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Independent Walking
and Cycling Holidays



Fifteen Unspoilt Regions



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Other Walking and Cycling Holidays in Germany, Austria and Belgium

We also arrange walking holidays in the Palatinate, in the Thuringian Forest and in Upper Lusatia, and cycling holidays in the valley of the Inn.

For more information, please phone **01946 861652** or visit www.walking-in-germany.co.uk or www.cycling-in-germany.co.uk



Germany, Czech Republic, Austria & Belgium are:

- Romantic castles and half-timbered towns
- Forests and vineyards, beer and fresh food
- History and tradition
- Friendly local inns where the owner takes a real pride in their service, food and drink

Russell Hafter Holidays are:

- Holidays, not endurance tests
- A time to enjoy a glass of wine, a beer from the local brewery, or Kaffee and Kuchen - Coffee and cake
- Freedom to discover somewhere new at the pace you choose

- For those who just want to walk or cycle for a few afternoons a week
- For those who want to walk or cycle all day

Russell Hafter Holidays offer:

- Experience unrivalled by that of any other operator
- Value for money
- Total flexibility with your travel - you decide when and how you travel
- Genuinely personal service
- Complete financial security (see back cover for details)

Travelling on Business?

Our highly flexible approach to organising your holiday makes it easy to combine your business trip or conference with one of our holidays. And if you do not have time to take one of our complete packages, just ask about a shorter one.

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for advice



Walking



Germany, Austria, Belgium and the Czech Republic are wonderful countries for the walker. Rambling is a popular activity everywhere and you will often meet local people who stop and ask you how you like the walk. Germany invented the Long Distance Footpath; the Black Forest Westweg was opened 65 years before the Pennine Way in England.

Cycling



Cycling has become the way to discover and enjoy new landscapes. Attractive to young and old, a cycling trip is a wonderful experience for couples as well as for families. Germany has developed some of the finest cycling routes in the world, away from traffic, yet with excellent surfaces and well waymarked. In this brochure we offer the most interesting routes available.

Forests



Walking in the forest on a sunny day is a wonderful experience. The trees provide shade from the heat, but the dappled light breaking through the leaf canopy combines with the heady aroma of pine oil, wild raspberries and other fruits brought out by the warmth of the sun to create a marvellous feeling of wellbeing. European forests are quite different from the regimented plantations in Britain, they teem with life and colour, and birds, animals and butterflies are everywhere to be seen.

When should you go?

Each time of year has its own special attractions. In spring the country is quiet and many of the trees are in blossom. In summer the weather is at its most reliable; several degrees warmer than in Britain, particularly in the south. Long stable periods of sunny weather are usual, though you can expect highly dramatic thunderstorms in the evening. September is the most popular time for both walking and cycling as there is little risk of really high temperatures, while the weather is still quite settled. In October the leaves on the vines and on the forested hills turn yellow and red around you as you walk. Days are sunny, though nights can be crisp. Even in winter you can walk through snowy landscapes on well cleared paths.

Your luggage

On walking and cycling tours, where you travel from hotel to hotel, your luggage is always taken care of. All you need carry with you is a small pack for your map and notes, your camera, a snack and some sun cream.

Food and Drink



The cooking found in Germany today is now perhaps the best in Europe. Certainly there are now as many Michelin starred restaurants in Germany as in France. It may not always be haute cuisine, but it is tasty and wholesome. Apart from the Czech Republic, breakfasts are substantial and include cheese and cold meats, ideal before a days walk. Typical local dishes are frequently offered by our hotels.

Vegetarians Where half board is offered, we can usually arrange vegetarian food if requested in advance. The Hotel Kirschbaum in Morbach (page 4) has an excellent vegetarian menu. Otherwise we will advise hotels, but can take no responsibility for the menu available at the time.

In Germany, first class wines are produced in Franconia and on the Rhine and Mosel, while Bavaria and Franconia have some 800 breweries, many making highly distinctive beers. Austrian and Czech wines are good too, while Belgian and Czech beers are a special experience!

Accommodation



We categorize the accommodations as follows:

Pensions are very small, family-run establishments that only serve food to residents, often breakfast only, and only have a few rooms. There is normally no bar on the premises.

Inns approximate to high quality pubs in the UK. Their main business is providing food and drink to visitors and local people, but they also have rather more bedrooms than pensions.

Hotels are larger than inns. The bedrooms are larger and there is often a restaurant as well as a bar. There is often a lift too.



Superior hotels are large establishments that have a wide range of facilities such as a swimming pool or sauna, as well as large bedrooms and often more than one bar.

• **Please do not expect to find Tea and Coffee making facilities in hotels.**

Tailor-Made Holidays

Apart from the walking and cycling holidays in this brochure we arrange other holidays including visits to steam railways, christmas markets and self-drive motoring holidays. For more information, please ask or visit: www.russell-hafter-holidays.co.uk

Self Catering

Do you prefer the idea of a self-catering single centre holiday? These are available in most of Germany, Austria and Southern Belgium. Please ask for a copy of our self-catering leaflet, or visit: www.german-holiday-flats.co.uk

NEARBY GERMANY



Under the heading of Nearby Germany we include a group of walking areas that are easily reached within a day, travelling by train or car from most of the UK. These include the Eifel, the Hunsrück, the Rhine and the Mosel Valleys.

Hahn Airport, served by Ryanair from Stansted and Prestwick, is very conveniently situated for the Hunsrück and the Mosel.



THE HUNSRÜCK

The Hunsrück was once a major source of precious stones and still shows many traces of settlement by the Romans. The country is similar to the Black Forest, but is much quieter. Life is still very much centred in the unspoiled villages, as depicted in Heimat, shown some years ago on BBC2. The director grew up in Morbach.



Morbach



Morbach lies on the Ausonius Way in the centre of the superb hill country of the Western Hunsrück. There is a network of over 200 miles of footpaths through an ever-changing landscape of extensive forests and sleepy glens, where you will find romantic castle ruins and picturesque watermills. The Mosel Valley and the romantic wine town of Bernkastel are within easy reach.

Accommodation is at the 3-star Hotel Kirschbaum, which combines modern comfort and traditional values of courtesy and service. A special option is the *excellent vegetarian cuisine*.

This is a 6 night holiday. Contact us if you would like a longer or a shorter stay. The following are some suggested walks for this holiday

Walk 1. Bus to Gonzerath, then follow the Ausonius Way past Baldenau Castle back to Morbach (about 11 miles).

Walk 2. Walk up to the summit of the Erbeskopf, the highest peak west of the Rhine. Return through the fine forests lying to the south of Morbach (about 12 miles).

Walk 3. A circular walk past a rock outcrop to one of the characteristic Hunsrück watermills, then to Walholz Church and Hunolstein Castle. Back to Morbach along a river valley and through open country (about 10 miles).

Walk 4. Take the bus to Bernkastel, on the Mosel. Then either walk across the Mosel Heights to Traben-Trarbach, or take a river trip, or simply walk through the narrow streets and alleys of this enchanting town.

Tour Details: 6 nights bed and breakfast in a hotel, in rooms with shower/WC. Dinner if ordered. Transfers. Cycle hire extra.

Dates: Available throughout the year

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels / Luxemburg	£372
MOR	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£310
	From Hahn Airport	£238
	Half Board	£ 53
	Single Supplement	£ 80
	Extra night (Double Room)	£ 28

The Ausonius Way



Ausonius was a Roman poet who lived on the Mosel; his best known work is a song in praise of the river. Neumagen-Dhron was the summer residence of Emperor Constantine. This seven day walk through the western Hunsrück takes you along Roman roads and past remains of Roman settlements, temples and villas. Elsewhere there are romantic glens leading up from the Mosel, virgin woodland, old watermills, ruined castles and fine views. Daily ascent and descent ranges from 750 to 1900 feet.

Day 1. Arrive in Trier or Wittlich. Transfer to Gräfendhron or start at Morbach.

Day 2. Two 2100' summits lie between the start and the village of Gonzerath on the Hunsrück heights (11 miles).

Day 3. Walk past watermills and Baldenau Castle to Morbach (11 miles).

Day 4. After the summit of the Erbeskopf (2700') with its fine views in all directions, walk downhill to Deuselbach (12 miles).

Day 5. Walk through the romantic Singing Valley to Geisfeld (16 miles).

Day 6. Follow a valley up to virgin forest with fine views over the Mosel. Walk down to Bescheid (12 miles).

Day 7. Through a forested valley to the Five Lakes View, then along the Mosel Heights Way to Neumagen-Dhron (11 miles).

Day 8. A walk through valleys and over hills. Walk up to the Wacken, then down the Golden Valley to Gräfendhron (14 miles).

Tour Details: 8 nights Bed and Breakfast in hotels, pensions or inns, in rooms with shower/WC. Baggage transfer. Extra nights may be taken at any point.

Dates: Available throughout the year.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels / Luxemburg	£429
AUS	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£366
	From Hahn Airport	£294
	Single Supplement	£ 81
	Extra Night (Double Room)	£ 28



THE MOSEL VALLEY

The Mosel valley, flowing between the Eifel and Hunsrück massifs, forms a striking contrast to that of the Rhine. The deep open curves covered with striking wine slopes rise to superb wooded and rocky landscapes. Vines have grown on the Mosel since Roman times. Paths take you through and above the vineyards with fabulous views across the valley.



Enkirch



Enkirch, widely known for its fine half-timbered houses, is on the right bank of the Mosel roughly half way between Bernkastel and Cochem.

The 3-star Hotel Dampfmühle lies about half a mile from the river in a side valley. Surrounded by vineyards and forest, it is a family run hotel with a heated outdoor pool and a fine terrace.

This is a 6 night holiday. Contact us if you would like a longer or a shorter stay. The following are some suggested walks:

Walk 1. Follow the Mosel Heights Trail south to Traben-Trarbach. Cross the river and return to Enkirch via the Mount Royal vineyards and the foot ferry (about 7 miles).

Walk 2. Follow the Mosel Heights Trail north to Zell. Cross the river and walk through vineyards to the ferry and back to Enkirch (about 12 miles).

Walk 3. Follow the river to Burg, then return through the vineyards with views from above the river (about 7 miles).

Tour Details: 6 nights bed and breakfast in a hotel, in rooms with shower/WC. Dinner if ordered. Transfers. Cycle hire extra.

Dates: Available from February to New Year.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels / Luxemburg	£406
MSL	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£309
	From Cologne Airport	£239
	Half Board	£ 70
	Single Supplement	£ 42
	Extra Night (Double Room)	£ 25

Cycling the Mosel Valley

This tour follows the Mosel from the Roman City of Trier to the end of the river in Koblenz on the Rhein.

Day 1. Arrive in the Roman city of Trier.

Day 2. Cycle through pretty villages with names familiar from wine labels. As the valley narrows, you end at Neumagen-Dhron, the oldest wine growing village on the river (about 28 miles).

Day 3. Cycle through some of the best known wine towns in the world, including Piesport and Berncastel. Finish at Enkirch, famous for its half timbered buildings (about 29 miles).

Day 4. This stage is the most dramatic. The river makes sweeping curves at Zell and Bremm, while the heights above the valley are crowned with castles. The day ends in Cochem (about 30 miles).

Day 5. From Cochem ride to Treis-Karden, then to Moselkern. A side trip from here to Eltz Castle is recommended. Then to medieval Kobern-Gondorf before passing other dramatic castles to end the tour in Koblenz (about 30 miles).

Tour Details: 5 nights bed and breakfast in inns, in rooms with shower/WC. One dinner with a typical Mosel Valley menu (Vegetarian alternative available if notified at time of booking). Cycle hire. Saddle bags and panniers are not provided. Transfers from Hahn airport are not included. Baggage transfer. Additional nights may be taken in Trier. The minimum size for bookings will be 2 persons.



