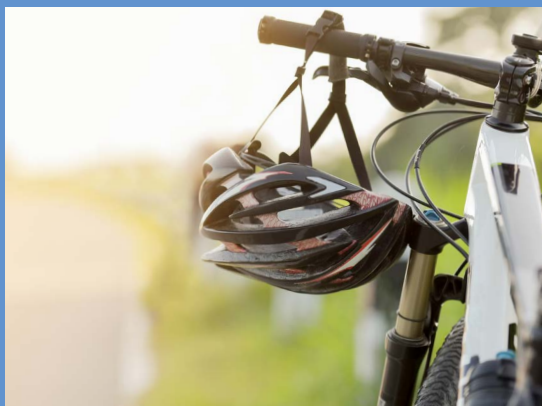
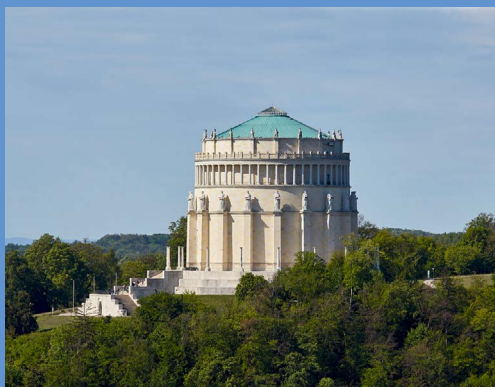


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From Ellingen to Kelheim



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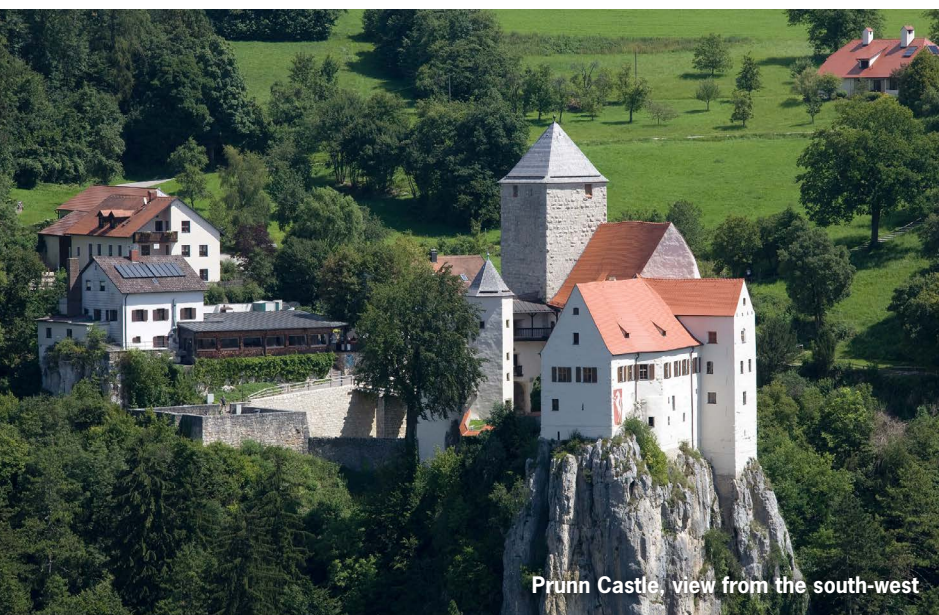
The Altmühltal Cycle Route

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Pruhn Castle, view from the south-west



Hall of Liberation at Kelheim with the Altmühl in the background



Rosenburg Castle at Riedenburg, View of the main castle from the west



Willibaldsburg seen from the Altmühl river



Bastion garden of Willibaldsburg Castle in Eichstätt



Ellingen Residence, Reception hall

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Brief description

The Altmühltal Cycle Route follows the River Altmühl from its source to where it flows into the Danube at Kelheim. It starts in Rothenburg ob der Tauber. This is one of the classic cycle tours, as is confirmed by the top rating it receives from the Allgemeiner Deutscher Fahrrad-Club (General German Bicycle Club).

The tour scores points with its level, family-friendly course and above all with the many sights it takes in. Cyclists travel through a range of landscapes that includes the massive cliffs of the Jura-Alb, impressive juniper heaths and attractive river and meadow scenery. The constantly changing countryside is marked by numerous geological and historical features. Prehistoric remains from the Jura period, Roman buildings, medieval castles and venerable monasteries lie directly along the Altmühl Cycle Route.

The tour can also be extended from Kelheim. The Danube Cycle Route runs almost seamlessly into the Altmühltal Cycle Route.

Distance:	244 km
Total ascent:	1 082 m
Total descent:	1 162 m
Highest point:	499 m
Lowest point:	338 m

Link to the map

Cycle map – Radlland Bayern: This includes various options for displaying information about charging stations, repair shops and catering facilities etc. along the route.

Links to further information

Information about further sights, possible accommodation, signposting etc.:

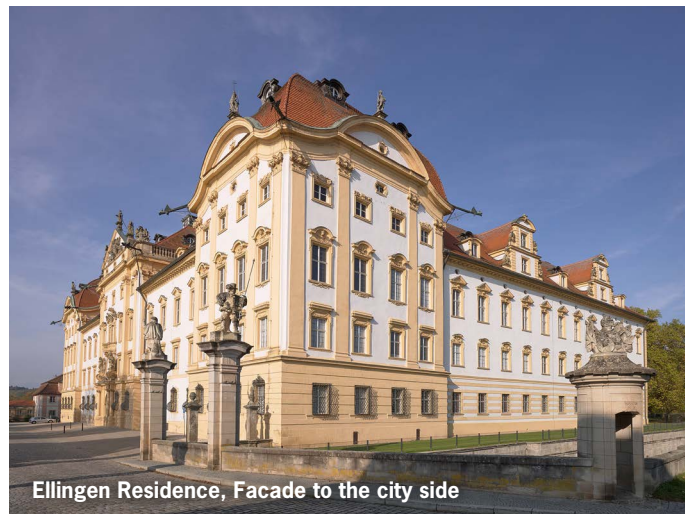
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Bavarian Palace Administration sights

A detour from Gunzenhausen via the Franconian Water Cycle Route and the Pleinfeld-Weißenburg-Altmühltal Cycle Route will take you past the [Residence of Ellingen](#).

