

ALPINE ROUTE

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Distance: 105 kilometers

Weesen

Climbing: 1980 meters

DAY

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Towns: Gersau, Altdorf, Linthal,
Schwanden, Glarus

Highlights

Altdorf and the story of William Tell

Ascent up the Klausenpass

The crystal clear Walensee lake

This morning you will need to board the ferry in front of the hotel with your bikes. The trip across takes 30 minutes and you will dock in Gersau.

From Gersau we will follow a flat lakeside road with some tunnels and heavy traffic. These tunnels can be a bit unnerving, but there is a dedicated bike lane, so just stay on that path and you will be fine.

Welcome to Altdorf. For the Swiss, there is no legend more powerful than that of William Tell and Altdorf is where the story takes place. Park your bike and admire the bronze statue of the world's most famous archer in the city center, but then fill your bottles. It's time to tackle the Klausen Pass.

This is our toughest climb of the tour. You'll be climbing for approximately 1600 meters over 20 kilometers. You'll have hairpin turns, 100 meter-high water falls and snowcapped mountains to admire.

The route also takes you right along the Urner Boden Alp, Switzerland's largest and possibly most beautiful Alp with over 1200 head of cows that graze here.

Wait for the others at the summit with a beer. There's a restaurant/hotel at the top and you can admire the views while waiting. Afterwards, put on another layer and then enjoy 20 kilometers of coasting to reach the long open valley below.

You're now on a beautiful stretch of flat road all the way to Glarus. Once in Glarus, wait for the others outside the railway station to regroup. We'll all ride the last 15 kilometers to Weesen, located on Lake Walensee.

Our first hotel is The Flyhof. Unfortunately, it is very small, so there will not be room for everyone. A few of you who signed up for this tour later will be staying with our guides in Weesen while the others will be staying at the Flyhof. We'll all be meeting for supper this evening at the Flyhof.