



# Palatinate circular tour sporty

### THROUGH GRAPEVINES AND THE RHINE PLAIN - SPORTY

On this seven-day tour you will discover the endless charm of the Palatinate, also known as the "German Tuscany". While in the original <u>Tuscany</u> it is mainly red wines that are grown, here it is Riesling that has made the viticulture world-famous. The mild climate, the Mediterranean vegetation and the Italian influences in terms of history and culture characterise the flair of this unique region. In addition, German traditions and culinary delights join to form a successful mix - experience it for yourself!

### Details of the "Palatinate round tour sporty"

Starting in Neustadt an der Weinstraße, you will cycle through the typical winegrowing villages. Taste the fine wines, which in many places have been raised to a whole new level by young winegrowers. In Bad Bergzabern, in addition to a discovery tour of the old town, castle & co. you can take a detour to the Südpfalztherme (spa).

On the 3rd day of the tour, you will pass the French border and can spend a few hours in beautiful Wissembourg in Alsace. There is no lack of romantic and picturesque towns on this tour: Rastatt, Speyer, Heidelberg, Karlsruhe and Worms will welcome you warmly. Follow in the footsteps of the Nibelungs, Romans and Martin Luther, who all left their mark on the region's history.

## Highlights of the 7-day cycling tour

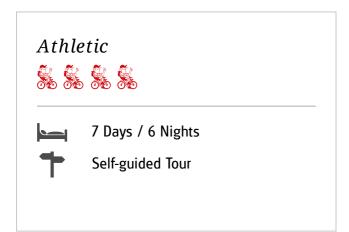
- Magnificent views along the German Wine Route: The land around the vineyards is naturally hilly. This means the odd climb for you, but also the grandiose panoramas of the Palatinate. By the way, did you know that you can experience the almond blossom here in spring?
- The baroque town of Rastatt is a special jewel in Baden. A walk along the Historic Route is worthwhile, because you can get to know 23 sights at once. Whether it's the Castle or the Pagodenburg - take a step back and explore times long past.

- Heidelberg Castle is the eye-catcher of the Neckar city also due to its reddish colouring, which is due to sandstone. It's well worth a visit, if only for the great views of the city and the surrounding countryside. Tip: You can enjoy a magnificent view of the castle from the Scheffel Terrace in the castle garden.
- The largest wine barrel in the world in Bad Dürkheim: 1.7 million litres of wine that's how much fits into the extraordinary barrel, which can be seen from afar. But that's not all, you can even dine inside.

### Useful information about the sporty cycle tour

The tour follows an extremely pleasant route, as it is mainly on specially signposted cycle paths and side roads. The individual routes measure between 50 and 90 km.

- As a Mediterranean region in Germany, the Palatinate has endless things to offer get inspiration for your cycling holiday in Palatinate.
- Read more about the Neckar Cycle Path.
- Browse through the other variants of the tour, e.g. the 4-day short holiday. You will also find other sporty cycle tours with us here.



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# *Itinerary*



### Arrival in Neustadt an der Weinstraße

Your holiday starts with a tour information meeting and bike fitting in the secret wine capital of Germany, where you can visit the city's winding alleyways, mighty abbey church and the Elwedritschenbrunnen fountain.

hotel (example): Panorama



## Neustadt – Bad Bergzabern

approx. 50 km

The route will lead you through romantic wine villages with unique atmospheres. In the historic fortified city, Landau, you can visit the medieval market hall (Altes Kaufhaus) on the large main square (Rathausplatz) and enjoy the view of the Rhine Valley from the castle Landeck. At the end of today's stage, we recommend visiting the Baroque palace, the historic Inn "Engel", and the Westwall museum.

hotel (example): Kurparkblick



## Bad Bergzabern – Rastatt

approx. 50 km

Today, you will pass the wine gate in Schweigen and get to the Alsace city of Wissembourg with its former Benedictine abbey. You will enjoy a leisurely bike ride through the forest Bienwald and the valley Lautertal to the river Rhine. At the end of your tour, you will get to the impressive baroque residence in Rastatt.