ELLINGEN – RESIDENCE

For over 400 years Ellingen was the residence of the Territorial Commander of the Bailiwick of Franconia, the largest and richest of the 13 provinces of the Teutonic Order. The rooms of the Teutonic Order, the palace church and the princely suites



Ellingen Residence, Facade to the city side

with silk and paper wall covering dating from the early 19th century are the highlight of the tour.

In the adjacent palace park the carpet of alpine squills and the many different old trees are a treat for garden and nature lovers.

Further information (e.g. guided tours, current opening times and admission fees) can be found on the [website](#).

Information and facilities for cyclists

- Cycling is prohibited on the paths in the palace garden for the safety of the other visitors.
- There are bike racks for eight bikes in the inner courtyard of the palace.
- Bikes must be pushed in the passage and the inner courtyard.
- Lockers (for bags and helmets) are available for palace visitors.
- An e-bike charging station and a bike service station are located right opposite the main entrance of the palace.



Ellingen Residence, Ballroom

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EICHSTÄTT – WILLIBALDSBURG WITH BASTIONGARDEN



Willibaldsburg with its Bastion Garden

Willibaldsburg Castle with its idyllic Bastion Garden is a historical jewel that harmoniously combines history and nature. The Bastion Garden, which is based on the famous collection of copperplate engravings, the 'Hortus Eystettensis' is particularly worth seeing. Unique in Germany, this information garden displays around half of the over 1,000 plants shown in the engravings, all blooming in the right season. There are two museums in Willibaldsburg's Gemmingen Building. In the Jurassic Museum are fossils of prehistoric plants and animals, including the Juravenator and the Archaeopteryx, as well as aquariums with a colourful variety of fish and corals. The Museum of Pre- and Early History documents the history of the region from the Stone Age to the Early Middle Ages.

Further information (e.g. guided tours, current opening times and admission fees) can be found on the [website](#).

Information and facilities for cyclists

- Cycling is prohibited on the paths in the Bastion Garden. and the steeply sloping footpaths for the safety of the other visitors.
- Bike parking places are available in the outer bailey.
- Lockers (for bags and helmets) are available for museum visitors.
- An e-bike charging station is available in the outer bailey.

RIEDENBURG – ROSENBURG

The privately operated falconry, with a hunting and falconry museum, is a particular highlight of a visit to Rosenberg. Here you'll not only find out all about the art of falconry, but also experience exciting free flight displays with majestic birds of prey.

Further information (e.g. guided tours, current opening times and admission fees) can be found on the [website](#).



Rosenburg, Castle courtyard with

Information and facilities for cyclists

- There are bike parking places immediately in front of the castle.
- There is no charging station in the immediate vicinity. The nearest public charging stations are by the [tourist information office](#) and at the [bike service station at St. Anna Brücke](#).
- Riedenburg has two [bike service shops](#).
- Bikes can be transported on the boat between Kelheim and Riedenburg. Your cycling holiday can thus easily be combined with a [boat ride](#).



Rosenburg, South facade

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RIEDENBURG – PRUNN CASTLE



Prunn Castle with the Altmühl river in the back-

It was at this castle that the 'Prunner Codex' was found, the manuscript of the famous Nibelungenlied in Middle High German. The exhibition links the castle and its inhabitants with the various aspects of the Nibelungenlied, providing visitors with fascinating information about topics such as hunting, clothing, law, tournaments and festivities.

The breathtaking location of the castle above the River Altmühl and the impressive architecture make it especially worth a visit.

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Information and facilities for cyclists

- If you don't have an e-bike, you can lock up your bike in the valley and tackle the ascent on foot. If you'd rather ride, once you've got to the top of the steep hill road, you can park your bike by the moat wall.
- Prunn has a [traditional guest house](#) that's a good stopping place for cyclists. Bikes can be parked next to the attractive beer garden by arrangement with the owners. There's a hiking trail leading up to the castle.
- The nearest [public charging stations for e-bikes](#) are in Riedenburg and Kelheim.

KELHEIM – HALL OF LIBERATION AT KELHEIM

The Hall of Liberation is an architectural masterpiece and an important monument of German history. It was commissioned by King Ludwig I to commemorate the victorious battles against Napoleon in the Wars of Liberation as well as German unity. The 34 monumental goddesses of victory made of splendid white Carrara marble that join hands in a ceremonious round dance in the interior never fail to impress.

Further information (e.g. guided tours, current opening times and admission fees) can be found on the [website](#).



Information and facilities for cyclists

- Access to the Hall of Liberation is only permitted via Hienheimerstrasse and Befreiungshallestrasse (not via the footpath from Kelheim).
- Cycling is prohibited throughout the grounds for the safety of the other visitors.
- There are bike parking places in the grounds by the car park and opposite the visitor service centre.
- Kelheim has e-bike charging stations; lockable storing boxes for bikes can be also found in the town at the [Main-Donau-Kanal](#) and at [Wöhrdplatz](#).



Hall of Liberation at Kelheim, mosaic floor and goddesses of victory

Want to know more? Information about all 45 palaces, castles and residences as well as other monuments or artist's houses under the responsibility of the Bayerische Schlösserverwaltung can be found on our [homepage](#).

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