The Rhine Cycle Route See Europe on a bike





1230 kilometres of cycling fun with a river view:

Welcome to the Rhine Cycle Route



Get in the saddle, start pedalling – have fun!

From Dutch windmills to the Lorelei, from Strasbourg to the Swiss Alps – experience a highly diverse and fascinating route. History and gastronomic joys, trade and culture melt together along the route to create an unforgettable experience. Fancy trying it for yourself? Detailed information can be found at www.rhinecycleroute.eu

Journey through time

A river writes history







Romans and knights, bishops and architects have all left their mark on the banks of the Rhine.

Mighty fortresses, imposing places of worship and historical towns and cities line the river and are an indication of what life was like in past centuries.

Numerous witnesses of former heydays are now protected UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The Kinderdijk Mills, the Upper Middle Rhine Valley between Koblenz and Bingen/Rüdesheim, Cologne Cathedral, the palaces in Brühl, Strasbourg city centre – your cycle tour will become a journey through time. Let history come alive!

Breisach am Rhein (top) and Strasbourg (centre), (below: aerial view of the historical village Neuf-Brisach) jewels of past eras.

Trading trip –

A river unites



The Rheinufer in Arnheim (top), the EU Parliament in Strasbourg (left), Duisburg's inland port (right) or river transport as it once was: the Rhine Cycle Route unites Europe.

The Rhine is Europe's trading route.

Dozens of ports are dotted along the Rhine between Rotterdam and Basel. Thousands of barges transport millions of tons of freight and goods every year from the North Sea to the hinterland. When en route observe the busy shipping traffic, marvel at the modern logistics in the container terminals – and discover how trading was done in former times. Rid yourself of the burdens of everyday life and let them float away down the Rhine. Head along the Rhine Cycle Route for some outdoor leisure!

Gastronomic journey

A river dishes up delights





A cycle trip along the Rhine will turn into a gourmet experience.

How about a spot of cheese? The selection of cheeses along the river ranges from Bündner via Munster to Gouda. Savour "rösti" and "spätzle", "Himmel und Erde" or fresh fish from the North Sea. Wash them down with a glass of Riesling or Pinot noir – culinary delights after a day cycling in the fresh air. Stop for a bite to eat and fortify yourself for the next stage. The restaurants and eateries along the route serve delights for every taste. Bon appétit.

Schloss Staufenberg vineyard (top), a bite to eat at the Cologne Rhinebridge (centre) or fresh zander after a day on the bike: gourmets riding along the Rhine Cycle Route will much to their taste.

Cultural journey

A river inspir



The Gehry Buildings in Düsseldorf (top) the Museum of Modern Art in Arnhem (right), the Roman Museum in Xanten or Drachenfels Castle: architecture and culture melt together on the banks of the Rhine to form a quite special experience.



The areas on the banks of the river are both a gallery and a studio.

Numerous works are witness to the artistic endeavours of any number of eras, top class museums are inviting places to take in paintings, sculptures and installations, churches present their unique art treasures. For poets and thinkers, composers and columnists, the Rhine has always been an inexhaustible source of inspiration: a multitude of myths, songs and legends waft through the river landscape and are passed on from generation to generation. Feeling the whiff of the Rhine romanticism? Let your fantasy flow free ... saddlebags full of ideas will be your reward.





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