Dates: Available starting any Sunday or Monday from early April to early November, apart from 1 May or 4 June.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels / Luxembourg	£452
RTK	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£369
	From Cologne Airport	£322
	Single Supplement	£ 43
	Rebate for using own cycles	£ 23
	Extra night (Double Room)	£ ask
	Baggage Transfer (2 to 4 people)	£ 94

It may be possible to start on other days of the week, please ask.

THE EIFEL

The Eifel is a country of crater lakes, basalt crests, tufa deposits and hot springs resulting from the area's volcanic origin. Many summits are crowned with a romantic castle ruin.

Gerolstein



Gerolstein is in the central Volcanic Eifel. A dense network of footpaths opens up a countryside of Romano-Celtic remains, caves, crater lakes and mineral springs, fine forests and hills. Good transport connections to Trier and the Mosel Valley.

The Hotel Tannenfels, a family run hotel on the edge of town, has been welcoming our guests in the Eifel for many years. Many rooms have balconies and there is a small gym available.

This is a 6 night holiday. Contact us if you would like a longer or a shorter stay. The following are some suggested walks:



Walk 1. Walk via a Romano-Celtic site, a Castle, a Wildlife Park and the Sitzenbach Valley to Daun. Return by bus (about 12 miles).

Walk 2. Walk up to Dietzenlay Iron Age ramparts which give fine views over the Volcanic Eifel. Descend past a number of old wayside crosses (about 6 miles).

Walk 3. Follow Eifel Long Distance Path 4 through Birresborn and Mürtenbach to Densborn. The way leads through fine forest and past the River Kyll. Return by train from any of the above points (up to 14 miles).

Walk 4. Walk up to the Rother Hecke viewpoint, then up to the top of the Rother Kopf. On the side of the hill are two caves that were inhabited during the stone age, and more recently used for ice storage (about 9 miles).

Tour Details: 6 nights bed and breakfast in a hotel, in rooms with shower/WC. Dinner if ordered.

Dates: Available throughout the year.

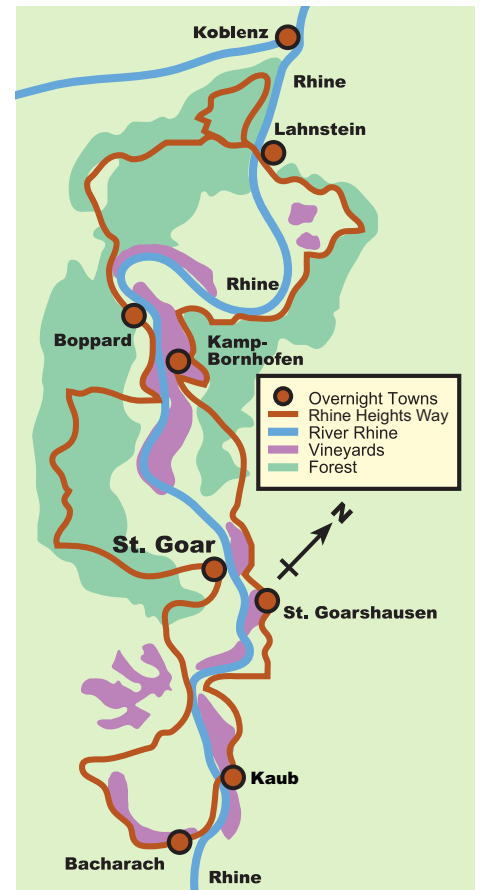
Tour Code	Rail via Brussels / Cologne	£364
GER	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£268
	From Cologne or Düsseldorf Airport	£227
	Half Board	£ 56
	Single Supplement	£ 28
	Extra Night (Double Room)	£ 24

The route was well researched and we were impressed that you managed to get us into good accommodation at short notice. You have a really good feel for the place and people, and that comes through in the arrangements made.

Nick French, West Wickham, cycling along the Mosel.

THE RHINE

The Upper Middle Rhine is a UNESCO World Heritage Region. Once the province of robber barons, their former fortresses are now the romantic ruins that give the river much of its character. The river is the setting for the Nibelungenlied, the national epic that was the inspiration for Richard Wagner's Ring Cycle. In the centre is the rock of the Loreley, the nymph who sought to attract passing ships onto the rocks below. The hills of the western bank form the edge of the Hunsrück.



In the centre of the Upper Middle Rhine lies St. Goar, dominated by the massive ruins of Rheinfels Castle, the largest castle on the Middle Rhine. The Rhine Heights Way passes the castle and a visit is strongly recommended. St. Goar himself is the local vintner's patron.

The Hotel Landsknecht is a family run 3* hotel, officially accredited as a walker's hotel, and set on the bank of the river a mile to the north of St. Goar. It is the only hotel on this part of the river to have a terrace directly on the river. From the hotel there are fine views of Maus Castle and the vineyards on the opposite bank.

The Lorenz family not only run a fine, friendly hotel, but also make fine wines in Boppard.

You can enjoy these wines in the restaurant, or taste and buy in the Vinothek. The hotel also has two self-catering apartments, if you prefer this type of accommodation.

This is a six night holiday. Contact us if you want a longer or a shorter stay. Some suggested walks for this holiday follow.

Walk 1. Follow the final stage of our Rhine Heights Way Holiday, either as far as Oberwesel (about 6 miles), or all the way to Bacharach (about 13 miles). Return by ship or train.

Walk 2. Take the ship to Bad Salzig and follow the Rhine Castles Trail to St. Goar (about 8 miles).

Walk 3. Climb from the hotel up the slope above the river to a couple of superb viewpoints, then return via forest (about 4 miles).

Walk 4. Take the ferry to St. Goarshausen, follow the path up to Katz Castle, then take the Rhine Heights Way to Maus Castle. Return to St. Goarshausen via Nochern (about 7 miles).

Tour Details: 6 nights bed and breakfast in a hotel, in rooms with shower/WC. Dinner if ordered.

Dates: Available throughout the year.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels / Cologne	£412
OMR	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£316
	From Frankfurt Airport	£229
	Half Board	£107
	Single Supplement	£ 98
	Extra Night (Double Room)	£ 27

The Rhine Heights Way



This seven night tour is a high level route above the Rhine from Kaub to Lahnstein high above the east bank, then returning to Bacharach along the Rhine Heights Way above the west bank.

The paths are high above the river, so most days start with a fairly steep climb.

Day 1. Arrive in Bacharach (west bank).

Day 2. Cross the river to Kaub, climb to Gutenfels castle. Through vineyards to the Loreley and past Katz Castle to St. Goarshausen (15 miles).

Day 3. Walk past riverside vineyards along the river to Maus (Mouse) Castle, then inland to Kamp-Bornhofen (13 miles).

Day 4. Walk across country to Castle Liebeneck. Cross several side valleys of the Rhine to Marksburg Castle. Along the river to Lahnstein (12 miles)

Day 5. Cross the river, climb to a Roman Temple, then to a superb view over the river before descending to Boppard (14 miles).

Day 6. A climb, offering fine views over the river, then through vineyards and up to the heights. Down a wooded valley to St. Goar and Rheinfels Castle (15 miles)

Day 7. Walk up to the forest above town, over the Spitzenstein, then down to the river at Oberwesel. Follow a stream to Perscheid, then descend to Bacharach (13 miles).

Tour Details: 7 nights bed and breakfast in inns and hotels, in rooms with shower/WC. Baggage transfer. Ferries across the Rhine on Day 2 & Day 5 are not included.

Dates: Available throughout the year, apart from 10 September to 10 October.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels / Cologne	£519
RHW	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£424
	From Cologne or Frankfurt Airport	£377
	Single Supplement	£ 55
	Extra night (Double Room)	£ 33

UPPER BAVARIA AND THE ALLGÄU



Upper Bavaria is one of the most beautiful areas in Europe. From Füssen in the west to Berchtesgaden in the east, there are charming towns and villages full of geranium covered houses protecting onion dome topped churches. To the south the alps dominate the view, while to the north there are gentle rolling hills and some of the most scenic lake country you will find anywhere.

This is the first time that we have used Russell Hafter Holidays, but it certainly will not be the last. We hope to return to Füssen in the future and also try other area.

Ann Landers, Derby, at Füssen in Bavaria.

The King Ludwig Way



One of the two best known of all German Footpaths (the other being the Rennsteig in Thuringia), the King Ludwig Way has been featured on the Travel Show on BBC2. The route is mainly easy going, along farm roads and tracks, through magnificent natural woodland and two impressive gorges, over gentle hills and through attractive villages. We offer two alternative packages.

Day 1. Arrive in Starnberg or Diessen.

Day 2. From Diessen transfer to Starnberg. Through forest, past a lake, then across meadows to Andechs Monastery. Down a thickly wooded gorge to the Ammersee. Ship to Diessen (13 miles).

Day 3. Cross a nature reserve and dense forests to the monastery at Wessobrunn. On to the Hoher Peissenberg, (3261ft) and continue to Peiting (15 miles).

Day 4. Through deep forest and the stunning gorge of the Ammerschlucht to Rottenbuch (10 miles).

Then across meadows offering fine views of the Alps to the Wies Church (15 miles from Peiting).

Day 5. Cross a nature reserve, pass a Celtic settlement, and through meadows with more magnificent views of the Alps to Trauchgau or Buching.

Alternatively to Steingaden (11 miles from Rottenbuch) and the River Lech before rejoining the direct route at Trauchgau (11 miles from the Wies Church).

Day 6. Walk past a lake, then up the huge chasm of the Pöllatschlucht to Neuschwanstein Castle. Finally through woodland along the Austrian border, high above the Schwansee lake to Füssen (13 miles).

Another excellent holiday, full of interest and diversity. Hotel staff were pleasant and helpful.

Colin Moss, Loughborough, in the Berchtesgaden National Park in Bavaria



Walks including Baggage Transfer

There will usually be other walkers on the route at the same time as you, but there is no leader and no pressure to walk with others. You are completely free to walk at your own pace, stopping when you want, though you do need to meet the times for the transfers detailed below.

Tour Details: 6 nights Bed & Breakfast, in inns and hotels in Diessen (2 nights), Peiting, Buching (2 nights) & Füssen, in rooms with shower/WC. Bus transfers Diessen-Starnberg, Wies-Buching & Buching-Wies. Baggage transfer limited to two pieces per person. Self-drive prices include minibus transfer back to the beginning of the walk.

Dates: When two or more people book, at any time from the end of April to early October. Those booking on their own must check with us for available dates.

There is a discount of **£20 per person** if you book for the following dates:

7 May	28 May	25 June	16 July
20 Aug	8 Oct		
Tour Code	Rail via Brussels / Cologne	£569	
KLW/FVV	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£423	
	From Munich Airport	£376	
	Single Supplement	£ 80	



Fully Flexible Independent Walking

You choose the dates for your holiday. Baggage transfer is charged as a single fixed sum for up to 6 people booking together. The prices below are for an 8 night holiday, but you can alter the arrangement as you want, adding extra nights or intermediate stops, or removing stops as you wish.

Tour Details: 8 nights Bed & Breakfast, in inns and hotels in Starnberg, Diessen, Peiting, Rottenbuch, Steingaden, Trauchgau & Füssen (2 nights), in rooms with shower/WC. "To Munich Airport price" includes return travel Füssen-Munich airport only. We are not able to provide tickets from Munich Airport to Starnberg.

Dates: Available End April to Early October.

