

# Germany - Baltic Sea, Hanseatic Cities & Old Salt Route Cycle Tour (2025) Individual Self-Guided 8 days/ 7 nights



This tour takes you along the Baltic Coast cycle path from Lübeck to Wismar. Both Hanseatic towns are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Then it's time to explore the many lakes of the hinterland of north western Mecklenburg. Look forward to a boat trip over Schwerin Lake and the charming countryside of the Lauenburg Lake District. Via the island town of Ratzeburg and the town of Mölln you cycle back to Lübeck. Mölln is famous for Till Eulenspiegel - a legendary trickster who is supposed to have lived here.



## **Itinerary Day to Day**

# Day 1: Individual arrival in Lübeck / Travemünde

This cycle tour along the Baltic Coast starts in an old and gracious Hanseatic town that was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987. People will know you are talking about Lübeck if you mention the Holsten Gate, marzipan and Thomas Mann. Bite into a yummy fish roll to start your holiday mood!

Day 2: Lübeck – Gross Schwansee / Boltenhagen, approx. 35 / 45 km + ferry trip In Travemünde you can take a break to see Germany's oldest lighthouse, before continuing along the coast. Cycling through the Brooker Wald nature reserve, you soon reach Boltenhagen, the second oldest seaside resort in Mecklenburg. You can look over the entire bay from the cliffs. Alternatively you spend the night in Gross Schwansee.

## Day 3: Boltenhagen - Wismar 30 km

You continue, mostly along the coast, to the old Hanseatic town of Wismar. From here we recommend a short trip to Poel Island to explore its long sandy beaches and go for a swim. Historic city walls from the Thirty Year's War add charm to the island.



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## Day 4: Wismar – Schwerin 50 km

Today you follow the course of the Wallenstein Trench from Wismar to Schwerin Lake. You pass the village of Mecklenburg, which gave its name to the state and is famous for its Dutch mill. Via Bad Kleinen and Lübstorf, you cycle along the bank to the state capital of Schwerin.

## Day 5: Day trip Schwerin lakes 45 k + Boat trip

The entire day is free today for you to take the time to discover Schwerin and the surrounding area. In the middle of the town centre, surrounded on all sides by water, is the magnificent Schwerin Castle. Stroll across the Old Town Market and take a look at the Cathedral. You also have the option of undertaking a cycling tour through the Schwerin Lake District. Of course, you should not miss out on a boat trip on the lake.



## Day 6: Schwerin – Ratzeburg 65 km 40 km + train journey

First you cycle a bit through the Schwerin lake landscape and then you come to the Schaalsee landscape. From here it is not far to Schleswig-Holstein and the Lauenburg Lakes Nature Park. Forest and water are the defining elements here. The island town of Ratzeburg, which is towered over by an impressive brick cathedral, is located in the nature park and in the middle of Lake Ratzeburg. Alternatively, you can take the train from Schwerin to Büchen (not incl.) and cycle from here along the Elbe-Lübeck Canal on the Alte Salzstraße cycle path via the Eulenspiegel town of Mölln to Ratzeburg. The island town with its impressive brick cathedral lies in the middle of Lake Ratzeburg.



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### Day 7: Ratzeburg - Lübeck, approx. 30 / 45 km

On your last cycling stage back to Lübeck, make a first stop in the Eulenspiegel town of Mölln. The tranquil place is not only worth a visit thanks to the Eulenspiegel Museum. The Old Salt Road runs through the city, along which Lübeck merchants transported the white gold from Lüneburg to the coast in the Middle Ages. You follow the Old Salt Road back to the Hanseatic city. Or you can follow the shorter route along the east bank of the Great Ratzeburg Lake and the course of the Wakenitz, which is still very original, to the center of Lübeck.

## Day 8: Individual departure or extension of stay

After breakfast, you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay



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#### <u>Route</u>



## **Technical Characteristics:**

**Route Profile:** Relatively Easy. Sometimes flat, sometimes slightly hilly ground, mostly on quiet country roads, cycle paths, field and forest paths, occasionally on sandy slopes, paved paths and on cobbles. A basic level of fitness is recommended.

#### Distance: 240 km

**Travel Season:** Arrival daily April 27 to October 5 Season A 27.04. – 03.05. 21.09. – 28.09. Season B 04.05. – 16.05. 07.09. – 20.09. Season C 17.05. – 23.05. 09.06. – 04.07. 17.08. – 06.09. Season D 24.05. – 08.06. 05.07. – 16.08.

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## <u>**Price per Person:**</u> all prices subject to confirmation on booking

Double Occupancy Season A B&B	€ 1099
Double Occupancy Season B B&B	€1199
Double Occupancy Season C B&B	€ 1349
Double Occupancy Season D B&B	€ 1449
Surcharge Single Room	€ 299
Rental Bike (8 / 27 gear)	€ 99
E-Bike	€ 269
Extra Nights	On request

## Accommodation:

Overnight stay in local hotels in 3\*/ 4\*

# Included:

- 7 overnight stays with breakfast
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel, no limit on the number of pieces, maximum 20 kg/piece
- Boat trip on Lake Schwerin
- Cycle route description with maps (1x per room)
- 7 day service hotline 8am- 8pm

# Not Included:

- Visitors' taxes, if applicable, payable locally
- Ferry trip Travemünde Priwall, approx. EUR 2.50 / person including bike
- Train ride Schwerin Büchen, approx. 15 Euro per person incl. bike



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# **Bikes**





## **Unisex Bike**

- 8 speed hub gear with back pedal braking function for 27 speed derailleur with rim brake
- Unisex bicycle with a step through frame
- For those over 1.75 meters tall, men's bicycles also available
- Fitted with the most puncture proof tires on the market "Schwalbe Marathon Plus"
- Pannier with handlebar bag, speedometer, lock, pump, extra inner tire tube and puncture repair kit included

# Men's Bike

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## E- Bike

- The step through frame and upright seating position combine to ensure that riding these bikes is very enjoyable. The Marathon Plus tires made by Schwalbe ensure a safe ride even during downhill trips or at high speeds.
- 8-speed electric bike with freewheel and hub gears
- Unisex frame: suitable for heights from 1.45 m

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