

# Bodensee-Königssee Cycle Route

From Lindau on Bodensee (Lake Constance) to  
Schönau on Lake Königssee



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

Schwangau → Linderhof → Herrenchiemsee → Schönau on Lake Königssee



Neuschwanstein Castle, Schwangau



Herrenchiemsee Palace, Prien



Linderhof Palace, Ettal



St Bartholomew's Church, Schönau

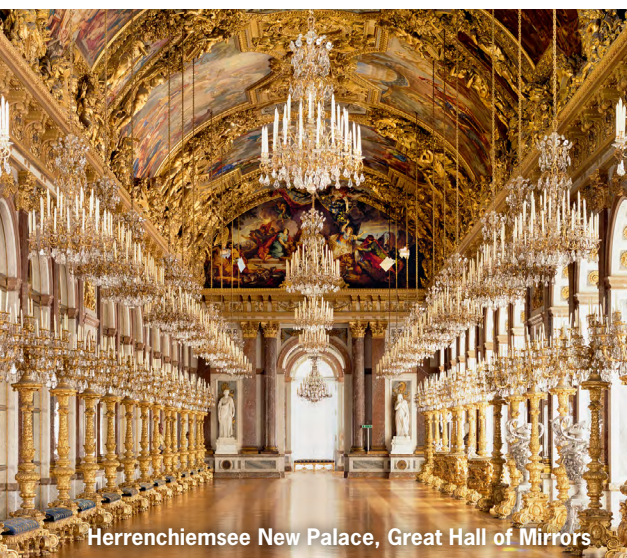
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Linderhof Palace, Bedroom



Neuschwanstein Castle, east view



Herrenchiemsee New Palace, Great Hall of Mirrors



Venus Grotto in the Linderhof Palace Park



Neuschwanstein Castle, Throne Hall



St Bartholomew's Church with Watzmann panorama

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## Brief description

This 455 km long-distance cycle route is a journey through the gentle valleys and hills of the Bavarian foothills from Lindau on Bodensee (Lake Constance) to another lake, Königssee, in Berchtesgadener Land. The tour runs in nine stages from west to east, past important cultural and natural monuments such as Neuschwanstein Castle, Herrenchiemsee Palace and Königssee, with a constant view of the Alps. It passes through very different regions, from Allgäu to the Zugspitz region, Tölzer Land and Chiemgau. Mountains, idyllic lakes (Großer Alpsee, Hopfensee, Tegernsee, Schliersee, Chiemsee) and dense forests are permanent features on this route. But they are not all it has to offer, as all along the way you'll find palaces, monasteries and attractive villages and towns with quaint inns. Most of the route is on well-surfaced paths and roads with little traffic, and includes some uphill and downhill stretches. It is well signposted in both directions and recommended by the ADFC.

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| Distance:      | <b>455 km</b> |
| Total ascent:  | <b>5142 m</b> |
| Total descent: | <b>4936 m</b> |
| Highest Point: | <b>933 m</b>  |
| Lowest Point:  | <b>395 m</b>  |

## Link to the map

Cycle map: 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.:

- [Bodensee-Königssee Cycle Route – Radlland Bayern](#)
- [Bodensee-Königssee Cycle Route](#)

## Bavarian Palace Administration sights

### SCHWANGAU – NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE

Neuschwanstein was built by Ludwig II from 1869 but never completed. He sited it in an area familiar to him high above his father's Hohenschwangau Palace, envisaging it as a monument to the culture and monarchy of the Middle Ages, which he admired and wanted to recreate.

Designed and furnished in the medieval style and equipped with the latest technology of the time, it is one of the most famous buildings in the world and a major symbol of German idealism. It was modelled in particular on Wartburg Castle, but also on illustrations of castles in medieval books. The rooms are decorated with murals of Old Norse and chivalric legends which were powerfully interpreted by Richard Wagner in his music dramas. The Singers' Hall plays tribute to two halls in



Neuschwanstein Castle, east view

Wartburg Castle; the Throne Hall, a room devoted to the cult of sovereignty, is inspired Byzantine and early Christian church interiors.

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

## Information and facilities for cyclists

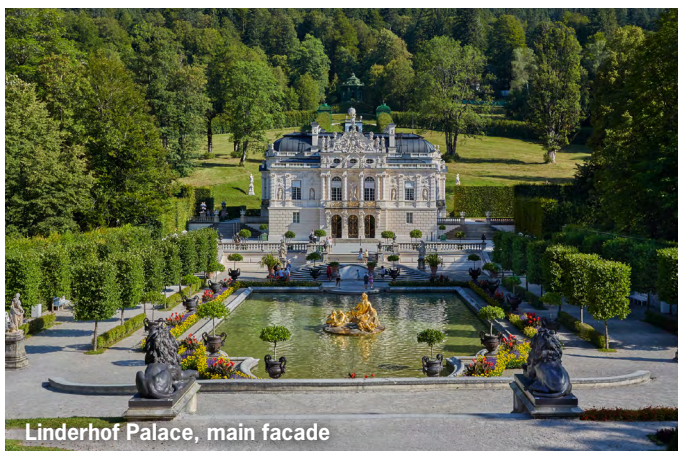
- Bikes are not allowed on the road leading up to the castle (Neuschwansteinstrasse).
- Bikes can be left at the [Alpsee car park P4](#) and the [Museum der Bayerischen Könige](#).
- There are lockers for museum visitors in the Museum der Bayerischen Könige or on Zimmermannsplatz, around 100m below Neuschwanstein Castle.



