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Palatinate circular tour sporty

THROUGH GRAPEVINES AND THE RHINE PLAIN - SPORTY.

On this seven-day tour you will discover the endless charm of the Palatinate, also known as the "German Tuscany". While in the original <u>Tuscany</u> it is mainly red wines that are grown, here it is Riesling that has made the viticulture world-famous. The mild climate, the Mediterranean vegetation and the Italian influences in terms of history and culture characterise the flair of this unique region. In addition, German traditions and culinary delights join to form a successful mix - experience it for yourself!

Details of the "Palatinate round tour sporty"

Starting in Neustadt an der Weinstraße, you will cycle through the typical winegrowing villages. Taste the fine wines, which in many places have been raised to a whole new level by young winegrowers.

On the 3rd day of the tour, you will pass the French border and can spend a few hours in beautiful Wissembourg in Alsace. There is no lack of romantic and picturesque towns on this tour: Rastatt, Speyer, Heidelberg, Karlsruhe and Worms will welcome you warmly. Follow in the footsteps of the Nibelungs, Romans and Martin Luther, who all left their mark on the region's history.

Highlights of the 8-day cycling tour

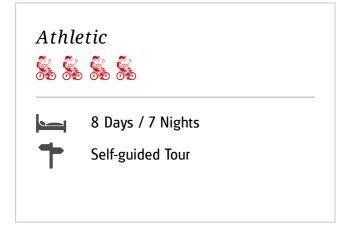
- Magnificent views along the German Wine Route: The land around the vineyards is naturally hilly. This means the odd climb for you, but also the grandiose panoramas of the Palatinate. By the way, did you know that you can experience the almond blossom here in spring?
- **The baroque town of Rastatt** is a special jewel in Baden. A walk along the Historic Route is worthwhile, because you can get to know 23 sights at once. Whether it's the Castle or the Pagodenburg take a step back and explore times long past.

- **Heidelberg Castle** is the eye-catcher of the Neckar city also due to its reddish colouring, which is due to sandstone. It's well worth a visit, if only for the great views of the city and the surrounding countryside. Tip: You can enjoy a magnificent view of the castle from the Scheffel Terrace in the castle garden.
- The largest wine barrel in the world in Bad Dürkheim: 1.7 million litres of wine that's how much fits into the extraordinary barrel, which can be seen from afar. But that's not all, you can even dine inside.

Useful information about the sporty cycle tour

The tour follows an extremely pleasant route, as it is mainly on specially signposted cycle paths and side roads. The individual routes measure between 50 and 90 km.

- As a Mediterranean region in <u>Germany</u>, the Palatinate has endless things to offer get inspiration for your <u>cycling holiday in Palatinate</u>.
- Read more about the Neckar Cycle Path.
- Browse through the other variants of the tour, e.g. the <u>4-day short holiday</u>. You will also find other <u>sporty cycle tours</u> with us here.



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Itinerary

Arrival in Neustadt an der Weinstraße

Your holiday starts with a tour information meeting and bike fitting in the secret wine capital of Germany, where you can visit the city's winding alleyways, mighty abbey church and the Elwedritschenbrunnen fountain.

hotel (example): Panorama



DAY

3

DAY

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Neustadt – Rastatt

approx. 100 km

The route will lead you through romantic wine villages with unique atmospheres. In the historic fortified city, Landau, you can visit the medieval market hall (Altes Kaufhaus) on the large main square (Rathausplatz) and enjoy the view of the Rhine Valley from the castle Landeck. In Bag Bergzabern, we recommend visiting the Baroque palace, the historic Inn "Engel", and the Westwall museum. Then you will pass the wine gate in Schweigen and get to the Alsace city of Wissembourg with its former Benedictine abbey. You will enjoy a leisurely bike ride through the forest Bienwald and the valley Lautertal to the river Rhine. At the end of your tour, you will get to the impressive baroque residence in Rastatt.

Hotel (example): Ibis Styles

Rastatt – Germersheim – Speyer

approx. 90 km

After cycling a very nice part of the route along the river Rhine, you will get to the residential city of Karlsruhe with its castle and pyramid. Then, you will cycle through the largest nature reserve of the Pfalz region – the Hördter Rheinauen – and get to the former fortified city Germersheim. The river Rhine will then take you to the imperial city of Speyer and its impressive cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Hotel (example): <u>Am Wartturm</u>



Speyer – Heidelberg – Worms

approx. 70 km

The famous ensemble of palace and palace gardens in Schwetzingen is just a few kilometers away and is certainly another highlight of the tour. The tour continues through the Rhine plain to Heidelberg, the seat of the oldest German university. Visit the famous palace complex and the unique old town directly on the Neckar. Follow the Neckar to Ladenburg. The many half-timbered houses create a unique ambience. Through extensive forest areas in the Rhine plain, you follow the route to the old imperial city of Worms (legendary cathedral).

