

## Germany Luther Cyclepath

Berlin - Leipzig

### Consultant

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### Details

Included services:

- 6 nights incl. breakfast in the booked category
- Personal tour information
- daily luggage transfer

- Handle bar bag with map and information material per room

## Day-to-day programm

### Tour profile/Level 1-2

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

#### Day 1: Berlin

Individual Arrival. Bike Hand over and Information meeting at your hotel.

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

The start of the cycle tour takes place at the newly constructed Luther Monument, shaded by the Marienkirche (Marien Church) right in the heart of Berlin. Then is off to Charlottenburg, towards Grunwald and Havel, Straight away one can feel the melancholy stillness of the Brandenburg landscape. Then it's over the Glienicker Brücke (Glienicker Bridge), and we are on our way to Potsdam. During the Cold War this famous bridge was used as an exchange point for spies and dissidents. The Hohenzollern royal residence will both charm and captivate you at a first glance. Splendid castles and parks as well as magnificent villas will enthrall you. We will leave Potsdam behind us by cycling along the banks of the Havel lakes. Arriving in Petzow, a wonderful city located on the west bank of the romantic Schielowsee.

#### Day 3: Petzow - Bad Belzig, approx. 47 km

We will now be leaving the Lake District and arrive in the Beelitz region. Most famous for the growing of vegetables, and particularly for its '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 Brück. If you are lucky you might encounter one of the greatly protected great bustards of the region. Cycling passed quiet avenues, meadows and old beech tree forests we are on our way to Bad Belzig.

#### Day 4: Bad Belzig - Luther Stadt Wittenburg, approx. 45 km

Medieval stone churches characterize the many villages along the way. Great cycling paths will insure your tour through Fläming with fun and pleasure. Now we have almost reached the Elbe Valley. The river Elbe will intrigue you with its 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, Luther's famous quote. 'Eine feste Burg ist unsere Gott' (our God is a stronghold), In Wittenburg Luther taught for many years (in those days) at Wittenburg'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 its breath. Now and forever the

city of Wittenburg will always be connected 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 Wittenburg it is also possible to add an additional day to your tour, with a trip to Torgau.

#### **Day 5: Luther Stadt Wittenburg - Bad Düben, approx. 45 km**

A few kilometers south of Wittenburg the Dübener Heath landscape can be found, a ocean of bright glowing heather. Today this terrain is one of the largest forests areas in Sachsen – 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. Whatever 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, 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, Völkerschlachtdenkmal (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 Leipzig 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.

#### **Day 7: Leipzig**

Individual departure or extension.

## **Prices**

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