



The Great Neckar Cycle Tour

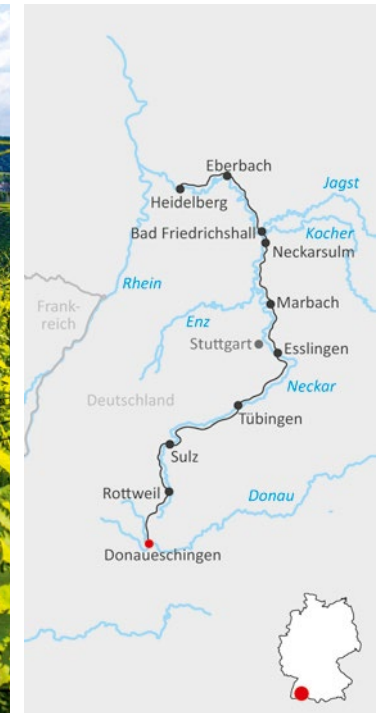
10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS, APPROX. 350 KM
BOOKING CODE: NE-DH9

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●
TOPOGRAPHY ●●●●●



Across the Ländle from south to north

From Eur **1049,-**



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

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| Day 1 | Individual arrival in Donaueschingen |
| Day 2 | Donaueschingen – Rottweil, approx. 30 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 – Marbach / Freiberg, approx. 40 / 45 km |
| Day 7 | Marbach – Neckarsulm / Bad Friedrichshall, approx. 50 / 55 km |
| Day 8 | Neckarsulm – Eberbach, approx. 45 / 50 km |
| Day 9 | Eberbach – Heidelberg, approx. 40 km |
| Day 10 | Individual departure |

Travel time

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| Season A | 05.04. | 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. | |

Daily arrival 05.04. – 12.10.2025
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

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| Doubleroom, Season A | 1049,- |
| Doubleroom, Season B | 1249,- |
| Doubleroom, Season C | 1399,- |
| Doubleroom, Season D | 1499,- |
| Additional fee single room | 349,- |

Additional services per person

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| E-bike / Pedelec (freewheel)* | 269,- |
| Teenager's bike* | 49,- |
| Rental bike (27-gear)* | 99,- |
| Sporty rental bike (30-gear)* | 169,- |
| Return transfer excl. bike (Saturday) | 89,- |
| Return transfer incl. bike (Saturday) | 129,- |

*including rental bike insurance

Additional night prices per person

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| Donaueschingen DBL / BB | 55,- |
| Donaueschingen SGL / BB | 85,- |
| Heidelberg DBL / BB | 89,- |
| Heidelberg SGL / BB | 125,- |

Exemplary hotel list

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| 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 |
| Marbach / Freiberg | Schillerhof Marbach | https://schillerhof-marbach.de |
| Neckarsulm / Bad Friedrichshall | Nestor Neckarsulm | https://www.ghotel-group.de/hotels/neckarsulm/ |
| Eberbach | Karpfen Eberbach | https://hotel-karpfen.com |
| Heidelberg | Kulturbrauerei Heidelberg | https://heidelberger-kulturbrauerei.de |

Child reduction on basic price

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| 12 - 17 Years | 25% |
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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

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| Eberbach DBL / BB | 55,- |
| Eberbach SGL / BB | 85,- |
| Esslingen DBL / BB | 65,- |
| Esslingen SGL / BB | 99,- |
| Marbach / Freiberg DBL / BB | 65,- |
| Marbach / Freiberg SGL / BB | 99,- |
| Neckarsulm / Bad Friedrichshall DBL / BB | 65,- |
| Neckarsulm / Bad Friedrichshall SGL / BB | 99,- |
| Rottweil DBL / BB | 65,- |
| Rottweil SGL / BB | 99,- |
| Sulz / Glatt DBL / BB | 55,- |
| Sulz / Glatt SGL / BB | 85,- |
| Tübingen DBL / BB | 89,- |
| Tübingen SGL / BB | 125,- |

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 „Stadmühle“, „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. 30 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 – Marbach / Freiberg, approx. 40 / 45 km

You cycle to Stuttgart first, capital of the state of Baden-Württemberg and its largest town. Take a break here and visit the Mercedes-Benz museum or the old castle. You pedal on passing vineyards to Ludwigsburg. Here you can become familiar with the Neckar valley as a cradle of poets and philosophers - Marbach is the town in which Friedrich Schiller was born.

Day 7: Marbach – Neckarsulm / Bad Friedrichshall, approx. 50 / 55 km

You follow the winding river through picturesque vineyards to Lauffen, where you should allow yourself a glass of tasty Katzenbeisser. From Heilbronn, a hub for wine-production and the wine trade, you cycle along the romantic Burgenstrasseto Neckarsulm.

Day 8: Neckarsulm – Eberbach, approx. 45 / 50 km

In Neckarsulm, it's worth visiting the NSU museum with many historic bikes and cars. This section takes you past all kinds of castles including the residence of Götz von Berlichingen. Goethe wrote a play based on him and is considered a prominent work in the "Sturm und Drang" Period. The Staufer town of Eberbach used to be known for its handicraft professions, and a speciality of the town was its sandstone quarry.

Day 9: Eberbach – Heidelberg, approx. 40 km

The Neckar winds its way through the Odenwald mountain range and forms the border between Hesse and Baden-Württemberg. The famous university town of Heidelberg waits for your arrival with a well-known castle ruin which is definitely worth a visit. You have simply fantastic views of the town from the castle.

Day 10: Individual departure

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