

From Emperor Maximilian to King Ludwig

Royal imperial history between Innsbruck, Füssen, Lech & Inn ...

Impressive alpine surroundings and pleasant leisurely day trips - a bike tour packed with a variety of scenic and cultural features await you, between the Tyrolean capital of Innsbruck, and the Romantic Road in the Bavarian Alps. A leisurely transfer takes you from the Olympic city of Innsbruck to Seefeld. At the foot of the Karwendel National Park, you cycle towards the Isar river and then reach Füssen with stunning views of the Zugspitze (highest mountain in Germany at 2962m) via Garmisch-Partenkirchen and the Tyrolean Außerfern area. The amazing castles of King Ludwig, Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau, attract visitors here and can take you back in time ...

The Natural Park region Lechtal (river Lech valley), is one of the last natural wild river landscapes of the northern Alps and leads to the turquoise waters of the river Lech, complete with the picturesque backdrop of the Lechtal and Allgäu Alps, will be sure to inspire you.

With the help of an organised transfer via the wildly romantic Hahntennjoch (high mountain pass), you will then reach the well-known town of Imst, from where you will then cycle along the Inn Cycle Path back to Innsbruck, the "Capital of the Alps".

Highlights

- Culture and nature in alpine-urban Innsbruck / Tyrol
- Golden roof with alcove balcony, imperial palace and imperial church, historical old town of Innsbruck
- Natural idyll at the Zugspitz region, Bavaria and Zugspitz arena/Tirol
- City centre with traditional Lüftl paintings, Garmisch-Partenkirchen
- Fairy-tale castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau, Füssen
- Lech meadows with unique wildlife, Nature park Lech valley
- Cistercian monastery, Stams
- Emperor Max Grotto (Martins wall), by Zirl

Route characteristics

- ~ Mostly flat to gently undulating cycling paths and farm roads/tracks (often alongside the rivers)
- ~ Longer sections of gravel tracks between Seefeld and Garmisch, and in Lechtal
- ~ Bus or train transfer from Innsbruck to Seefeld
- ~ Shuttle transfer from Lechtal via the Hahntennjoch to Imst (alternatively via the Fernpass)

Level of difficulty

Touring bicycle 

Pedelec/E-Bike 

Suitable for families with children from the age of approx. 12 years (appropriate cycling enthusiasm required)

Arrival | Travel time | Type of trip

- 📅 Every Saturday between June 1st to September 25th 2025
- 📅 8 days | 7 nights (incl. days of arrival and departure)
- 📅 Loop tour - approx. 270 cycling kilometres
- 📅 Individual cycling trip
- 📅 From 2 persons (single travellers on application)

Itinerary

Day 1: Independent arrival in Innsbruck

Welcome to the 3-time Olympic city. If the alpine town is widely known as a popular winter sports destination with a very special flair, you will be surprised by the colourful atmosphere that awaits you here in the warmer seasons. Give yourself enough time to enjoy the cultural diversity of Innsbruck.

Day 2: Innsbruck - Garmisch-Partenkirchen (approx. 40 cycling-km)

With the bus or train, you travel comfortably and effortlessly from Innsbruck to the Olympiaregion Seefeld. Nestled in the mountain ranges of Karwendel and Wetterstein, the first cycle kilometres lead first to Scharnitz, from where you follow the beautiful mostly light blue / turquoise Isar river to Mittenwald. On the way to Garmisch, Germany's highest mountain, the Zugspitze, soon comes prominently into view. In the district of Partenkirchen, the artfully designed houses with 'Lüftl-Malerei' (Mural Art painting) set an interesting and exciting backdrop.

Day 3: Garmisch-Partenkirchen - Füssen (approx. 50 km)

With another amazing view of the Zugspitz, you will leave the Olympic city of Garmisch in the direction of Tyrol. You have a great choice of gently hilly rides, whether you prefer to ride along the pristine and natural Loisachtal (river Loisach Valley) and via the communities of Ehrwald and Lermoos, or along the crystal clear and sparkling Plansee (Lake) to Reutte. From Reutte to Füssen, the Lech River will be your colourful companion for the first time. In two days, however, this river will give you a much deeper insight into its valuable natural secrets.

