

► Cycling stage Constance/Kreuzlingen - Schaffhausen approx. 45 km



Description of the tour

Your first day of cycling will bring you from Konstanz along the southern shore of the Lower Lake to Stein am Rhein. The route will lead you through peaceful lakeshore villages such as Gottlieben, Ermatingen or Berlingen, mainly along a separate cycling path, but sometimes in the villages you may have to cycle in a cycle lane on the main road. Along the route you will have great views of the UNESCO World Heritage Site island of Reichenau. From Steckborn on, the opposite shore of the Lake comes closer and closer and you will cross over to it on a bridge in Stein am Rhein. You will cycle along the northern bank of the Rhine until you come to the Medieval town of Diessenhofen, which you will cross over to by means of a wooden bridge before passing through the German exclave of Büsingen. The community belongs to the administrative district of Konstanz but is completely surrounded by Swiss territory. Your goal for the day is not long off now as you follow along the Rhine and quickly come to Schaffhausen. The symbol of the town is the Munot Fort; there is a great view of the old town from here.

Attractions along the route

Napoleonmuseum

Schloss Arenenberg
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www.napoleonmuseum.ch

Opening Hours:
April to October
Monday - Sunday 10.00 - 17.00 h

Between 1817 and 1838 the Schloss Arenenberg (Castle Arenenberg) was the main residence of the later French leader Napoleon III and his mother Queen Hortense. This beautiful museum with original objects from the eras of the first and second empires is situated in a spacious park with an excellent view of the lower lake (Untersee).

Stein am Rhein

Stein am Rhein belongs to the canton of Schaffhausen and has a population of approx. 3,000. The town encompasses areas from both sides of the Rhein bank and is presided over by the Hohenklingen castle.

In the 5th century B.C. the left Rhein bank was inhabited by fishermen. The entire history of the town has been defined by its location on the river. The Romans were the first to build a fort on the left bank of the river to protect themselves from attack. The reason for the development of the actual town (on the northern river bank) was its convenient location at the crossing point of a water trading route and a roadway. From the year 1000 Stein developed from a fishing and farming town to a trading place.

The town is situated at the end of the lower lake (Untersee), where the Rhein flows out of Lake Constance, and is characterised by its magnificent town hall square, idyllic nooks and countless paintings on the excellently restored houses. The town is without a doubt the best preserved small town from the Middle Ages in Switzerland. One of the protected buildings in the town is the convent of St. Georgen, which is located directly on the lake shore and is of particular historical significance. Werd Island and Hohenklingen castle are also nearby.

In 1999 when the largest floods of the century occurred, the town was full of thousands of sand bags, which had been piled up to protect the old part of the town. A resourceful baker from the town created a sweet memory of the bitter days with a sweet cake which he called a "sand sack". Wine lovers will be able to sample the wine which grows above the town in the "Weingut Zur Gerwe" in the middle of the old part of town.



Attractions in Stein am Rhein

Kloster St. Georgen (Convent)

8260 Stein am Rhein

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The former convent, which is now a museum, is very well preserved. Visitors will be impressed by the magnificently adorned abbot apartments and the unique Grisaille series of paintings from 1515/1516 in the festival room.



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Schaffhausen

Schaffhausen is the main town of the canton of the same name. It has a population of 34,000 and is a medium sized Swiss town.

In the year 1045 Kaiser Heinrich III granted Count Eberhard III the right to stamp coins with the sign of Schaffhausen. As fast flowing currents required the disruption of Rhein journeys at this point, an unloading and stock yard was required. As time went by Schaffhausen developed into a blooming trading place and became wealthy. After an eventful history Schaffhausen became the 12th member of the Swiss Confederation in 1501. Nowadays the name Schaffhausen is well known due to the companies from the chemical, watch making and metallic industries located there.

The charm of the town is due to the well preserved old part of town as well as its beautiful situation on the Rhein. While walking through the laneways of the car-free old town, visitors feel like they have been transported back in time. Beautiful houses from the gothic and baroque eras, as well as 170 oriels, which were added onto the houses of rich citizens as status symbols, fill the old part of town. The vegetable market takes place twice a week (Tuesdays and Saturdays). On other days there are many shops and cafes to tempt guests.

The symbol of the town, the Munot fort rises majestically above the town. From up here visitors have a wonderful view over the Rhein landscape. Even more famous than the fort is the Rheinfall waterfall, which is only a few kilometres from the town. The stretch of river from Schaffhausen to Stein am Rhein is one of the most beautiful in Europe.



Attractions in Schaffhausen

Munot Fort:

8201 Schaffhausen

www.munot.ch

Opening Hours:

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| May - September | 08.00 - 20.00 h |
| October - April | 09.00 - 17.00 h |
| Entrance free. | |

This symbol of Schaffhausen is perched above the town. It was built by the town's citizens in the 16th century, possibly according to a plan by Albrecht Dürer. Today it is popular among visitors and is used for parties, balls, open air cinema events, concerts and much more. The steep walk up to the fort is worth the excellent view over the town and Rhein from the top.



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