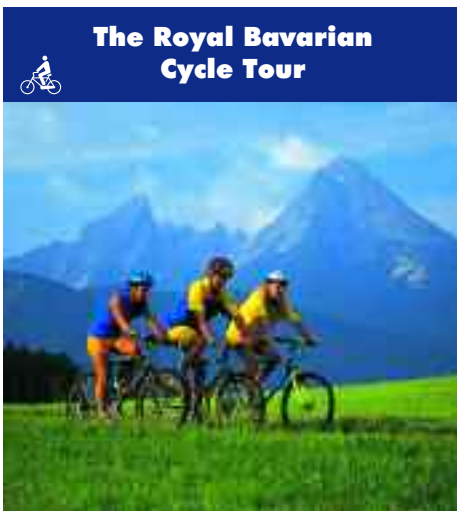
Tour Code	Rail via Brussels / Cologne	£639
KLW/RHH	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£491
	To Munich Airport	£437
	Single Supplement	£ 99
	Extra night (Double Room)	£ ask
	Baggage transfer (per booking)	£140

Other Holidays in Upper Bavaria

We offer a number of other walking and cycling tours in this area - *The Priest's Way, The Lech Heights Trail, The Ammersee Figure 8 Tour* - as well as single centre tours in *Oberstdorf, Oberammergau and Garmisch*.

Please ask for details, or visit www.walking-in-germany.co.uk/upper.htm for walking tours and www.cycling-in-germany.co.uk for cycling tours.

The Royal Bavarian Cycle Tour



This cycle tour covers much of the same ground as the King Ludwig Way, though leaving out any hill climbing!

Day 1. Arrive in medieval Landsberg.

Day 2. Cycle via Kaltenberg Castle and St. Ottilien monastery to Stegen and then to Wörthsee (about 27 miles).

Day 3. Today you tour the land of the five lakes; first to Pilsensee, then to Andechs monastery - as well known for its brewery as for its architecture. Then via Pähl to the southern edge of the Ammersee lake, a wildlife reserve. Continue through Diessen to Raisting (between 16 & 35 miles).

Day 4. First to Wessobrunn and its monastery, then through forest to Peissenberg. Finally along the River Ammer to Peiting (about 29 miles).

Day 5. Cycle through the beautiful countryside of the Pfaffenwinkel to Steingaden, where there is an impressive church, then to the world famous Wies Church, probably the finest of all Bavaria's rococo masterpieces. Finally to Füssen at the foot of the alps (about 28 miles).

Day 6. Leave Füssen along the shore of the Forgensee lake. Continue to a viewpoint (fine view of the alps) and to the north of the lake. Then follow a former railway route via Lechbruck to the attractive town of Schongau (about 27 miles).

Day 7. The final day takes you back to Altenstadt which you passed through yesterday. Continue along the former rail route to Welden in time for lunch at a famous trout farm. Finally back to Landsberg (about 27 miles).

Tour Details: 7 nights bed and breakfast in hotels and inns, in rooms with shower/WC. The minimum size for bookings is two persons. Extra nights may be taken at the beginning or the end. Cycle hire. Baggage transfer.

Dates: Available from May to October.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels / Cologne	£667
KBR	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£522
	From Munich Airport	£475
	Single supplement	£ 80
	Rebate for using own cycles	£ 29



At the Foot of the Alps - Füssen



Füssen has something for everyone. The River Lech cascades down from the heights through this small town at the foot of the Alps. There is a castle, an abbey and a fine museum; the Royal Castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau are nearby. Oberammergau and King Ludwig's hunting lodge at Linderhof are only a short bus ride away. This is as well as walking on the King Ludwig Way and the Lech Heights Trail.

The Hotel zum Hechten is a typical Bavarian family inn in the heart of the old town where the Pfeiffer family will make you feel very much at home.

Tour details: 6 nights Bed & Breakfast in a hotel, in rooms with shower/WC. Dinner if ordered. Cycle hire extra.

Dates: Available throughout the year.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels / Cologne	£477
FUS	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£332
	From Munich Airport	£285
	Half Board Supplement	£ 64
	Single Supplement	£ 46
	Extra night (Double Room)	£ 34



Berchtesgaden National Park



Berchtesgaden may be one of the most popular of all alpine resorts, but it deserves its popularity. Surrounded by nine alpine peaks, including the Watzmann, the second highest in Germany, much of the area to the south is conserved as the largest National Park in Germany, where you can explore an almost completely untouched mountain landscape along 120 miles of footpaths.

The Königssee, some 3 miles south of Berchtesgaden itself, is considered by many to be the most beautiful of all alpine lakes.

You will stay at the pleasant Hotel Bärenstüberl, about half way between Berchtesgaden itself and the lake and at the foot of the Grünstein massif. The hotel has a swimming pool, sauna, solarium, fitness room and sun terrace as well as a good wine cellar and well kept beers.

If required, hang-gliding and white-water rafting can be arranged here.

The following are some suggested walks.

Day 1. Cable car to the top of the Jenner - 5700ft. There is a choice of routes back to the bottom, often steep, but not exposed and offering wonderful views.

Day 2. Boat along the lake to St. Bartholomä. For a gentle stroll explore the valley up to St. Peter & St. Paul; for a full days walk follow the shore, then through the mountains to the Fundsee.

Day 3. Walk into Berchtesgaden along the dense path network through alpine meadows.

Day 4. Boat to Salet. Walk to the isolated Obersee, along the shore and up the valley to Fischunkel Alm.

Tour Details: 7 nights bed and breakfast in a hotel, in rooms with shower/WC. Dinner on 6 nights. Transfer to Hotel from Rail Station and cycle hire not included.

Dates: Available throughout the year.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels / Cologne	£627
BGD	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£481
	From Munich Airport	£449
	6 nights Half Board	£ incl
	Single Supplement	£ 62
	Extra night (Double Room)	£ 49

The walking was wonderful; we had a marvellous holiday and we are looking forward to the next.

Val Smith, London, on the Wasgau Trail

THE BLACK FOREST



Within the UK, the Black Forest is the best known of all the walking areas in Germany. Over the centuries, the forest has been partly cleared, providing a dramatic contrast between woodland and open country. The hills are cut by deep valleys and there are long ranging views from summits. Everywhere there is superb walking.

The freshness of the woods and streams, the Black Forest houses snuggling under their massive roofs, the quiet valleys, the traditional crafts of glass making, wood carving and clock building all contribute to the popularity of the area. Combine a gastronomic tradition that draws on nearby France and Switzerland and you can see just why the Black Forest is for many the ideal holiday area.



Schluchsee



The southern Black Forest includes the highest summits and most of the lakes. The towns may be busy during the day, but are peaceful in the evening. The small spa town of Schluchsee is your base for a southern Black Forest Holiday. Set on the shores of the largest lake in the Black Forest, some 3100' above sea level, the town is sheltered by the high ridges of the Feldberg

massif to the north, but is open to the warmth of the south. This ideal situation creates a most agreeable climate and a well deserved reputation for sunshine. There are miles of footpaths, ranging from gentle walks around the lake and in the gentle hills to the east, to more demanding routes climbing the heights of the Feldberg to the north and west. Even in winter over 35 miles of paths are kept clear so that you can enjoy walking in the clear winter air.

Should you want a change from walking at any time there is a heated open air swimming pool on the lake as well as other water sports. The hotel hires bicycles too. Some evenings there are concerts in the Kurhaus.

The Hotel Schiff is in the pedestrianised centre of town, just a couple of hundred yards from the lake. Dating back to 1562, it is one of the oldest buildings in town. Fully modernised, most bedrooms have a view of either the lake or the town square. The dining rooms and bars are decorated in typical Black Forest style. Lift to all floors.

This is a 6 night single centre holiday. If you want a shorter or longer stay, we will arrange it.

The following are some suggested walks. On other days spend a day in Freiburg, or take a day trip on the lake.

Walk 1. Enjoy a relaxing walk round all or part of the lake (11 miles).

Walk 2. Along the lake shore. Climb to open rocks (fine view), past an inn to a chapel. Descend through forest to a striking forest tarn, and back to the lake (9 miles).

Walk 3. After a short train journey, climb to the foot of the Feldberg, then walk some of the nature trails on the highest mountain in the Black Forest (9 miles).

Walk 4. Bus to Lenzkirch. A steep climb through forest to a chapel, then through open country down to the lake (7 miles).

Tour Details: 6 nights bed and breakfast in a hotel, in rooms with shower/WC. Dinner if ordered. Free use of hotel swimming pool and sauna. Cycle hire extra.

Dates: Available throughout the year.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels / Cologne	£423
SEE	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£299
	From Frankfurt Airport	£270
	Half Board Supplement	£ 91
	Single Supplement	£ 33
	Extra night (Double Room)	£ 30

The family were very friendly and most helpful. One member would come and see us every evening with a suggestion for the next days walk, marking it out on the map and noting refreshment stops. He was a credit to the hotel.

Glad Deamer, at Füssen in Bavaria

A walk around the Feldberg



This walk includes the Feldberg, the highest peak in the Black Forest, and the Belchen, the summit offering the finest views, as well as romantic valleys before ending on the shores of the Titisee, the finest natural lake in the Black Forest.

Day 1. Arrive in Hinterzarten.

Day 2. Climb gently through forest to the Feldsee lake, ending high on the shoulder of the Feldberg (9 miles).

Day 3. Climb to the summit of the Feldberg, follow the Westweg to a nature reserve and to Notschrei (8 miles). You can walk on to the Schausnland viewpoint if you have time.

Day 4. Head west to a valley noted for its capercaillie and through forest. Climb the Belchen before descending to Wieden (11 miles).

Day 5. Across meadows and through forests to the Todtnau Waterfall, one of the most dramatic in the country, before continuing to Todtnau (14 miles).

Day 6. Walk to a waterfall, then climb up to the Hof-Eck Pass. Follow the Westweg south to the summit of Hochkopf before descending to Todtmoos-Strick (11 miles).

Day 7. First to a gorge, then over a pass. Follow the Old Monk's Road down to St. Blasien (cathedral) before continuing to Höchenschwand (14 miles).

Day 8. Almost entirely through magnificent forests, passing the Schwarzabruck lake on the way to Rothaus (9 miles).

Day 9. Enjoy views of the Schluchsee lake and the Feldberg before dropping down to Lenzkirch. Climb to the top of the Hochfirst before descending to Titisee (13 miles).

Tour Details: Two packages are available, of 9 and 5 nights Bed & Breakfast, usually in superior hotels, in rooms with bath/WC. Many hotels have a swimming pool available. Baggage transfer limited to 20 kg. Extra nights may be taken at any point. We book these, you pay locally.

Two different tours are available

9 nights: Full tour described above...**Tour RUF/9**

5 nights: Hinterzarten to Todtnau.....**Tour RUF/5**

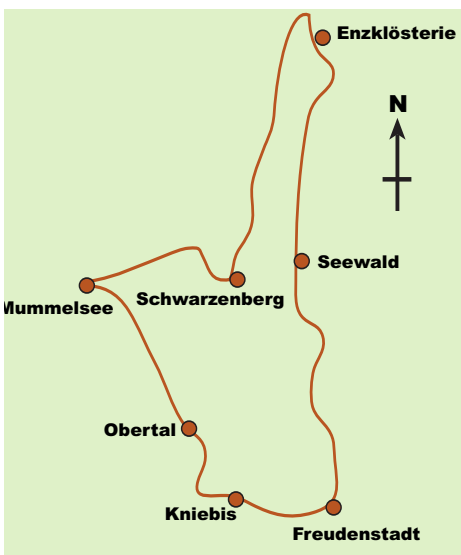
Dates: Available May to October only.		
Tour Code	Brussels / Cologne	£653
RUF/9	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£527
	From Frankfurt Airport	£499
RUF/5	Deduct from RUF/9 prices	-£154
	Single Supplement (per night)	£ 12

The Red Deer Trail 



The walking was great as was the food. The local people we came into contact with were very friendly and very helpful.

Roland Bolton, London, on the Red Deer Trail.



