









Elbe Cycle Path: Dresden to Dessau

Follow the Elbe Cycle Route to Dessau

This picturesque cycle tour commences in the city of Dresden, often referred to as the "Florence on the Elbe" in Saxony. As you embark on this journey, you will be immersed in the breathtaking beauty of the Elbe River and the enchanting landscapes of Saxon Switzerland. The Elbe Sandstone Mountains, characterized by their mystical rocks and hidden crevices, provide a captivating backdrop for a nature-inspired cycling adventure.

While traversing this scenic route, you will encounter not only the captivating banks of the Elbe River but also Germany's northernmost vineyards, creating a truly diverse and captivating experience. The journey is adorned with magnificent baroque castles and legendary towns, each with its own unique charm.

As you pedal along, you'll have the opportunity to explore Karl May's hometown of Radebeul, where the legacy of the famous writer comes to life. Additionally, you can tread in the footsteps of historical figures such as Martin Luther and Walter Gropius, enriching your understanding of the region's cultural heritage.

One of the standout highlights of this cycling adventure is a visit to the world-renowned porcelain factory in Meissen, a place where exquisite craftsmanship has been celebrated for centuries. Here, you can witness the intricate artistry behind Meissen porcelain and even acquire some as a souvenir of your journey.

The Elbe Cycle Route promises an unforgettable blend of natural wonders, historical treasures, and cultural discoveries.

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Details of the Dresden to Dessau cycle tour

From Dresden, your journey begins with a captivating day trip to Saxon Switzerland, where you'll be immersed in the stunning natural beauty of the region. The following day, your cycling adventure leads you from Dresden through the picturesque Elbe Valley, taking you through Radebeul before arriving in the charming town of Meißen. As you continue your exploration, you'll follow the winding path of the Saxon Wine Route, a delightful route that showcases Germany's northernmost vineyards, leading you to the town of Riesa.

Your cycling adventure then follows the serene banks of the Elbe River, leading you to the historical town of Torgau. From there, your journey takes you to the Luther town of Wittenberg, where you can walk in the footsteps of the iconic reformer Martin Luther, exploring the rich history and heritage of the area.

Continuing on your route, you'll arrive in Dessau, a city known for its association with the influential Bauhaus movement and the famous architect Walter Gropius. Here, you can delve into the legacy of Gropius and explore the architectural wonders that have left an indelible mark on the city.

Highlights of the Elbe Cycle Route: Dresden to Dessau cycling holiday

- **Dresden:** The restored old town enchants with its baroque charm. While sightseeing, you can take a look at the castle and the Church of Our Lady before visiting the museums in Dresden's Zwinger. You can also experience musical delights at the Semper Opera House.

Meissen: This picturesque town is famous for its porcelain, which has been produced there since 1708. It is the first European porcelain that still enjoys great popularity today. You can visit the manufactory and see the magnificent Albrechtsburg Castle.

- **Torgau:** In this picturesque town, you can admire the Renaissance town hall and the Hartenfels residential palace. Katharina Luther is buried in the late Gothic church of St. Marien.
- **Wittenberg:** Luther's town has many historical highlights to offer. Feel the special flair of the town where Martin Luther posted his theses! The Luther Hall houses the world's largest collection on the history of the Reformation.

Things to know about the Dresden to Dessau cycling holiday along the Elbe

On this multi-faceted cycling tour, you will traverse terrain that varies from flat to gently rolling hills. The daily stages range from 25 to 85 kilometres in length. The delightful Elbe cycle path offers a particularly enjoyable experience, as it is car-free, allowing you to peacefully soak in the surrounding landscape. Additionally, other sections of the route lead you along small country roads and paths with minimal traffic.

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Tour information



Easy



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-Guided



Luggage transfers included



Total cycling distance: approx.
290 km

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Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrival in Dresden

Opportunity to stroll through the baroque old town of Dresden. Discover the world-famous beauty and magic of this city with its unique sights such as the Zwinger, the Frauenkirche, the castle and the Semper Opera House.

DAY
2

Saxon Switzerland approx. 45 / 90 km

The cycle path leads directly along the Elbe to the baroque Pillnitz Palace and continues upstream along the Elbe to the rugged sandstone cliffs of the Elbe Sandstone Mountains. It's worth making the short climb up to the Bastei Rock. The return journey from Bad Schandau to Dresden can be done either by bike (approximately 90 km) or by S-Bahn (approximately 45 km).

DAY
3

Dresden – Meissen approx. 25 km

Today's cycle tour takes you through the romantic Elbe valley, passing the Saxon vineyards and the town of Radebeul, closely associated with the name of Karl May. Soon, you'll arrive in Meißen, world-famous for its porcelain. The picturesque alleys of the historic town centre are perfect for leisurely strolls and shopping. Don't miss the opportunity to visit Albrechtsburg Castle and the renowned Meissen porcelain factory.