Singers' Hall in Neuschwanstein Castle

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## An additional destination



If you have a little extra time, you can extend the 'Wildsteig – Großweil' stage to include a visit to Linderhof Palace.

## ETTAL – LINDERHOF PALACE AND PARK

Linderhof is the only one of his three famous palaces that King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete. The detailed façade and the magnificent rooms of this architectural masterpiece invite you to immerse yourself in the world of the fairy-tale king. The Venus Grotto is a particular highlight, a fascinating artificial dripstone cave, which was built into the hillside from 1875 and enchants visitors with its magical atmosphere. The palace park also features exotic park buildings, harmoniously integrated into the breathtaking mountain backdrop. Since 2025 the palaces of King Ludwig II of Bavaria have been on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

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 for the safety of the other visitors on the path between the cash desk and the palace and on Schlossplatz.



Shell barge at the Venus Grotto

- Places where you must get off your bike, e.g. the path from the cash desk to Schlossplatz, are marked.
- Bike racks are available (right at the bus stop at the Linderhof car park).
- Lockers big enough for cases are available by the cash desk and there are also lockers of handbag size at the palace WC.
- The nearest available public charging stations for e-bikes are at the [Ettaler Mühle](#) restaurant and in [Oberammergau](#).

## HERRENCHIEMSEE – AUGUSTINIAN MONASTERY HERRENCHIEMSEE (OLD PALACE)



The former monastery building today houses a museum designed on modern principles, which presents 1,200 years of Bavarian history, divided into four areas:

- 'Vom Kloster zum Königsschloss' (From monastery to palace) – state rooms in the Princes' Wing (Imperial Hall, Garden Room)
- The private rooms of King Ludwig II.
- 'Der Wille zur Freiheit und Demokratie. Der Verfassungskonvent von Herrenchiemsee 1948' (Paving the way for freedom and democracy. The 1948 Constitution Convention of Herrenchiemsee 1948)
- The 'Maler am Chiemsee Gallery', which has over 50 paintings from the 19th and early 20th centuries by artists working around the Chiemsee, and the 'Julius Exter Gallery', which contains some 150 paintings from all the artist's creative periods

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### Information and facilities for cyclists

- Cycling is prohibited on the Herren- and Fraueninsel for the safety of the other visitors.
- At the Prien/Stock harbour you'll find a [free charging station](#) for e-bikes, as well as free lockers and lockable bike garages.
- Bikes are transported on [the Chiemsee boats](#) when there is enough room. Since large numbers of cyclists are en route in fine weather, there may be occasions when not all bikes can be taken on board for the safety of the passengers (escape routes)

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## HERRENCHIEMSEE – NEW PALACE AND PARK



From 1878 Ludwig II had a copy of the Versailles Palace built as a 'Temple of Fame' for the Sun King Louis XIV of France. The state rooms are a high point of 19th century interior design. Particular highlights include the enormous Great Hall of Mirrors, the magnificent marble staircase and the state bedroom. The park with its magnificent waterworks and fountains is also modelled on Versailles and well worth a visit. Since 2025 the palaces of King Ludwig II of Bavaria have been on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

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-> Similar to the information provided for New Palace



## SCHÖNAU ON LAKE KÖNIGSSEE – ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH



The palace and pilgrimage church of St Bartholomew (St. Bartholomä) were founded by the prince-provosts of Berchtesgaden in 1134. The church acquired its triconch form in 1697. In the 18th century the summer palace and hunting lodge was rebuilt, incorporating some of the original structural elements. After Berchtesgaden fell to Bavaria in 1810, the complex became one of the favourite haunts of the Bavarian kings. Since the Romantic period, the world-famous pilgrimage church, set against the backdrop of the Watzmann range, has been a source of inspiration for numerous landscape painters.

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### Information and facilities for cyclists

- Cycling is not allowed on the paths at St Bartholomew's Church, Salet and Kessel for the safety of the other visitors. For this reason the boats on Königssee do not take bikes.
- The [Schiffahrt Königssee](#) offers a small number of free lockers, which can be found behind the booking office.
- The Königssee car park has sufficient charging places for e-bikes, which can be found opposite the tourist information office. Here there are also further lockers.



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 [website](#).

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