

Cycling Safaris

The Swiss Lakes Route - 7Days 6 nights Self Guided Tour 2010



From Konstanz on Lake Constance to Interlaken on Lake Thun, this tour will lead you past another seven lakes. The Rheinfall Waterfall near Schaffhausen, the 'Hohle Gasse' in Kussnacht and the Einsiedeln monastery, along the well preserved cities of Luzern and Zurich are the highlight of the tour.

The route runs mainly along its own cycle paths and separate cycle routes. The route is quite hilly between Einsiedeln and Lucerne and you will have to dismount and push your bike at times.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 Individual arrival in Konstanz

The largest town on Lake Constance is still quite medieval in character to this day and in 1414 hosted the only church council ever to take place north of the Alps

Day 2 Konstanz - Schaffhausen ca. 55 km

Today you will cycle along the romantic lower lake through small fishing villages and the well known town of Stein am Rhein. The Canton capital of Schaffhausen is towered over by the Munot Fortress, There are over 170 oriels in the town which testify to the former wealth of the citizens

Day 3 Schaffhausen - Zurich**ca. 66 km**

The first highlight of your trip is the Rheinfall waterfall, which you will approach by boat. The valley of the Glatt will lead you on to Zurich, the fascinating cosmopolitan Swiss City

Day 4 Zurich - Einsiedeln**ca. 35 km**

Today you will cycle along Lake Zurich towards Rapperswil with its old castle and will then cross over the lake along a dam. You will be taken by train to Einsiedeln, which to this day is still a popular place of pilgrimage.

Day 5 Einsiedeln - Lucerne**ca. 60 km**

Today's cycling will be through quiet countryside and lively villages as you pass Lake Ageri and Lake Zug. Kussnacht, Wilhelm Tell and Hohle Gasse are all Swiss national symbols which you will see today before cycling along Lake Lucerne and reaching the city of Lucerne

Day 6 Lucerne - Interlaken**ca. 60 km**

The mountains to the left and right of Lake Sarner and Lake Lungerer continue to get higher, you will take the train to get over the famous Bruning mountain pass. Passing Lake Brienz you will reach your destination ; the spa town of Interlaken between Lake Brienz and Lake Thun

Day 7 Return home or extension of your stay

Your cycling comes to an end after Breakfast - there are good train connections to ensure you will arrive home safely

TOUR PRICE DATES

Low Season (2May - 11 May & 12September - 2October)

€785.00 per person sharing

€925.00 for single occupancy

High Season (12May - 11September)

€805.00 per person sharing

€945.00 for single occupancy

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- 6 overnight stays in double rooms with breakfast in family run hotels
- All Dinners
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel until Interlaken, unlimited number of pieces of luggage, each piece must, however, be less than 20kg
- Boat trip to Rheinfall Waterfall
- Entrance to the Rosgartenmuseum inc. 1 coffee
- Train journeys as outlined
- Comprehensive tour information and maps
- 7 day service hotline

WHAT TO BRING

We would recommend that you bring padded cycling shorts and / or a gel saddle cover which will make your days cycling more comfortable. Cycling gloves are also a good investment, as are hard-sole shoes which will help protect your feet. And don't forget raingear including a rain jacket, rain pants and slip-on boots. A hat and sunglasses will protect you from getting all too much sun. Finally, please make an effort to pack lightly. This will make your travels easier and will be much appreciated with the luggage transfers.