Day 4: Rest day Füssen

On this rest day in Füssen, the romantic soul of Bavaria, it is the perfect time to reflect on the impressions gained from the first three days, but also time to explore the secrets of the area around Füssen. The fairytale castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau, the gallery in the High Castle, the Füssen Town Museum in the Benedictine monastery of St. Mang and a multitude of historically interesting churches and other monuments will offer you many opportunities to experience historic and cultural highlights. If you are reluctant to rest your bike, why not take a leisurely panoramic bike ride along Lake Forggensee (about 30 km)

Day 5: Füssen – Imst (approx. 45 km to Elmen; optional extension to Lechtal Valley up to approx. 20 km per direction possible)

Today, shortly after Füssen, the Austrian border is crossed, and then from Reutte you follow the river Lech upstream. Take the opportunity and ride along one of the last wild rivers in Tyrol - a journey of discovery into unknown worlds awaits you!

Extensive gravel banks and riverside forests accompany the mountain river. Lady's slipper and German Tamarisk are herbal treasures along the way. But also the animal world is rich: Sandpiper and Little Ringed Plover nest on the gravel banks, and listen to the soft chirping of the Spotted Buzzing Grasshopper. But beware of the "Bluatschink", this Lechtaler is a relative of the Scottish "Nessie" and can be dangerous! In the afternoon, the transfer to Imst starts from the town of Elmen – even if the optional extension towards Steeg is cycled.

Day 6: Imst - Innsbruck (approx. 60 km)

The Inn cycle path from St. Moritz in Switzerland to Passau in Germany, in total, is a little over 500 kilometres long. Today the route follows this international bike path. You are surrounded, a few kilometres away, by the imposing Inn Valley mountains, but still the route is completely flat. Well worth a visit on the way, is the Roman Baths at Roppen. Take the time to relax briefly and maybe even give your legs a soothing bathing in the water. Follow the route through the beautiful pine forest and then reach the much visited Cistercian monastery in Stams via Haiming in Tyrol. From Stams to Innsbruck, you then follow the course of the Inn River, finally be welcomed again in Innsbruck by the impressive Nordkette mountain range and the Olympic mountain Patscherkofel to the south.

Day 7: Rest day Innsbruck

After all the kilometers you have covered by bike, there is now enough time to explore the most beautiful and impressive places in the Tyrolean capital. Well-known attractions such as the Triumphal Arch, Maria Theresienstrasse, the Golden Roof, the new Nordketten Mountain Railway, Ambras Castle, the Olympic Ski Jump situated on Bergisel Hill together with the history packed Tyrol Panorama Museum, alongside the hidden corners in the medieval old town of Innsbruck will make this a stay to remember. Alternatively, or additionally, you can also participate in a guided mountain hike in the Greater Innsbruck area (available from mid-June).

Day 8: Independent home travel or extension

Included services | Price per person | Optional extras

Included services

- ✓ 7 nights accommodation with rich breakfast buffet in carefully selected 3-star hotels/Inns *
- ✓ Luggage transport from accommodation to accommodation
- ✓ Shuttle transfers Innsbruck - Seefeld & Elmen (Lechtal valley) – Imst
- ✓ Guided mountain hike in Innsbruck (available from mid-June)
- ✓ Extensive travel papers | Navigation app | GPS-data on demand
- ✓ Local tax in all places of accommodation
- ✓ Phone service daily from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm

Price

	per person
- Accommodation in a double room (from June 1 st)	Euro 1.359,00
- Accommodation in a double room (from July 15 th)	Euro 1.399,00
- Single room surcharge	Euro 345,00

Extras

	per person
- Rental of 21-gear touring bicycle	Euro 90,00
- Rental of Pedelec/E-Bike	Euro 210,00
- E-MTB	Euro 320,00
- Extra night in Innsbruck in DR/B&B	Euro 90,00
- Extra night in Innsbruck in SR/B&B	Euro 130,00

* Restaurant recommendations for dinner in all stage towns can be found in the travel information after booking