DAY
4**Meissen – Riesa** approx. 35 km

On the banks of the Elbe, the path continues through the northernmost vineyards of Germany along the Saxon Wine Route. Take the opportunity to savour regional wines! For those who prefer culture, the baroque Diesbar-Seußlitz Castle, with its picturesque park, offers the perfect ambiance. Your overnight stay tonight will be in the sports city of Riesa.

DAY
5**Riesa – Torgau** approx. 45 km

Continue following the Elbe downstream to the town of Mühlberg, known for its former Cistercian monastery and the Electorate of Saxony's historic post office column. Those with an interest in botany should make a point to visit the Treblitz tree park, which boasts trees and shrubs from five continents. Just a short distance away lies the town of Torgau, featuring its well-preserved town hall, a Renaissance building, the Hartenfels residential palace, and the late Gothic St. Mary's Church, the final resting place of Katharina Luther.

DAY
6**Torgau – Wittenberg** approx. 65 km

The castles of Lichtenberg and Pretzsch mark the journey towards Wittenberg. Upon arriving in the town where Martin Luther posted his theses, you'll have the opportunity to trace his footsteps. Luther Hall houses the world's largest collection on the history of the Reformation. Wittenberg's old town has also been beautifully restored, and its charming shops and pubs make an evening stroll a delightful experience.

DAY
7**Wittenberg – Dessau** approx. 30 km

From Wittenberg, the route continues along the Elbe. After just a few kilometres, you will find yourself immersed in the World Heritage Site of the Wörlitz Garden Kingdom, a spacious and charming park landscape dating back to the 18th century. Dessau awaits with the Bauhaus buildings designed by Walter Gropius in the mid-1920s, known for their unmistakable functional style elements.

DAY
8

Departure or extra nights

The journey ends after breakfast in Dessau. You can book extra nights in Dessau if you would like to stay longer.

Route information

The daily stages range from 25 to 85 km in mostly flat to slightly hilly terrain. The Elbe Cycle Route provides the opportunity to trace one of Germany's most beautiful and historically significant rivers without the need for a car. In some sections of the route, you'll travel along smaller country roads and less frequented paths, exploring the diverse landscapes along the river.



Prices and dates

Price calculation and check availability: **Elbe Cycle Path: Dresden to Dessau**

Place of arrival: Dresden

	Season 1 13.04.2024 - 26.04.2024 29.09.2024 - 05.10.2024 Daily	Season 2 27.04.2024 - 14.06.2024 09.09.2024 - 28.09.2024 Daily	Season 3 15.06.2024 - 08.09.2024 Daily
Elbe Cycle Path: Dresden to Dessau Cat. A, DE-EBRDD-08A			
Base price	739.00	789.00	839.00
Surcharge single room	229.00	229.00	229.00
Elbe Cycle Path: Dresden to Dessau Cat. B, DE-EBRDD-08B			
Base price	659.00	749.00	769.00
Surcharge single room	199.00	199.00	199.00

Hotel information:

Category A: 4**** and 3*** hotels and guesthouses
Category B: 3*** mid-range hotels

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Dresden

	Season 1 Apr 13, 2024 - Apr 26, 2024 Sep 29, 2024 - Oct 5, 2024 Daily	Season 2 Apr 27, 2024 - Jun 14, 2024 Sep 9, 2024 - Sep 28, 2024 Daily	Season 3 Jun 15, 2024 - Sep 8, 2024 Daily
Dresden			

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Double room p.p. Cat. A	70.00	70.00	70.00
Single room surcharge	35.00	35.00	35.00
Dessau			
Double room p.p. Cat. A	68.00	68.00	68.00
Single room surcharge	39.00	39.00	39.00
Dresden			
Double room p.p. Cat. B	59.00	59.00	59.00
Single room surcharge	32.00	32.00	32.00
Dessau			
Double room p.p. Cat. B	64.00	64.00	64.00
Single room surcharge	39.00	39.00	39.00

Our rental bikes

	Price
21-Speed Unisex Bike	99.00
21-Speed Men's Bike	99.00

7-Speed Unisex Bike	99.00
7-Speed Men's Bike	99.00
Unisex E-Bike	259.00
27-Speed Bike PLUS	169.00

Prices per person in GBP

Included services and travel information

Services

Included:

- Overnight stays in the chosen category
- Breakfast
- Personal tour information (DE, EN)
- Luggage transfers
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room (DE, EN, FR)
- GPS data available
- Service hotline

Optional:

- Return transfer by minibus to Dresden every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from Wittenberg costs per person € 80,-, from Dessau costs per person € 90,-, from Magdeburg costs per person € 100,-, for own bike additional € 30,-, reservation required, payable in advance

Travel information

Arrival / Parking / Travel

- Dresden train station
- Airport Dresden / Berlin or Leipzig-Halle
- Hotel category A: Garage, costs approx. € 24,- per night
- Hotel category B: Garage, costs approx. € 10,- per day as well as free parking spaces close to the hotel.
- Good train connections back to Dresden

Important information:

- Visitor's tax, if due, is not included in the travel price!