If you have not visited the Northern Black Forest for sometime, you will find that it repays a repeat visit. The landscape has opened up and the views have become more wide reaching. This walking tour to the north of Freudenstadt, leads you through the nature reserves and woodlands of the Northern Black Forest. The route includes both the largest area of upland moorland in the whole of Germany and the Mummelsee Lake, the highest and largest lake in the area, dating from the ice age.

The hotels on this tour are definitely Superior Hotels: mostly 4*, and all have their own swimming pool, apart from that at Mummelsee at the end of Day 5. All offer high quality Swabian and Baden cuisine. This part of Germany is famed far and wide for three restaurants that hold Michelin stars; one is in the Hotel Sackmann where you stay on day 4.



Day 1. Arrive in Freudenstadt.

Day 2. Leave Freudenstadt, heading north through fir forest along a forest nature trail. Continue along the Mittelweg with its magnificent view over the valley of the River Murg to Seewald (about 13 miles).

Day 3. Continue past gentle meadowland with fine views. Then a stretch of ancient forest and down to the Kaltenbach Lake. Follow the valley down to Gompelscheuer and through meadows along the bank of the River Grosse Enz. Continue to Enzklösterle (about 11 miles).

Day 4. Leave via the Mittelweg and walk past the Hohlohsee wetlands nature reserve; take the Westweg over the Toter Mann (3002 feet) and across the Schramberg plateau. Finally to Schwarzenberg (about 11 miles).



Day 5. First through watermeadows to Schön Münzsch, then along the valley to Hinterlangenbach, then past a game reserve to Seibelseckle and finally along a short stretch of the Westweg to the Mummelsee lake (about 10 miles).

Day 6. Return to Seibelseckle, then south over the Steigerskopf and the Saukopf with a fine view over Wildsee lake. On to the Ruhestein, then down into Obertal (about 10 miles).

Day 7. Climb up to the Buhlbachsee lake, then over the top of the Black Forest ridge to Zuflucht. Follow the Westweg to Alexanderschanze and through forest to Kniebis (about 10 miles).

Day 8. The tour finishes with a relaxing walk through mixed forest and over moorland to Freudenstadt (about 9 miles).

Tour Details: Packages of 8 and 4 nights Bed & Breakfast are available, mainly in 4* hotels, in rooms with shower or bath and WC. All hotels (except at the end of day 5) have swimming pools. Baggage transfer. Extra nights may be taken at any point.

Two different tours are available:

8 nights: Full tour described above...**Tour AFR/1**

4 nights: Freudenstadt to Schwarzenberg, transfer to Freudenstadt. **Tour AFR/2**

Dates: Available from April to October.		
Tour Code	Rail via Brussels / Cologne	£675
AFR/1	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£549
	From Frankfurt Airport	£522
AFR/2	Deduct from AFR/1 prices	£130
	Single Supplement (either tour)	£ 45
	Extra night (Double Room)	£ ask

Other Holidays in the Black Forest

We can offer you a number of other walking tours and single centre holidays throughout the Black Forest, including the Ortenauer Wine Trail, a linear path through the vineyards in the north west corner of the Black Forest.

Please ask for more details or visit: www.walking-in-germany.co.uk/forest.htm

The Heart of the Southern Black Forest - Hinterzarten



Hinterzarten has a unique situation at the foot of the Feldberg. Here the magic of the Black Forest truly lives on - the whole community is a protected landscape area, while the approach through the dramatic Höllental (*Hell's Valley*) is truly a journey to remember!

Many times awarded the title "Most beautiful town in Baden-Württemberg", the range of walks and other holiday activities is unsurpassed.

The town organises both full and half day walks with a German leader throughout the year. You are welcome to join these if you want.

The Hotel Imbery is a 3* hotel and popular cafe in the centre of the village. With large, light and spacious rooms, it has been welcoming our guests on the Walk Around the Feldberg for many years.

This is a 6 night single centre holiday. If you want a shorter or longer stay, we will arrange it. The following are some suggested walks.

Walk 1. The dense footpath network on the slopes of the Feldberg allows walkers of all abilities to enjoy walking with panoramic views. Day 1 of the Walk Around the Feldberg on the previous page is just one option.

Walk 2. Follow the Black Forest homeland trail to the Ravenna Gorge, returning through the Löffel Valley (about 11 miles).

Walk 3. Walk or train to Titisee. From there follow the path around the shores of one of the most beautiful lakes in Germany (about 7 miles).

Tour Details: 6 nights bed and breakfast in a hotel, in rooms with bath or shower/WC. Dinner if ordered. Cycle hire extra.

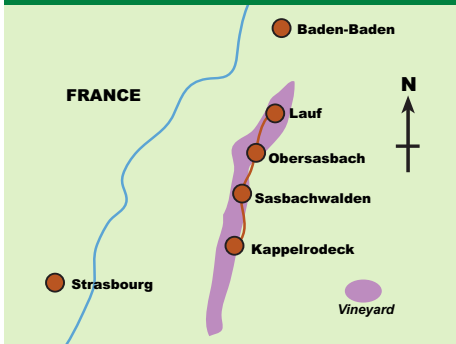
Dates: Available throughout the year.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels / Cologne	£469
HIN	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£344
	From Frankfurt Airport	£317
	Half Board Supplement	£ 75
	Single Supplement	£ 19
	Extra night (Double Room)	£ 37

We could not be more pleased with your overall arrangements for the entire holiday. We can only hope that an opportunity will arise for us to use your services again.

*Brian Dearden-Briggs, Mirfield,
Tailor made holidays in the Ahr Valley.*

The Baden Red Wine Tour



This is a holiday in an area renowned for good food and fine wines, romantic watermills and beautiful flowers. Sasbachwalden (day 4) has been awarded a gold medal in the "Most Beautiful Village in Germany" competition.

This walk leads through gentle wine-slopes and romantic woodland on the western edge of the northern Black Forest and offers fine views over the Rhine Valley. On arrival in each wine growing village your host greets you with the local red wine. Here walkers of all abilities will find true relaxation from the stresses of modern life.

Day 1. Arrive in Baden-Baden, transfer to Lauf.

Day 2. A circular walk, including the well named Panorama Way, offering magnificent views over the surrounding area (7 miles).

Day 3. Follow the river valley, then uphill to a superb viewpoint before descending to Obersasbach (8 miles).

Day 4. Past a lake, through woodland and vineyards to Sasbachwalden (9 miles).

Day 5. Either follow the Ortenauer Wine Trail (4 miles), or take a longer route that leads higher up over the valley into Kappelrodeck and Waldulm (6 miles).

Day 6. Follow the Geological Nature Trail, a circular walk past fascinating rock outcrops set in superb forest (5 miles).

Tour Details: 6 nights Bed & Breakfast in inns, in rooms with private shower/WC. 4 glasses of local Red Wine. Baggage transfer. Transfers. Extra nights may be taken at any point.

Dates: Available throughout the year.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels / Cologne	£473
BRI	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£362
	From Frankfurt Airport	£335
	Single Supplement	£ 54
	Extra night (Double Room)	£ 39

CENTRAL FRANCONIA



The country between the Rivers Main and Danube, Central Franconia is our favourite part of Germany. The Franconian Heights Nature Park is the background to a host of romantic towns such as Rothenburg and Dinkelsbühl. All are architecturally fascinating and are as well suited to relaxing as to sightseeing and exploring.

The area is one of the driest and sunniest in Germany, so the forests offer the perfect walking environment on a hot day.

Imperial Cities of the Romantic Road



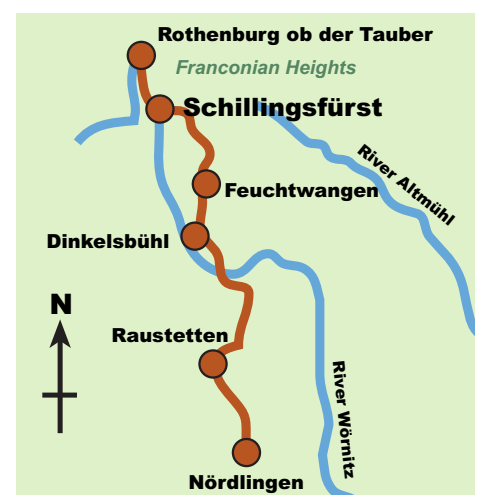
This tour parallels the world famous Romantic Road and passes through four former imperial cities of the Holy Roman Empire.

In between are wonderful forests. Either walk straight through for 6 nights, or spend 9 nights over the walk, spending two nights each in Rothenburg, Dinkelsbühl and Nördlingen.

Day 1. Arrive in the romantic medieval city of Rothenburg ob der Tauber.

Day 2. After exploring Rothenburg, walk up the Tauber valley, through forest and past Mary Magdalen's Spring to Schillingsfürst (10 miles).

Day 3. Walk to the former monastery at Sulz. Through forest, up to the ridge and on to a mill, then to Feuchtwangen (12 miles).



Holidays in the Altmühl Valley

We also arrange both walking and cycling holidays along the Altmühl valley.

*For more information,
please phone 01946 861652 or visit
www.cycling-in-germany.co.uk/altmuhl.htm
or
www.walking-in-germany.co.uk/francon.htm*

Day 4. An easy walk through lonely forests with many animals brings you to the beautiful town of Dinkelsbühl (10 miles).

Day 5. Fine wooded walk passing the “Devil’s Rampart”, actually the Roman Limes, ending at Raustetten (14 miles).

Day 6. The final stretch crosses the Ries plateau, a meteorite crater 15 million years old. First, though, to Maihingen (baroque monastery church) and Wallerstein with its famous plague monument. Finally to Nördlingen (12 miles).

Tour Details: 6 or 9 nights Bed & Breakfast in inns and hotels, in rooms with shower/WC. Minimum size for bookings: 2. 20kg baggage transfer. Extra nights may be taken at any point.

Dates: Available April to October.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels / Cologne	£585
MDW/6	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£460
	From Frankfurt Airport	£433
MDW/9	Supplement 3 extra nights	£118
	Single Supplement (3rd Person)	£ 71
	Extra night (Double Room)	£ 37

The romantic heart of Central Franconia

A single centre holiday based in Schillingsfürst, whose central location makes it the ideal spot. The Hotel Post has been welcoming our guests for many years now and is very comfortable as well as offering excellent cooking. The terrace has wonderful views over the upper valley of the River Tauber, and there is a schnaps distillery too. This is a six night holiday. Contact us if you would prefer a shorter or longer stay. Some suggested walks follow:

Walk 1. Bus to Rothenburg. Explore this superb town, then walk the route described above.

Walk 2. Walk to Feuchtwangen as described above. Enjoy coffee and cake in the old cloisters. Return by bus (12 miles).

Walk 3. Walk through remote villages and woodland where deer, polecats and wild boar may be seen, and buzzards and red kites are to be seen overhead (up to 14 miles).

Walk 4. Walk past springs and brooks through the rolling hills above the Tauber valley, giving you fine views over the countryside (9 miles).

Tour Details: 6 nights Bed & Breakfast in a hotel, in rooms with shower/WC. Dinner if ordered. Transfers. Cycle hire extra.

Dates: Available throughout the year.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels / Cologne	£432
SLF	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£307
	From Stuttgart Airport	£259
	Half Board Supplement	£ 70
	Single Supplement	£ 74
	Extra night (Double Room)	£ 30



Lake Constance is one of the great inland seas of western Europe. The lake is big enough that often you cannot see from one shore to the other and it enjoys an almost mediterranean climate. Tropical vegetation flourishes on the island of Mainau, and elsewhere there are vineyards and orchards.

A special attraction of a holiday on Lake Constance is the opportunity to visit Austria and Switzerland as well as Germany. The area bordering the lake has an excellent reputation for its cuisine, so a cycle tour here is the perfect excuse to enjoy some tasty meals, while never having to worry about the calories!

