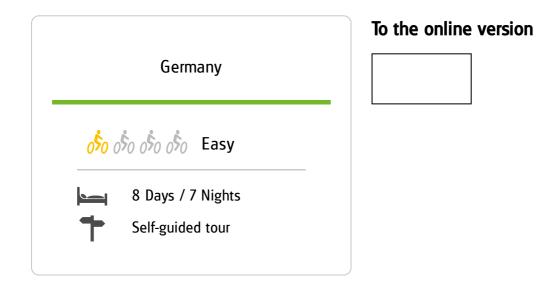


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# Main cycle path to the wine-grower

### Main vintner's tour

Who wants to get to know the Main Bike Trail and the Franconia wine is right on this trip. From Schweinfurt to Aschaffenburg you discover the most beautiful section of the Main cycle path. Here in the Franconian wine country wine characterizes not only the landscape but also the lifestyle of the people. Here the cultivation of vines plays an important role for over 1200 years. Look forward to getting to know the famous Franconian wine in its many facets. A slight Bacchus or Müller-Thurgau, a fruity Scheurebe or the classic among the Franconian wines, the Silvaner, which thrives in an incomparable quality in the Franconian wine country. An impressive stage for the excellent Franconian wines offer the wine cellars which you will be visiting on your tour. With delicious wines and exceptional architecture, they are an experience for all senses. Overnight at the start and at the end of your trip in good middle class hotel and during the tour you stay in selected wineries and wine hotels. Of course you create your own image about the skill of the winemaker on site, as this trip includes 3 wine samples. Enjoy Franconian hospitality, fine wines and traveling a very well-signposted flat bike path.



# ltinerary

### Day 1 Arrival in Schweinfurt

Today you arrive early, then you have enough time to visit the remarkable "Kleine Museum". Marvel at more than 100 works by the Austrian artist Hundertwasser, because this unique private collection is supplemented by loans from galleries from Germany and New York.

### Day 2 Schweinfurt - Sommerach approx. 40 km

Happily you get in the saddle. After 18 km the first vineyards appear at Wipfeld. A beautiful bike course takes you through small wine villages in the heart of the Franconian wine country through the Volkacher Main loop, the largest contiguous vineyard region of Franconia. Enjoy the picturesque village Sommerach with its baroque houses and half-timbered wineries. This afternoon you visit the winery cellar, the oldest wine association. In addition to the excellent wines of the winery cellar discover the Weinreich. Marvel at the wine cellar, the wine shop and the unique architecture of the building, the historic cellar vaults combined with modern construction engineering (honored in the context of architectural prize wine 2007). Look forward to the "Kostbar" with wine advice, wine sales and wine tapping, the "Sommerbar" for relaxation and the Wine School - the only school where wine is not only allowed but is mandatory. In the afternoon we recommend a guided wine tour. Look forward to an entertaining tour through nature, wine school and wine cellar. You will learn about the Sommeracher vineyards, about hundred years of history of the wine cellar and the craftsmanship of the winery (every Friday, Saturday, Sunday at 3pm ).

### Day 3 Sommerach - Sommerhausen approx. 35 - 42 km

Already after a few kilometers it lures a worthwhile break in the old town of Dettelbach. Here a romance winds blows through the narrow streets. You will be fascinated by the almost completely preserved city walls, many small towers, cobbled roads and picturesque rows of half-timbered houses from the late Gothic and Renaissance. Just on your bike you already reach Kitzingen, the largest wine trading city on the Main. Marvel at the historic market square dominated by the Franconian half-timbered houses, impressive town houses and the Renaissance town hall. Visit the architectural highlights: the City Church Petrini with its mighty portal of the Franconian Baroque and the late Gothic church of St. Johnnes with its famous Chapel by Balthasar Neumann. Marktbreit with beautiful Emsemble from Maintor and Malerwinkelhaus (built around 1600 AD.) You cycle in good humor to Ochsenfurt. Admire the new town hall from 1515 with lance turrets and elaborate figureand moon clock before you continue to cycle to Sommerhausen. Look forward to the old town with townhouses and wine-growing houses surrounded idyllic by a well preserved defensive wall. Easily city hall and castle are reached via the typical stepped gables, a Franconian wine village like from the picture book. You stay at the winery, look over his shoulder, marvel at his wine cellar and taste the fine wines.

#### Day 4

### Sommerhausen – Karlstadt

approx. 41 - 48 km

Just a few kilometers are on the day's program, but also great location for a break. Let yourself be inspired by the romantic image of Eibelstadt, whose historic city wall surrounds many attractions. Shortly before Würzburg you cycle through the picturesque wine village Randersacker, where wine is grown already since 779 AD. Here the first wine school in Franconia had its origin (in Randersackerer Mönchshof). Right next to the bike path on the steep slopes to the Main well-known wine is growing such as Teufelskeller, Pfülben, Marsberg and Sonnenstuhl. You cycle the bike trail to the beautiful city of Würzburg. Here you marvel at the market square, the town hall, the old Main bridge, the imposing fortress and the Lady Chapel with its sandstone figures by Tilman Riemenschneider. The highlight is the former bishop's residence, which was built 1720 – 1744 according to plans by Balthasar Neumann. In its unity it is regarded as one of the most beautiful palace buildings of South German Baroque. Through Veitshoechheim with prince-bishop summer residence and French Rococo garden you cycle to Thüngersheim. Gladly the small wine town is also known as "delicatessen shop of Franconia". Next to the Franconian main types Müller-Thurgau and Silvaner, Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc and Rieslaner are grown here. Visit the modern wine shop and convince yourself of the skills of the winemaker in Thüngersheim, then you will go on to Karlstadt

