



The Great Neckar Cycle Tour

10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS, APPROX. 350 KM

BOOKING CODE: NE-DH9

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●

TOPOGRAPHY ●●●●●



Your tour

The large Neckar cycle tour leads you through the country from Donaueschingen to Heidelberg – one time all across Baden-Württemberg. The balanced blend of culture and nature makes all the charm of this trip: various landscapes like the Black Forest and the Swabian Alb on the one side, on the other side, popular cities like Tübingen, Stuttgart or Heidelberg.

Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival in Donaueschingen
Day 2	Donaueschingen – Rottweil, approx. 35 / 45 km
Day 3	Rottweil – Sulz / Glatt, approx. 30 / 40 km
Day 4	Sulz – Tübingen, approx. 55 / 45 km
Day 5	Tübingen – Esslingen, approx. 55 km
Day 6	Esslingen – Ludwigsburg, approx. 35 km
Day 7	Ludwigsburg – Heilbronn / Neckarsulm, approx. 55 / 60 km
Day 8	Heilbronn – Mosbach / Eberbach, approx. 40 – 60 km
Day 9	Eberbach – Heidelberg, ca. 60 / 35 km
Day 10	Individual departure

Travel time

Season A	01.04. – 03.04.	12.04. – 18.04.	04.10. – 11.10.
Season B	04.04. – 11.04.	19.04. – 25.04.	27.09. – 03.10.
Season C	26.04. – 22.05.	07.06. – 03.07.	23.08. – 26.09.
Season D	23.05. – 06.06.	04.07. – 22.08.	

Daily arrival 01.04. – 11.10.2026

The season is dictated by the arrival date.

Services

- 9 nights with breakfast, national 3*-level
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel to Heidelberg, max. 20 kg
- Cycle route description with maps (1 x per room)
- Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. – 08.00 p.m.)

Not included services

- Citys or visitors tax, if payable

Basic price per person

Doubleroom, Season A	1079,-
Doubleroom, Season B	1279,-
Doubleroom, Season C	1479,-
Doubleroom, Season D	1579,-
Additional fee single room	369,-

Additional night prices per person

Donaueschingen DBL / BB	65,-
Donaueschingen SGL / BB	95,-
Heidelberg DBL / BB	89,-
Heidelberg SGL / BB	129,-

Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec*	289,-
Teenager's bike*	49,-
Rental bike (27-gear)*	99,-
Sporty rental bike (30-gear)*	179,-
Return transfer excl. bike (Saturday)	89,-
Return transfer incl. bike (Saturday)	135,-

*including rental bike insurance

Exemplary hotel list

Donaueschingen	Hirschen Donaueschingen	https://www.hotel-zum-hirschen.de/
Rottweil	Johanniterbad Rottweil	https://johanniterbad.de
Sulz / Glatt	Lamm Sulz	http://www.gasthof-lamm.info
Tübingen	Schloss Tübingen	https://www.hotelamschloss.de
Esslingen	ECOINN Am Campus Esslingen	https://www.ecoinn.de
Ludwigsburg	Nestor Hotel	https://www.ghotel.de/hotels/ludwigsburg/
Neckarsulm / Heilbronn	Vienna House Easy Neckarsulm	https://www.viennahouse.com/de/easy-neckarsulm
Eberbach / Mosbach	Karpfen Eberbach	https://hotel-karpfen.com
Heidelberg	Kulturbrauerei Heidelberg	https://heidelberger-kulturbrauerei.de

Child reduction on basic price

12 - 14 Years	25%
15 - 17 Years	10%

Due to the more demanding stages, we recommend this trip only for young people with good stamina.

Children's discount applies for accommodation in a room with two full-paying guests, no discount from the age of 18. A multi-bed room is usually a double room with an extra bed or folding sofa. No four-bed rooms possible.

Additional night prices per person

Eberbach / Mosbach DBL / BB	85,-
Eberbach / Mosbach SGL / BB	115,-
Esslingen DBL / BB	65,-
Esslingen SGL / BB	99,-
Ludwigsburg DBL / BB	85,-
Ludwigsburg SGL / BB	125,-
Neckarsulm / Heilbronn DBL / BB	65,-
Neckarsulm / Heilbronn SGL / BB	99,-
Rottweil DBL / BB	79,-
Rottweil SGL / BB	115,-
Sulz / Glatt DBL / BB	69,-
Sulz / Glatt SGL / BB	99,-
Tübingen DBL / BB	89,-
Tübingen SGL / BB	129,-

Languages Travel documents

→ German, English, Dutch, French

Additional note

- All bookings are on request.
- Return journey to Donaueschingen
- Optional by minibus (Saturdays only), between 9:00 and 10:00 am.
Duration approx. 3 hours, must be specified when booking.
- Alternatively on your own by train, connections hourly, duration:
approx. 3.5 hours, 1 - 2 x changes.
- Twin / double rooms / separate beds are only occasionally available. We treat requests as non-binding customer requests, if above mentioned room types are a booking condition, it must be mentioned as a condition at the time of booking.