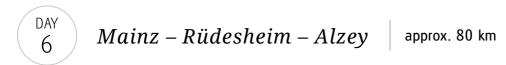
hotel (example): Asgard

DAY 5

Worms – Nierstein – Mainz approx. 75 km

The tour takes you leisurely along the Rhine, partly on the idyllic paths of the arms of the Old Rhine to Oppenheim, the town of "Gothic and wine". During a short ferry ride across the Rhine, you can already enjoy the view of Nierstein with its countless vines. You cycle directly through the vines towards the second imperial cathedral of the tour in Mainz.

Hotel (example): InterCity



In Mainz you cross the Rhine and in romantic Rüdesheim a ride on the cable car over the vineyards is a recommended experience. After crossing the Rhine again, you reach the mouth of the river Nahe in Bingen and the intersection of four wine-growing regions. In addition to the Mäuseturm in the Binger Loch, the Drusus Bridge dating from the 10th century and its bridge chapel are worth seeing. The route goes up and down through the vineyards to the "Volkerstadt" (Volker town) of Alzey, which has close ties with its fiddler from the Song of the Nibelungs.

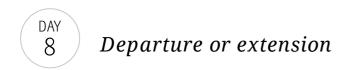
Hotel (example): Am Schloss



approx. 75 km

You reach the start of the German Wine Route in Bobenheim and cycle through the tranquil winegrowing town of Grünstadt. Beautiful winegrowing villages are the cultural highlights of this day. In Bad Dürkheim you come to the largest wine barrel in the world. In Deidesheim, a visit to the wine museum in the medieval town hall is worthwhile, and over the balcony of the Palatinate you cycle to the secret German wine capital, Neustadt.

Hotel (example): Panorama



Tour character

In the vineyards hilly terrain with mostly short climbs. Flat route in the Rhine plain. Mainly you are on cycle paths and farm roads, mostly asphalted or easily navigable natural paths, shorter sections sometimes on gravel.



Prices and events

Place of arrival: Neustadt an der Weinstraße

	Season 1 30.03.2024 - 12.04.2024 Arrival Saturday	Season 2 13.04.2024 - 31.05.2024 28.09.2024 - 12.10.2024 Arrival Saturday	Season 3 01.06.2024 - 27.09.2024 Arrival Saturday		
Palatinate round tour, 8 days, sporty, DE-PFRNN-08X-SPO					
Base price	959 <u>0</u> 0	1,059.00	1,129.00		
Surcharge single room	379.00	379.00	379.00		

Category: hotels and inns (3*** level)

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Neustadt an der Weinstraße

	Season 1 Mar 30, 2024 - Apr 12, 2024 Arrival Saturday	Season 2 Apr 13, 2024 - May 31, 2024 Sep 28, 2024 - Oct 12, 2024 Arrival Saturday	Season 3 Jun 1, 2024 - Sep 27, 2024 Arrival Saturday		
Neustadt an der Weinstraße					
Double room p. P.	75.00	75.00	75.00		
Surcharge single room	39.00	39.00	39.00		

Our rental bikes

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rental bike PLUS incl. rental bike insurance

169.00

259.00

Electric bike incl. rental bike insurance

Prices per person in EUR

Services and infos

Services

Included:

- Accommodation as already mentioned
- Breakfast
- Welcome briefing (German, English)
- Luggage transfer
- EUROBIKE developed route
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room (German, English, French)
- App for Navigation and GPS-data
- Service hotline

Infos

Arrival / Parking / Departure

- Neustadt an der Weinstraße train station
- Airport Karlsruhe/Baden Baden or Frankfurt/Main
- Multi-storey car park costs approx. EUR 8 to EUR 10 per day, no reservation possible!
- Free, public parking next to the hotel

Optional extras:

Bike rental, including rental bike insurance

Things to note

- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price!
- Ferry tickets in Neuburg approx. EUR 3 / person incl. bike
- Ferry tickets in Nierstein approx. EUR 3 / person incl. bike
- Ferry tickets in Bingen approx. EUR 3 / person incl. bike
- Further important information according to the package travel law can be found <u>here</u>.

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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