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Rennsteig

ENJOY PURE NATURAL EXPERIENCES ON THE HIGH-ALTITUDE TRAIL

The Rennsteig high-altitude hiking trail in German Thuringia combines a fascinating mixture of nature, history and tradition. A legend surrounding the trail says: The true hiking friend takes a stone from the river at Werra and carries it in his pocket to the end at the Saale. There he throws it back in the water.

The Rennsteig, which runs through central Germany, is not only one of the most popular long-distance hiking trails, but also one of the oldest. It begins in the Hörschel district of Eisenach on the banks of the Werra and finally ends in Blackenstein at the Selbitz Bridge. The Eurohike route is similar and takes a total of eleven days.

Details about the hike on the Rennsteig

Hiking at high altitude and walking over the crest of the Thuringian Forest on the more than 100-year-old trail of the Rennsteig, makes the hearts of hikers beat faster. Always at your side: pure nature and the rivers Werra and Saale. The route leads around 170 kilometres through central Germany. For tired hiking feet, however, the route can also be shortened if necessary. In between, a train or bus ride here and there, and you've covered a few kilometres.

The highlights on the Rennsteig at a glance

- Grenzadler and DKB ski arena: The centuries-old boundary stone in Oberhof, which today marks the DKB ski arena, is above all a popular winter sports resort. The small town of Oberhof is also popular with hikers. Here you can relax and give tired calves a break with sufficient wellness options.
- Centre of the Rennsteig: On day six you will reach the centre of the 170-kilometre high trail. The Rennsteig Museum is also located here. Interested people can read documents and maps in the approximately 72,000 pages.

Walking



11 Days / 10 Nights



Self-guided Tour



Minimum of participants: 2 persons

To the online version



Itinerary

DAY
1





Arrival in Eisenach

Explore Luther city Eisenach with its fortress during a stroll through the city.

DAY
2

Eisenach – Ruhla-Ascherbrück




Short train journey to Hörschel. In accordance with old tradition, this is the trailhead of the Rennsteig trail. The route takes you into the little mountain town of Ruhla, renowned for its historic watch manufacturing tradition. You continue on tranquil paths via the ‚Hohe Sonne‘ and reach Ruhla-Ascherbrück. We definitely recommend a detour to the impressive dragon gorge.

 approx. 5 hours  19 km  420 m  70 m

DAY
3

Ruhla-Ascherbrück – Ebertswiese





Past Ruhlaer Häuschen you walk to mountain Großer Inselsberg, which measures 912 m at his highest point. From there a steep climb is awaiting you, but you will be rewarded with a fabulous view. This popular section leads down to Grenzweise, Dreiherrenstein and on to Ebertswiese with its mountain meadows and lakes.

 approx. 6,5 hours  25 km  590 m  400 m

DAY
4

Ebertswiese – Oberhof

You start at 730 m above sea level and walk comfortable across the Rennsteig through the Thuringia Forest, past Krämerrod and Wachsenrasen, and on to the climatic health resort Oberhof. In the near, the Grenzadler, a centuries-old landmark is awaiting you, today it is marking the DKB-skiing arena. The popular winter sports resort is inviting you for relaxation and offers many wellness treatments for tired legs.

 approx. 5,5 hours  22 km  300 m  240 m

DAY
5*Oberhof – Frauenwald*

Today the highest point of the Rennsteig is awaiting you. You walk up onto 973 m. The walking tour leads past idyllic meadows with huts and springs, which invite you for a break. Before you reach Frauenwald you pass train station Rennsteig, where special trains go into the nature.

 approx. 5 hours  18 km  180 m  220 m

DAY
6*Frauenwald – Masserberg*

From Frauenwald you pass mountain Großer Dreierherrenstein. The roads from Illmenau, Neustadt, and Allzunah are meeting here. In Neustadt the centre of the Rennsteig is located in the Rennsteig museum. From Thuringia Forest you continue into the Thuringia Schiefergebirge (shale mountains). You cross the Schwalbenhauptwiese and meet a hollow way, which has been formed through elution and usage.

 approx. 5 hours  19 km  190 m  210 m

DAY
7*Masserberg – Neuhaus*

You walk from the Rennsteig lookout to Friedrichshöhe. The village is imbedded in deep Thuringia Forest and well known as smallest independent village of the German Democratic Republic as well as for its absolute silence. A detour to the spring of river Werra is worth is before you continue your tour via Limbach to Neuhaus.