#### Day 5

#### Karlstadt – Homburg

approx. 28/42/58 km

Go on an expedition in the old town surrounded by ancient walls, towers and gates. Now the landscape is changing and the characteristic viticulture disappears and shady forests mark the bike path. In only 10 minutes (Karstadt -Gemünden) or 25 minutes (Karlstadt-Lohr) by Maintalbahn, you can shorten the stage of today. No matter how you decide, Lohr will welcome you with the charm of its fairy tale old town. Visit the Spessart Museum in the old castle or the small School Museum. 28 idyllic kilometers by bike wait for you afterward. The bike path runs directly along the banks through the beautiful town of Marktheidenfeld with its venerable parish church and Franck-house (1745 built by wealthy wine merchant Franz Valentin Franck). Enjoy the romantic wine village Homburg and the vineyards, which now again enrich the landscape. With its excellent vineyards "Edelfrau" and "Kallmuth" Homburger wineries produce the top products of the famous Franconia wine: earthy, fiery

#### Day 6

Homburg - Bürgstadt

approx. 46 km

Today the wooded hill come close together, through which the Main winds. Passing Wertheim with graceful halftimbered houses and narrow old town you cycle mostly right on the shore and enjoy pure nature. Not until Bürgstadt you rediscover vineyards and vines, where mostly red wine grapes grow. Bürgstadt is known for its excellent wine, perhaps because the wine is still operated here with the love of private winemaker. Bürgstadt counts with nearly 75 hectares of vineyards to one of the greatest wines in the Lower Main. It is a pretty jolly wine village and offers small delicacies in the Häckerwirtschaften. Look forward to the Red Wine Hiking Trail and the Martin Chapel with unique interior decoration.

#### Day 7

## Bürgstadt - Aschaffenburg

approx. 46 km

Only a stone's throw away and you are in Miltenberg, which proudly presents itself with half-timbered houses! Marvel at the magnificent market square - better known as "Schnatterloch" and the Gasthaus zum Riesen, the oldest Fürstenherberge of Germany. Parallel to the Red Wine Hiking Trail you cycle to Großheubach, already since 1254 the wine determines the life in the village. Even today, as for centuries the vines grow mainly on the steep stone terraces, as they are only found on the lower Main. These dry stone walls serve as a natural heat storage and create an extremely beneficial microclimate. The weathered red sandstone soil is the basis for the noble red grape varieties Pinot Noir, Pinot Madeleine, Portuguese or St. Laurent, from which fiery, velvety and full-bodied red wines thrive. On flat roads you quickly cycle through Klingenberg, where also excellent red wines are grown, to the sandstone Castle Johannesburg in Aschaffenburg.

### Day 8 Departure

Today your beautiful wine tour ends after breakfast in Aschaffenburg. Return by train is possible or you take the offered return transfer.

# Tour character

Really relaxed cycling in mostly flat terrain.

> Explore the area on Google Maps



# **Prices and events**

#### Place of arrival: Schweinfurt

	Season 1 06.04.2024 - 13.04.2024   05.10.2024 - 12.10.2024   arrival daily	Season 2 14.04.2024 - 03.05.2024   21.09.2024 - 04.10.2024   arrival daily	Season 3 04.05.2024 - 20.09.2024   arrival daily		
Main vintner's tour, 8 days, Schweinfurt - Aschaffenburg, DE-MNRSA-08X					
Base price	949.00	1,049.00	1,099.00		
Surcharge single room	300.00	300.00	300.00		

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Help us to achieve greater sustainability. If you choose to use the digital route book and forgo the printed version you will help us to reduce our environmental impact and we'll give you a discount of 20 Euro per room as a thank you.

# **Additional nights**

#### Place of arrival: Schweinfurt

	<b>Season 1</b> Apr 6, 2024 - Apr 13, 2024   Oct 5, 2024 - Oct 12, 2024   arrival daily	<b>Season 2</b> Apr 14, 2024 - May 3, 2024   Sep 21, 2024 - Oct 4, 2024   arrival daily	<b>Season 3</b> May 4, 2024 - Sep 20, 2024   arrival daily
Schweinfurt			
Double room p. P.	79.00	79.00	79.00
Surcharge single room	50.00	50.00	50.00
Aschaffenburg			
Double room p. P.	79.00	79.00	79.00
Surcharge single room	40.00	40.00	40.00

# Our bookable bikes

	Price
27-gear unisex	99.00
27-gear gents	99.00
7-gear unisex	99.00
Electric bike	259.00

Prices per person in EUR

# Services and extras

#### Services

#### Included:

- Accommodation as already mentioned
- Breakfast
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Detailed travel documents, 1x per room (German, English)
- 3 x wine tastings/ visiting of wine cellars in Ochsenfurt, Homburg and Bürgstadt (German)
- Service hotline

#### Extras

#### Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- Good train connection to Schweinfurt. Hotel underground car park approx. € 8,- per day, no reservation possible, payable on site.
- Return journey by train from Aschaffenburg or return transfer by minibus every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at 09:00, € 95,- per person. For the return transport of your own bike we charge € 40,- extra. Reservation required.

## • Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price!

Things to note:

#### Hotels

Category: 2x comfortable middle class hotels in Schweinfurt and Aschaffenburg, 5x wine hotels

#### 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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