

The European Fugger Road - Cycling on patrician silver and

# patrician silver paths! From AUGSBURG to INNSBRUCK or ROSENHEIM

The silver rolling coin! That was probably also what the successful businessman Jakob Fugger from Augsburg thought on the trips to the silver mine of Emperor Maximilian I. in Schwaz in Tyrol, the mine that properly filled his coffers. Following in his footsteps, you will experience how close the Augsburg house Fugger was with the Habsburgs and how the innovative Jakob Fugger marketed his assets. You will have plenty of time on leisurely bike trails along the Lech and Inn rivers. Including highlights such as the former residence of the Fugger family in Augsburg, the world's first coin minting machine in the historic town, Hall in Tirol and the mother of all mines, the monumental silver mine in Schwaz. On your journey through time, you will experience the sphere of influence of this influential patrician family from the early Middle Ages in historical buildings, interactive museums and in the mine gallery. On top of that, the stars of the Zeiss planetarium and the crystals of the Swarovski giant sparkle like the tranquil villages along the way. "Good Luck" for this glamorous tour!

#### **Highlights**

- Fugger house and "Fuggerei", Augsburg
- Historic Augsburg water management system (Unesco World Heritage Site)
- 😎 King Ludwig's royal castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau, Füssen
- 瘶 Golden roof with alcove balcony, imperial palace and imperial church, historical old town of Innsbruck
- Mint tower and old town of Hall in Tirol
- Tratzberg Castle, Buch by Jenbach
- Silver mine, Schwaz
- Sufstein fortress

**Route characteristics** 

- Mostly paved/asphalted bike paths, farm roads, quiet side roads and local thoroughfares
- Shuttle from Reutte to Fernsteinsee to comfortably manage the Fernpass
- Well-signposted cycle path network
- Further interesting information on the history of the Fugger can be found at www.fugger.de I www.fuggerstrasse.eu I www.fugger-und-welser-museum.de

Level of difficulty

Touring bicycle ⊕⊕⊕⊛⊛

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 May 1<sup>st</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup> 2021
- Augsburg-Innsbruck 8 days | 7 nights (incl. days of arrival and departure)
- Stretch trip approx. 240 cycling kilometres
- Augsburg-Rosenheim 10 days | 9 nights (incl. days of arrival and departure)
- Stretch trip approx. 365 cycling kilometres
- Individual cycling trip
- From 2 persons (single travellers on application)

### Itinerary

## From Augsburg to Innsbruck

#### Day 1: Independent arrival in Augsburg

"City air makes you free" is what Jakob Fugger's grandfather is supposed to have meant when he once settled here and found his fortune in the flourishing trade. Allow enough time to explore the multifaceted Fugger city in a relaxed manner.

The cultural riches of this pulsating city span an imposing arc from the former Roman provincial capital "Augusta Vindelicorum" to the impact of influential families and significant modern achievements.

#### Day 2: Augsburg – Landsberg am Lech (approx. 50 km)

Nourished by the urban impressions, you cycle relaxedly on flat terrain first through the Augsburg city forest. The natural paradise Lechtalheiden between Augsburg and Landsberg presents itself as the last refuge of rare animals and plants and is considered one of the most biodiverse landscapes in Central Europe. The Lech meadows, framed by rich flowers, give you a lasting impression of this landscape worth protecting.

#### Day 3: Landsberg am Lech - Region Schongau (approx. 45 km)

The Pfaffenwinkel region - the water-rich heart of Bavaria - accompanies you today on your way to the picturesque old town of Schongau. Numerous monasteries line this path and in the distance you can already see the impressive silhouette of the approaching Alps. The former trading town also stands out with its almost completely preserved city wall.

#### Day 4: Schongau Region – Füssen/Schwangau (approx. 40 km)

Today's stage continues along the Lech River into the cradle of European lute makers. The royal castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau are proudly enthroned in the woods, sitting above the pretty town of Füssen and invite you to visit their royal chambers. The high castle rises above the medieval city centre with its unique illusion painting in its magnificent courtyard.

#### Day 5: Füssen/Schwangau - Imst (approx. 40 km | without shuttle Transfer approx. 70 km)

The route initially leads from Füssen to Reutte. The centre of this Tyrolean market town is particularly impressive with its lovingly restored frescoes from different styles. From Reutte, we take you over the Fernpass with a pleasant shuttle transfer. From the Fernstein Castle you cycle via Nassereith through the picturesque Gurgl Valley to the district capital Imst. A "beery" experience awaits you at Starkenberg Castle with its traditional private brewery.



