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Neckar cycle path

A bike tour flanked with impressive mountains

From Donaueschingen to Heidelberg.

This Neckar cycling holiday takes you from Donaueschingen to Heidelberg, straight through the whole county of Baden-Württemberg. On this trip, discover the variety of the countryside – the Black Forest and the Swabian Alb for example. On your route, you will also visit the well-known towns of Rottweil, Tübingen or Stuttgart. The Neckar river is your trusty companion all the way! First a small stream, it soon develops into a major river, which is navigable from Plochingen. Expansive riverside meadowland and narrow curving valleys, vineyards, castles and forts – the wonderful mixture of countryside and culture is the particular charm of this tour.

Germany



Easy to moderate

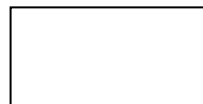


10 Days / 9 Nights



Self-guided tour

To the online version



Itinerary

Day 1 Individual journey in Donaueschingen

"Brigach und Breg bringen die Donau zuweg" is the phrase people say here meaning that the Brigach and Breg rivers jointly form the river Danube. The Romans considered the spring in the parkland of Castle Fürstenberg to be the start of the Danube. The castle, in the style of the Belle Epoque, is an impressive testimony to Fürstenberg Family's former significance. Reserved rental bicycles are parked at the hotel ready for you.

Day 2 Donaueschingen - Rottweil | approx. 30 km

Up on the high Baar plateau you cycle through beautiful rural scenes between the Black Forest and the Swabian Alb to Bad Next, you continue on to Schwenningen, where you reach the narrow stream waters of the Neckar. You follow the river to Rottweil, Baden-Württemberg's oldest town. It developed from a Roman settlement to a charming town with a medieval centre.

Day 3 Rottweil - Sulz/Glatt | approx. 30-40 km

You follow the river north, the Neckar now carving its way deeply through the valley and widening considerably. The few villages along the way are idyllically situated. Of the former majestic Neckar Castle – now only ruins remain. In Oberndorf, you reach the midpoint of today's section. After this town, which is regarded as the capital of the Swabian-Alemanni carnival festivities, you pedal on to Sulz.

Day 4 Sulz - Tübingen | approx. 50-55 km

You can take your first break in Horb, the gate to the Black Forest, and visit the Schurkenturm tower. And then cycle on to Rottenburg. The town suffered many city fires, which is why its townscape is Baroque rather than Medieval. Now it's not much further to today's destination – Tübingen. It is one of the prettiest towns on the Neckar cycle path and its medieval historic quarter is particularly enchanting.

Day 5 Tübingen – Esslingen | approx. 55 km

Leaving the busy university town behind you, you now cycle downstream. You will come across a number of bathing pools you might like to stop at and have a swim. You go past Nürtingen, where the poet, Hölderlin, used to go to School. In Plochingen, we recommend visiting the tower by Hundertwasser. Esslingen is one of the towns that wasn't destroyed during the war, enabling you to enjoy its historic flair.

Day 6**Esslingen – Marbach/Freiberg**

approx. 40-45 km

Today you can try the healing waters in the mineral spa resort in Stuttgart-Canstatt and take a break. Further down the river you cycle past lovely terraced vineyards and the royal summer residence at Ludwigsburg. The Neckar valley as home to poets and philosophers is felt most in Marbach, where Friedrich Schiller was born. In the newly renovated Schiller museum you can find out all about the poet.

Day 7**Marbach - Bad Friedrichshall/Neckarsulm**

approx. 50-55 km

Cycling past picturesque vineyards, you follow the bends of the river to Lauffen, where you can allow yourself a little sip of the delicious Katzenbeißer wine (cat biter!). Another important wine-growing and wine-trading centre is Heilbronn. The large town is shaped by a mixture of historic and modern buildings. You continue along romantic roads past castles to Neckarsulm.

Day 8**Bad Friedrichshall/Neckarsulm - Eberbach**

approx. 45-50 km

Worthy of a visit is the NSU museum featuring exhibits of historic bicycles and cars. As you approach Bad Wimpfen you will be amazed by the breath-taking views of the town with its many towers and alcoves. Pedaling past terraced vineyards and wooded slopes, you can catch a glimpse of Hornberg Fort. The Staufer town of Eberbach used to be known for its handicraft professions.