This is a gentle, relaxing tour. Most of the route is traffic free, usually on paths along the bank and sometimes alongside a nature reserve. The path has been mostly tarred over, though about 15% has a packed sand surface. Tours start and end at either Friedrichshafen or Bregenz.



Day 1. Arrive in Fischbach, about 4 miles east of Friedrichshafen.

Day 2. Follow the shore of the lake, through Wasserburg to Lindau, a beautiful old town on an island. Spend a few hours here before crossing the Austrian border to Bregenz (about 25 miles).

Day 3. Cycle through the nature reserves where the Rhine runs into the lake from the alps. Then along the Swiss bank through St. Margarethen to Rorschach (about 21 miles).

Day 4. Cycle along the rest of the Swiss bank of the lake, through a number of small towns and villages to Konstanz (about 26 miles).

Day 5. First visit the island of Mainau, world-famous for its gardens. Then by ferry to Meersburg with its castle and vineyards. Cycle west to Überlingen (about 22 miles).



Day 6. Cycle from Überlingen away from the lake to Salem and the palace of the Princes of Baden. Return to the lake at Meersburg and continue to Fischbach (about 21 miles).

Tour Details: 6 nights bed and breakfast, in inns and hotels, in rooms with shower/WC. Baggage transfer. Dinner if ordered. Cycle and pannier hire. Ferry from Staad to Meersburg, entry to the gardens on Mainau and to Salem Palace. Additional nights may be taken at any point. Transfers from the airport or from the station are by taxi, and are not included.



Dates: Available from early April to late October, start any day.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels / Cologne	£673
BDS	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£533
	From Friedrichshafen Airport	£449
	From Munich Airport	£508
	Half Board Supplement	£ 79
	Single Supplement	£129
	Extra night (Double Room)	£ ask
	Rebate for using own cycles	£ 33





Cycling the German Danube



The Danube is the longest river in Europe. It rises in the Black Forest and passes through very varied countryside across almost the whole of southern Germany before reaching the Austrian border at Passau. The route passes through dramatic limestone gorges, nature reserves and water meadows, and you will see abbeys, palaces and dramatic cathedrals.

Day 1. Arrive in Donaueschingen on the edge of the Black Forest.

Day 2. Cycle through the Swabian Limestone hills to the beginning of the Danube Gorge at Fridingen (about 25 miles.)

Day 3. Through nature reserves and the Danube Gorge past Beuron Monastery to Sigmaringen – fine palace (about 33 miles).



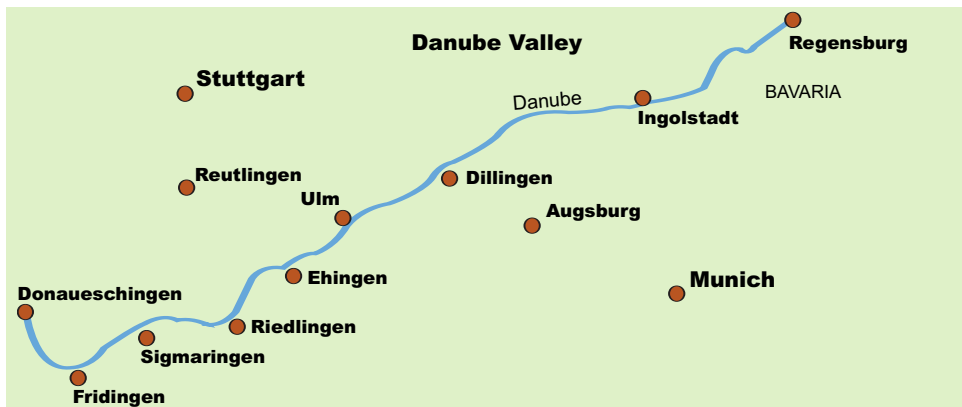
We enjoyed our cycling holiday immensely. Everything was first class and we will certainly recommend it to family and friends.

*Paul Merrett, Rugeley,
Cycling around Lake Constance*

Other Holidays in the Danube Valley

We also arrange cycling holidays along the rest of the Danube valley. We offer trips from Ulm to Passau, Passau to Vienna and Vienna to Budapest.

For more information, please phone 01946 861652 or visit www.cycling-in-germany.co.uk/donau.htm



Day 4. A day cycling past open hilly country to Riedlingen (about 25 miles).

Day 5. Through the striking landscape of the March Valley to Ehingen (about 26 miles).

Day 6. Cycle via the Blaubeuron Springs and Abbey to the cathedral city of Ulm, (highest spire in the world) with an attractive old town centre (about 26 miles).

Day 7. Through water meadows and past Günzburg, an attractive small Bavarian town. Then via lakes to Dillingen and its striking rococo palace (about 36 miles).

Day 8. Through farmland to Donauwörth. Take the train to avoid the hills between here and the stunning small town of Neuburg an der Donau. Continue to Ingolstadt (about 40 miles).

Day 9. Via medieval Vohburg and through hopfields to Weltenburg. Take a short journey by river boat through the gorge to Kelheim and then the train to end in Regensburg (about 36 miles).

Tour Details: 9 nights bed and breakfast in hotels and superior hotels, in rooms with shower/WC. Dinner on 8 nights if ordered. Rail and ship tickets en route. Cycle hire. Baggage transfer. Extra nights may be taken in Donaueschingen and Regensburg.

If using your own bikes, we recommend that you leave Regensburg on a Saturday.

This tour is subject to minor amendments.



Dates: Available from mid April to end of October, start any day except Monday or Tuesday.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels / Cologne	£742
DON	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£617
	From Munich Airport	£589
	Half Board Supplement (8 nights)	£105
	Single Supplement	£118
	Extra night (Double Room)	£ ask
	Rebate for using own cycles	£ 33

THE HARZ MOUNTAINS



The Harz is Germany's most popular walking and holiday area, but the central and eastern Harz, in the former East Germany, was until recently closed to West Europeans. Containing most of the finest country, including the High Harz National Park, the area has associations with Goethe and witchcraft. The highest mountain, the Brocken, has a deep spiritual importance for the German people. The Harz is known for its superb half-timbered towns such as Quedlinburg and Wernigerode, as well as one of Europe's finest narrow gauge steam railway networks which offers excellent access to the whole area.

A Walk across the Harz



This fine walk starts in the lower, eastern, Harz, a country of limestone valleys, cliffs and caves. Then you cross the central Harz and the summit of the highest mountain in northern Germany, the Brocken, before passing the former iron curtain to reach the UNESCO World heritage town of Goslar. The final stage is classic western, upper Harz, a country of fine lakes and forests.

Day 1. Arrive in Thale.

Day 2. Today you walk through the valley of the River Bode, one of the most dramatic valleys in northern Europe; the latter part is a nature reserve. End at Altenbrak (about 10 miles.)

Day 3. Continue along the river to a lake, Over the Harmsberg and down into Rübeland with its fine limestone caves. Continue to Elbingerode (about 12 miles.)



Day 4. A fairly strenuous day, climbing to the top of the Brocken. Descend by Heinrich Heine's path to Isenburgerode (about 13 miles.)

Day 5. Walk through the valleys of the rivers Ilse, Ecker and Ocker with their lakes to the famous spa of Bad Harzburg. Continue to Goslar (about 13 miles.)

Day 6. Walk via two fine lakes and through forest to Seesen (about 16 miles.)



Tour Details: 6 nights bed and breakfast in hotels and inns, in rooms with shower/WC. The minimum size for bookings is two persons. Extra nights may be taken at the beginning or the end. Baggage transfer.

Dates:	Available throughout the year.	
Tour Code	Rail via Brussels/Cologne	£460
HUQ	Self Drive (Harwich/Hoek)	£334
	From Hannover Airport	£295
	Single supplement	£ 71
	Extra night (Double Room)	£ 35

Drei Annen Hohne

Your base for this holiday is the spacious and comfortable Hotel Drei Annen, run by the Hübscher family. Set in secluded forest on the edge of the National Park and on the lower slopes of the Brocken, this hotel continues to draw praise from our customers for friendly and thoughtful service and good meals carefully prepared from fresh ingredients. Lift to all floors.

This is a six night holiday. Contact us if you want a longer or a shorter stay, or to stay elsewhere in the Harz. Some suggested walks follow.

Walk 1. Through the woods to the Zillerbach lake. Across a plateau to the view point at Armeleute Berg, then down to Wernigerode. Return by bus or train (7 miles).

Walk 2. Climb Hohne Klippen, over 3000ft, down to the rock outcrop at Ottofels and continue down the gorge to Steinerne Renne. Return by bus or train (8 miles.)

Walk 3. Through dramatic forest to Lake Mandelholz. Continue through forest to the villages of Tanne and Sorge. Return by train (10 miles.)

Walk 4. Train to the summit of the Brocken (3748ft). Walk down through the national park along Goethe's Trail (8 miles.)

Tour Details: 6 nights Bed & Breakfast in a hotel, in rooms with shower/WC. Dinner if required. Transfers.

Local taxes are not included.

Dates: Available throughout the year.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels / Cologne	£451
HRZ	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£251
	From Hannover Airport	£279
	Half Board Supplement	£ 37
	Single Supplement	£143
	Extra Night (Double Room)	£ 31

Other Holidays in the Harz

We also offer other Walking Tours in the Harz: A Walk around the Brocken and The Harz Witches Trail.

For more information, please phone 01946 861652 or visit

www.walking-in-germany.co.uk/harz.htm

THE BAVARIAN & BOHEMIAN FOREST

The Bavarian Forest is the area northeast of the Danube Valley up to the Czech border. This is very different country from Upper Bavaria, which is the popular image of Bavaria.

Although it was always in West Germany, its position up against the Iron Curtain until 1989 meant that it became isolated during the second part of the twentieth century. It is still one of the least well-off parts of Germany, but as a result of its isolation it has retained its culture in a way that, say, the Black Forest has not.

The forest is perhaps and darker than elsewhere and is one of the last true wildernesses in western Europe. The forest knows no political boundaries and spreads across the Czech border into much of western and southern Bohemia.

The Baier Way or Bohemian Way



Once a trade route from the valley of the Danube over the hills of the Bavarian and Bohemian Forests, this is today a fascinating eight night walking tour of six nights in Germany and two nights in the Czech Republic. Starting at Straubing, the route takes you over the summits of both St. Engelmar and Hoher Bogen en route to the Czech town of Domažlice before finishing back in Germany at Furth im Wald.

The countryside along the walk includes the lush plains of the Danube valley, forests, rolling hills criss-crossed with narrow streams and lakes while along the way are monasteries and ruined castles. Truly a unique walking tour.

The St. Florian was a most welcoming hotel. The food was extremely well cooked and presented. The staff were all friendly and interested in our walks.

Dorothy Dalton, Kinross, Tailor made holiday in the Bavarian Forest



Crossing the former Iron Curtain



Day 1. Arrive in Straubing, in the Danube Valley.

Day 2. An easy start, following the Danube 7 miles downstream to Bogen before reaching the foothills of the Bavarian Forest. Continue through gentle hills and the Perlbach valley to Neukirchen (about 15 miles, average time 6 hours.)

Day 3. Continue along the valley to Obermühlbach, where you start to climb into the hills. Climb some 1300ft to Meinsdorf, with a fine view over the Danube plain. Continue over St. Engelmar (2972ft) and finish at Kollnburg (about 11 miles, average time 5 hours.)

Day 4. Walk through changing hill country down to Viechtach and to the Höllenstein Lake. Continue to Buchberg and a pilgrimage church, then over the Ludwigsberg to Kötzing (about 13 miles, average time 5 hours.)