#### Day 6: Imst - Innsbruck (approx. 65 km)

From Imst to the "Heart of the Alps", today the way leads from the InnRadweg (Inn Cycleway) to Roppen and to the Römerbadl (Roman Baths), where your cyclist's legs will be able to be refreshed at the ,Kneippanlage' (a soothing pool for your legs) and get ready to visit the Stams Cistercian Monastery. This Romanesque building not only impresses with its early baroque high altar, the monks also know how to prepare tasty dishes using the delicious fruits of the area. In contrast, the Inn Cycleway continues through pine forests, along meadows and forest edges, passing the imposing Martinswand (Martins-wall cliffs) until Innsbruck where, the provincial capital of Tyrol welcomes you.

#### Day 7: Innsbruck Experience Day

The powerful socio-politically position of the Habsburg dynasty was inextricably linked to the available mineral resources in Tyrol as well as to the Fugger family, who made a skilful contribution to the power games. Innsbruck, which poses courtly with its famous Golden Roof in the middle of the well-tended medieval old town, houses a multimedia exhibition in its city museum, which clearly documents the interrelationships of this turbulent time. In the beautiful old town there is also the baroque Fugger-Taxis city palace, which the family used as their first branch to do business.

The elixir of life has of course developed steadily and so the Innsbruck population now benefits from the combination of a prosperous city structure and imposing mountain landscape, which gives the university town an alpine, urban lifestyle which it likes to share with its guests.

Day 8: Independent home travel, continuation of the tour to Rosenheim or individual extension

## ... continue from INNSBRUCK to ROSENHEIM

#### Day 8: Innsbruck – Kramsach and Surrounding Area (approx. 55 km)

Today's stage promises "brilliant" experiences on flat bike paths close to the Inn. You cycle down the river in the footsteps of the Fugger family, who knew how to make best use of the strategically more convenient location of Hall in Tirol with its princely mint. On your way you will meet the iconic giant in the artfully designed park of the Swarovski Crystal Worlds as well as the splendid Renaissance castle Tratzberg, in the originally preserved Fuggerstube the life of the merchant family can be felt. With a trip to the Miner's World of the silver mine in Schwaz, your journey through time to the roots of Fugger's wealth will culminate.

#### Day 9: Kramsach and Surrounding Area via Kufstein to Rosenheim (approx. 70 km)

To the finale! The InnRadweg (Inn Cycleway) takes you further along the Inn River deeper into the Tyrolean lowlands. A visit to the glass blowing town of Rattenberg is definitely worthwhile, but you should make sure that you pay attention to the time because at lunchtime you can hear the world's largest open-air organ playing at the Kufstein Fortress. At Kufstein you also say goodbye to the Alps and cycle mostly along dam paths through another landscape protection area of the Innau towards your destination Rosenheim. The third largest city in Upper Bavaria welcomes you at the confluence of the Mangfall and the Inn in Rosenheim.

Day 10: Individual journey home or trip extension



on request

## Included services | Price per person | Optional extras

#### Included services

- 7 (to Innsbruck) or 9 (to Rosenheim) nights accommodation with rich breakfast buffet in carefully selected
  3- & 4-star hotels/Inns
- ✓ Luggage transport from accommodation to accommodation
- ✓ Shuttle transfer between Reutte and Fernsteinsee
- ✓ Detailed tour information, GPS data available on request
- ✓ Service phone daily between 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

#### Price per person

## From Augsburg to Innsbruck

-	Accommodation in a double room *	Euro	795,00
-	Accommodation in a double room * (from June 1st)	Euro	829,00
-	Accommodation in a double room * (from August 5 <sup>th</sup> )	Euro	850,00
-	Single room surcharge	Euro	200,00
-	Half-board surcharge	Euro	205,00
-	Rental of 21-gear touring bicycle	Euro	75,00
-	Rental of Pedelec/E-Bike	Euro	160,00

## From Augsburg to Rosenheim

-	Accommodation in a double room *	Euro	1.050,00		
-	Accommodation in a double room * (from June 1st)	Euro	1.096,00		
-	Accommodation in a double room * (from August 5 <sup>th</sup> )	Euro	1.128,00		
-	Single room surcharge	Euro	258,00		
-	Half-board surcharge	Euro	255,00		
-	Rental of 21-gear touring bicycle	Euro	95,00		
-	Rental of Pedelec/E-Bike	Euro	185,00		
Extras					
-	Extra night in Augsburg in DR/B&B *	Euro	72,00		
-	Extra night in Augsburg in SR/B&B *	Euro	98,00		
-	Extra night in Innsbruck in DR/B&B *	Euro	69,00		
-	Extra night in Innsbruck in SR/B&B *	Euro	99,00		
-	Extra night in Rosenheim in DR/B&B *	Euro	69,00		
-	Extra night in Rosenheim in SR/B&B *	Euro	108,00		

- Pre/Post transfer from Innsbruck/Rosenheim to Augsburg (every Sat & Mon) Euro 110 | 95
- Vehicle transfer service Augsburg Innsbruck or Rosenheim
  \* Any local taxes that may be due are not included and are payable locally