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RIDING DAY 1 : MIEMING - ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER

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Standard Route (359 km / 223 miles)

Welcome to Tyrol!

In the morning you set off across Fernpass and cruise through the charming Bavarian countryside. Leaving Mieming you ride on smaller roads, just right to adjust to European traffic and driving habits.

Right after the border to Bavaria, you can already admire one of the famous Ludwig castles. Neuschwanstein is by far the most famous castle in Germany and might well have inspired Disney in the design of their fairy tale castle. As it is popular with tourists from all over the world, a visit to the castle needs to be planned in advance and also involves a bit of walking. After a photo stop in front of Neuschwanstein, you reach the "Romantic Road" linking some of the best-preserved medieval towns of Germany. Your highlight in the afternoon is Dinkelsbühl, where you will get a foretaste of your final destination for today. In the evening you will stop in the most famous and most enchanting of them: Rothenburg ob der Tauber.

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Lunch: Several restaurants downtown in Nördlingen (WP Lunch Nördlingen), as for example Zum Hubele (WP Zum Hubele, Bei den Kornschranken 19, 86720 Nördlingen, +49 9081 87437).

Afternoon break: in Dinkelsbühl (WP Cafe Dinkelsbühl).

Photo stops: Neuschwanstein View WP, park at Schlossblick Garni. In Landsberg am Lech have a look at the Mutterturm (parking at WP P Mutterturm) and at the fountain Marienbrunnen (WP Marienbrunnen) on the main square.

Gas: fill up twice, maybe in Rain am Lech (WP Rain Shell) and in Rothenburg (WP Gas Rothenburg (Aral)).

Extra activities: there are lots of beautiful villages on this road but keep an eye on the time, the route is very long. Night Guard Tour (in English) through Rothenburg. Start: 8pm on Marktplatz. Cost: 8 € per Person, paid at the end of the tour.

Dinner: Restaurant Reichsküchenmeister (Kirchplatz 8, 91541 Rothenburg ob der Tauber, +49 9861 9700), Alter Keller (Alter Keller 8, 91541 Rothenburg ob der Tauber, +49 9861 2268) and Zur Höll (Burggasse 8, 91541 Rothenburg ob der Tauber, +49 9861 4229) all offering excellent German dishes in a medieval ambience.

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#2: Füssen



Füssen is a city on the northern edge of the Alps, which has its origins in the Roman times. Its original name Foetibus/Foetes, over time, developed from Fozen, Fuozzen, and Füzzen into the name it has today. Excavations at Füssen's Schlossberg showed foundations of a late roman fort dating back to the 4./5. century. It is, however, believed that a roman military camp had been

erected at this strategically important location even before the year 260. Over the centuries, Füssen has lived through an eventful history and, today, with its lovely medieval old town, its castle and its abbey belongs to one of the most frequently visited sites in southern Germany. King Ludwig's castles Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau are located nearby, a fact that helps with bringing in the tourists... Another attraction is the Lechfall, the falls of the river Lech. It dates back to the Würm glaciation and developed due to the fact that the Lech glacier was retreating. Until today, the Lech gorge is the only gorge in the Bavarian Alps, which freely carries the waters of a large Alpine river without any man-made barriers in-between.

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#4: Nördlingen



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#5: Dinkelsbühl



Dinkelsbühl is an old town on the Romantic Road. It is less known than Rothenburg, but the city center is similarly well preserved and invites you to a visit. Like Rothenburg, Dinkelsbühl also benefited from its location along an important trade and pilgrimage route. Founded at a ford across the Wörnitz river, the town was fortified from around 1130. The city wall is still largely preserved, as in

Rothenburg.

#6: Rothenburg ob der Tauber



Rothenburg is definitely the most famous medieval town in Germany. You feel like in a fairy tale when you walk through the narrow alleys, past beautiful half-timbered houses. The imposing city walls, the fortress, and the ancient inns have been in operation here since the Middle Ages, no building in the center is younger than 500 years! The evening walk with the night watchman is highly

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Optional Route (361 km / 224 miles)

Today it's hard to shorten the route, since the distance between Mieming and Rothenburg is big and there is just so much to see. This "shorter" option is a bit faster because you will be on the Autobahn in the afternoon, missing out on the town Dinkelsbühl on one side but arriving early enough in Rothenburg to enjoy a late afternoon walk around this medieval fairy tale town.

