



## Trip description

### Rhine Falls and Lake Constance by bike

Lake Constance is one of the most beautiful cycling destinations in Europe.



Destination	Europe
Location	Lac de Constance
Duration	8 days
Difficulty Level	Very easy
Validity	from 09.04 to 01.10.2023
Minimum age	12 years
Reference	LC0801

Type of stay  
loop trip



### Itinerary



Lake Constance is located North of the Alps at the border between Germany, Switzerland and Austria. The lake is fed mainly by the Rhine, which falls into the lake forming the highest waterfalls in Europe.

On bike paths you wind along Lake Constance, cross the fishing villages, admire the painted frescoes on the medieval houses and enjoy the small beaches of the lake for refreshing swimming stops.

Take the time to visit the charming towns of Konstanz, Meersburg, Lindau, Bregenz or Arbon. Discover the open-air opera house on Lake Constance in Bregenz, enjoy an ice-cream parlor on the charming Lindau harbor and be impressed by the Rhine Falls.

### 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 - Überlingen

Bike  
35/50km

Continue your bike ride through the German countryside beyond Constance to the Island of Mainau, the island of flowers. You reach the empire city Radolfzell and continue along the lake until Überlingen.

### Day 3

#### Überlingen - Region Kressbronn

Bike through the well-maintained vineyards and pastures on your way to Friedrichshafen. On the way, check out the Baroque church in Birnau, and the prehistoric museum in Unteruhldingen. Stop in the medieval city of Meersburg, where you can see the oldest

Bike  
**50/60km**

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 Kressborn area.

#### Day 4

### 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 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! Bregenz 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 5

### 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 6

### Constance - Schaffhausen

Bike  
**env. 50km**

You ride along the lake to leave Constance and cross charming little fishermen villages on the Swiss side of the lake. You reach Stein-am-Rhein where the houses are totally painted with frescoes. Then follow your way to Schaffhausen where you will spend the night.

#### Day 7

### Schaffhausen - Rhine falls - Constance

Bike  
**env. 55km**

+ boat excursion

Discover Schaffhausen, a charming Swiss town overlooked by the Munot fortress. Continue to the Rhine Falls, the largest waterfall in Europe. A boat takes you directly under it. Then you return to Stein-am-Rhein then Gaienhofen where you take the ferry to the island of monks Reichenau before continuing your bike ride to Constance.

#### Day 8

### 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 stay in \*\*\* type hotels with all the comfort you need after a cycling day.

*\* 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, quality of service and friendliness of the staff. A hearty breakfast is included.

*\* Example of the type of accommodation*

## 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](http://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 45€ for the duration of your trip (booking not possible).

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

899 €/pers

7 nights in \*\*/\*\* hotels

7 breakfasts

8-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

Ferry Gaienhofen - Reichenau (bike included)

boat ride to Rhine falls  
the entrance in the Rosengartenmuseum in Constance  
24h/24 hotline

Middle saison extra (*)	100 €/pers
High saison extra (*)	200 €/pers
Very High saison extra (*)	300 €/pers
Single occupancy extra	36 €/night
Extra night in Konstanz	70 €/pers

## Category B

1119 €/pers

Double room fare

7 nights in \*\*\*/\*\*\*\* hotels  
7 breakfasts  
8-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  
Ferry Gaienhofen - Reichenau (bike included)  
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Middle saison extra (*)	100 €/pers
High saison extra (*)	200 €/pers
Very High saison extra (*)	300 €/pers
Single occupancy extra	51 €/night
Extra night in Konstanz	90 €/pers

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## Options

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (8 days)	150 €/pers
Discount if you ride your own bicycle	-75 €/pers

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### (\*) Low season 2023:

09.04 - 30.04

### (\*) Middle season 2023:

01.05 - 10.05

15.09 - 01.10

### (\*) High season 2023:

11.05 - 25.05

11.06 - 30.06

01.09 - 14.09

### (\*) Very high season 2023:

26.05 - 10.06

01.07 - 31.08

**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)