



Trip description

The classic Lake Constance bike tour

It's easy to see why the Lake Constance bike tour is one of the most popular in Europe. Just think...You can wake up in Germany, ride to Switzerland to enjoy lunch before biking to Austria for an afternoon piece of apple strudel! While cycling around the lake you'll have the chance to explore the islands of Reichenau, Mainau and Lindau. Then enjoy the medieval towns of Konstanz and Meersburg while cycling through three countries!



Destination	Europe
Location	Lac de Constance
Duration	7 days
Difficulty Level	Moderate
Validity	from 28.03 to 27.10 2020
Minimum age	12 years
Reference	LC0701

Type of stay
loop trip



Itinerary



You'll discover Lake Constance at the foot of the Swiss Alps, where Germany, Austria and Switzerland come together. As the bike route winds along the lake, you'll pass by cool forests and typical towns with overflowing flowerboxes. Stop to enjoy the charms of towns such as Constance, Meersburg, Lindau, Bregenz and Arbon. Rest at a beach for a refreshing swim or take in an open-air opera performance in Bregenz. Several charming harbors are the perfect place to rest and savor fresh-baked pastries or ice cream. The path around Lake Constance offers idyllic natural beauty along with enchanting German villages. This is the ideal location for the perfect biking vacation.

Day 1

Arrival in Constance

Take time to explore this city filled with picturesque alleyways and breathtaking views of the Alps from the harbor.

Day 2

Constance – Region around Stein-am-Rhein

Bike
30/50km

2 route options

You'll leave Constance and cross the lake by riding on a large dike towards the monastic island of Reichenau. This was an important spiritual center in the Middle Ages and is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Keep riding to the Hori peninsula, known for spiritual and artistic influence from its Benedictine Abbey. The route continues along the shore of Lake Constance until you reach Diessenhofen.

Day 3

Region Stein-am-Rhein - Überlingen

Enjoy the morning by strolling around one of the best-preserved villages in Europe, Stein-am-Rhein. You'll see intricately detailed murals painted on half-timbered houses. Get on the Lake Constance bike path and pedal towards the Swiss side. You'll pass colorful,

Bike
45/60km

authentic fishing villages. Soon you'll find yourself in the German countryside and the village of Wallhausen where ferries will take you to the charming city of Überlingen. Enjoy the view from the ferry!

Day 4

Überlingen - Region Kressbronn

Bike
50/60km

Bike through the well-maintained vineyards and pastures on your way to Friedrichshafen. On the way, check out the Baroque church in Birmau, and the prehistoric museum in Unteruhldingen. Stop in the medieval city of Meersburg, where you can see the oldest inhabited castle in Europe. The Zeppelin Museum in Friedrichshafen is not to be missed. Maybe splurge and take an authentic Zeppelin ride. Your day ends by reaching your accommodation in the Kressbronn area.

Day 5

Region Kressbronn - Region Höchst/Rorschach

Bike
40/55km

Today's ride continues on the Constance Lake bike trail. Take the bridge to the island of Lindau and enjoy a piece of "Käsekuchen" (cheesecake) at an outdoor café. Lindau has a magnificent harbor, medieval buildings and an amazing view of the Alps. After filling up on delicious pastry, keep pedaling to the Austrian town of Bergenz, where you'll see the massive St. Martin's tower. If you like, take a gondola up to Pfänder Mountain where you'll get a great view of Lake Constance and see the route you are taking! Bergenz is also known for its summer music festival where musicians perform on an open-air, floating stage at the end of the lake. Your comfortable hotel is situated between Höchst and Rorschach.

Day 6

Region Höchst/Rorschach - Constance

Bike
35/55km

This morning the bike path follows the Swiss shore, through the picture-perfect countryside dotted with traditional villages. You'll cross Romanshorn, the largest harbor on Lake Constance. You will frequently ride past little beaches from where you can take a dip in the blue waters of the lake.

End your afternoon with a casual stroll around the old city of Constance.

Day 7

Departure from Constance

After breakfast, take a city tour before returning home. You may end up waiting to extend your tour so you can visit more of this delightful area.

Accommodation

Category A

You'll enjoy stay in these clean and cozy 2-3-Star hotels that give you a pleasant rest after your day of biking. Breakfast is included when you spend the night in these friendly and family-run hotels.

* Example of the type of accommodation

Category B

You'll get a good night's sleep when you stay in these 3-4-Star hotels or Breakfasts. All properties have been selected for their cleanliness, style and friendliness of the staff. A hearty breakfast is included!

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Practical information

How to get to Konstanz:

By car

From Paris following Troyes, Bâle and Zurich (663 km / 6h53)
From Strasbourg following Offenburg and Villingen (191 km / 2h30)
From Lyon following Geneva, Lausanne, Bern et Zurich (497 km / 4h30)

By train:

From Strasbourg passing by Offenburg (3h)
From Lyon passing by Dijon and then Zurich (5h50)
To plan your trip, www.raileurope.com.

By plane:

From Friedrichshafen (25 km) : by car or bus and by boat (40 min)
From Zurich (75 km) : by train to Konstanz (1 hour)

Parking:

If you arrive by car, you can park at the closed open-air parking at the bike rental shop. The rate is 40€ for the duration of your trip.

The location and contact details of the car park will be given in your travel documents.

Meeting time:

The first day is an arrival day without cycling. You arrive whenever you want depending on from where you come. Please note that rooms are usually available in the middle of the afternoon depending on your accommodation. We thank you to advise us if you plan to arrive late.

Price description

Category A

Double room fare

585 €/pers

6 nights in **/** hotels
6 breakfasts
7-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, lock, no helmet)
the luggage transport from one lodging to the other (max 20kg/pers)
a road book with maps, descriptions of the routes and tourist information
the entrance in the Rosengartenmuseum in Constance and a free coffee
sending charge of the travel documents
24h/24 hotline

Middle saison extra (*)

125 €/pers

High saison extra (*)

180 €/pers

Very High saison extra (*)

220 €/pers

Single occupancy extra

31 €/night

Extra night in Konstanz

70 €/pers

Category B

740 €/pers

Double room fare

6 nights in ***/**** hotels

6 breakfasts

7-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, lock, no helmet)

the luggage transport from one lodging to the other (max 20kg/pers)

a road book with maps, descriptions of the routes and tourist information

the entrance in the Rosengartenmuseum in Constance and a free coffee

a bottle per person of Constance wine

sending charge of the travel documents

24h/24 hotline

Middle saison extra (*)

125 €/pers

High saison extra (*)

225 €/pers

Very high saison extra (*)

290 €/pers

Single occupancy extra

44 €/night

Extra night in Konstanz

90 €/pers

Options

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (7 days)

140 €/pers

Discount if you ride your own bicycle

-75 €/pers

(* Low season 2020:

13.04 - 24.04

01.10 - 13.10

(* Middle season 2020:

05.04 - 12.04

25.04 - 15.05

14.06 - 26.06

13.09 - 30.09

(* High season 2020:

16.05 - 28.05

01.06 - 05.06

27.06 - 03.07

23.08 - 12.09

(* Very high season 2020:

29.05 - 31.05

06.06 - 13.06

04.07 - 22.08

Children discount (in the same room as 2 full rate participants):

0-4 year : -70%

5-11 year : -50%

12-17 year : -30%

The package doesn't include:

the journey to the tour location

the drinks

the meals which are not included

the entrance fee to sites

insurances (optional)

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