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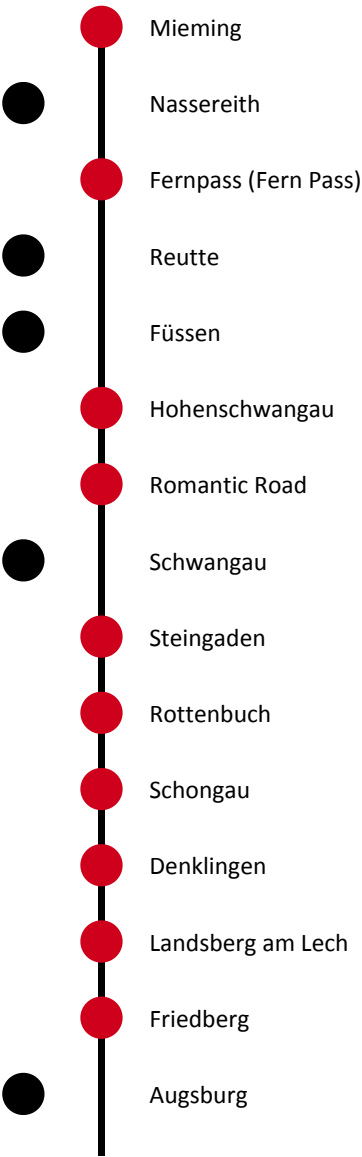
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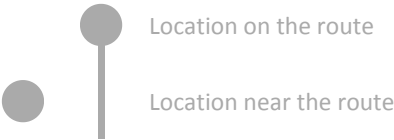
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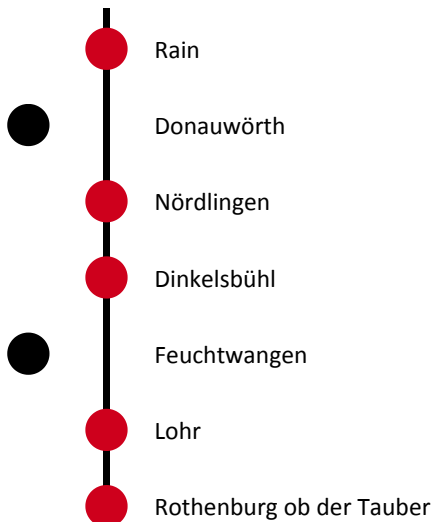
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RIDING DAY 2 : ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER - HEIDELBERG

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Standard Route (232 km / 144 miles)

Your second riding day leads you deeper into the German fairy tale world and history. First, you ride through a landscape called Hohenlohe; most people just pass through on the Autobahn and miss this gentle beauty, but you will enjoy it. You continue then on the twisty roads following the river Jagst, on the trail of the bold knight Götz von Berlichingen. Goethe dedicated a play to him. Don't forget to stop by the monastery Schöntal and take a coffee break in the café in the courtyard. Shortly after Möckmühl, we turn north to play around on very nice side roads, famous with local motorcyclists! We ride through an area called Odenwald, a forest closely linked to the Nibelungenlied, the most famous German saga. Passing Mosbach we enter the Neckar valley and follow it to Heidelberg, with a stop at castle Hirschhorn to enjoy the view from its tower.

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Highlights:

#1: SELF-GUIDED TIPS: Rothenburg - Heidelberg

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Lunch: Hotel Restaurant Burg Hornberg, by the castle (WP Burg Hornberg) 74865 Neckarzimmern am Neckar, +49 6261 92460). Alternative: Limbacher Hof in Limbach (WP) +49 6287 9336660 or "Gleis 1" in Amorbach (+4993732064267)

Afternoon break: along the Neckar river at the Castle Hirschhorn (WP P Hirschhorn).

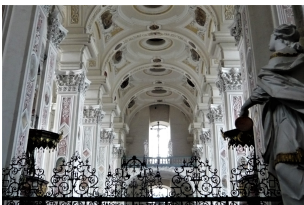
Photo stops: at Castle Langenburg (WP Schloss Langenburg) and 4km after at the wooden bridge (WP Unterregenbach Holzbrücke).

Gas: in Heidelberg (WP Gas Heidelberg (Total)).

Extra activities: take a stroll around Heidelberg at night. If you like to try some absinthe, the town has the biggest Absinthe shop in the world: the "green angel" (Grüner Engel Absinthemonde). A detour to the Motorcycle Museum in Neckarsulm (WP Zweiradmuseum Neckarsulm) takes some extra time, if you are interested you should choose the shorter riding route!