Equipment of our rental bikes

- Comfortable saddle
- Bike lock
- Luggage rack
- Odometer
- Air pump
- Hub dynamo
- Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- Unflat Schwalbe Marathon Plus tyres or comparable
- Waterproof pannier
- Waterproof handlebar bag with map holder
- Further information and photos of the rental bikes are available:
www.cycling-holiday.com/rental-bikes

Journey to Donaueschingen

- Closest airports: Zurich, Stuttgart, Frankfurt, Basel, Karlsruhe (Ryanair)
- Train station: Donaueschingen, good connections nach Offenburg / Karlsruhe, Freiburg, Ulm und Konstanz

Parking in Donaueschingen

- Free parking at „Stadtmühle“, „Realschule“ and „Fürstenberg-Gymnasium“.
- Hotel parking spaces (available in individual hotels, chargeable, details in the travel documents).

Bike handover

- Arrival: Guests' rental bikes will be available at the arrival hotel.
Departure: The guests leave the bikes at the last hotel. If an e-bike has been rented, the battery, charger and key must be returned to the reception.

Luggage transport

- Luggage pick-up from 09.00 a.m., delivery to the next hotel by 06.00 p.m. at the latest, labeling of luggage is 1 x for the whole tour. No restriction on the number of pieces of luggage, but max. 20 kg per piece of luggage.

Travel documents

- 1 set (per booked room) consists of: hotel list and voucher, travel information with details on daily stages, short travel guides and route descriptions, maps, luggage tags
- Dispatched up to four weeks before arrival. For short-term bookings, delivery to the start hotel, hotel list and arrival information will be sent by email

Stages description

Day 1: Individual arrival in Donaueschingen

In Donaueschingen, the Brigach and Breg rivers merge to form the Danube. However the Romans once thought that the spring in the castle gardens was the source of the Danube. You can still visit the source of the Danube in Donaueschingen today, right in the park of a very impressive castle, where the Fürstenberg family once lived.

Day 2: Donaueschingen – Rottweil, approx. 35 / 45 km

Up on the high Baar plateau, you cycle between the Black Forest and the Swabian Alb to Schwenningen, where you reach the much narrower Neckar river. Your route continues to Rottweil, Baden-Württemberg's oldest town which features a medieval centre.

Day 3: Rottweil – Sulz / Glatt, approx. 30 / 40 km

Cycling north you head downstream along the Neckar, which now cuts a deep path into the valley and gradually becomes wider and wider. The few villages along the way are idyllically situated and you cycle through Oberndorf, which is famous for its Swabian-Alemannic Carnival, to finally arrive in Sulz.

Day 4: Sulz – Tübingen, approx. 55 / 45 km

Take a deserved break in Horb, and visit the abbey church and the Schurkenturm tower. Pedal now to Rottenburg. It suffered many town fires in the past and no longer has a medieval townscape but a Baroque style. You continue on to Tübingen. Visit the lovely old town and Hohentübingen Castle, which gives you great views of the town.

Day 5: Tübingen – Esslingen, approx. 55 km

You leave this lively town and soon pedal past various bathing lakes - great for a refreshing swim. Downstream along the Neckar you cycle through the valley to Plochingen which features a tower by Hundertwasser. Esslingen, which escaped damage from the war, is a tempting town to visit with its special historic flair.

Day 6: Esslingen – Ludwigsburg, approx. 35 km

Firstly, you reach Stuttgart, the capital of the federal state of Baden-Württemberg and its largest city. Take a break there and visit the Mercedes-Benz Museum or the Old Palace. Cycle on to Ludwigsburg with its famous Baroque palace.

Day 7: Ludwigsburg – Heilbronn / Neckarsulm, approx. 55 / 60 km

You cycle back to the Neckar and follow the river meanders through picturesque vineyards to Lauffen, where you should treat yourself to a sip of the delicious Katzenbeißer. From Heilbronn, a centre of viticulture and wine trade, you cycle on along the romantic Castle Road to Heilbronn or Neckarsulm.

Day 8: Heilbronn – Mosbach / Eberbach, approx. 40 – 60 km

Day 9: Eberbach – Heidelberg, ca. 60 / 35 km

The Neckar now meanders through the Odenwald and forms the border between Hesse and Baden-Württemberg. The famous university town of Heidelberg awaits with its famous castle ruins, which you should definitely visit. From there you have a fantastic view over the city.

Day 10: Individual departure

After breakfast you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay.