

# The Main Cycle Route

From Aschaffenburg to Bayreuth



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The sights under the responsibility of the Bavarian Palace Administration can be found at...

Aschaffenburg → Veitshöchheim → Würzburg → Bamberg →  
Memmelsdorf near Bamberg → Kulmbach → Bayreuth  
a trip to Coburg is possible





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Rose Garden at the New Residence Bamberg



Orangery parterre at Seehof Palace Park



Mirror Cabinet in the Würzburg Residence



View of the stage of the Margravia Opera House in Bayreuth



The Red Bridge in Schönbuch Park Aschaffenburg



Aerial view of the Plassenburg in Kulmbach



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## Brief description

Unforgettable impressions are in store for cycling enthusiasts travelling through the enormous variety of scenery offered by the Main Cycle Route. Past beer cellars and vineyards, unique holiday regions, verdant countryside and towns of widely differing character.

The Bavarian section of the Main Cycle Route is uniformly well signposted in both directions all the way from the place where the River Main flows into the Rhine near Mainz to its source. The cycle path follows a very family-friendly route, primarily running off the busy roads on level, for the most part asphalted paths.

If you start in Aschaffenburg, in Kulmbach you have two options: the route along the Red Main takes you with almost no inclines to Bayreuth and on to the source of the Red Main near Creussen. The section along the White Main runs via Wirsberg and Bad Berneck in the Fichtelgebirge to Bischofsgrün.

Distance:	<b>460 km</b>
Total ascent:	<b>1 846 m</b>
Total descent:	<b>2 415 m</b>
Highest point:	<b>916 m</b>
Lowest point:	<b>105 m</b>

## 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.:

- [MainRadweg – Radlland Bayern \(radlland-bayern.de\)](http://MainRadweg – Radlland Bayern (radlland-bayern.de))
- [Mainradweg](#)

## Bavarian Palace Administration sights

### ASCHAFFENBURG – JOHANNISBURG PALACE

With its impressive architecture and history, the palace is a fascinating place to visit. The Princely Apartments, the Palace Church, the Vestment Chamber and the State Gallery are well worth seeing.

As a particular highlight it also has the largest collection in the world of architectural models made of cork, featuring the most famous buildings of ancient Rome.

The adjacent garden runs above the Main between the palace and the Pompeiianum.

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 in the courtyard of Johannsburg Palace.
- Further [bike parking facilities](#) in the town centre / in the vicinity of Johannsburg Palace / at the Pompeiianum and in the palace park, are shown on the town's website.
- The nearest official charging station for e-bikes is by the [Schlappeseppel restaurant](#).
- Further charging stations in and around Aschaffenburg are listed on [the website](#) of the Main Cycle Route and [the website](#) of the 'Wald erFahren' project.
- Easy access without detours to the historical surroundings of the palace, which are located above the river, is provided by means of a lift that also takes bikes.

### ASCHAFFENBURG – POMPEIIANUM



King Ludwig I of Bavaria was inspired by the excavations in Pompeii to commission the construction of the Pompeiianum – an idealized Roman villa. Here you can see original Roman works of art from the State Antiquities Collections.

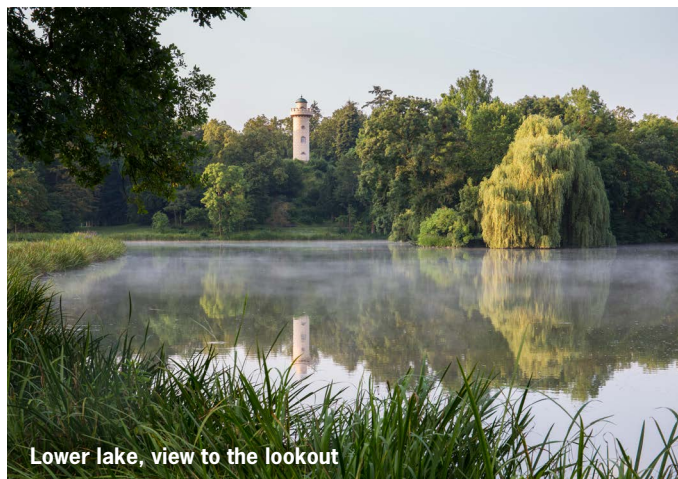
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## Information and facilities for cyclists

- Cycling is prohibited on the paths in the palace garden (between the Pompeiianum and Johannisburg Palace) for the safety of the other visitors.
- There are bike racks in the courtyard of Johannisburg Palace.
- Further bike parking facilities in the town centre / in the vicinity of Johannisburg Palace /at the Pompeiianum and in the palace park, are shown on the town's website.
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## ASCHAFFENBURG – SCHÖNBUSCH PALACE AND PARK



Lower lake, view to the lookout

Schönbusch Palace is located to the south-west of Aschaffenburg. The small summer palace built in the Neoclassical style is a delight with its original interior.

It is surrounded by one of the earliest landscape gardens in Germany with attractive scenery featuring artificial lakes, 'hills' and historical park buildings.

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## Information and facilities for cyclists

- Cycling is prohibited on the paths for the safety of the other visitors.
- The Schönbusch entrance is accessible for bikes via 'Kleine Schönbuschallee' or 'Emanuel-Joseph-von-Herigoyen-Strasse'.
- There are [bike parking facilities](#) at the end of the approach to the palace.
- Here you will also find lockers and an e-bike charging station.

- Charging cables can be borrowed from the 'Kulinarischer Schönbusch' restaurant.
- Further charging stations in and around Aschaffenburg are listed on [the website](#) of the Main Cycle Route and [the website](#) of the 'Wald erFahren' project.

## VEITSHÖCHHEIM – PALACE AND COURT GARDEN



Veitshöchheim Court Garden, pavilion in the pergola zone

Veitshöchheim Palace is set in one of Germany's most important Rococo gardens.

The summer palace has an impressive interior with ceiling stucco-work and the magnificent rooms of Grand Duke Ferdinand of Tuscany, which are decorated with rare wallpaper. The Rococo garden surrounding it is a particular highlight. Over 200 artistic sandstone sculptures decorate the paths and lakes of the garden. There are numerous hedge rooms, pergolas, pavilions and circular flowerbeds awaiting discovery.

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 for the safety of the other visitors.
- There are public e-bike charging stations right next to the Court Garden: charging station in [the town hall's inner courtyard](#) and one [by the library](#) (with lockers).
- The town also has further [e-bike charging stations](#), a bike shop where bikes can be hired, a repair workshop and plenty of bike parking facilities.



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## WÜRZBURG – MARIENBERG FORTRESS



Visible from afar, Marienberg Fortress is the symbol of the town of Würzburg, and bears witness to a history of over 1,000 years. There are magnificent views of the old town from the lookout points around the fortress.

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 fortress complex for the safety of the other visitors.
- Bike parking places are available in the inner courtyard (Greiffenclauhof) of the fortress.
- Lockers are available for visitors to the Museum für Franken (Museum of Franconia).
- The town also has several [e-bike charging stations](#) as well as [repair workshops](#).

## WÜRZBURG – RESIDENCE AND COURT GARDEN



The residence of the Würzburg prince-bishops is one of the most important Baroque palace complexes in Europe. For the famous unsupported staircase hall, Giovanni Battista Tiepolo created one of the largest ceiling frescoes in the world. The suite of rooms from the Garden Hall, Vestibule, Staircase Hall and White Hall to the Imperial Hall, which also has a fresco by Tiepolo, is unparalleled. The Residence, together with the Court Garden that surrounds it, is a UNESCO world heritage site.

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 Court Garden for the safety of the other visitors.
- There are designated parking places for bikes on Residenzplatz.
- Public e-bike charging stations can be found in the town near the Residence: one [at Stift Haug](#) and one [at Alte Mainbrücke](#).
- The town also has several [e-bike charging stations](#) as well as [repair workshops](#).

## BAMBERG – NEW RESIDENCE



The New Residence on the Domberg in the UNESCO World Heritage Town of Bamberg provides fascinating insights into the life of the Bamberg prince-bishops. Its over 40 state rooms are decorated with precious stucco-work ceilings, furniture and tapestries from the 17th and 18th centuries.

The frescoed Imperial Hall, the Imperial Apartment and the Prince-Bishop's Apartment are among the highlights of a visit. From the Rose Garden in the inner courtyard of the Residence there is an impressive view of the town.



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## Information and facilities for cyclists

- Cycling is prohibited on the paths in the inner courtyard and the Rose Garden for the safety of the other visitors.
- Bikes can be parked in front of the Residence.
- Lockers are available in the cash desk area for visitors of the New Residence.
- The nearest public [charging station](#) for e-bikes is by the north side wing of the tourist information centre.
- There is a [bike parking garage](#) including lockers at the train station.

