

# *From Emperor Max to King Louis*

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

Bookable as an individual tour (round trip) - 8 days | 7 nights, approx. 270 km

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".

## **Summary | Special Features**

- 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)
- Suitable for families with children from approx 12 years old (corresponding biking enthusiasm required)

## **When to start and Itinerary**

Every Saturday between 01. June and 15. September 2020

### **Day 1: Individual 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 (about 40 km by bike)**

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 (about 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 (about 45-65 km by bike)**

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 follows, where all of the activities and experiences of Lechtal are discussed and reflected upon.

**Day 6: Imst - Innsbruck (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:** Individual journey home or trip extension

## **Included services | Price per person | Extras**

### **Included services**

- ☀️ Hotels / Inns of the 3-star category, 7 nights with rich breakfast
- ☀️ Luggage transport from accommodation to accommodation
- ☀️ Shuttle transfers Innsbruck - Seefeld & Elmen (Lechtal) – Imst
- ☀️ Service Support Phone daily between 8:30 and 18:30
- ☀️ Detailed tour information and travel documents
- ☀️ Local tax for all accommodation included
- ☀️ Guided mountain hike in Innsbruck (available from mid-June)

### **Price per person**

- Base price in Double Room	Euro	896,00
- Base price in Double Room (arrival from 10.07.2020)	Euro	932,00
- Single person supplement	Euro	218,00
- Upgrade to Half Board	Euro	214,00

### **Extras**

- Bike rental (21-speed touring bike including luggage bag (Pannier) and repair kit)	Euro	80,00
- Electric bike (E-bike) (including luggage bag (Pannier) and repair kit)	Euro	170,00
- Additional night in Innsbruck (Bed and Breakfast based on double room)	Euro	69,00
- Additional night in Innsbruck (Single person supplement)	Euro	30,00