Dinner: right on Marktplatz at Ritterstube (Hauptstraße 178, 69117 Heidelberg, +49 6221 705050) or Goldener Hecht (Steingasse 2, 69117 Heidelberg, 49 6221 6599222) near Carl Theodor Old Bridge. Both offer traditional German fare. And there are a thousand further options throughout the city.

#2: Schöntal Monastery



First mentioned in 1157, the monks of this monastery were witnesses to many hard times throughout history; the buildings were destroyed and rebuilt on several occasions. In 1562, Götz von Berlichingen was buried here and his tombstone can be seen in the monastery.

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#3: Odenwald



The "Nibelungenlied," an epic poem, was written here, in the dense, dark forests of the Odenwald, around the year 1200. Historic highlights from many centuries are also scattered around the region, and they are all connected by scenic, curvy roads, waiting to be discovered.

#4: Hirschhorn castle



The valley of the Neckar provides the ideal background for our ride. Dotted with castles, we will visit one of its best-preserved at Hirschhorn. Built high above the town and overlooking the river and its horseshoe bend, you can enjoy the view from the restaurant terrace, or, if you prefer, climb the 121 steps to the top of the tower and marvel at the gorgeous panorama.

#5: Heidelberg



Heidelberg is home to the oldest university in Germany. Founded in 1386 it is still going strong. Currently there are more than 30.000 registered students. The famous Heidelberg castle sits high over the city and has inspired many poets and artists. It offers a beautiful view of Heidelberg and the Neckar valley. In the castle cellars you will find the huge Heidelberg vat, which was built to hold

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Optional Route (189 km / 117 miles)

The short route follows the same roads as the long route until Möckmühl. Instead of turning north here to reach the curvy roads of the dense Odenwald forest, you continue towards the Neckar river. In Sulzbach, you will join the other route again and follow the Neckar valley to the doorsteps of Heidelberg. This route will give you enough time to see the motorcycle museum in Neckarsulm or to do some extra sightseeing in Heidelberg.

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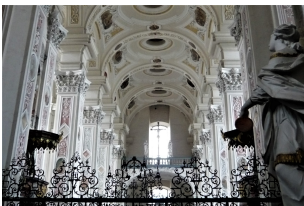
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Gas: in Heidelberg (WP Gas Heidelberg (Total)).

Extra activities: A little off the route, in Neckarsulm, the "German Two-Wheeler and NSU Museum" (WP) is well worth a visit (open every day from 10 am to 5 pm). Heidelberg is great to be explored on foot, also in the evening. If you want to try some absinthe, the town has the biggest shop in the world of the "green fairy" (Grüner Engel Absinthemonde).

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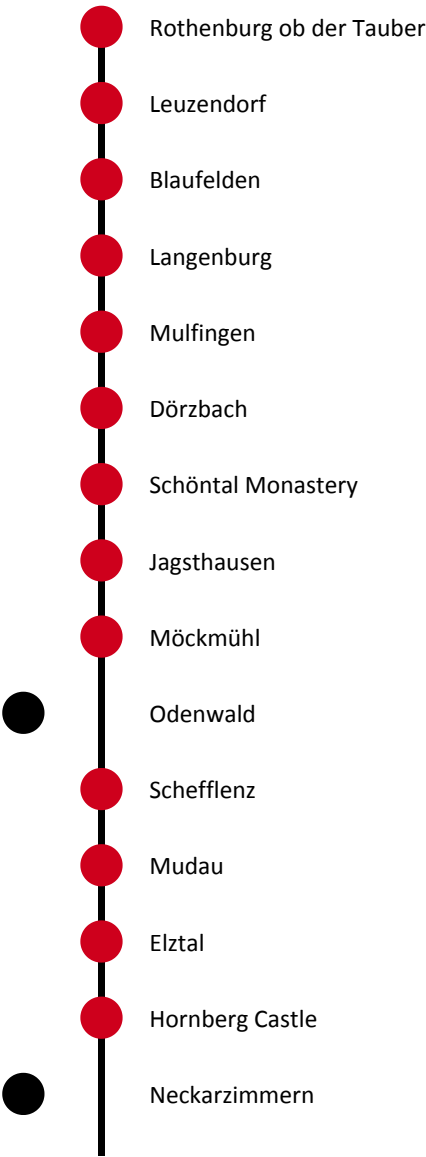
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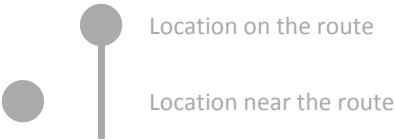
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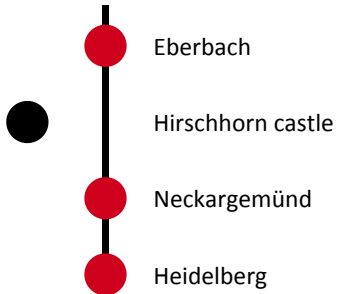
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RIDING DAY 3 : HEIDELBERG - OBERNAI

