

Die rheinische APFELROUTE

Discovering the largest horticulture area in North Rhine-Westphalia by bike

Despite the historic relevance of Germany's former capital Bonn, the region around the famous city is almost unknown to guests and tourists. However, the largest horticulture area in North Rhine-Westphalia is characterized by blooming orchards, luscious vegetable fields, apple farms, historic old towns and beautiful views on the cultural landscape along the river Rhine.

Cyclists are now able to discover this beautiful and unique region on the newly established cycling circuit "Die rheinische APFELROUTE" (The Rhenish Apple route). On 120 kilometers of marked cycle paths, you can experience the cultivation of various fruits and vegetables, taste different apple varieties or sip a cup of freshly brewed coffee in one of the many farm cafes.

The cycling route takes riders on a guided tour to the cultural and agricultural highlights of all six participating municipalities: Alfter, Bornheim, Meckenheim, Rheinbach, Swisttal, Wachtberg. Additionally, there are 12 attractive rest stops along the circuit, where guests can get involved with the various interesting aspects of horticulture. On these points, especially kids are guided to learn about the rich history, the complex ecology or the different techniques used by farmers in an agricultural environment.

After being on the saddle all day long, cyclists are invited to come in and stay in one of the many comfortable restaurants and accommodations along the way. There you can rest your tired legs and refuel by tasting the regional cuisine with many fresh vegetables and fruits from local farmers.

On the 19th of May in 2019, the route is going to be officially inaugurated with a large celebration in the historic old town of Meckenheim. Guest and locals are invited to come over and take part in one of the many offered activities and guided bike tours.

The project is funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). Its goal is to particularly promote small and medium-sized enterprises by developing and improving touristic infrastructure and services in the region Rhine-Voreifel.

Factsheet “Die rheinische APFELROUTE”

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