



Trip description

A comprehensive bike tour around the Lake Constance

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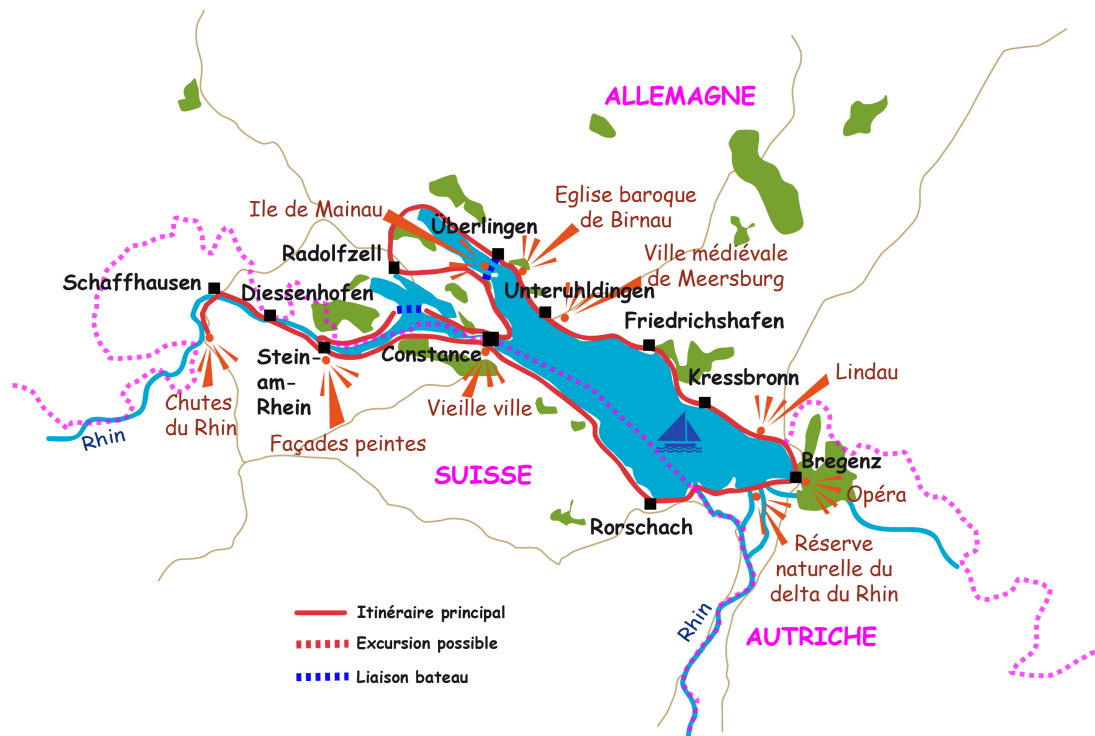


Destination	Europe
Location	Lac de Constance
Duration	12 days
Difficulty Level	Very easy
Validity	from 18.04 to 05.10 2019
Minimum age	7 years
Reference	LC1201

Type of stay
loop trip



Itinerary



Discover Germany, Austria and Switzerland by bike. Take your time to discover the city of Constance, fishermen's villages, mediaeval houses painted with frescos, the Rhine falls and the Bavarian peninsula of Lindau. Enjoy breathtaking views on the lake with the Swiss Alps on the background.

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and delightful villages.
Ideal in family.

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
30/55km

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

Excursion to the Rhinefalls

Bike
30/50km

Discover Schaffhausen, charming Swiss city overhanged by the Munot fortress. Continue your bike tour to Neuhausen and the Rhine falls, the biggest falls of Europe. A boat takes you directly under the waterfalls. Reach the area of Stein am Rhein as you stroll through the green landscapes of the Haut-Rhin.

Day 4

Stein-am-Rhein region - Constance

Bike
30/40km

Enjoy your morning by walking around the old city of Stein-am-Rhein. You discover facades integrally painted with frescos.

