

## Elbe Valley & Wendland - 8 days

The Elbtalau and the Wendland, a unique landscape in the northeast of Lower Saxony, accompany the tour along the Elbe and to the typical Rundling villages in the Wendland. Half-timbered and late Gothic brick buildings characterise the towns and villages on the way to Salzwedel in the Altmark. Finally, the river Ilmenau connects the cities of Uelzen and Lüneburg.

### Day 1 : arrival in Lüneburg

Individual arrival and possibility for an evening stroll in the medieval Hanseatic city.

### Day 2: Lüneburg > Elbtalau, ~45 km

You can explore the late Gothic brick buildings and the magnificent town hall on a short bike tour, before you cycle to the monastery Lüne and further to the ship lift Scharnebeck. Via Hohnstorf you come to the Elbschifferstadt Lauenburg. A detour to the Lower Town is worthwhile before you head to the expanses of the Biosphere Reserve Elbtalau. Bleckede Castle with the Elbtalau Biosphere Reserve information centre is on its way to your rural but comfortable accommodation on the Elbe dike in Bleckede. Alternatively: overnight in Boizenburg.

### Day 3 : Elbtalau > Hitzacker > Dömitz, ~49 km

Today you follow the Elbe cycle trail, along the former border 'Iron Curtain'.

### Day 4: Dömitz > Gartow am See, ~30 km

Enjoy this particular landscape and small villages along your way.

### Day 5 : Gartow am See > Salzwedel, ~41 km

You will cycle through forests and achieve the hansatic town of Salzwedel. The architecture of Salzwedel shows typical half-timbered houses and you should taste the special 'Baumkuchen', which is a cake.

### Day 6: Salzwedel > Wendland > Uelzen, ~46 km

On this tour you will pass by several circular villages, the so-called 'Rundlinge'. The Wendland is heavily influenced by the Polabian culture. In the Middle Ages, and in places up to the Early Modern Period, the Wendland was inhabited by Slavs, who were known as Wends in the German-speaking world. Uelzen is characterised by timber-framed architecture and also has some striking examples of North German brick Gothic. The county town earned pan-regional fame when Friedensreich Hundertwasser was selected to redesign the station: the final work of the celebrated Viennese artist and architect was ceremonially opened in 2000.

### Day 7: Uelzen > Lüneburg, ~48 km

You leave the village on the Ilmenau cycle trail until Bad Bevensen. The tour brings you back to beautiful Lüneburg.

### Day 8: Lüneburg

Individual departure after breakfast

### Services:

7 nights in 3\*\*\* and 4\*\*\*\* hotels  
7x breakfast  
luggage transport  
welcome briefing (if you booked a bike)  
travel documents with maps and route description  
GPS tracks on request  
transfer from Salzwedel to Uelzen by bus or train  
service hotline

### additional services:

electric bike	199 €
rental bike 21 gears	99 €
own bike	0 €
extra night, double, BnB	75 €
extra night, single, BnB	115 €

### Price:

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double room, BnB	895 €
single room, BnB	1090 €
twin room, BnB	895 €