## MEMMELSDORF NEAR BAMBERG – SEEHOF PALACE



The palace was used by the Bamberg prince-bishops as a summer residence and hunting lodge. The nine state rooms of the Prince-Bishop's Apartment, which include the impressive White Hall with a magnificent ceiling painting by Giuseppe Appiani, are open to the public.

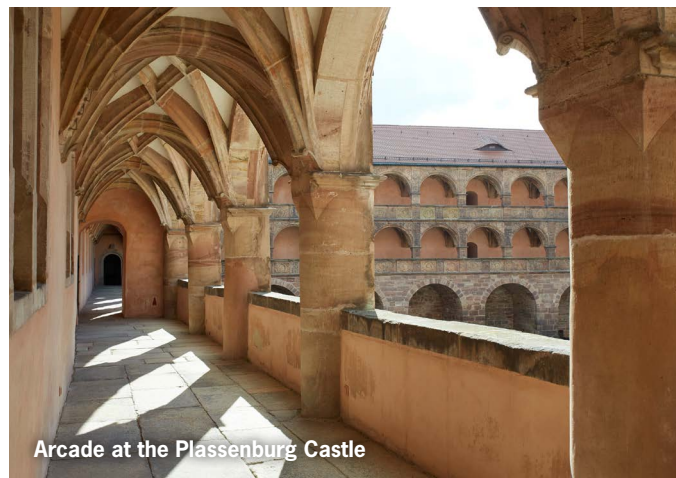
A restored cascade with waterworks and artistic sandstone sculptures are among the splendours of the Rococo Garden. 168 citrus plants are on display on the orangery parterre in the summer months.

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 park for the safety of the other visitors.
- Bike parking places are available by the entrance to the palace park.
- A list of [charging stations](#) in and around Memmelsdorf can be found on the website of the Fränkische Schweiz tourist association

## KULMBACH – PLASSENBURG CASTLE



Plassenburg, towering majestically above the town of Kulmbach, bears witness to the German Renaissance and was once the residence of the burgraves of Nuremberg and the margraves of Brandenburg.

The Schöner Hof (Beautiful Courtyard) is particularly impressive: one of the most important creations of this epoch, it is surrounded by elaborately decorated arcades.

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 of the castle complex for the safety of the other visitors (with the exception of the path leading to the castle at the times permitted by the Kulmbach town council).
- Bike parking places are available in the so-called Kasernenhof.
- The nearest available charging facilities are at the [Kulmbach bike garage](#) and the [e-bike charging station](#) of the 'Sparkasse Kulmbach-Kronach' bank.





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## **BAYREUTH – NEW PALACE**



The New Palace is a splendid example of 'Bayreuth Rococo', the highpoint of margrave culture. The Palm Room with its precious walnut panelling is particularly representative of this style. Immerse yourself in the world of Margravine Wilhelmine, who was primarily responsible for the design of the palace. The adjacent court garden, which is right in the centre of the town, is a further attractive feature of the complex.

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 in the court garden for the safety of the other visitors (except on the side that runs along Cosima-Wagner-Strasse and on the Mailbahn-Allee until the point where it meets Hans-Rollwagen-Weg.)
- Bike parking facilities are available in the immediate vicinity (pedestrian precinct) and also at Bayreuth's main station.
- Luggage lockers are available at the Bayreuth main station and the central bus station.
- The nearest public charging station for e-bikes is at the Bayreuth tourist information centre. The town also has further [charging stations and repair facilities](#).