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Standard Route (326 km / 202 miles)

Today's route takes you south, first to the Black Forest in Germany and then across the Rhine, where you'll spend the night in the small, romantic town of Obernai in Alsace.

To avoid the traffic in Heidelberg, it's best to take the Autobahn first and get to the Black Forest fairly quickly. The well-built Schwarzwaldhochstraße impresses with its magnificent panoramas on both sides. After lunch, leave the main thoroughfares and head for small back roads that offer lots of riding fun. Off the beaten track you can discover the beautiful Black Forest at your leisure.

In the afternoon you will cross the Rhine plain and finally reach Obernai in France. Here you should definitely use the time for a stroll through the romantic old town.

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Highlights:

#1: SELF-GUIDED TIPS: Heidelberg - Obernai

Morning coffee: in Bad Herrenalb at Cafe Patisserie Schubert (WP Cafe Schubert).

Lunch: at lake Mummel in Berghotel Mummelsee (WP Rest Mummelsee, Schwarzwaldhochstraße 11, 77889 Seebach, +49 7842 99286) or later in Bad Peterstal in Restaurant Schützen (WP Rest Schützen Bad Peterstal, Renchtalstraße 21, 77740 Bad Peterstal-Griesbach, +49 7806 241).

Afternoon break: at the Black Forest village farm museum in Gutach (WP Vogtsbauernhof).

Photo stops: in Gernsbach at Castle Eberstein (WP View over Murgtal).

Gas: fill up twice, in Schiltach (WP Gas Schiltach (Avia)) and in Obernai (Gas Obernai (Total)).

Dinner: Obernai has plenty of great Alsace cuisine options, we can suggest La Taverne Obernoise (100 Rue du Général Gouraud, 67210 Obernai, +33 3 67 15 95 47) and Winstub Le Freiberg (46 Rue du Général Gouraud, 67210 Obernai, +33 3 88 95 53 77).

#2: Schwarzwaldhochstraße (Black Forest High Road)



The Black Forest is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Germany. Its name "Silva Nigra" was already given to it by the Romans, as the tree population was already very dense back then. It extends from the Hochrhein in the south to the Kraichgau in the north. The Feldberg with about 1.500 meters (4,920 ft) is the highest elevation. In order to facilitate access to the region and thus open it up for tourism, the construction of a highway was started in 1930. It was completed in 1952 and offers spectacular views over the Black Forest and the Rhine valley.

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#3: Schiltach



This is a beautiful example of a typical Black Forest town. Nestled in the deep valley hugging the river, half-timbered houses give an impression what life looked like hundreds of years ago. Once upon a time, local timber was rafted downstream as far as the Netherlands, cloth mills and tanneries provided textiles and leather for local industries. Take a stroll across the market square or simply enjoy a coffee next to the river.

#4: Obernai



On the main square you will find on this typical fountains from Renaissance times. More than 20 towers fortified the inner city wall. Obernai's new-gothic church St.Peter-and-Paus, built 1867-1872, is one of the biggest churches in the region. A lot of vineries offer typical white wine. The Café au lait taste perfect and the whole city radiates a peaceful atmosphere.

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Optional Route (232 km / 144 miles)

If you want to ride less and arrive in Alsace a little earlier, you can skip the afternoon loop through the Black Forest and ride directly to France. Until lunch, this route is identical to the longer one.

Obernai is an ancient and beautifully restored little town where you can spend hours just walking and marveling. The medieval city wall ring is still largely preserved and encloses a maze of narrow alleys with numerous nice restaurants and interesting stores. You can also really get your money's worth here in terms of culinary delights.