Day 5. This is the most demanding part of the walk, through a varying landscape of great cultural significance, with densely wooded summits. The route leads via Rimbach and the castle ruins at Lichteneck, then over the Hoher Bogen, the highest point of the walk, before descending to Neukirchen bei Heiligen Blut (about 17 miles, average time 8 hours.)

Day 6. A day through what is still somewhat deserted border country. Cross the former Iron Curtain at Předni. Then via Orlovice to Kdyně (about 15 miles, average time 6 hours.)

Day 7. Start up through the pretty village of Branišov to the top of Koráb (1050ft.). Continue through wooded hills with a number fine views, passing castle ruins on the way. Then downhill through the country of the Chods into Domažlice (about 14 miles, average time 6 hours.)

Day 8. The last day is one of more gentle walking. First to the pilgrimage church on the top of Veselá Hora (happy mountain) with fine views, then through meadows and woodland, past lakes to Česká Kubice. An ancient track leads back across the border at Ovci Vrch, and continues the last couple of miles to end at Furth im Wald (about 12 miles, average time 5 hours.)

Tour Details: 8 nights Bed & Breakfast in pensions, inns and hotels, in rooms with shower/WC. Baggage transfer if required. Extra nights may be taken at any point.

Dates: Available from May to October.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels / Cologne	£512
BBW	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£367
	From Munich Airport	£335
	Single Supplement	£ 45
	Extra night (Double Room)	£ 31
	Baggage transfer (1 to 4 people)	£105

The holiday scored 10 out of 10 for us. Mělník was lovely and Litoměřice was an excellent rest day. Our youngest (aged 11) is very proud of doing the ride; we loved it.

Nigel Armstrong, Holmfirth, Cycling from Prague to Dresden.



Cycling from Prague to Dresden



This tour follows the rivers connecting two of Europe's most culturally important cities. Prague, on the Vltava, has become justifiably well known in the years since the Velvet Revolution and we strongly recommend that you book an extra day or two in Prague to explore the city properly.

At the northern end is Dresden, a city of art and culture like no other in Germany. We also strongly recommend that you book an extra day or two here before returning home. Visit the amazing art galleries or the opera - we can book tickets for you.

The countryside includes vineyards, castles and palaces, stange rock formations and gentle water meadows with fascinating wildlife. Also of interest is Terezín, sadly better known under it German name of Theresienstadt. During the 2nd World War this was a transit camp and ghetto for Nazi prisoners en route to extermination camps. The lesser fortress is a memorial to their memory. This is a unique tour of great interest.



Day 1. Arrive in Prague.

Day 2. Leave Prague along the Vltava, through the Garden of Bohemia and past the castles at Troja and Nelahozeves. Enter wine country before ending at Mělník with its superb views over the confluence of the Vltava with the Labe (about 30 miles).

Day 3. Leave Mělník for Liběchov, with its bizarre palace. Then to Terezín and finally to Litoměřice, which with its superb houses is the cultural centre of the region (about 28 miles).

Day 4. Today you leave the vineyards behind. Passing the ruins of Strekov Castle high above the river, you come to Ústí nad Labem. Continue to Děčín, the gateway to Bohemian Switzerland with its strange rock formations (about 30 miles).

Day 5. A day following the river through woodland and past more rock outcrops to the German border. End at Bad Schandau (about 13 miles).

Day 6. First cycle through the Elbe Sandstone Massif of Saxon Switzerland, climaxing with your journey below the Bastei cliffs, then through water meadows to Dresden (about 27 miles).

Tour details: 6 nights bed and breakfast in hotels, in rooms with shower/WC. Cycle hire. Baggage Transfer. The minimum size for bookings is two persons. Extra nights can be taken in Prague and Dresden. If you fly to Prague, rail transfer back to Prague at end of tour.

Dates: Available mid April to the end of October.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels/Cologne	£695
LAB	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£524
	From Prague	£474
	Upgrade 3* to 4* (Double Room)	£ 29
	Single Supplement	£ 96
	Extra nights	£ ask
	Rebate for using own cycles	£ 33

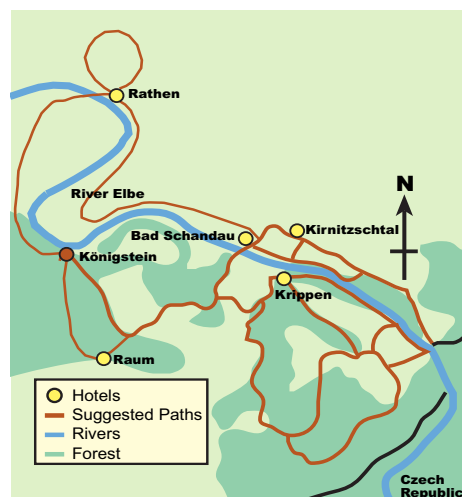


SAXON SWITZERLAND



Saxony is one of the most captivating of the holiday areas of eastern Germany. Bordering the Slav lands of Poland and the Czech Republic it is also the most foreign. Now, before the tourist masses rediscover the area is the time to visit!

Saxon Switzerland lies along the Elbe Valley south of Dresden. (In the Czech Republic it is known as Bohemian Switzerland.) You will find river landscapes, fantastic weathered rock outcrops, flat-topped and offering superb views, and popular with rock climbers as well as walkers, and unspoiled forests. There are castles and fortresses to visit too. The excellent local public transport includes paddle steamers, a mountain railway and a light tramway as well as buses and conventional trains.



A Walk through Saxon Switzerland



This walking tour will introduce you to much of the finest countryside in this fascinating corner of Germany. The contrast between lush riverscapes and dramatic cliffs and rock outcrops makes for a superb holiday.

Day 1. Arrive in Krippen.

Day 2. A walk past weathered rock outcrops and over flat topped summits with fine views over the surrounding country to Raum (11 miles).

Day 3. Through a valley to the old town of Königstein with its impressive fortress. Past more outcrops to the river at Rathen (13 miles).

Day 4. A circular walk from Rathen to the world famous rocky viewpoint of the Bastei, high above the valley (8 miles).

Day 5. Along the river, then climb the Lilienstein, with breathtaking views. With views over the river continue to Bad Schandau and Kirmitzschtal (10 miles).

Day 6. Follow the valley of the Kirmitsch to the Lichtenhain Falls. Climb to the cave at Kuhstall and back down to the river at Krippen (8 miles).

Tour details: 6 nights Bed & Breakfast in hotels, in rooms with shower/WC. Packed lunches. baggage transfer. Festive evening meal on the last night. Extra nights may be taken at any point.

No twin rooms available.

Dates: Available throughout the year.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels & Cologne	£517
WDS	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£371
	From Berlin or Prague	£344
	Single Supplement	£ 73
	Extra night (Double Room)	£ 31



Thanks for arranging what was a superbly relaxing 2 weeks. Many of the meals far surpassed our expectations and were among the best meals we have had anywhere.

Judith Proctor, Dumfries, on the Imperial Cities of the Romantic Road.

Krippen and Bad Schandau



The attractive small town of Bad Schandau, and the peaceful village of Krippen are opposite each other across the Elbe and within walking distance of the Czech border.

Other towns such as Königstein and Pirna can be reached by train or by steamer, you can cross the river by ferry or use the local buses.

There are two ★★★ hotels in each community. All have been totally modernised with rooms in varying plans. Meals can be taken on outside terraces and are excellent.

This is a 6 night single centre holiday. If you want a shorter or longer stay, or to spend time in Dresden, we will arrange it. The following are some suggested walks. On other days spend a day in Dresden, take a day trip on the river or even a trip to the nearby Czech Republic. Some suggested walks follow:

Walk 1. Walk up through forest and over fields to the foot of the Zschirnstein sandstone outcrop. Enjoy the view from the top, descend to the other side (8-10 miles).

Walk 2. Walk up through villages to the top of the Papststein. Down to the forest again to the Göhrisch, a second rock outcrop. Back down to the river at Königstein. Return by train (6 miles.)

Walk 3. Follow the river upstream. Walk up the side of the valley to Schöna. Visit the Königskrone and Zirkelstein outcrops. Return via a swimming pool, deep in the forest (6-8 miles).



Walk 4. Cross the river by ferry, then take the lift(!) up the cliff face. Walk through the dramatic Schramstein rocks along a host of waymarked routes. Descend to the valley of the Kirmitsch, return by tram.

Tour Details: 6 nights bed and breakfast in a hotel, in rooms with shower/WC. Dinner if ordered. **Local taxes are not included.**

No twin rooms available.

Dates: Available throughout the year.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels & Cologne	£451
ELB	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£306
	From Berlin or Prague	£279
	Half Board Supplement	£ 83
	Single Supplement	£ 67
	Extra night (Double Room)	£ 31



THE AUSTRIAN LAKE DISTRICT



The Austrian Lake District (The Salzkammergut) was described as an earthly paradise by Emperor Franz Josef I and is home to some of the most dramatic scenery in the whole of Austria. It is also some of the most delightful walking country anywhere. Unlike much of the alps, this area with its combination of lakes and mountains is well suited to the ordinary walker or rambler, rather than just those used to steep climbs and scrambling. While fine hill walking is, of course, available, there are also many excellent low level options with limited uphill sections.

The little town of Hallstatt is now known worldwide from the archaeological discoveries of what is now known as the Hallstatt Culture, a rich Celtic society from around 500BC. The wealth of the area was, and continues to be based on salt.

In the 19th century the area gained very strong musical connections. Leading composers including Brahms, Bruckner and Mahler all spent much time in Bad Ischl. Later the town became especially associated with the leading composers of Viennese Operetta; Strauss, Kalman and in particular Léhar, who bought a villa here which is now a museum dedicated to his work.

The Salt Trail



Starting from the small town of Bad Goisern, this holiday takes you through the most historic part of the Salzkammergut. The contrast between the breathtaking scenery of the Dachstein Alps and the lakes and rivers on the one hand; and the fascination of the two and a half thousand year old Celtic culture that grew up in and around Hallstatt, based on salt or White Gold, creates a unique experience.

This walking tour mixes some quite strenuous days with gentle, relaxing ones.

Day 1. Arrive in Bad Goisern.

Day 2. Walk up to the Berghof Predigstuhl, from where there is a marvellous view over Lake Hallstatt. Continue through a gorge and alongside a cliff-face: as you walk there is a string of breathtaking views of the Dachstein Alps. Walk down to the village of Lupitsch, then through farm country to Altaussee (about 12 miles, 1800 feet of ascent).

Day 3. A much more gentle day through the country of the Ausseerland. Follow a nature trail with a salt theme. En route you will find old tunnel entrances, Roman trade routes and ruins of old fortresses (about 5 miles, 660 feet of ascent).

Day 4. Follow the banks of the River Altaussee Traun to Bad Aussee. Then through the wild and romantic Koppental valley you walk to Obertraun and continue to the UNESCO World Heritage town of Hallstatt, reached by a short boat trip across the lake (about 13 miles, 130 feet of ascent).

Day 5. Follow the lakeshore to the base station of the Krippenstein Cable Car. Take the cable car up to Schönbergalm and follow the Alpine Floral Path through meadows to the stalactite cavern and the ice cave. Return to the valley by cable car and walk back to Hallstatt (about 10 miles, 330 feet of ascent).

Day 6. Follow the Salt Trail (Soleweg), high above the lake, then along the west side of the valley of the River Traun, to Bad Ischl (about 14 miles, 130 feet of ascent).

Day 7. A beautiful path leads through the former imperial hunting grounds on to the alpine pastures. Continue to the Salzberg and then to the Predigstuhl. Finally descend to Bad Goisern via the Ewige Wand, a path carved into the hillside (about 12 miles, 2630 feet of ascent).

