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Biking Germany: An Ultimate Stay Fit, Intimate and Rewarding Travel Experience**Discovering Germany by Bike, a new brochure offered by the German National Tourist Office, is a fantastic resource to planning your trip for the family or friends.**

Travel enthusiasts who like an up close and intimate experience with Germany's culture, exquisite countryside, ancient castles, charming villages and fascinating city life will be rewarded with a bike trip to Germany.

Families, friends, couples and biking groups of any number are able to choose from hundreds of well organized, paved and auto-free biking routes found in "Discovering Germany by Bike," a new brochure offered by the German National Tourist Office. You can ride at a leisurely pace, or race down mountain trails, explore ancient castles, pedal through lake districts, past stud farms, through medieval villages, through wine regions and along rivers. Some of the routes have been in existence for hundreds of years.

The new 90 page brochure is chock-a-block full of different scenic routes, including the Fairytale River Experience along the Weser River in the land of Brothers Grimm, the Mosel Cycle Route, the Elbe River Route and the Neckar Valley path along the Castle Road. Whether you want to pedal down the Oder Neisse River separating Germany and Poland or cycle from Berlin to Copenhagen, the brochure outlines your travel, how to get there, bicycle rentals, luggage transfers, sightseeing opportunities, maps with mileage marked and literature on the regions and special packages. The brochure includes special tips for travelers, including renting bikes with global navigation systems, special spas, fun festivals and special, out-of-the-way restaurants offering local cuisine. You can plan a trip for two weeks or simply for one day! To order your brochure, go to Germany's webshop at www.ComeToGermany.com.

For those interested in booking tours directly with a U.S. company, a top choice is www.Biketoursdirect.com, where cyclists can choose from over 50 diverse biking routes, including the "Romantic Road," "Baltic to Berlin," the "Benedict Cycle Route" the "Elbe River and Saxon Switzerland" and the "Danube Bike Path." BikeToursDirect offers tours at local companies' rates and arranges the booking and payments. Starting at \$650 per week, self-guided tours include luggage transfers, hotel lodging, breakfasts, bike rentals, service hotline and route detail. Guided tours, which add dinners, ride-along guide and support van, start at \$850. The company's web site outlines detailed information on each tour's level of difficulty, terrain, daily program, services, dates and prices. For more information, go to www.biketoursdirect.com.

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