

LIVE-UPDATES



On our web page we offer an online-service, that provides updated information and current changes concerning this cycling guide. This information is brought up-to-date regularly and enables you, in combination with the current edition of this book, to plan your trip in the best possible way. The Live-Update for this book is freely available on our web page while looking up the title or under:

Have you noticed some changes or mistakes during your journey concerning the itinerary, the overnight accommodation or the tourist information along the route? Then you have the possibility to bring the bikeline-team up-to-date using the Update-section on our web page. We are looking forward to getting your information and say Thank You in the name of all cyclists.



The latest bikeline GPS-Track for this book is freely available under:


About this Book

This cycling guide contains all the information you need for your cycling vacation: Precise maps, a detailed description of the route, a comprehensive list of overnight accommodation, numerous detail maps of cities and towns, and information about the most significant sights.

And all that information comes with our **bikeline guarantee**: The route described in this book has been tested and evaluated in person by one of our editors! To assure that the book is as up-to-date as possible, we welcome corrections submitted by readers and local officials or businesses. We cannot, however, always check and confirm such changes before deadline.

The maps

Most detail maps are produced in a scale of 1:50,000 (1 centimetre = 500 meters) or 1:75,000 (1 centimetre = 750 meters). In addition to exactly describing the route, these maps also provide information about roadway quality (paved or unpaved), climbs (gentle or steep), distances, as well as available cultural and culinary highlights.


Even with the most precise map, consulting the written description of the route may be necessary at times. Locations where the route is difficult to follow are shown by the  symbol on the maps, the same symbol can then be found in the written description where the route is explained in detail.

Note that the recommended main route is always shown in red or purple; alternative and excursion routes in orange. The individual symbols used in the maps are described in the legend on pages 4 and 5.

Height and distance profile

The detailed route altitude profiles at the beginning of each section provide a graphic depiction of elevations along the route, the total length as well as waypoints and the location of towns and cities along the way. The waypoints enable a direct reference to the maps and route description. The altitude profile does not show every individual small hill and dip, but only the major changes in elevation. On the detail maps smaller gradients are shown by arrows that point uphill.

The text

The maps are supplemented by a written text that describes the route. Key phrases about the route description are indicated with the  symbol.

Many distinctive or important positions along the route are marked as waypoints with consecutive numbers **1, 2, 3**, and, to help with navigation, are to be found with the same symbol in the maps. The description of the main route is also interrupted by passages describing alternative and excursion routes. These are printed in orange colour.

TIP Text printed in purple indicates that you must make a decision about how your tour shall continue. For instance, there may be an alternative route that is not included in the tour description, or a turn-off to another location.

EXCURSION These also indicate excursion suggestions, interesting sights or recreational facilities that are not directly on the main route.

Furthermore, the names of important **villages**, towns and cities are printed in bold type. If a location or community has important points of interest, addresses, telephone numbers and opening times are listed under the headline with the name of the place. *Descriptions of the larger towns and cities, as well as*

historic, cultural and natural landmarks help round out the travel experience. These paragraphs are printed in italics to distinguish them from the route description.

Opening hours - Categories

-  Opening hours
-  freely accessible
-  daily
-  frequently (5-6 days/week)
-  average (3-4 days/week)
-  rare (up to 2 days/week)
-  after tel. request

This information is valid during the cycling season and serves as a guide. The daily opening hours can be found via the web link.

Weblink

In the location data block at the respective tourist entry there is a six-digit number and a letter combination after the @ symbol (e.g. @ abc123). Entering this weblink ID on our website www.esterbauer.com will take you directly to the corresponding website and thus replace the tedious entry of long web addresses.

Accommodation and service directory

On the last pages of this cycle tour book you will

find a list of overnight accommodations in almost every place along the route, from simple campsites to 5-star hotels. You will also find extensive information about bike workshops and bike rental stations.