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Elbe bike path | Dresden-Dessau

The Elbe cycle path is always worth a trip

Cycle tour from Dresden via Saxon Switzerland to Dessau

Nowadays the region attracts many tourists to the river Elbe, the Elbe Sandstone Mountains and the Saxon Wine Route. Earlier it used to attract artistic builders. They created magnificent baroque buildings and palaces for August the Strong, which you can admire today on a bike tour along the Elbe. They designed the medieval ambience of the porcelain town of Meißen, and built the renaissance town of Torgau and the Luther town of Wittenberg bit by bit.

Your journey on the Elbe Cycle Path starts in Dresden. Buildings like the Frauenkirche, Dresden Zwinger, Semperoper and the castle reveal the aesthetics of high-class architecture. The tour through the Elbe Sandstone Mountains with their bizarre rocky structures, overhangs and crevices proves how magnificent an architect nature is. On your cycling trip down the Elbe, you will visit places such as Radebeul, the home of Karl May, and the wine villages near Meißen. You can choose where your journey on the Elbe Cycle Path ends: after six days in Wittenberg? After eight days in Dessau? Or after nine days in Magdeburg? Each of these cities makes a grand finale.

Note

You can also book this tour the other way around and cycle to Dresden. Don't hesitate to get in touch with us and we will be happy to help you plan your trip.

[Further information about the elbe cycle path](#)

Germany



Easy



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided tour

To the online version



Itinerary

Day 1 Arrival in Dresden

Individual arrival in Dresden, where your bike tour through the Elbe river landscapes begins. In the late afternoon we'll distribute the bikes (if booked) as well as important information for your bike tour. Afterwards you'll have the opportunity to stroll through the baroque old town of Dresden. Discover the world-famous sights of this city has to offer such as the Zwinger, the church „Frauenkirche“, the castle and the opera house „Semperoper“.

Day 2 Saxon Switzerland

The Elbe Cycle Path takes you along the river Elbe to the baroque Pillnitz Castle, an important testimony to human architecture from the 18th century with its impressive gardens. Your bike tour continues up the Elbe to the rugged sandstone cliffs of the Elbe Sandstone Mountains. A unique ensemble of rocks, table mountains, plains and gorges. The short ascent to the Bastei rocks is certainly worthwhile. A stunning view of the Elbe Sandstone Mountains and the course of the river rewards the little effort.

The return trip from Bad Schandau to Dresden takes place either by bike or by train (optional). (approx. 45 km when returning by train)

Day 3 Dresden - Meissen

On today's tour you'll experience the Elbe as a romantic river that flows through a picturesque valley surrounded by vineyards. You arrive at the town of Radebeul, which is closely linked to the name Karl May. The Elbe Cycle Path takes you to the city of Meissen, world-famous for its porcelain. The picturesque streets of the historic town centre are ideal for strolling and shopping. The Albrechtsburg or the world-famous Meissen porcelain manufactory are also worth a visit. (approx. 25 km)

Day 4 Meissen - Riesa

Today you cross several wine villages on the »Saxon Wine Route« and have several opportunities to taste Saxon cuisine and wines. The baroque castle Diesbar-Seußlitz with its baroque castle church and its park is worth seeing on your tour. (approx. 35 km)

Day 5**Riesa - Torgau**

Your journey takes you to Torgau and it's Hartenfels Castle, which is considered the most important still existing early Renaissance castle in Germany. About 163 steps lead to the Hausmannsturm, which offers a wonderful view of the city. There are over 500 individual monuments in Torgau's old town and preserve the splendor of the former royal seat of the Electorate of Saxony! (approx. 45 km)

Day 6**Torgau - Wittenberg**

The castles of Lichtenberg and Pretzsch mark the journey on the Elbe Cycle Path towards Wittenberg. When you arrive in the city where Martin Luther posted his theses to the church doors, it welcomes you with the traces of it's medieval past. The Luther House contains the largest collection of Reformation history in the world. The old town of Wittenberg has been restored lovingly. Wittenberg's Castle Church, the City Church, the Luther House and the Melanchthon House are part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site in Wittenberg. The pretty shops and restaurants make an evening stroll a real pleasure. (approx. 65 km)

Day 7**Wittenberg - Dessau**

From Wittenberg, your bike tour leads you downstream along the Elbe. After just a few kilometres on the Elbe Cycle Path, you'll immerse yourself in the cultural heritage of the Wörlitz Garden Realm - a spacious and attractive park landscape from the 18th century. Dessau attracts with the Bauhaus buildings erected by Walter Gropius in the mid-1920s with their unmistakable functional style elements. (approx. 30 km)

Day 8**Departure**

Individual departure after breakfast or the start of your optional extension if you want to continue your holiday for more days.