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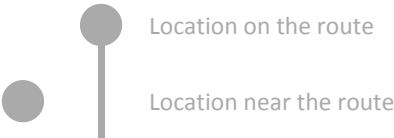
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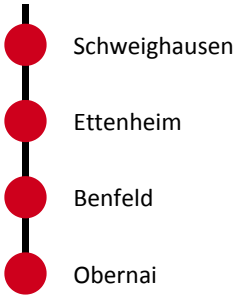
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RIDING DAY 4 : OBERNAI - FELDKIRCH

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Standard Route (369 km / 229 miles)

Today it's back to the Black Forest, the home of Black Forest cake! Similar to the day before yesterday, curvy roads are on the agenda again today, for example, the one up the Kandel.

If the weather is nice, you can enjoy the sun at Schluchsee and maybe even go for a quick dip in the water. For lunch, we recommend Germany's highest brewery in Rothaus. Not much later you will cross the border into Switzerland, where you can admire the impressive Rhine Falls in Schaffhausen.

After a leisurely ride through Switzerland, you will reach Lichtenstein, one of the smallest countries in Europe, in the afternoon. Only 10 minutes later you will leave it again. Then you will be in Austria, the fourth country for today. The destination is Feldkirch, a small town with a very nice historical center.

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Lunch: at the brewery Brauereigasthof Rothaus (WP Brewery Rothaus, Rothaus 2, 79865 Grafenhausen, +49 7748 5229600) or later in Schaffhausen at Munotblick restaurant (WP Munotblick, Zürcherstrasse 7, 8245 Feuerthalen, +41 52 503 81 40).

Afternoon break: "American Bikes" motorcycle dealer in Bütschwil (WP), Café Hörnli in Hemberg (WP), at the Schwägalp (WP), and before entering Liechtenstein (WP Viewpoint Liechtenstein).

Photo stops: at the locks on the river Rhine at the France-German border (WP Rhine Lock), along the Kandel mountain road (WP Kandel Mountain), and later on in Schaffhausen at the Rhine Falls (WP Schaffhausen Wasserfall).

Gas: fill up twice, once in Stühlingen (WP Aral Stühlingen) and again in Feldkirch (WP Gas Feldkirch (Bp)).

Dinner: There are numerous restaurants in Feldkirch. One of the most original ones is the Rössle Brewhouse (WP; Rösslepark 1, 0552276543, <http://www.roesslepark.at/>)

#2: Kandel



One of the highlights of the Black Forest is the Kandel mountain. If the skies are clear we can see all the way across the Rhine into France. If not, there is always the road to the top to make up for it.

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#3: Hexenlochmühle



It is not easy at all to discover this place on the map. The road to the Hexenlochmühle ("mill of the witch hole") is very narrow and blends beautifully into the landscape. Here you are guaranteed to find one of the best Black Forest cherry cakes in the whole country. The owner of the Hexenlochmühle personally crafts beautiful cuckoo clocks and will gladly help you with your choice.

#4: Rhine Falls



The Rhine Falls near Schaffhausen is the largest waterfall in Europe. On the way from Lake Constance to Basel, the High Rhine is repeatedly confronted with resistant bedrock, which narrows the river bed and which the river overcomes in rapids and a waterfall, the Rhine Falls. It is 23 meters high and 150 meters wide. On both sides, there are spectacular viewing platforms, some of which even extend

far into the river. On the north side the falls can be seen for free, in the south you have to pay - but you are really close to the falls!

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Optional Route (299 km / 186 miles)

If the "normal" route is too long for you, you can easily shorten it by taking the highway and save more than two hours of riding time. You skip the winding road over the Kandel and also the loop to Schwägalp, but you have more time for sightseeing. On the way are the Hilti Motorcycle Museum in Gossau and the highly interesting show dairy near Appenzell. Either way, this day will be a great experience.

Please note that you have to buy a vignette - which is valid for one year (unfortunately no shorter version in Switzerland). It costs 40 CHF (about 38,50 EUR) for motorcycles and cars.

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Highlights:

#1: SELF-GUIDED TIPS: Obernai - Warth (short)

Morning coffee: try some pastries in Endingen in Café Walter Seng (WP Café Walter Seng).

Lunch: at the brewery Brauereigasthof Rothaus (WP Brewery Rothaus, Rothaus 2, 79865 Grafenhausen, +49 7748 5229600) or later in Schaffhausen at Munotblick restaurant (WP Munotblick, Zürcherstrasse 7, 8245 Feuerthalen, +41 52 503 81 40).

