



Along the largest Swiss River

Aare-Route: Grimselpass - Aarau

7 days/ 6 nights
Individual single tour
approx. 235 Cycling kilometers

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The Grimsel Pass - an imposing dam surrounded by a mountain world of rock and ice. This is the source of the Aare, Switzerland's longest river, which stretches from the Alps past the hills of Jura to the Rhine. You follow the course of river Aare, visit the deep green Lake Brienz, cross the lively Interlaken and the relaxed capital Bern until you reach the Drei-Seen-Land. Now Aare leads you past the pretty old town of Solothurn until your journey ends in Switzerland's former capital Aarau.

Day-by-Day

Day 1: Individual arrival in Meiringen

Day 2: Grimselpass - Meiringen – Iseltwald, approx. 50 km

Transfer up to the Grimselpass in the morning. A strange mountain landscape of opposites: Reservoirs and power plants surrounded by icy green-gray granite mountains – a balance act for your eyes. Steep descent to the Aare valley and onward to Meiringen and the Sherlock Holmes museum. A short breather, because at the shore of the Lake of Brienz there is another hill to cross before reaching your stage goal of Iseltwald.

Day 3: Iseltwald – Interlaken - Thun – Bern, approx. 45 km

The deep Lake of Brienz, clear, quiet and sombre. The Lake of Thun, shallower, open and lively. In the middle, Interlaken, a trendy tourist and adventure centre, dominated by those icy icons, the Eiger, Mönch & Jungfrau. By ship to Thun, the gateway to the Oberland, the wide Aaretal: large villages, industry, open fields and a powerful river in lush water meadows. Enter the capital city of Bern, UNESCO World Heritage.

Day 4: Bern – Biel, approx. 50 km

Perfect trio at Wohlensee: bird paradise, power station and nuclear reactor. Follow the Aare into Seeland, a giant vegetable garden thanks to the Hagneckkanal. Behind reeds and woodland, the Bielersee hints at the happy hustle and bustle in bilingual Biel-Bienne.

Day 5: Biel – Solothurn, approx. 30 km

«Child» of the Jura waters correction: the Nidau-Büren canal and the Häftli loop. The Witi, dry, where hares and storks gather. Nearby, the sluggish meandering Aare; in the distance, the towers of St. Ursen Cathedral announce the baroque town of Solothurn.

Day 6: Solothurn – Aarau, ca. 60 km

The so-called “ambassadors city” Solothurn is considered to be the most beautiful Baroque city of Switzerland, where Italian Grandezza mixes with French charme and Swiss groundedness. From here, follow the Aare – Aarau, capitol of the Canton Aargau in the Swiss Mittelland, is located at the river Aare where city and Canton get their name from.

Day 7: Departure or Extension

Character

A perfectly signposted, mostly flat cycle route, predominantly on field and forest trails far away from motorized traffic. Some parts left natural, but most of the tour is done on asphalt roads.

On the first stage there are some passages where you have to push your bike and there are some steep parts as well.

Schedule 2019

Departure Sunday: 02.06. –13.10.

Season 1: 29.09. – 13.10.

Season 2: 25.08. – 28.09.

Season 2: 02.06. – 24.08.

No minimum number of participants

Prices 2019

(all Prices per person in CHF, incl. VAT)

| | Cat. A | Cat. B |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Season 1 (DZ/ÜF) | <u>919.-</u> | 759.- |
| Season 2 (DZ/ÜF) | 949.- | 789.- |
| Season 3 (DZ/ÜF) | 979.- | 799.- |
| Surcharge single room | 299.- | 249.- |
| Rental Bike | 99.- | 99.- |
| Electric bike | 215.- | 215.- |
| Booking code | CH-BDRGA-07A | CH-BDRGA-07B |

Category

- X** Cat. A: 3* & 4*-Hotels
- X** Cat. B: 3*-Hotel

Services

- X** 6 overnight stays in the desired accommodation category
- X** Breakfast buffet
- X** Daily luggage transport
- X** Transfer Meiringen – Grimselpass
- X** Boat ride Interlaken - Thun
- X** Guide book
- X** Detailed tour documentation
- X** GPS-data available
- X** 7-day Helpline

Arrival | Parking | Departure

- ✘ Parking spaces in Meiringen at the Valley station of the cable car Meiringen/Hasliberg, costs CHF 5.- per day resp. 20.- per week, parking cards available in the tourism office or at the train station Meiringen, no reservation possible, payable on location.
- ✘ Journey back by train from Aarau via Berne and Interlake to Meiringen. Duration approx. 2.5 hours

Extra nights

(all Prices per person in CHF, incl. VAT)

| | Cat. A | Cat. B |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Meiringen (DR/BB) | 125.- | 79.- |
| Surcharge single room | 55.- | 40.- |
| Aarau (DR/BB) | 79.- | 79.- |
| Surcharge single room | 40.- | 40.- |