The route

Easy - the daily stages are between 25 and 65 km in flat to slightly hilly terrain. The Elbe bike path offers the opportunity to follow one of the most beautiful and important rivers in Germany. Other sections of the route take you along smaller country roads and little-travelled paths through the varied river landscape.

> Explore the area on Google Maps



Prices and events

Place of arrival: Dresden

	Season 1 13.04.2024 - 26.04.2024 29.09.2024 - 05.10.2024 arrival daily	Season 2 27.04.2024 - 14.06.2024 09.09.2024 - 28.09.2024 arrival daily	Season 3 15.06.2024 - 08.09.2024 arrival daily
elbe cycling path from dresden to dessau, 8 days, cat. a, DE-EBRDD-08A			
Base price	739.00	799.00	859.00
surcharge single room	249.00	249.00	249.00
elbe cycling path from dresden to dessau, 8 days, cat. b, DE-EBRDD-08B			
Base price	649.00	749.00	779.00
surcharge single room	219.00	219.00	219.00

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Dresden

	Season 1 Apr 13, 2024 - Apr 26, 2024 Sep 29, 2024 - Oct 5, 2024 arrival daily	Season 2 Apr 27, 2024 - Jun 14, 2024 Sep 9, 2024 - Sep 28, 2024 arrival daily	Season 3 Jun 15, 2024 - Sep 8, 2024 arrival daily
Dresden			
double room p.P. cat. a	70.00	70.00	70.00
surcharge single room	35.00	35.00	35.00
Meißen			
double room p.P. cat. a	72.00	72.00	72.00
surcharge single room	46.00	46.00	46.00
Riesa			

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double room p.P. cat. a	69.00	69.00	69.00
surcharge single room	42.00	42.00	42.00
Wittenberg			
double room p.P. cat. a	65.00	65.00	65.00
surcharge single room	39.00	39.00	39.00
Dessau			
double room p.P. cat. a	68.00	68.00	68.00
surcharge single room	39.00	39.00	39.00
Dresden			
double room p.P. cat. b	58.00	58.00	58.00
surcharge single room	32.00	32.00	32.00
Meißen			
double room p.P. cat. b	62.00	62.00	62.00
surcharge single room	35.00	35.00	35.00
Riesa			
double room p.P. cat. b	69.00	69.00	69.00
surcharge single room	42.00	42.00	42.00
Wittenberg			
double room p.P. cat. b	55.00	55.00	55.00
surcharge single room	30.00	30.00	30.00
Dessau			
double room p.P. cat. b	64.00	64.00	64.00
surcharge single room	39.00	39.00	39.00

Our bookable bikes

	Price
21-gear unisex	99.00
21-gear gents	99.00
7-gear unisex	99.00
electric bike	259.00
Rental bike premium (30-gear)	169.00
child bike	99.00

Prices per person in EUR

Services & Extras

Services

- 7 overnight stays in hotels of the booked category
- Breakfast
- Personal welcome and tour briefing (German, English)
- Detailed travel documents (1x per room)(German, English, French)
- Luggage transfer
- GPS-Tracks available on request
- Rental bike insurance
- 7-day-service-hotline

Not included

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

Extras

Parking/arrival and departure

- Underground parking in Dresden, payable on site. No reservation required.

Hotel Cat. A: daily rate approx. € 24,- per night, payable on site, no reservation possible

Hotel Cat. B: approx. € 10,- per day in hotel garage and free parking near the hotel.

Arrival and return

By train to Dresden (approx. 3-4 hours). Return transfer by minibus every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, cost per person from Wittenberg € 85,-, from Dessau € 95,- and from Magdeburg € 105,-. For the return transport of your own bike we charge € 30,- extra. Reservation required, payable in advance with the invoice.

Accommodation

Cat. A: In Dresden you stay in a 4-star first class hotel with a spa, swimming pool and sauna directly on the Elbe bank, only approx. 400 m from the old town. In the further course of the tour, you will be accommodated in comfortable hotels and inns, mostly in the 3 and 4 star category, mostly centrally located so that you can visit the sights of the cities on foot directly from the hotel.

Cat. B: Well-kept hotels, inns and pensions, mostly in the 3-star category, some of them located on the outskirts of the cities. All rooms are equipped with a shower / toilet or bathtub / toilet.

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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