## **BAYREUTH – HERMITAGE**

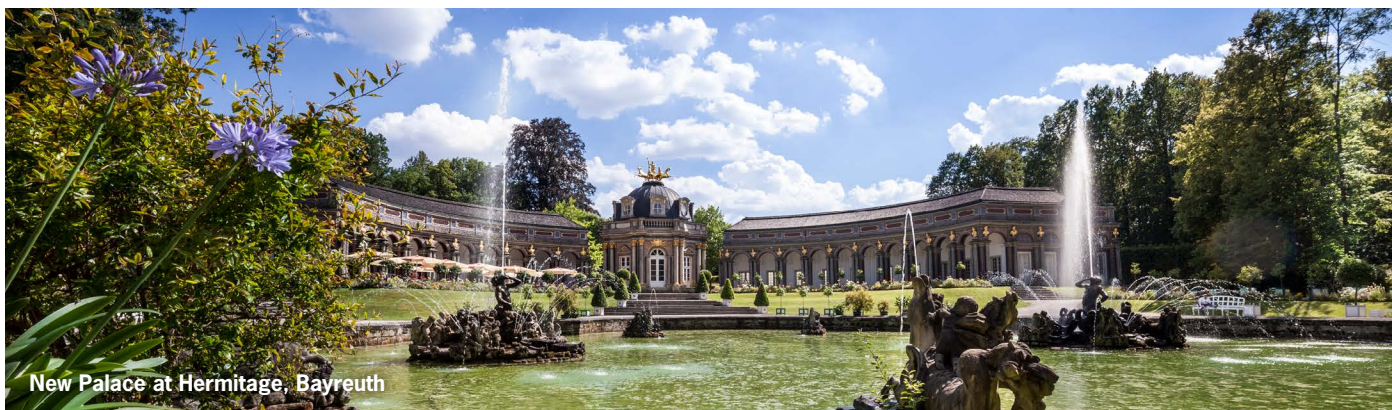


Margrave Georg Wilhelm had the Old Palace built not far from the residence town of Bayreuth as the centre of a court hermitage. Margravine Wilhelmine had it enlarged and turned into a charming summer palace with magnificent interior decoration. The façades of the New Palace are clad with rock crystal and coloured glass paste. The Sun Temple in the middle is crowned with the figure of Apollo on his sun chariot. Both buildings are surrounded by one of the most important garden complexes in South Germany.

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 in the Hermitage court garden for the safety of the other visitors.
- Bike parking facilities and lockers for cyclists are available by the park entrance (the bike parking area is immediately opposite the house numbered Eremitage 1).
- The nearest public charging station for e-bikes is at the Bayreuth tourist information centre. The town also has further [charging stations and repair facilities](#).





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## **BAYREUTH – MARGRAVIAL OPERA HOUSE WORLD HERITAGE & MUSEUM**



View to the stage of the Margravian Opera House in Bayreuth

The Margravian Opera house, which was inaugurated in 1748 and is today a UNESCO World Heritage site, is one of the most impressive examples of festival architecture from the Baroque age. The loge theatre with its interior entirely of wood was built for Margravine Wilhelmine.

The exhibition about the opera house is interactive. The painstakingly reconstructed Baroque stage, where you can have a go at operating the stage technology and special effects yourself, is a particular highpoint.

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

### **Information and facilities for cyclists**

- Parking facilities are available in the immediate vicinity (pedestrian precinct) and also at Bayreuth's main station.
- Luggage lockers are available at Bayreuth's main station and the central bus station.
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Margravian Opera House, World Heritage & Museum

## **An additional destination**

If you have the time and energy, it's also possible to add in a trip to Coburg between Bamberg and Kulmbach.

## **COBURG – EHRENBURG PALACE**



Ehrenburg Palace

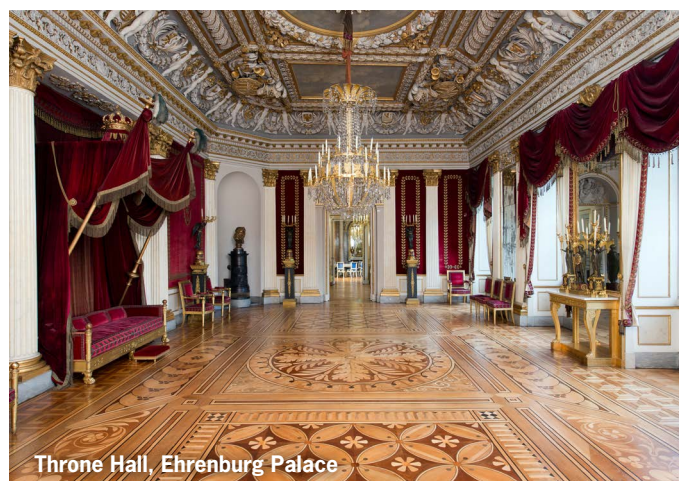
Ehrenburg Palace, the magnificent town residence of the Coburg dukes, has an impressive Neo-Gothic façade dating from the 19th century. The palace church and the Hall of Giants with 28 massive atlas figures are from the Baroque era.

The bedroom of Queen Victoria, the wife of Coburg's Prince Albert, is a particular highlight and recalls her frequent visits to Coburg.

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

### **Information and facilities for cyclists**

- Bike racks are available at the palace.
- Lockers for bags and rucksacks etc. are available in the cafeteria and by the cash desk during the relevant opening times.
- The town also has further [e-bike charging stations](#) and repair facilities.



Throne Hall, Ehrenburg Palace



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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