Return to Constance in taking the Swiss side of the Lake Constance and passing through little fishermen's villages. Do not miss the castle of Arenenberg, the childhood residence of future Napoleon III and discover the old city of Constance.

Day 5

Constance - Radolfzell

Bike
30km

Continue your ride in the German countryside until Mainau Island, the flower island. You will appreciate the beauty of these parks at all seasons full of flowers. You get to the empire city Radolfzell.

Day 6

Radolfzell -

You cross the peninsula up to BodanrückStahringen and return to the Lake Constance

Uhldingen/Meersburg

Bike
40km

around Bodman-Ludwigshafen.

Continue to ride along the lake by passing the delightful city Überlingen. On the way, do not miss the charming, baroque, Bima church, so typical of the region. In Unteruhldingen you can visit the prehistoric museum. Period huts on stilts have been reconstituted.

Day 7

Unteruhldingen/Meersburg - Friedrichshafen

Bike
25km

Stroll in the mediaeval city of Meersburg and contemplate its impressive castle. Ride through the vineyard until Friedrichshafen where you can visit the Zeppelin museum.

Day 8

Friedrichshafen - Bregenz

Bike
40km

Continue your ride on the dedicated bike route and stop in Lindau, a little, typical Bavarian city. Wander around the old city and savour a good "Käsekuchen" (cheese cake) on the harbor.

You continue your stroll towards Austria. Grab the opportunity to visit the opera festival, whose the stage, with impressive decors, is built on the Lake Constance. This festival is internationally famous.

Day 9

Bregenz - St. Gall

Bike
env. 55km

+ train

Take the cable car with your bikes to climb to the top of the Pfänder, a small mountain just above Bregenz which rises to 1064 meters. Enjoy the beautiful view of Lake Constance, the falconer show and the animal park.

You descend to Bregenz and continue your way in the nature reserve of the Rhine Delta up the Rhine to Altstätten. You take the train up to Gais, then continue through an enchanting landscape to St. Gallen.

Day 10

St-Gallen

You can either wander around St. Gallen and especially discover the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage listed library or enjoy a short hike in the surrounding mountains.

Day 11

Saint-Gallen – Constance

Bike
45km

You slowly ride back to Arbon on the lake. Your way back to Constance is enamelled with the cutest little swiss villages and through apple orchards.

Day 12

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 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!

** 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 Offenbourg and Villingen (191 km / 2h30)
From Lyon following Geneva, Lausanne, Bern et Zurich (497 km / 4h30)

By train:

From Strasbourg passing by Offenbourg (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 50€ 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 B

Double room fare

1229 €/pers

11 nights in *** family hotels
11 breakfasts
11-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (packs, no helmets available, locks...)
the luggage transport from one lodging to the other (max 20kg/pers)
a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes
Ferry Reichenau - Gaienhofen (bike included)
the boat tour to observe the Rhine falls
the visit of the Mainau Island
the entrance in the Zeppelin museum

the entrance in the Palafittes museum
Cable car return to the Pfänder (excl. bike)
train between Alstätten and Gais with bike
local visitors' taxes
sending charge of the travel documents
24h/24 hotline

Middle saison (*)	190 €/pers
High saison (*)	265 €/pers
Very High saison (*)	330 €/pers
Extra for a single room	30 €/night
Extra night	75 €/pers

Options

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (11 days)	100 €/pers
Discount if you ride your own bicycle	-75 €/pers

(*) Low season:

- from 22.04 to 26.04.2019
- from 05.05 to 17.05.2019

(*) Middle season:

- from 18.04 to 21.04.2019
- from 27.04 to 04.05.2019
- from 18.05 to 24.05.2019
- from 15.09 to 05.10.2019

(*) High Season:

- from 25.05 to 07.06.2019
- from 23.06 to 12.07.2019
- from 25.08 to 14.09.2019

(*) Very High Season:

- from 08.06 to 22.06.2019
- from 13.07 to 24.08.2019

Children discounts (in the same room as two full rate participants):

- 0-4 years : -70%
- 5-11 years : -50%
- 12-17 years : -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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