

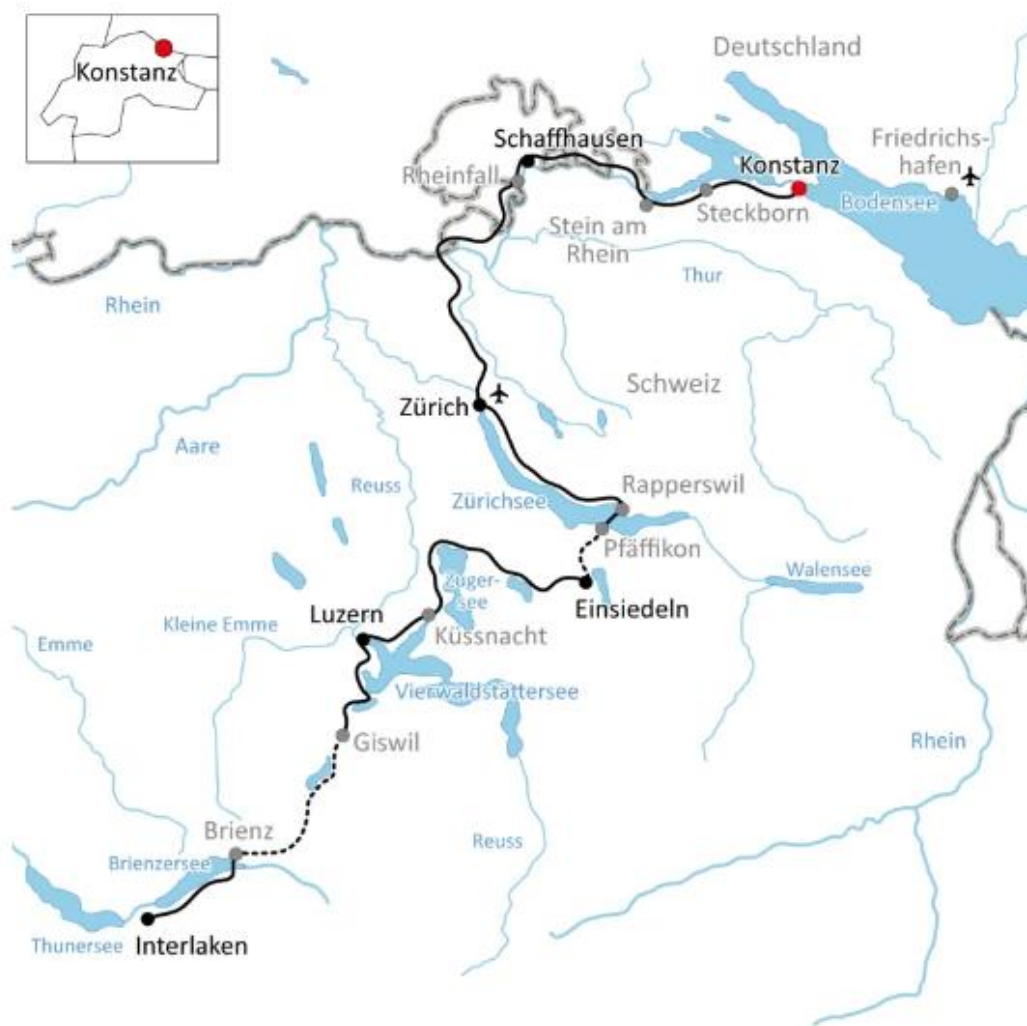
Cycling Safaris

Constance to Lake Lucern (Swiss Lakes) 2024

Self guided Tour

280 km / 295 km | 6 nights / 7 days

(Booking code CH-KI6)



Postcard idyll awaits you on the cycle tour from Constance to Interlaken. Cycle not only along the beautiful shores of Lake Constance, but also discover the beautiful landscape of Lake Zurich and Lake Lucerne. Picturesque little fishing villages lie along the way as well as large cities. Get to know Constance, the largest city on Lake Constance, with all its sights. Take a stroll through sophisticated Zurich and extremely charming Lucerne. Impressive highlights of your cycle tour from Constance to Interlaken are the Rhine Falls in Schaffhausen and Einsiedeln Abbey. Accompanied by the stunning mountain panorama, you will also experience Swiss history. In Küssnacht, follow in the footsteps of Wilhelm Tell as you stroll through the famous Hohle Gasse.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 Individual arrival in Constance

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.

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The arrival day of your cycle tour from Constance to Interlaken belongs entirely to the largest city on Lake Constance. A day on the flower island of Mainau with its butterfly house, Italian water staircase and numerous restaurants is certainly a highlight. If you don't have enough time, take a stroll through the old town with its beautiful harbor and cathedral. If you are not afraid to climb the 193 steps to the tower platform, you will be rewarded with a magnificent view over the city and Lake Constance.



Day 2: Constance – Schaffhausen, approx. 50 km

You cycle out of Constance, always along the shores of Untersee. You cycle through picturesque Swiss fishing villages to Stein am Rhein. Stroll through the pretty old town with its elaborately painted medieval houses. You follow the Rhine to Schaffhausen, sometimes on the German side, sometimes on the Swiss side. The town's landmark - the Munot fortress – can be seen from afar.

Day 3: Schaffhausen – Zurich, approx. 55 km + train ride or 70 km

Just a short distance by bike and another highlight awaits you on your cycle tour from Constance to Interlaken. Discover the Rhine Falls, one of the largest waterfalls in Europe, up close. Take a boat to the Rhine Falls rock, from where you can feel the power of the water (not included). Following the Glatt valley, you cycle to the fascinating cosmopolitan city of Zurich. After a stroll through the well-preserved old town, enjoy your time on the lively banks of the Limmat.

