

Germany Luther Cyclepath

Berlin - Leipzig

Consultant

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Details

Included services:

- 7/8 nights incl. breakfast in the booked category
- Entrance fee National Exhibition "der Luthereffekt"- 500 Jahre Protestantismus in der Welt in Berlin"
- Guided city walk Wittenberg

- When booking 8 days: trainticket Halle-Leipzig including bike
- Personal tour information
- daily luggage transfer
- Handle bar bag with map and information material per room

Day-to-day programm

Tour profile

flat and sometimes slightly hilly, few gradients, mostly bike paths and hardly any streets with traffic

Tour 7 Days /6 Nights

Day 1: Berlin

Individual Arrival.

Day 2: Berlin – Schielowsee (Lake Schielow) approx 45 km

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Day 3: Petzow –Jüterbog approx 55 km

We will now be leaving the Lake District and arrive in the Beelitz region. Most famous for the growing of vegetables, and particulary for it's 'white gold', the asparagus. The asparagus from this region is known to be of an extraordinary quality. Through the fields and meadows of Beelitz and passing a glacial valley we arrive in the small quaint town of Treuenbietzen. If you are lucky you might encountered one of the greatly protected great busards of the region. Cycling passed quiet avenues, meadows and old beech tree forests we are on our way to Jüterbog. It was here, that Johan Tetzl sold his letters of indulgence to many people . His postbox is still evident for this epoch. In Kloster Zinna or Jüterbog, awaits your hotel.

Day 4: Jüterbog – Luther Stadt Wittenburg and into the Elbe Valley approx. 45 km

Medieval stone churches characterize the many villages along the way. Great cycling paths will insure your tour through Fläming with be fun and pleasurable. Now we have almost reached the Elbe Valley. The river Elbe will intrigue you with it's snake like characteristics. Right in the middle of this wonderful landscape you will be met by the Wittenberg Tower. On the tower of the Schlosskirche (Castle Church), for all to see, Luthers famous quote. 'Eine feste Burg ist unsere Gott' (our God is a stronghold), In Wittenburg Luther taught for many years (in those days)at Wittensburg's young and aspiring university. It was here in Wittenburg that Luther would publish his famous 95 theses, something that would soon make the world hold it's breath. Now and forever the city of Wittenburg will always be connecte with this world-historical event.The major exhibition 'Luther 95 Menschen (mankind) – 95 Schätze (treasures) invites you to take a look at one of the most important chapters in German history. In Wittenberg it is also possible to add an additional day to your tour, with a trip to Torgau.

Day 5: Bad Düben – Through the Dübener Heath approx 45 km

A few kilometers south of Wittenberg the Dübener Heath landscape can be found, A ocean of bright glowing heather. Today this terrain is one of the largest forests areas in Saschen – Anhalts. This peaceful forest landscape, with it's small streams, ponds, boglands and not forgetting it's romantic settings will captivate you. To one's surprise right in this middle of this tranquil forest landscape you will find the quaint little Knipp spa village of Bad Schmiedeberg. This charming little village still bears the charm of days gone by. Reinharz invites you to visit it's magnificent park with all it's splendor, or just take a welcomed brake in the amazing grounds of the castle. What ever you decide it will be breathtaking. Alone the banks of the river Mulde lies Bad Düben, a town that has a history of over one thousand years, and todays destination.

Day 6: Bad Düben – Leipzig – Leipziger approx 40 km

Bad Düben can look back on a very long and extraordinary historical past. Napoleon had once pitched his headquarters here in Bad Düben the eve of the 'Völkerschlacht' (Battle of the People). You can enjoy and relax this step of the tour due to the nice even terrain of the Leipziger Bay. Then from afar you can see the Leipziger skyline. The towers of Leipziger, Neuem Rathaus (the townhall), Cityhochhaus, Völkerschlachtndenkmal (war monument), and Thomaskirche (Thomaschurch). It was at this church that Luther gave a sermon to the people on Whit Monday 1539. This same church is where in 1519, Luther and his Catholic counterpart, the popal theologian Johannes Eck has their famous disputation. This dispute would cement Luther's complete seperation from the catholic Church. The relationship between the people of Leipzig and Luther was not always an easy one. Although Lepzig benefited greatly from Luther's numerous published works, city leaders were very skeptial about Luther for a long time. Today Leipzig fascinates millions of visitors every year with it's colourful cultural scene. Enjoy the hustle and bustle of this historical old town.If that's not your cup of tea, what about a relaxing trip on one of the many charming canals to be found in this amazing city.

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Individual departure or extension

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Passing through the beautiful Lakeside district to Halle, a town that lies on the river Saale. Halle has a wonderfully kept historical city centre, it has a lot of Renaissance and Baroque characteristics. In this beautiful city Luther started his Reformation in 1541. This was the start of Protestant humanistic education in Germany. One of Luther's opponents, Albrecht von Brandenburg also resided in Halle at the same time, interesting for the population of the city at the time. Finally not to be missed in Halle's museum on exhibit the 'Himmelsscheibe von Nebra'. Central Europe's oldest calendar.

Day 8: Leipzig

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Prices