Afternoon break: in the show dairy in Stein/Appenzell (WP Rest Appenzeller Schaukäserei) or in the historic old town of Appenzell.

Photo stops: at the locks on the river Rhine at the France-German border (WP Rhine Lock) and later on in Schaffhausen at the Rhine Falls (WP Schaffhausen Wasserfall).

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#2: Rothaus



The state-owned Rothaus (Redhouse) brewery is situated in the center of the Black Forest. Its location 1,000 meters or 3,300 ft above sea level makes it Germany's highest brewery. The attached restaurant serves Swabian food in generous portions while the shop next door has not only beer on offer, but also glasses, clothes and all kinds of paraphernalia with the Rothaus logo on it.

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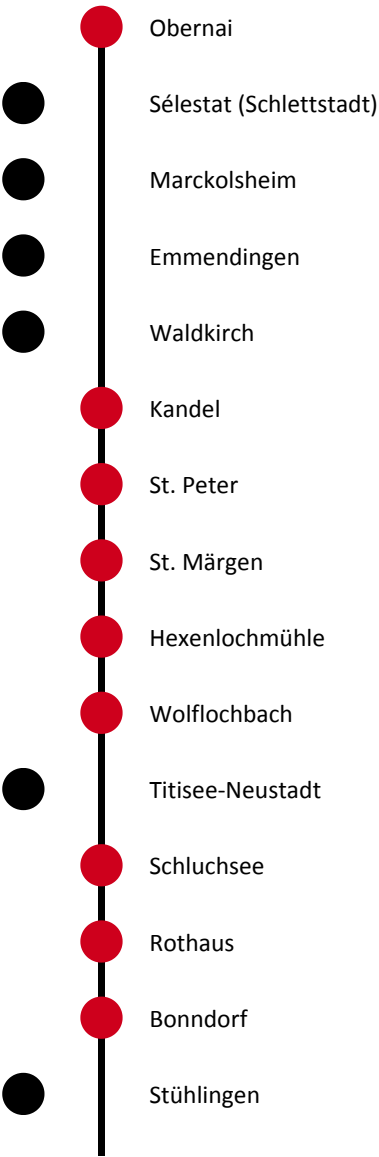
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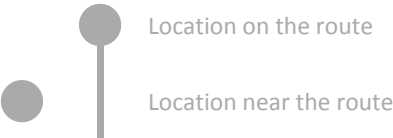
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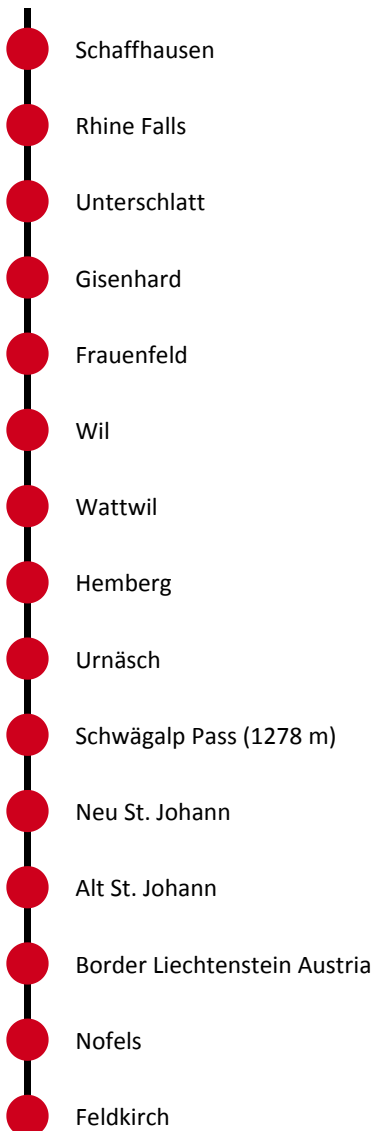
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RIDING DAY 5 : FELDKIRCH - MIEMING

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Standard Route (214 km / 133 miles)

On the last day of this tour, you'll really get into the Alps. First thing in the morning, the Furkajoch gets you in the mood for the mountains, a small pass that is accessed by a very narrow and very winding road. You then ride back down over the Faschinajoch, pass through the town of Bludenz, and then follow the road into Montafon. It leads you through a series of villages to a toll station. Here you'll have to put a little money on the table to be allowed to ride the famous Silvretta High Alpine Road. It is worth it, the curves and the views are magnificent. It's most beautiful at the top, where the view falls over the Silvretta reservoir to the snow-covered mountains. Absolutely marvelous!