Tour Details: 7 nights B & B in 3* inns or hotels, in rooms with shower/WC. Extra nights may be added at any point - please ask for prices. Boat crossing of Lake Hallstatt. Fare on Krippenstein Cable Car. Guided visit to the Ice Cave. Baggage transfer limited to one item per person.



Dates: Available to start any day between 30 April to 7 October 2006.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels & Cologne	£625
VS	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£449
	From Munich Airport	£429
	Half Board Supplement	£ 72
	Single Supplement	£ 58
	Extra night (Double room)	£ ask

Walking around Bad Goisern



Based in the small town of Bad Goisern, this holiday also allows you to explore the neighbouring communities of Hallstatt, Obertraun and Gosau. The area was created by the Dachstein glacier as it carved its way through the mountains, creating deep valleys, glassy lakes and wild rivers. Marvelous footpaths along river banks and by the peaceful shores of the lakes allow you to explore the area fully. We strongly recommend that you spend one day of your holiday visiting Bad Ischl. Your stay will be in a family run 3* hotel in the centre of the town, normally either the Hotel Goiserer Hof or the Hotel Moserwirt.



Some suggested walks for this holiday

Walk 1. Bus to Gosau. From here there is a fabulous walk around the Gosausee lakes. From the far end of the Vorderer Gosausee you have the option of continuing to the Hinteren Gosausee (about 7 miles, 725 feet of ascent).

Walk 2. Walk up the Weissenbach valley and along the Dürren stream to the Chorinsky Klause. Continue to the Weissenbach Alm pasture and return along the Bärenpfad (about 6 miles, 460 feet of ascent).

Walk 3. Bus or train to Hallstatt. There is a lovely romantic walk through the Echern Valley. Then follow the Malersteig (Artist's Trail) to the impressive Waldbachstrub waterfalls. Return the way you came (about 3 miles, 330 feet of ascent).

Walk 4. Train to Steeg. Follow the path along the east shore of Lake Hallstatt. Then climb to the saltmine. From here walk high above the lake with its superb views of the mountain scenery. Return to Steeg along the Soleweg Nature Trail (about 14 miles, 1050 feet of ascent).

Walk 5. Train to Bad Aussee. Follow the river through the unspoiled valley countryside. En route you pass the famous Koppenbrüller Cave. A side trip to the Koppenwinkel Nature Reserve with its romantic lake is recommended. Finally follow the Obertrauner Heights path to the station at Obertraun (about 6 miles, 170 feet of ascent).

Tour Details: 7 nights B & B in a 3* hotel in rooms with shower/WC. Extra nights may be added. Rail tickets from Bad Goisern to Bad Aussee and from Obertraun to Bad Goisern for walk 5 are included.



Dates: Available to start any day between 30 April to 7 October 2006.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels & Cologne	£529
WAW	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£353
	From Munich Airport	£333
	Single Supplement	£ 62
	Extra night (Double room)	£ 45

Phillipa and I did have a really good holiday, which was probably better than we had imagined. Well done!

John Button, Stroud, in the Harz Mountains, Berlin and the Czech Republic

THE BELGIAN ARDENNES



The Belgian Ardennes is a country of hills and forests, rivers and streams, meadows and grasslands. Sparsely populated, the countryside is dotted with villages and small towns, while the economic base is largely forestry and non-intensive farming.

This countryside is exceptionally rich in wildlife; the rivers are popular with fishermen, while the woodlands team with game.

The whole area is a gourmet paradise. When the residents of Belgium's cities want to get away for a weekend in the country, with excellent food, they always head for the Ardennes!

Our holidays in the Belgian Ardennes therefore always include half board, so you get an excellent introduction to the outstanding local cuisine as well as to the countryside.

Excellent walking in what appears to be a largely unknown and quiet region. A few tough climbs and a very steep descent, but overall an excellent package.

Clive Emsley, Bedford, Crossing the Central Ardennes

The Crossing of the Central Ardennes



The Central Ardennes are a huge plateau, highest point 1937 feet. This plateau is cut by a succession of sometimes very deep valleys, separated by forested hills. The valleys run in different directions giving rise to varying local climates, flora and fauna.

This tour is known locally as the Transardennaise. It is a fairly demanding walk - there are many ascents; some days there is little or no walking on the flat at all. The route runs mainly through beech and oak forests, with significant stretches through open country too.

The towns and villages along the route are noted for their castles and châteaux; basilicas and churches, as well as the idyllic rivers running through them.

The full tour is an eight night holiday, and the prices below are for the full eight nights. However, we can arrange for holidays of any number of nights, from 2 upwards. Please contact us for prices of shorter trips.



Day 6. This stage of the walk is reasonably level, following, rather than crossing valleys. The Marsau valley at the beginning is one of the most beautiful of the whole route. After a stretch of forest you reach Redu, as a book town Belgium's Hay-on-Wye. Finally to the large village of Daverdisse where the church is home to a fine polychrome retable (about 15 miles). Transfer to Porcheresse.

Day 7. During this day's walk you leave the classic Ardennes forest behind. Much of the route is across meadowland, while the valleys are less deep cut and you pass more villages. Much of the route follows the Our valley; en route is the picturesque village of Our, named for the river. The stage ends in Paliseul (about 17 miles).

Day 8. Enjoy a walk through a mixture of woodland and open country, passing through the pleasant villages of Mogimont and Sensenruth to finish in the striking former ducal capital of Bouillon (about 16 miles).

Tour Details: 8 nights Bed & Breakfast in high class private rooms, in double or twin rooms with private shower/WC. Dinner on all nights except the last. Transfers as required during the the walk. For car travellers, transfer Bouillon to La Roche. For rail travellers, bus transfers Marloie to La Roche and Bouillon to Libramont are not included.

Dates: Available throughout the year.

Tour Code	Rail via Brussels	£616
TRA	Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek)	£630
	From Brussels or Charleroi Airports	£540
	7 Nights Half Board	£ incl
	Single Supplement	£338
	Extra night (Double room)	£ ask



Other Holidays in Belgium

We also offer the **Four Valleys Tour** in eastern Belgium. Please ask for details, or visit www.walking-in-belgium.co.uk/donau.htm



Day 1. Arrive in La Roche-en-Ardenne. Rail travellers transfer by local bus from the station.

Day 2. Start with a steep forested climb out of the valley. For the rest of the day you mainly walk through idyllic open country, close to the forests. Cross the valley of the western Ourthe, to Roumont with its Château and then through woodland to end at Sprimont (about 16 miles).

Day 3. Today is almost entirely through forest. There are long ascents and descents, so this is a demanding day, but also rewarding. You end at St. Hubert, well known today for its fine basilica and a fine museum of Walloon life (about 15 miles).

Day 4. Today you walk either up or downhill! The beech and oak forest is remote, and you can be almost certain of seeing game. Following the valleys of the rivers Palogne, Masblette and Diglette, you finish at Nassogne, home to a fine collegiate church and a history dating back to the Roman Emperor Valentinian (about 17 miles).

Day 5. Today is easier than the ones before, less demanding ascents, this stretch is much more open. You will see the fine Ardennes horses. The route first descends to the Masblette valley before starting to climb again, offering fine views. Finish at Mirwart (about 12 miles). Transfer to Awenne.





Prague

Your holiday should always be as relaxing as possible. One way to be certain of this is to take time over your journey, stopping over en-route in Germany, Belgium or the Netherlands.

It is a fascinating experience to contrast the peace and quiet of the countryside with the culture, architecture and bustling lifestyle of a major city. If you are travelling to Bavaria, you should always consider spending a couple of days in Munich after your walk, while no visit to Saxony is now complete without a stay in Dresden, and Berlin and Prague are within easy reach too. When visiting the Black Forest, enjoy a stay in Freiburg or Heidelberg, when going to Austria, stop in Salzburg.

When you travel by train you can normally break your journey without formality to stay in one of these towns en route, so spend some time in Aachen, Cologne or Stuttgart, in Koblenz or Mainz or in the heart of the Romantic Rhine.

Do not forget that your Eurostar train from London goes to Brussels, so why not enjoy a visit to one of the most interesting capitals in Europe en route to your holiday?

Please ask us what you can do during your journey!



Bruges

If you are travelling by ferry, why not enjoy a visit to lively Amsterdam or the Venice of the north, Bruges?

For drivers too we can offer with a choice of interesting country hotels in Germany and Belgium where you can stop over during your journey.

Prices for these stopovers are very reasonable. Three-star country hotels start at £36 per person in a double room.

City hotels are more expensive, but we know reliable hotels that offer Bed & Breakfast for £38 to £40 per person in a double room. In some cities prices are cheaper at weekends, while in others, weekends are more expensive.

Please telephone us on 01946 861652 to discuss your Holiday Add-ons and Stopovers.



Munich



Brussels



Heidelberg



Dresden



Cologne

You have total flexibility when it comes to travel. The following information about the various travel possibilities may be helpful.

We strongly believe that your journey is part of your holiday, and is a chance to relax from the very start. From an Inter City train or a modern ferry you can enjoy the scenery and the whole experience of travel, slowly immersing yourself in another country and culture, instead of waiting in the stressful atmosphere of an airport.

We offer a full range of travel arrangements, allowing you to choose what is most convenient for you. Please ask if you want to buy a holiday without travel.

Rail Only (Eurostar)

The easiest and most relaxing way to travel is by Eurostar through the Channel Tunnel. Most of Belgium and Germany can be reached in a day from London, usually travelling via Brussels. Your onward route is given in the holiday price panels. Travel via Paris is available for a small supplement.



Rail & Sea

Sail from Newcastle to Amsterdam, or from Harwich to Hoek van Holland with onward rail travel.

Except on the Harwich to Hoek van Holland day day crossings, you sail during the afternoon or evening the day before you arrive at your holiday destination, starting your holiday with dinner or a drink in the bar.

Adjustments for Rail and Sea Travel

The rail price for each holiday is for Eurostar Travel to Brussels with onward travel by the route stated in the price box.

Price adjustments apply if you travel by rail and sea on one of the following ferry routes:

Harwich to Hoek van Holland	save £45
Newcastle to Amsterdam (off peak)	save £15
Newcastle to Amsterdam (peak)	add £45



Freiburg

By Car

We offer inclusive prices for self-drive customers via Harwich-Hoek van Holland, via Newcastle-Amsterdam, through the Channel Tunnel and via Hull-Rotterdam and Zeebrugge. We can book most other ferry routes for you too.



Adjustments to Self Drive (Harwich-Hoek) Prices
Apply per person & per single crossing when 2 adults travel in a car.
Night crossing supplements include 2 berth inside cabin with shower/WC.
In general, peak supplements apply from 30 June to 5 September
Please ask if any number other than 2 adults are travelling together.

From Harwich to Hoek van Holland (Stena)	
Single non-weekend peak period crossing (day or night)	£4
Single weekend peak period crossing (day or night)	£14
All single night crossings also add	£30
From Folkestone to Calais (Eurotunnel)	
Single crossing add	£5
Single weekend peak crossing add	£18
Discounts available when you book before 30 April	
From Newcastle to Amsterdam (DFDS)	
Single off-peak crossing add	£9
Single crossing between 1 July & 31 August also add	£28



Sleeping Berths on Ferries

Sleeping accommodation must be booked when travelling overnight. Accommodation in a 2-berth inside cabin is included in the travel supplements above.

The prices below apply to all ferry routes.

All cabins with shower / WC - Prices per berth and per crossing.			
1-Berth inside	£18	3-Berth inside	-£4
1-Berth outside	£28	3-Berth outside	£ incl
2-Berth inside	£ incl	4-Berth inside	-£3
2-Berth outside	£13	4-Berth outside	-£2



Meals on Ferries

Meals are included on Harwich - Hoek van Holland nights sailings. Please ask about pre-booking meals on Newcastle - Amsterdam sailings.



