

Cycling Safaris

The Long Lake Constance Tour 2015 Self guided Tour 210-245 km | 6 nights / 7 days



This classic tour takes you round the entire lake showing off all of its highlights along the way as well as the historic towns of Konstanz, Stein am Rhein, Meersburg and Lindau and the festival town of Bregenz. Take the time along the route to discover the beauty of Lake Constance and explore the area. The first two sections are slightly hilly and otherwise level, on dedicated paved cycle paths close to the lake. The path sometimes follows brief sections that are unpaved; around Friedrichshafen the cycle path is alongside the main road. The banks of the lake are widely accessible to the public. Suitable for families.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 Individual arrival in Konstanz

Take the chance to visit Mainau island or take a walk through the old town of Constance. The aquariums in the Sea Life Center and the Archaeological Museum are also recommended.

Day 2 Konstanz - Radolfzell - Stein am Rhein approx. 45 km

From Constance you will cycle along the Gnadensee and into the old imperial town of Radolfzell. You will continue on along good pathways over the Hori peninsula to Stein am Rhein, which is full of beautiful houses adorned with frescoes.

Day 3 Stein am Rhein - Konstanz - Überlingen approx. 45 km + boat trip

The start of today's tour will lead you through the almost completely preserved medieval town Stein am Rhein. You will cycle along the Swiss shores of the lake back to Constance. In Wallhausen you will

board a boat and disembark in Überlingen with its late gothic style cathedral and beautiful health resort park and lake walkway.

Day 4 **Überlingen - Kressbronn** **approx. 55 km**

From Überlingen you will cycle to Friedrichshafen. You will pass by the baroque pilgrimage church of Birnau and the ancient town of Meersburg on the way. In Friedrichshafen the Zeppelinmuseum is worth visiting.

Day 5 **Kressbronn - Hochst/Rorschach** **approx. 35-50 km**

Today you will travel towards the Bavarian town of Lindau, which is picturesquely situated on an island. Then you will head on towards Bregenz. The capital town of Vorarlberg is famous for its annual drama festival on the largest lake theatre in the world. You will then pass through an important nature reserve on the Rhein delta.

Day 6 **Hochst/Rorschach - Konstanz/Kreuzlingen** **approx. 35-55 km**

The last day of your tour leads you through Romanshorn, with most important Swiss harbour on Lake Constance. You will pass many villages full with wooden framed houses on your way back to Constance. You can visit Mainau Island today if you haven't already done so.

Day 7 **Individual journey home or extension of your stay**

Your cycling tour comes to an end after breakfast. After breakfast you may return home or extend your stay

2015 TOUR PRICES & DATES

From 9 May - 6 June & 26 June - 22 August:

€760.00 per person sharing
€910.00 for single occupancy

From 25 April - 8 May, 7 June - 25 June, 23 August - 3 October:

€720.00 per person sharing
€870.00 for single occupancy

From 28 March - 24 April and 4 - 11 October:

€620.00 per person sharing
€770.00 for single occupancy

Arrival daily from 28 March - 25 October 2015

Optional extras:

Half board supplement: €160 per person
E-Bikes are available for an additional supplement of €70
Extra nights - €65 per person sharing / €90 single room occupancy

Children sharing a room with 2 full paying adults receive the following discounts:

0-5 years = Free 6-13 years = 50% 14-17 years = 25% *(Please add for child bike rental.)*

TOUR PROFILE

Character:

Mainly hilly along tarred cycle paths, quiet back-roads and sometimes along dirt tracks.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- 6 overnight stays in a double room with breakfast in very good guesthouses/ hotels of 3*/4* - level
- Entrance Rosgarten Museum Konstanz incl 1 coffee
- Boat trip Wallhausen - Uberlingen incl. bicycle
- Transport of luggage from hotel to hotel, no limit on pieces of luggage but luggage may only weigh a maximum of 20 kg
- Comprehensive tour information and maps
- 7-day service hotline
- Bike rental – 7/21 gear bikes with Ortlieb saddle bag, odometer, lock, pump, repair kit

WHAT TO BRING

We would recommend that you bring padded cycling shorts and / or a gel saddle cover which will make your days cycling more comfortable. Cycling gloves are also a good investment, as are hard-sole shoes which will help protect your feet. And don't forget raingear including a rain jacket, rain pants and slip-on boots. A hat and sunglasses will protect you from getting too much sun. Finally, please make an effort to pack lightly. This will make your travels easier and will be much appreciated with the luggage transfers.

BACK UP SERVICE

As this is a self led trip you do not have the back-up of a guide and support van. Our aim is to allow you feel like an independent traveller, free to cycle each day at your own pace while at the same time having the security of knowing that your luggage will be waiting for you in your next accommodation.

If you experience small problems with the bike (e.g., a puncture) you will have a spare tube, pump and tyre lever. You also have access to a 24 hour helpline.

HOW TO GET THERE

The closest airports are airport Stuttgart or airport Friedrichshafen.

From Stuttgart airport to Konstanz there is a train which goes every 30 minutes and takes approx 1hr 45mins. You may have to change trains once.

There is also a train connection from Friedrichshafen airport to Konstanz. Trains go every 30 minutes and only take 1 – 1,15 hours (0-1 train changes).

Train connections from Friedrichshafen to Stuttgart go every 30 minutes. 1 change. Duration approx 1,5 hours.