In the afternoon, there is another highlight on the agenda. A small, steep road leads up to the Piller Höhe, where a breathtaking view awaits you: the Gache Blick. Enjoy it, drink another coffee in the nature park house and save the impressions, because Mieming is not far. There, at the Edelweiss garage, this fantastic tour ends!

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Highlights:

#1: SELF-GUIDED TIPS: Warth - Mieming (short)

Morning coffee: on Furkajoch pass or in the Sporthotel Domig just south of the Faschinajoch pass (WPs).

Lunch: at the Silvretta Reservoir (WP Foto Silvretta High Alpine Road)

Afternoon break: at the Gacher Blick (WP Rest Naturparkhaus Kaunergrat)

Photo stops: on the passes as well as along the Silvretta road as you climb up from the Montafon side

Fuel: in Silz (WP Gas Silz Eni).

Dinner: good restaurants in Mieming are those in the Hotel Neuwirt (Untermieming 20, 6414 Mieming, +43 5264 5203), Gasthof Post (Obermieming 153, 6414 Mieming, +43 5264 4013) or the "Greenvieh" in Obermieming (next to the golf course, Tel +4352645212561)

#2: Furkajoch (1737 m)



The road across the Furkajoch is only of local importance when it comes to commercial traffic. But it is very important for every serious motorcyclist! Twisty and narrow, yet well maintained it offers a lot of challenges to the rider – and breathtaking scenery in addition. Watch out for oncoming traffic in the one-lane sections!

#3: Silvretta High Alpine Road



14 miles long, one of the most beautiful alpine roads in the Austrian Alps, 32 switchbacks on the western ramp, a turquoise artificial lake on top, a place to sit in the sun, drink coffee and enjoy the views, what else could you ask for? It's a toll road, but this awesome ride is well worth the money.

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#4: Gacher Blick



Thousands of years ago, people were already coming to the Piller saddle and were captivated by the "sheer view" and the fascinating vista of the Upper Inn Valley. In those times, traveling across the Alps on those demanding paths was hard work, but for us motorcyclists today this road up to the Piller saddle means just great riding fun.

The word "gach" was generally used as a synonym for "sudden". Here, in the Tyrolean Uplands, it also is used to replace "fast" (meaning sudden), "sheer", or "steep". And here at this point, the cliff indeed shows a drop of approx. 800 m (2,600 ft.)

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Optional Route (223 km / 139 miles)

If the weather in the south is not good, then just ride north! After the Furkajoch you head towards Au, turn left there, and soon you cross the border into Bavaria. At the Riedbergpass, Germany's highest, it's nice to have lunch, then you'll head back to Austria via the Oberjochpass. The Gaichtpass is not very exciting, but the last pass of the tour, the Hahntennjoch, beckons with a downright spectacular stretch! From Imst it is then only a stone's throw to Mieming. Please do not forget to fill up the motorcycle before returning it at the Edelweiss garage!

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Highlights:

#1: SELF-GUIDED TIPS: Warth - Mieming

Morning coffee: At the kiosk on top of Furkajoch pass or at Café Mesnerstüble in Schwarzenberg

Lunch: on top of Riedbergpass (WP Berggasthütte Grasgehren) or on top of Gaichtpass. Sonthofen also features numerous restaurants.

Afternoon break: Just before Hahntennjoch pass (WP Gasthof Pfafflar).

Photo stops: On all passes

Gas: in Mieming (WP Gas Mieming Avanti - cards only) or in Affenhausen (WP Gas Mieming Diskont - mit cashier)

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#3: Hahntennjoch (1894m)



The Hahntennjoch, well known among motorcyclists, is still an important connecting road between the Upper Inn Valley and the neighboring Tyrolean Lech Valley. The winding and narrow road stretches over 29 kilometers with a gradient of almost 20% and can only be used from May to

October. It reaches its highest point at 1894 meters. Beware, there are often police checks here!

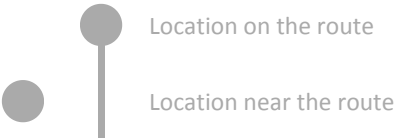
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