

Cycling Europe

GERMANY - DRESDEN to POTSDAM (BERLIN) SELF GUIDED CYCLING - 8 days/7 nights 2020



A fairytale journey from the spires, towers and domes of Dresden to picturesque Potsdam on the River Havel just 24 kms southwest of Berlin's city centre. This cycle tour incorporates many of Germany's highlights including Dresden's iconic buildings and treasures; the Elbe Valley and Saxon vineyards; Meissen, birthplace of porcelain; historic Torgau on the banks of the Elbe; Wittenberg where Martin Luther was a professor of theology in the 16th century; romantic Belzig; and finally Germany's World Heritage Palaces and Parks of Potsdam and Berlin. Sanssouci, the former summer palace of Frederick the Great, King of Prussia rivals Versailles in France

GRADE: Easy. The cycling on this tour is mainly flat and scenic. Some country roads with light traffic through varied landscapes.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive Dresden

Individual arrival to Dresden. Enjoy a stroll through the Baroque Old Town, visit Zwinger Palace, Semperoper Opera House and discover the treasures in Dresden's impressive museums. Early this evening you will be



briefed on the tour and receive your rental bike at your hotel.

Day 2: Dresden to Meissen - approximately 25kms



Today you cycle the Elbe valley through Saxon vineyards, the viticulture town of Radebeul, famous for its association with German writer Karl May, and on to Meißen. Straddling the Elbe River with its soaring Gothic cathedral, impressive fairytale-like castle and wonderful valley views, Meißen china was first created in the castle in 1710. Spend some time simply strolling the picturesque alleys of the historic old city.

Day 3: Through the wine villages from Meissen to Riesa - approximately 35kms

Today you cycle through Germany's most northern vineyards where you must take the time to taste the regional wines. The Baroque castle Diesbar-Seußlitz with its wonderful park is the perfect place to stop for a rest. Accommodation tonight is in the town of Riesa.



Day 4: Riesa to Torgau - approximately 45kms

Follow the river Elbe downstream to Mühlberg



and Marienstern Abbey, a former Cistercian nunnery. Visit the Treblitz Tree Park with trees and plants from five continents. Today's destination is the Renaissance town of Torgau - an architectural gem! The historical old quarter is like stepping back in time ... particularly the market square with its Renaissance town hall and magnificent patrician town houses.

Day 5: The Martin Luther trail to Wittenberg - approximately 65km

From Saxony-Anhalt cycle Lichtenberg and Pretzsch towards Wittenberg. Arrive in the city where Martin Luther lived, preached and posted his thesis at the door of All Saints' Church. Take a journey back in time at the Luther Hall, Wittenberg's most interesting building with the largest historical collection on the Reformation. Wittenberg town has a charming collection of 16th century houses while its beautiful shops and restaurants guarantee an enjoyable evening.

Day 6: Wittenberg to Bad Belzig – approx. 45km

Bid farewell to Wittenberg and cycle through the Hohe Fläming National Park to the lovely health resort town of Belzig in the centre of the national park. Visit the Eisenhardt fortress and the romantic old town and ease any aches and pains in a thermal spa.



Day 7: Bad Belzig to Potsdam - approximately 55km



Today you cycle via Baitz and Beelitz, an asparagus growing area and famous for its high quality, to Potsdam. Explore the many attractions of Potsdam by bike. The cityscape is the result of the handiwork of architects from many different parts of Europe - the Russian Alexandrowka (colony), the Dutch neighbourhoods, the glamorous mansion colony of Babelsberg, the palace of Cecilienhof and the world famous summer palace of Frederick the Great - Schloss Sanssouci. **Potsdam is 20 minutes from Berlin city centre by train (twice-hourly departures).**

Day 8: Tour arrangements end after breakfast in Potsdam

2020 DEPARTURES

Start any Saturday or Sunday, from 25 April – 27 September.

Minimum 4 people can start any day of the week – no surcharge.

2020 TOUR COST – PER PERSON IN EUROS

Start: 25 April – 31 May, 31 August -27 September

Twin/double per person €699

Single Supplement €175

Start: 01 June – 30 August

Twin/double per person €749

Single Supplement €175

BIKE RENTAL

Bike rental 7 or 21 speed € 79 please advise your preference when booking

Electric Bike €189

Hybrid bike **7** OR **21** speed bikes with hand brakes and saddlebag

It is not compulsory to wear a helmet in Germany and rental helmets are not available on this tour – if you would like to wear a helmet please take your own, or ask to purchase one from our local operator for approx. €35.

EXTRA NIGHTS DRESDEN

Twin/double per person B&B from €73

Single Supplement €28

POTSDAM

Twin/double per person B&B from €70

Single Supplement €34

INCLUDED IN TOUR COST 2020

- Room with ensuite in 3* or 4* hotels and guesthouses
- Breakfast daily
- Local welcome and tour briefing (in English)

- Luggage transfers
- Detailed route descriptions with maps
- Travel information
- GPS tracking for your own navigation system on request
- Rental bike insurance
- 7 day local service hotline

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST 2020

- Flights and arrival/departure transfers
- Personal expenses, extra excursions/sightseeing
- Cycle Helmet

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