Day 9**Eberbach – Heidelberg**

approx. 40 km

The Neckar winds its way through Odenwald forest and depending on which side of the river you're cycling on, either through the county of Baden-Württemberg or Hessen. In Neckargemünd, you are able to see glimpses of medieval architecture. The famous university town of Heidelberg awaits you with its famous castle ruin, Baroque buildings in the old part of town and a lively cultural scene.

Day 10**Individual departure or extended stay**

The route

The bike route is not always next to the river, some stages cannot be avoided. Stronger stages are seldom. The well sign-posted path leads you on side roads and bike paths to your hotel. Some stages are on streets with more traffic, e.g. when you enter a city.

➤ **Explore the area on Google Maps**

Prices and events

Place of arrival: Donaueschingen

| | Season 1 | Season 2 | Season 3 | Season 4 |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| | 31.03.2024 - 19.04.2024 06.10.2024 - 19.10.2024 daily | 20.04.2024 - 30.04.2024 15.09.2024 - 05.10.2024 daily | 01.05.2024 - 06.05.2024 12.05.2024 - 14.05.2024 20.05.2024 - 25.05.2024 02.06.2024 - 29.06.2024 18.08.2024 - 14.09.2024 daily | 07.05.2024 - 11.05.2024 15.05.2024 - 19.05.2024 26.05.2024 - 01.06.2024 30.06.2024 - 17.08.2024 daily |
| Neckar Cycle Path Donaueschingen - Tübingen, 10 days, DE-BYRDH-10X | | | | |
| Base price | 999.00 | 1,099.00 | 1,199.00 | 1,299.00 |
| Surcharge single room | 349.00 | 349.00 | 349.00 | 349.00 |

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Donaueschingen

| | Season 1 | Season 2 | Season 3 | Season 4 |
|-----------------------|--|--|--|---|
| | Mar 31, 2024 - Apr 19, 2024 Oct 6, 2024 - Oct 19, 2024 daily | Apr 20, 2024 - Apr 30, 2024 Sep 15, 2024 - Oct 5, 2024 daily | May 1, 2024 - May 6, 2024 May 12, 2024 - May 14, 2024 May 20, 2024 - May 25, 2024 Jun 2, 2024 - Jun 29, 2024 Aug 18, 2024 - Sep 14, 2024 daily | May 7, 2024 - May 11, 2024 May 15, 2024 - May 19, 2024 May 26, 2024 - Jun 1, 2024 Jun 30, 2024 - Aug 17, 2024 daily |
| Donaueschingen | | | | |
| Double room p. P. | 55.00 | 55.00 | 55.00 | 55.00 |
| Surcharge single room | 30.00 | 30.00 | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| Heidelberg | | | | |
| Double room p. P. | 89.00 | 89.00 | 89.00 | 89.00 |
| Surcharge single room | 36.00 | 36.00 | 36.00 | 36.00 |

Our bookable bikes

| | Price |
|--------------------------|--------|
| 27-gears unisex | 99.00 |
| 27-gears gents | 99.00 |
| Electric bike | 259.00 |
| Prices per person in EUR | |

Services & Extras

Services

- 9 Overnights as described
- Breakfast
- Detailed travel documents, 1x per room (GER, ENG, DUTCH, FR)
- Navigation app and GPS-Tracks available
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel (max. 20 kg / piece)
- service-hotline

Not included

- Arrival and departure
- costs for parking
- city tax
- transfers
- optional sightseeing's
- city maps
- Travel Insurance
- costs of the private requirements

Extras

Arrival/departure and parking information

- Car parks in Donaueschingen:
- Free parking at the Stadtmühle, Realschule and Fürstenberg-Gymnasium.
- Hotel parking spaces (available in individual hotels, chargeable).

- **Train station:** Donaueschingen.
- **Airports:** Zurich, Stuttgart, Frankfurt.
- **Return transfer** on Saturdays between 09:00 and 10:00 hrs in a minibus from Heidelberg to Donaueschingen € 89,- per person. We charge an additional € 40,- for the return transport of your own bike. Reservation required.

Important notes



Further important information according to the package travel law can be found [here!](#)

Contact & booking

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.



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