Day 4: Zurich – Einsiedeln, approx. 35 km + train ride

Leaving Zurich behind you, you cycle along the Gold Coast, as the northern shore of Lake Zurich is also known, to Rapperswil. Here you can see the imposing castle from afar. You cycle over the dam and then uphill. But don't worry – you don't have to pedal yourself here. The train will take you to Einsiedeln, the most visited place of pilgrimage in Switzerland. The Black Madonna in Einsiedeln Abbey attracts pilgrims and tourists from all over the world.

Day 5: Einsiedeln – Lucerne, approx. 75 km

Strengthen yourself for the day over breakfast, because today you are tackling the queen's stage of your cycle tour from Constance to Interlaken. You will cross several mountain ranges before reaching Lake Zug. It's worth taking a break in Küsnacht. The town is famous for the Swiss national hero William Tell. Follow in his footsteps in the Hohle Gasse, where Tell is said to have shot the bailiff Hermann Gessler.

Day 6: Lucerne – Interlaken, approx. 65 km + train ride

After leaving Lucerne behind you, you pass Lake Sarnen and reach the village of Giswil. Take the train over the Brünig Pass to Brienz. Cycle along the beautiful turquoise-colored Lake Brienz, lined with steep mountain slopes, to Interlaken in the heart of the Bernese Oberland. If you want to get up high, take a trip up the Harder Kulm, the town's local mountain. From the viewing platform, you can enjoy a wonderful view of the impressive mountains.

Day 7: Individual departure or extension

After breakfast, your cycle tour from Constance to Interlaken unfortunately comes to an end. If you would like to explore the region for longer, we will be happy to book you an extra night in Interlaken.



2024 TOUR PRICE DATES

You can start any day from 27th April to 5th October 2024

Season A: 27th April – 3rd May, 22nd September – 5th October

€1000.00 per person sharing

€300.00 single room supplement

Season B: 4th – 7th May, 21st – 31st May, 8th – 21st September

€1150.00 per person sharing

€300.00 single room supplement

Season C: 8th – 15th May, 1st – 28th June, 21st August – 7th September

€1300.00 per person sharing

€300.00 single room supplement

Season D: 16th – 20th May, 29th June – 20th August

€1400.00 per person sharing

€300.00 single room supplement

Bike rental is not included in the standard package above

€110.00 Touring Bike (incl. bike insurance)

€270.00 E-Bike (incl. bike insurance)

€180.00 Sporty rental bike / 30 gears (incl. bike insurance)

Child reduction on basic tour price:
12-17 years: 25% (not including bike)

Child reduction:

- Due to more challenging sections, we only recommend this tour for young people in good physical condition.
- Reductions apply for accommodation in rooms with two full-paying guests.
- No reduction from the age of 18
- Multi-bed rooms are often double rooms with a camp bed or sofa bed.

Twin rooms/separate beds:

- Available only on request, please clearly mark when booking this tour

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- › 6 overnight stays in double rooms with breakfast in a national 3* hotel
- › Luggage transport from hotel to hotel until Interlaken (max. 20k/piece)
- › Train ride Giswil – Brienz incl. Bike
- › Trainride Pfaffikon – Einsiedeln incl. Bike
- › Cycle route description with maps (1x per room)
- › Service hotline (7 days, 8am – 8pm)
- ›

Not included

- › Train ride Rumlang – Zurichm, approx 15 CHF per person, incl. Bike
- › Cities or visitor tax, if payable

Extra night in Lucern €105 per person sharing / €150 single room occupancy

Extra night in Constance €80 per person sharing / €125 single room occupancy

Extra night in Einsiedeln/Schaffhausen/Interlaken/Zurich:

€105 per person sharing / €160 single room occupancy

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.

BIKE RENTAL



Bike hire is not included in the basic tour package. You can rent the following

- 27 - speed derailleur, Unisex bikes with low step-through or gents bikes with cross bar (over 1.78cm in height) for €110
- Fitted with road bicycle tire " Schwalbe Marathon Plus "
- Pannier and handlebar bag , and tachometer , lock , pump and spare tire . Puncture repair kit is in the pockets.
- Or sporty rental bike (30 gear) for €180

E-bikes are also available for €270.

Requirements

The cycling routes require a basic level of fitness, which you should have acquired by steady cycling. The routes can reach an altitude of 200 to 500 meters. The daily routes, of 20 - 60 km, cover some hilly terrain and can be completed without time constraints. You will also come across some longer and climbs, where walking your bike is of course advised. The roads are mostly asphalted and there is little traffic outside of holiday periods.

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 all 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.



Travelling by ferry from Meersburg

The car and passenger ferry between Meersburg and Constance operates a 24-hour service every 15 minutes to 1 hour throughout the year.

Travelling by catamaran from Friedrichshafen

The catamaran between Constance and Friedrichshafen operates hourly between 5 a.m. and 8 p.m. throughout the year. The trip takes 48 minutes.

Travelling by rail

There are direct train services to Constance from Hamburg, Frankfurt, and Offenburg. To get to Constance from Munich, change at Lindau/Radolfzell or Stuttgart. There is an hourly train service to Constance from Zurich (airport) via Weinfelden. For more information on rail services, please call +49 (0) 800 / 1507090.

Travelling by air

- From Friedrichshafen (25 km) by car/bus or ferry, or catamaran (40 min.)
- From Zurich (75 km): hourly rail service to Constance (1 hr)
- From Stuttgart (170 km): interurban train service every 20 min. to Stuttgart railway station; regular rail service to Constance (2.5 hrs)
- From Munich (230 km) by rail (5 hrs) or car (3.5 hrs) to Constance
- From Frankfurt/Main (345 km): direct rail service (4.5 hrs) to Constance