

# AROUND LAKE CONSTANZE



Wasserburg / Lake of Constanze

## CHARACTER

For our German neighbours, Lake Constance represents the south, the mild climate, wine, joie de vivre and bathing. This is one reason why the Lake Constance cycle path attracts the second largest number of tourists in Europe, after the Danube cycle path. There are two options of exploring this cycle path. The attractive town of Konstanz serves as the attractive start and end point (can be reached by direct train from Zürich). The route mostly follows the lake and is flat, unless you choose to take a detour to explore the surrounding countryside.

## ROUTE

### KONSTANZ

It is well worth spending a night in Konstanz – this old council town and its surroundings have a great deal to offer: enjoy the Mediterranean-like climate in Summer with a stroll through the winding alleyways of the old town or with a cappuccino in one of the numerous cafés. Also worth a visit is the island of Mainau, the Sea Life Centre and a bike trip to the Reichenau peninsula.

### KONSTANZ - LUDWIGSHAFEN

66 / 39 km

The tour passes through many picturesque locations in Switzerland, along the Untersee and on to Stein am Rhein. Continuing on via the Höri peninsula, it eventually reaches Radolfzell with its Late Gothic cathedral. The Mettnau peninsula is one of the largest nature reserves on Lake Constance. The picturesque Mindelsee is also a protected nature area today – Lake Constance is said to have derived its name from the village of Bodmann. An alternative: you can also travel from Konstanz directly to Radolfzell, perhaps with a detour to the island of Reichenau.

### LUDWIGSHAFEN - FRIEDRICHSHAFEN

42 / 56 km

Travelling on through Sipplingen, you will come to the former free imperial capital of Überlingen with its beautiful waterfront. In Birnau, the Minster is worth a visit and in Uhldingen, don't miss the lake dwelling settlements of the «Pfahlbauer» people. In Meersburg, the old alleyways and timbered houses are surrounded by vineyards. After the fishing and winegrowing village of Hagnau, you will arrive at the city of Friedrichs-

hafen with its Zeppelin airships. After passing the Birnau monastery, a detour into the surrounding countryside to Salem is worth the effort, as Salem is home to what is probably southern Germany's most important Cistercian abbey. Some 3 km south of here is the Affenberg, a large area of woodland which is home to some 200 Barbary apes.

### FRIEDRICHSHAFEN - RORSCHACH

47 / 73 km

If you're in Friedrichshafen, you can't not visit the Zeppelinmuseum. The route then runs along the banks of the lake and the summery streets through the picturesque villages of Eriskirch, Langenargen, Kressbronn, Nonnenhorn and Wasserburg. A detour into the surrounding countryside takes you to the Baroque castle of the Count of Montfort in Tettnach. The island town of Lindau offers magnificent views of the lake. In Bregenz, you enter into Austria and have excellent views over the lake. You should also take a stroll through the old town. The cycle path then runs on through the nature protection area of Rheindelta (Europe's largest freshwater delta) back to Switzerland and on to Rheineck and Rorschach.

### RORSCHACH - KONSTANZ 25 / 40 km

The harbour town of Rorschach houses a museum in Switzerland's most beautiful corn house. You could also take a slight detour to the Appenzell climatic spa of Heiden or the town of St.Gallen with its world-renowned monastery library. The Lake Constance cycle path runs on through the canton of Thurgau – a detour to «Mostindien» is also worth doing. The Lake Constance cycle path then joins the Swiss Rhine route no. 2 and leads back to the end point of Konstanz.

### SEASON 2009

01.04.-31.10.2009 (daily service)



Rorschach, port with ancient granary.

**HIGH LIGHTS**

- ★ **ONE OF EUROPE'S MOST POPULAR CYCLE PATHS**
- ★ **THE THREE COUNTRIES TOUR**  
WITH NO ASCENTS – FOR A REAL FEEL GOOD FACTOR!
- ★ **SUMMER ENJOYMENT**  
AND MANY BATHING OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE LAKE
- ★ **THE LAKE AND MORE**  
EXCURSIONS TO THE EXCITING BACK COUNTRY
- ★ **KONSTANZ AS START AND END POINT**  
FOR 2 VERSIONS OF THE JOURNEY



**RATES 2009** (in CHF / Euro, per Person, incl. VAT.)

OPTIONS	START AND FINISH	DAYS / N.	OVERNIGHTS	DISTANCE	BASIC RATES HOTEL	BASIC RATES TOP CLASS	RENT A BIKE
<b>A</b> Relax	Konstanz - Konstanz	4 / 3	Ludwigshafen - Friedrichshafen - Rorschach	210	CHF 530 / € 337	CHF 780 / € 499	CHF 80 / € 50
<b>B</b> Relax	Konstanz - Konstanz	6 / 5	Stein a.Rhein - Ludwigshafen - Friedrichshafen - Lindau / Bregenz - Rorschach	210	CHF 790 / € 502	CHF 1180 / € 748	CHF 80 / € 50

**Basic rate includes:**

- Hotel accommodation: double with bath or shower / WC incl. breakfast
- Daily luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Guidebook for the booked section
- Travel documents
- Help line 7 / 7 days, 08:00 - 20:00
- op Class: the best hotels in the area

**Supplements / reductions:**

- **Supplement single room Hotel:** Option A (CHF 140 / € 89), Option B (CHF 215 / € 134)
- **Supplement single room Top Class:** Option A (CHF 270 / € 171), Option B (CHF 400 / € 251)
- **Additional night Hotel Konstanz:** Single Room (CHF 133 / € 84), Double Room (CHF 93 / € 58)
- **Additional night Top Class Konstanz:** Single Room (CHF 195 / € 125), Double Room (CHF 145 / € 93)
- **Reduction for children (to 11 years):** Hotel 30% (only valid when travelling with 2 paying adults)

Additional nights possible at all stage destinations, prices on request.