
Single room / breakfast Sulz / Glatt	75,-
Double room / breakfast Tübingen	79,-
Single room / breakfast Tübingen	109,-
Double room / breakfast Esslingen	59,-
Single room / breakfast Esslingen	79,-
Double room / breakfast Marbach / Freiberg	59,-
Single room / breakfast Marbach / Freiberg	79,-
Double room / breakfast Neckarsulm / Bad Friedrichshall	59,-
Single room / breakfast Neckarsulm / Bad Friedrichshall	79,-
Double room / breakfast Eberbach	59,-
Single room / breakfast Eberbach	79,-
Double room / breakfast Heidelberg	79,-
Single room / breakfast Heidelberg	109,-

- An additional night does not shift the day of arrival.

# Prices

## Extras

Per person in EUR	Suggested retail price
Return transfer Heidelberg – Donaueschingen	99,-

→ Only on Saturday between 09.00 – 10.00 am, must be booked in advance.

## Rental bikes prices in EUR

	Suggested retail price per bike
8-gear rental bike (back-pedal brakes, internal gear hub)	79,-
27-gear rental bike (freewheel, calliper brakes, derailleur gears)	79,-
E-bike (freewheel, internal gear hub)	199,-
Children's bike	39,-
Teenager's bikes	39,-
Children's trailer* / Weehoo*	39,-
Child seat*	free

\*Can only be booked in addition to a rental bike.

## Child reduction on basic price

Age	Reduction
0 – 5 years	100 %
6 – 11 years	50 %
12 – 17 years	25 %

- Reductions apply for accommodation in rooms with two full-paying guests.
- No reductions from the age of 18.
- Multi-bed rooms are often double rooms with a camp bed or sofa-bed.
- No quintuple rooms possible!

# Further information

## Brief information

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## Booking code

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→ **Booking code must be stated in every booking!**

## Arrival in Donaueschingen

- Closest airports: Zurich, Stuttgart
- Train station: Donaueschingen

## Parking in Donaueschingen

- Free parking at "Stadtmühle", "Realschule" and "Fürstenberg-Gymnasium".
- Hotel car parks (available only in some hotels, with costs, details in the travel documents)

## Return journey to Donaueschingen

- [Optionally by chartered minibus, only on Saturday between 09.00 – 10.00 am, must be booked in advance.](#)
- Self-organised by train, connections hourly, duration approx. 2.5 hours, 1 train change.

## 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)

**Buchbarkeit**

Bitte wählen Sie eine Reise aus: BO-VA4 (Fahrradtour um den Bodensee für Sportliche)

Bitte auswählen:

März 2018	1 2 3 4 5	
April 2018	1 2 3 4 5	BO-B11 (Radurlaub am Bodensee)
Mai 2018	1 2 3 4 5	BO-KK7-sp (Der Donau-Bodensee-Radweg)
Juni 2018	1 2 3 4 5	BO-KK8 (Vom Bodensee zur Donau und ins Allgäu mit dem Rad)
Juli 2018	1 2 3 4 5	BO-KN5 (Stern-Radtouren ab Konstanz am Bodensee)
August 2018	1 2 3 4 5	BO-O6 (Familien Radreise am Bodensee)
September 2018	1 2 3 4 5	BO-VA4 (Fahrradtour um den Bodensee für Sportliche)
Oktober 2018	1 2 3 4 5	BO-VA6a (Die klassische Bodensee Radreise, Kategorie A)
		BO-VA6b (Die klassische Bodensee Radreise, Kategorie B)
		BO-VA7 (Die Bodensee-Radtour bis zum Rheinfall)
		BY-AT6-EF (Der Altmühltal-Radweg)
		BY-AT7a (Der Altmühltal-Radweg, Kategorie A)
		BY-AT7b (Der Altmühltal-Radweg, Kategorie B)

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→ **Alternative tours in case the favoured date is fully booked:**

- The Neckar Cycle Path: NE-TH6

# Exemplary hotel list

<b>Donaueschingen</b>	
Hotel zum Hirschen	<a href="http://www.hotel-zum-hirschen.de">www.hotel-zum-hirschen.de</a>
Hotel-Restaurant Waldblick	<a href="http://www.waldblick-aufen.de">www.waldblick-aufen.de</a>
<b>Rottweil</b>	
Ringhotel Johanniterbad	<a href="http://www.johanniterbad.de">www.johanniterbad.de</a>
My Home Hotel Lamm	<a href="http://www.myhome-rottweil.de">www.myhome-rottweil.de</a>
<b>Sulz am Neckar / Glatt</b>	
Gasthof Lamm, Sulz	<a href="http://www.gasthof-lamm.info">www.gasthof-lamm.info</a>
Hotel Züfle, Sulz	<a href="http://www.hotelzuefle.de">www.hotelzuefle.de</a>
<b>Tübingen</b>	
Hotel Am Schloss	<a href="http://www.hotelamschloss.de">www.hotelamschloss.de</a>
Hotel Krone	<a href="http://www.krone-tuebingen.de">www.krone-tuebingen.de</a>
<b>Esslingen</b>	
Hotel am Charlottenplatz	<a href="http://www.hotelamcharlottenplatz.de">www.hotelamcharlottenplatz.de</a>
ECOINN Hotel am Campus	<a href="http://www.ecoinn.de">www.ecoinn.de</a>
<b>Marbach / Freiberg</b>	
Hotel Schillerhof, Marbach	<a href="http://www.schillerhof-marbach.de">www.schillerhof-marbach.de</a>
Hotel Schober, Freiberg a.N.	<a href="http://www.hotelschober.de">www.hotelschober.de</a>
<b>Neckarsulm / Bad Friedrichshall</b>	
Hotel Nestor, Neckarsulm	<a href="http://www.nestor-hotel-neckarsulm.de">www.nestor-hotel-neckarsulm.de</a>
Schloss Lehen, Bad Friedrichshall	<a href="http://www.schlosslehen.de">www.schlosslehen.de</a>
<b>Eberbach</b>	
Hotel Karpfen	<a href="http://www.hotel-karpfen.com">www.hotel-karpfen.com</a>
<b>Heidelberg</b>	
Hotel Kulturbrauerei	<a href="http://www.heidelberger-kulturbrauerei.de">www.heidelberger-kulturbrauerei.de</a>
Hotel Bayrischer Hof	<a href="http://www.bayrischer-hof-heidelberg.de">www.bayrischer-hof-heidelberg.de</a>