

# Cycling Europe

## CASTLES & LAKES OF SOUTHERN GERMANY

### MUNICH TO LAKE CONSTANCE

SELF GUIDED CYCLE TOUR 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS 2020

283-306 kms

Follow a route through the most beautiful regions of Southern Bavaria where you'll discover quaint villages set in scenic landscapes of lakes and mountains. Cycle from Munich, the Bavarian capital with its Hofbrauhaus, famous Glockenspiel and Marienplatz (central square) through cool green forests and small villages and past the fairy-tale castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau to reach Lindau on the shores of Lake Constance (also known as Bodensee).

**GRADE:** Moderate with a few short climbs, on mostly paved well signposted cycle paths and quiet side roads.



#### Day 1: Arrive in Munich

Visit Munich's first brewery, the Hofbrauhaus and numerous museums or just wander the lanes and alley ways lined with centuries old buildings. The famous Glockenspiel in the main Square of Marienplatz is a 15 minute show by this huge mechanical clock that has 43 bells and 32 life-size figures in an 8m 15<sup>th</sup> century tower . The figurines of coopers (barrel makers) twirl through the famous Cooper's Dance or Schafflerstanz and at the end of the show a golden rooster crows. It takes place at 11 am, noon and 5 pm in summer.



## Day 2: Munich to Lake Starnberg 35-58 kms

Bike from Munich via Lakes Wesslinger and Pilsensee to Lake Ammersee, the third largest lake in Bavaria. Take a break in Herrsching to enjoy the fantastic view over the lake before visiting the Abbey Andechs en route to Lake Starnberg.

It is possible to shorten this first biking day by cycling directly to Lake Starnberg through the extensive Forstenrieder Park.

## Day 3: Lake Starnberg – Murnau am Staffelsee 45 kms

A relaxing day in the saddle with swim options and lakeside cycling. Enjoy the fantastic views over Lake Riegsee before moving onto Murnau or Seehausen am Staffelsee.



## Day 4: Murnau am Staffelsee - Füssen/ Schwangau 60 kms

Cycle in Central Europe's largest moorland area to the splendid city of Füssen, surrounded by magnificent alpine peaks and blue-green mountain lakes. See the outline of the 2,000 year old Roman road, Via Claudia, in the city's pedestrian zone. Your hotel is located close to King Ludwig's fairy-tale castle so you can easily bike there to visit if you have time in the afternoon. Shy King Ludwig built the castle in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to withdraw from public life – nowadays vast numbers of people come to visit his once private refuge in its idyllic setting.

## Day 5: Füssen/ Schwangau – Nesselwang - 35 kms

Cycle in view of the castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau, the highlights of today's ride. If you weren't able to visit them the previous afternoon they are open at 9.00am. Stop over at one of the numerous lakes on your way to Nesselwang.



### Day 6: Nesselwang - Oberstaufen - 54 kms

Today's ride becomes a little bit hillier but you will be rewarded with a beautiful alpine panorama. The highlight of the day is the easy ride along Lake Grosser Alpsee to Oberstaufen.

### Day 7: Oberstaufen – Lake Constance, Lindau or surrounds - 54 kms

Cycle through the green landscape of the Allgäu until Lake Constance comes into view and the harbour entrance at Lindau, guarded by a six-metre high lion which sits on a three-level podium. Lindau's attractions include : the Town Hall built in 1422 originally Gothic and remodeled in 1576 with a beautiful stepped gable in Renaissance style; the Mangenturm - one of the older lighthouses on the lake which operated between 1180 and 1300; and the central station on the island decorated in Art Nouveau style.



### Day 8: Tour ends after breakfast

You may have time this morning for a final wander through the lovely streets of the picturesque Old Town of Lindau, situated on an island in the lake. There are many Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque homes and Maximilian Strasse with its arcades, fountains and cafes is particularly attractive.

### GETTING THERE

**By train:** Direct services from all main cities in Germany

**By Air:** Closest airport Munich

**Departure by bus/train:** Buses depart Lindau to Munich at 10.20am, 2.20pm and 7.20pm and the travel time is just over 2 hours. ([www.flixbus.com](http://www.flixbus.com)).

In addition there are regular train services between Lindau and Munich approximately hourly ([www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de)).

### 2020 SCHEDULE: Start any day April - 11 September

Cost is based on 2 or more participants. Price for "solo traveller" on application.

## 2020 COST IN EURO PER PERSON

Start any day 18 April until 11 September 2020.

### Low Season: 18 April – 12 May

Double or Twin Share	€787	Single room supplement: €200
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### Mid Season: 13 May – 19 June

Double or Twin share	€824	Single room supplement: €200
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### High Season: 20 June – 11 September

Double or Twin Share	€910	Single room supplement: €200
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## BIKE HIRE

7 speed or 21 speed	€ 75	Includes 2 pannier bags
Electric bike	€180	Includes 1 pannier bag
Bike helmet	€ 15	Very limited number available

## 2020 EXTRA NIGHT COST IN EURO PER PERSON

<b>Munich</b> 4* hotel – share twin/double B&B	€ 95
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Single room B&B	€145
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<b>Lindau or surrounds</b> 3* hotel - share twin/double B&B	€ 87
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Single room B&B	€124
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## TOUR COST INCLUDES

- 7 night's accommodation in hotels and inns (3\* and 4\*)- all rooms with ensembles
- Breakfast daily
- Restaurant guide of the region
- Voucher book containing discounts on attractions in the Munich/Starnberg region
- Luggage transfers
- Maps, route notes
- Rental bike protection insurance
- Local contact for emergency assistance
- GPS data on request

## TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Entrance fees
- Bike Hire – see above
- Evening meals and lunches
- General insurance
- Transfers and travel Lindau to Munich
- City tourist tax (€2-€4 per person/ per night) may be payable locally

## TOUR BIKES

Rental bikes are 7-speed touring bikes with back-peddalling brake or on request 21-speed with free-wheel. The bikes are equipped with 2 pannier bags.

\*\* If you want a handlebar bag or a map holder, please request this when booking.

Electric bikes are available and are equipped with one pannier bag.

There are a very limited number of bike helmets available- please request when booking tour. The cost is €15 per helmet.

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