

Cycling Safaris

The Bavarian Beer Tour 2025

Self guided

325 km | 7 nights / 8 days



On the Bavarian beer tour through romantic Franconia, you will learn a lot about the brewing tradition, and you can taste your way through the most diverse of varieties. Among other things, you will cycle along the Beer Cycle Route through the region with the highest density of breweries in the world - on average one brewery per square kilometer! During your Bavarian beer tour, enjoy the rustic atmosphere in beautiful beer gardens with hearty delicacies. You will get to know famous cities such as Nuremberg, Bamberg and Rothenburg ob der Tauber, which impress with their medieval cityscapes. You cycle part of the way along the Burgenstraßen cycle path. The name itself says it all: numerous mighty castles and palaces can be seen on the hills, sometimes even from a distance. The congeniality of the Franconians and their excellent beer characterizes this Bavarian beer tour, which is one of our most popular cycling tours.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 Arrival in Nuremberg



Welcome to Franconia! Your Bavarian beer tour starts in Nuremberg. Known as the city of Dürer, for the Christkindl market, the delicious gingerbread and as the city of toys, the former Free Imperial City looks back on a history of more than 1000 years. On a walk not only will you discover contemporary witnesses from the Middle Ages and early modern times, but also of the reconstruction after the Second World War and the modern age.

Day 2 Nuremberg - Erlangen, approx 30 km

A relaxed start: You cycle along the river Regnitz from Nuremberg to Erlangen. In the 19th century Erlangen was the leading exporter of Bavarian beer. Thanks to the cooling rock cellars of the Erlangen castle on the mountain the "Burgberg", beer could be kept fresh longer and thus sold all year round. With the invention of the refrigeration machine, however, Erlangen's brewing industry began to decline, but the enjoyment of beer in Erlangen's beer gardens and taverns remained. Treat yourself to a cool beer and hearty Franconian delicacies.

Day 3 Erlangen - Bamberg, approx. 55 km

Along the Main-Danube Canal you cycle on today's stage of your Bavarian beer tour to Bamberg. The city was once built on seven hills which earned it the name Franconian Rome. Either by the impressive cathedral, the Old Town Hall, the New Residence or the numerous churches, the image of the old imperial and episcopal city is shaped by more than 1000 years of architecture. Bamberg also looks back on a long beer tradition. Particularly famous is the Rauchbier (smoked beer), which you can taste extensively in the many breweries.



Day 4 Bamberg - Hochstadt - Neustadt an der Aisch, approx. 55 km + train ride (not incl.) or approx. 65 km

You cycle towards Hirschaid and reach the romantic Aisch valley. Alternatively, you can shorten the stage with a train ride (not included) from Bamberg to Hirschaid. Take a break in Höchstadt to try the famous mirrored carp. The crispy fried fish is a specialty of the region! In your stage destination Neustadt an der Aisch, a wooden billy goat makes its rounds on the town hall every noon, bleating and jumping - a grandiose spectacle.

Day 5 Neustadt an der Aisch - Rothenburg ob der Tauber, approx. km

Today Bad Windsheim and the impressive *Franconian Open Air Museum* are on your way. It offers insights into 700 years of Franconian everyday history. Various historical buildings have been reconstructed on the extensive grounds to illustrate this, taking you back to the living and working environment of Franconia's rural population. Continue on your Bavarian beer tour to the medieval-style town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber. The town offers a wonderful atmosphere to enjoy the sunny evening hours with delicious delicacies.



Day 6 Rothenburg ob der Tauber - Wolframs-Eschenbach, approx. 65km

Today you can opt for a diversion and go to the spring of the river Altmühl before taking your first break in Colmberg. The mighty, well-preserved castle towers over the town – the climb is steep, but worth it! The Franconian Rezat then leads you into the heart of Ansbach with its stately rococo-style residence. Your internship destination is in Wolframs-Eschenbach. Since 1917, the medieval town has borne the name of its great son, the *Parzival* poet Wolfram von Eschenbach.

Day 7 Wolframs-Eschenbach - Nuremberg, approx. 65km

The Bavarian beer tour takes you further along the German Castle Road past the star-shaped fortress of Lichtenau. In Roth you should definitely pay a visit to the hunting lodge. Afterwards you will reach Nuremberg again. At the end of your Bavarian beer tour, several breweries vie for your favour. Combined with the enjoyment of an original Nuremberg grilled sausage, a cozy evening is calling out for you.



Day 8 Individual journey home or extension of your stay

Your Bavarian beer tour already ends after breakfast. We would be happy to extend your stay with an additional night in one of the overnight destinations.

2025 TOUR PRICE DATES

Arrival daily from 05.04.2025 to 12.10.2025

	Season A	Season B	Season C	Season C
per person sharing	€870	€1000	€1120	€1200
single supplement	€315	€315	€315	€315

Season A	5-04/12-10
Season B	06.04. - 11.04/21.04. - 25.04./04.05. - 09.05/21.09. - 11.10.
Season C	12.04. - 20.04/26.04. - 03.05/10.05. - 23.05/22.06. - 04.07/24.08. - 20.09
Season D	24.05. - 21.06/05.07. - 23.08.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- 7 nights with breakfast, national 3* level
- Luggage transportation from hotel to hotel, no limit on the number of pieces, max. 20 kg / piece
- Vouchers for 4 x 0.5 l beer per person (from 18 years), redeemable in Bamberg
- Admission to the Franconian open-air museum in Bad Windsheim (closed on Mondays)
- Guided tour of Rothenburg with the night watchman
- Travel documents with maps (1 per room)
- Hotline service (7 days, 8 am - 8 pm)

Not Included:

City or visitor's tax (if payable)

Train ride Bamberg - Hirschaid (approx. €10 per person incl. bike)

Additional nights (Nuremberg)

Double €75 per person

Single €110 per person

BIKE RENTAL



Bike hire is not included in the basic tour package.

- 8 - speed hub and coaster brake or 27 - speed derailleur
- All unisex bikes with low step-through, mens frame from approx 175 cm heights
- 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.

E-bikes available.

Requirements

Due to the more challenging sections, we recommend this tour only for young people in good physical condition. 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.

Helmet use is mandatory on all bike tours. You are strongly encouraged to bring your own (well fitted) helmet.

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.

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.

HOW TO GET THERE

Closest airports: Nuremberg, Frankfurt, Munich

Train Station: Rothenburg ob der Tauber