Air & Rail

As the number of low cost flights to Germany and nearby continues to increase, it may well be more convenient for you to fly to a different airport from that suggested in your chosen holiday's price panel. For example, travellers to the Black Forest may find Basel Airport more convenient than Frankfurt.

Do please contact us for prices from the airport that is most convenient for you.

If you want to fly, there are services from most UK airports. You pay the "From Airport" price for your holiday. Stuttgart, Frankfurt, Hannover, Düsseldorf, Berlin Schönefeld and Munich airports have rail stations. Bus transfers at other airports are not included.

We do not arrange flights. Please note that under current legislation there is no financial protection covering air tickets bought directly from an airline.



Fly / Drive

If you prefer to drive from the airport to one of our single or two centre holidays we can arrange a hire car for you at the airport.

Stopovers

If you cannot travel directly to your holiday area in a day, look at our add-on and stopover information on the opposite page.

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Agency Arrangements

- When you contact us to make a booking, we act as agent for the relevant carrier which will be disclosed in your documentation. We reserve the right to substitute the carrier if necessary. When we have confirmed your booking, a contract exists under which we accept responsibility for the provision of all the services described in our confirmation and our invoice.
- Where we supply air tickets as agents for an ATOL holder, we do so under a contract separate from that for the supply of the rest of your holiday arrangements. Cancellation charges in respect of air tickets are levied by the principal concerned, and are in addition to cancellation charges levied by RUSSELL HAFTER HOLIDAYS.

Alteration of your Holiday

- When you have made your contract with RUSSELL HAFTER HOLIDAYS, we will use our best endeavours to ensure that none of the ingredients of your holiday arrangements has to be altered. However, you will appreciate that, because the arrangements are planned many months in advance, sometimes changes will have to be made. Where a significant change, for example a change in destination, or a change to a lower grade of hotel for more than 2 nights is made, you will be informed when you book, or, if you have already booked, as soon as possible, if there is time before your departure. You may then:
 - accept the change
 - book any other available holiday from this brochure (where the price is less we will pay you the difference, but where the price is more you will be expected to pay the difference) or
 - cancel your booking and receive a full refund of all monies paid.
 In addition, we will pay compensation as below, unless we are forced to make changes because of force majeure. For the purposes of your contract with us, force majeure is defined as unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control or that of our suppliers, and the consequences of which we could not have avoided even with the exercise of all due care.

Scale of compensation (per person named on confirmation of booking)

Where the change is notified:

 - more than 42 days before departure NIL
 - 21 to 42 days before departure £10
 - 7 to 20 days before departure £15
 - less than 7 days before departure £20
 Should we have to alter your arrangements after departure, we will make every effort to make suitable alternative arrangements. Where those arrangements are less expensive, you will be refunded the difference. Where they are more expensive, you will bear the cost. If the revised arrangements are not acceptable to you we will make arrangements to repatriate you. In any event we will compensate you as set out above.

Cancellation of your Holiday

- RUSSELL HAFTER HOLIDAYS reserves the right to cancel your holiday arrangements. Should this happen, we will tell you as soon as possible and you will then be entitled:
 - to book any other available holiday from this brochure (where the price is less we will pay you the difference, but where the price is more you will be expected to pay the additional cost), or
 - receive a full refund of all monies paid by you.
 In addition, you will be entitled to receive compensation on the basis defined in paragraph 1 (c) under alteration, unless we are forced to cancel because of force majeure, which is also defined in paragraph 1 (c) under alteration.
- Where the holiday is cancelled by the client for reasons other than those in condition 1 above, cancellation charges as detailed below will be levied. Notice of cancellation should be sent by first class post; the date of arrival at our office will be the operative date for the cancellation. Clients who cancel are advised to obtain a certificate of posting.

More than eight weeks before departure: loss of deposit:	
56 to 43 days notice: 40%	41 to 29 days notice: 60%
28 to 11 days notice: 80%	10 to 2 days notice: 90%
48 hours or less notice: 100%	

Operation of the Holiday

- RUSSELL HAFTER HOLIDAYS always does its best to make sure that your holiday arrangements are satisfactory.
- We accept liability if your holiday arrangements are not supplied to you as described in this brochure and are not of a reasonable standard. This paragraph does not apply when you suffer personal injury which is subject to the terms of paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 below.
- We accept liability for personal injury or death which you suffer as a result of our acts or omissions or as a result of the acts and omissions of any supplier contracted or subcontracted by us to provide services in connection with your holiday arrangements. This paragraph is subject to the terms of paragraphs 4, 5, 6 & 7 below.
- We do not accept liability where there has been no fault on our part, or on the part of any of our suppliers and where the events complained of are due to an event which neither we nor our suppliers could have foreseen even if all due care had been exercised. In particular, we accept no responsibility for loss or expenses due to sickness, weather, strikes, war, loss of baggage or negligence on the part of the customer.
- Where your holiday arrangements involve travel by air, rail or sea, or hotel accommodation, the compensation which we are liable to pay is limited in accordance with the provisions of, respectively, the Warsaw Convention as amended by the Hague Protocol 1955, the 1961 Berne Convention and the 1962 Paris Convention.
- Should you or any member of your party suffer illness, personal injury or death through any misadventure out of an activity which does not form part of our holiday arrangements, nor part of any excursion sold through us, we shall offer you every assistance we can. This includes advice, guidance, and initial financial assistance in the form of legal expenses insurance.
- If you have a complaint, this must be brought to our attention within 28 days of the end of the holiday.

Changes to the price of the Holiday

- Prices are based on the exchange rates and travel costs applying at the date shown on page 18. If there is a change to the rate of or scope of VAT, then your final invoice will reflect this with a price increase or reduction as appropriate provided that the change in price amounts to at least 2% of the brochure price. There will be no change in price during the 30 days before departure.

Other Booking Conditions

- RUSSELL HAFTER HOLIDAYS shall be under no liability for any loss arising from a client's decision to travel without insurance.
- No responsibility can be accepted by RUSSELL HAFTER HOLIDAYS for inconvenience, loss, or delay arising from failure to comply with immigration regulations.
- A non-refundable deposit of £60 per person is payable when you book. The balance is payable 8 weeks before departure. Bookings less than 8 weeks from departure must be paid in full and a late booking fee may be payable.
- RUSSELL HAFTER HOLIDAYS reserve the right to decline acceptance of any booking.
- These booking conditions are the basis of the contract you enter with RUSSELL HAFTER HOLIDAYS by completing and signing the booking form. Clients signing on behalf of third parties also bind those third parties to the contract.

Please read this information before booking. Telephone enquiries can usually be made until 7.00pm Monday to Saturday. At other times please leave a message on our answerphone.

Our Holiday Prices

All prices are per person and based on 2 people travelling together and sharing a room. These prices include:

- Accommodation as described in the Tour Details for each holiday. Single rooms may be of lower standard and are subject to a supplement.
- Travel of the type chosen by you when you book. Reserved seats on trains on longer journeys if possible. Accommodation on ships during the journey may be extra.
- Transfer of baggage between hotels, unless stated otherwise in the Tour Details.
- VAT. Also local tourist taxes, unless stated otherwise in the tour details for the holiday.
- A set of maps with a glossary, route description and local information.

Rail Travel

The Rail Price given for each holiday is for the stated route by Eurostar from London or Ashford. This route is the most convenient. You will normally use trains leaving London at 0629, 0743 or 0839. Return journeys arrive at 2156 from Brussels. There are departures throughout the day and if you have to travel to London we advise taking a later train and stopping over in Brussels or Cologne. You can travel by a different route for an extra charge. You may need to break your journey en route or take a sleeper when travelling by rail to Berchtesgaden, Saxony, Prague, or Austria.

Rail & Sea Travel

Ask for the supplement to the Rail Price in the price box. Transfers between ship and rail station are included.

Ships leave Newcastle at 1730; and Harwich at 1040 & 1920. Return journeys arrive Newcastle at 0900, and Harwich 1010 & 1850. All sailings operate daily.

Please check dates of sailing with us before finalising your travel plans.

Self Drive Travel

Prices are for 2 people travelling with a car from Harwich to Hoek van Holland (Stena Line). Adjustments for travel by other routes are on page 15. Please ask for self-drive prices when the number of people travelling together is other than 2.

Air & Rail Travel

“From Airport” prices include travel by rail or road from the airport stated. It may be convenient to travel to a different airport, depending on the services available from your local airport. In this case there will be an adjustment to the price.

We do not sell air tickets, but are happy to advise.

Children under 14

Significant price reductions are available for children under 14 when travelling by train, as well as when they share a room with their parents. *Please ask for exact details.*

Holiday Dates

Where dates are given in this brochure, they are the dates of your first night.

Periods of High Demand

Our hotels fill up very early at public holiday periods: 25-28 May, 2-5 June, 15-18 June, 15 August and 3 October. Please book early if you want to holiday at these times.

Late Bookings

A Late Booking is one less than 4 weeks from the date of departure. Where a late booking is possible, we reserve the right to levy a fee of £10 per booking. Please do not rely on being able to book at the last minute - we do not want you to be disappointed!

Taking your own bikes

If you want to take your own bikes on our holidays, you can travel by car, driving to the starting point of the holiday, leaving your car there. There may be parking charges and returning to your car with the bikes after a linear tour is not always easy.

If you want to travel by train, Eurostar with a bike is not practical, as bikes usually need to be handed in 24 hours in advance. We recommend the Harwich-Hoek van Holland high speed day ferry with rail connections. After the ferry you have a leisurely journey, with just one change, to Utrecht, from where a comfortable sleeper train with dedicated bicycle vans runs to southern Germany. We book accommodation both for you and your bikes on the train. Next day you continue to the start of your cycling tour by ordinary train.

No Surcharge Guarantee

We give a no surcharge guarantee until 01.11.06 on our prices, unless government action results in a price increase of more than 2%. Our prices are calculated at an exchange rate of £1=Euro 1.39 (23.11.2005).

Payments

We accept cheques, UK Maestro and Visa Debit cards, and Visa and Mastercard credit cards. Owing to ever increasing levies by the banks, where your FINAL INVOICE is paid by CREDIT CARD, the total payable will be surcharged by 1.75%.

Passports and Visas

All holidays in this brochure require a valid passport, which can take up to 5 weeks to issue. Visas are not required by EU citizens. Non EU citizens should check with the relevant consulate(s) well before travelling.

Health Notice

There are no diseases endemic in Austria, Belgium, Germany and Czech Republic that are not also to be found in the rest of mainland Europe. You should take precautions against mosquito and tick bites.

EU Health Cover - EHIC

In our opinion all travellers should carry an EHIC. Normally, no excess is charged on the medical portion of your holiday insurance if you use an EHIC. Visit your local Post Office for more information.

Financial Protection

In accordance with The Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992 all passengers booking with Russell Hafter Holidays are fully protected for the initial deposit and subsequently the balance of all monies paid to us, including repatriation if required, arising from cancellation or curtailment of your travel arrangements due to the insolvency of Russell Hafter Holidays. A certificate detailing this cover will be supplied for each person named on the booking form. **Please ensure that you receive these certificates with your Confirmation of Booking.** This insurance has been arranged by Towergate Chapman Stevens through IGI Insurance Company Ltd. **Please note that under current legislation there is no financial protection covering air tickets bought directly from an airline.**

Travel Insurance

It is a legal requirement that we advise you that you can buy travel insurance to cover you while on holiday, and by signing our booking form you are confirming that you have received this advice.

If you do not already hold an annual travel insurance policy, we can arrange travel insurance for you. Cover for a period of up to 10 days normally costs £15.20 per adult and for a period of 11 to 17 days £17.80 per adult. *Please ask us for full details of the cover available.*



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