hotel (example): <u>lbis Styles</u>



## Rastatt – Germersheim – Speyer

After cycling a very nice part of the route along the river Rhine, you will get to the residential city of Karlsruhe with its castle and pyramid. Then, you will cycle through the largest nature reserve of the Pfalz region - the Hördter Rheinauen - and get to the former fortified city Germersheim. The river Rhine will then take you to the imperial city of Speyer and its impressive cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

hotel (example): Am Wartturm



## Speyer – Heidelberg – Worms

approx. 70 km

The famous ensemble of palace and palace gardens in Schwetzingen is just a few kilometers away and is certainly another highlight of the tour. The tour continues through the Rhine plain to Heidelberg, the seat of the oldest German university. Visit the famous palace complex and the unique old town directly on the Neckar. Follow the Neckar to Ladenburg. The many half-timbered houses create a unique ambience. Through extensive forest areas in the Rhine plain, you follow the route to the old imperial city of Worms (legendary cathedral).

hotel (example): Asgard



## Worms – Bad Dürkheim – Neustadt approx. 60 km

Today, you will cycle along the river Neckar to Ladenburg, where you can trace two millennia of cultural history. In the old imperial city of Worms, you can visit the imperial cathedral of St Peter, the Luther memorial, or the largest Jewish cemetery in Europe. Then, you will cycle via the region called "Balcony of the Pfalz" to the city where you started your tour - Neustadt an der Weinstraße.

hotel (example): Panorama



### Departure

## Tour character

In the vineyards hilly terrain with mostly short climbs, here the stage lengths have been chosen to be a little shorter. Flat route with longer stages in the Rhine plain. Mainly you are on cycle paths and farm roads, mostly asphalted or easily navigable natural paths, shorter sections sometimes on gravel.

## Prices and events

Place of arrival: Neustadt an der Weinstraße

Season 1	Season 2	Season 3	
01.04.2023 - 14.04.2023	15.04.2023 - 02.06.2023   30.09.2023 - 07.10.2023	03.06.2023 - 29.09.2023	
Arrival daily	Arrival daily	Arrival daily	

Palatinate round tour, 7 days, sporty, DE-PFRNN-07X-SPO			
Base price	779.00	839.00	899.00
Surcharge single room	289.00	289.00	289.00

Category: hotels and inns (3\*\*\* level)

# Additional nights

Place of arrival: Neustadt an der Weinstraße

Season 1	Season 2	Season 3
Apr 1, 2023 - Apr 14, 2023	Apr 15, 2023 - Jun 2, 2023	Jun 3, 2023 - Sep 29, 2023
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Arrival daily	Arrival daily	Arrival daily

Neustadt an der Weinstra	ße		
Double room p. P.	69.00	69.00	69.00
Surcharge single room	39.00	39.00	39.00

## Our rental bikes

	Filter
21-gear unisex incl. rental bike insurance	99.00
21-gear gents incl. rental bike insurance	99.00

7-gear unisex incl. rental bike insurance	99.00
rental bike PLUS incl. rental bike insurance	159.00
	239.00

Electric bike incl. rental bike insurance

Prices per person in EUR

# Services and infos

#### Services

#### Included:

- Accommodation as already mentioned
- Breakfast
- Welcome briefing (German, English)
- Luggage transfer
- EUROBIKE developed route
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room (German,
- App for Navigation and GPS-data available
- Service hotline

#### Optional extras:

Bike rental, including rental bike insurance

### Infos

#### Arrival / Parking / Departure

- Neustadt an der Weinstraße train station
- Airport Karlsruhe/Baden Baden or Frankfurt/Main
- Multi-storey car park costs approx. EUR 5 to EUR 10 per day, no reservation possible!
- Free, public parking next to the hotel

### Things to note

- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price!
- Ferry tickets in Neuburg approx. EUR 2,50 / person incl. bike
- Further important information according to the package travel law can be found here.

# Contact & booking

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.



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### **Book now**