 approx. 5 hours  20 km  280 m  230 m

DAY
8*Neuhaus – Steinbach am Wald*

Today you walk to Steinbach. The alpine slide in Ernstthal is inviting you for a ride. Afterwards the tour leads you to Spechtsbrunn. Who wants to learn more about the Thuringia Forest should visit the nature park information centre.

 approx. 6 hours  23 km  180 m  400 m

DAY
9

Steinbach am Wald – Grumbach

Enjoy the diversified lookouts onto Lauenhain and the slaty fractures of Lehesten for instance during this day. You will be accompanied from landmarks. They are the reason that this path is named "Schönwappenweg". Presentation boards inform about the region, before you continue along the Rennsteig to Grumbach.



approx. 3 hours



12 km



200 m



110 m

DAY
10

Grumbach – Blankenstein

On your last walking tour you visit the hamlet Rodacherbrunn, it is located at the former "Mittlere Handelsstraße" (trading route). Already Napoleon was passing by with a huge army to the battle at Jena and Auerstädt. Past the three "Stephanseichen" (oak trees) you walk down to stage finish Blankenstein.



approx. 4 hours



17 km



60 m



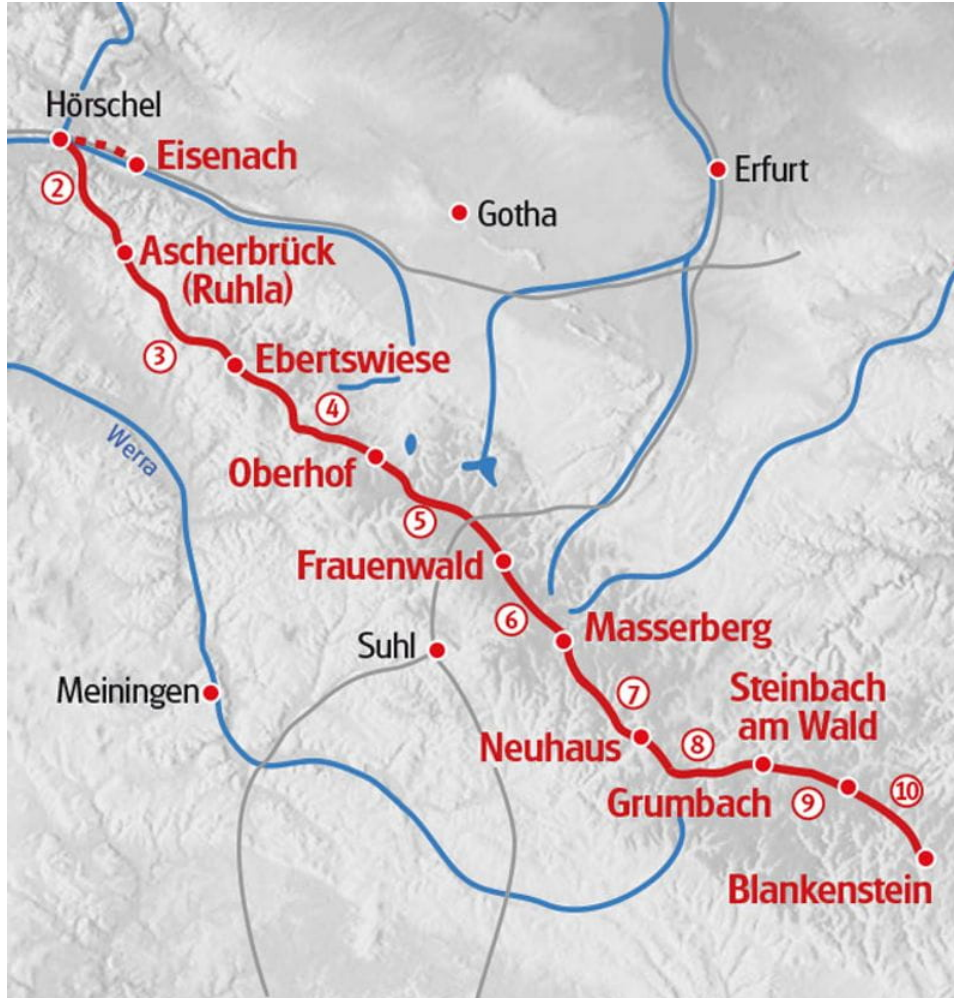
280 m

DAY
11

Departure or extension

Characteristics of the route

The level of the hiking tour is easy to medium. You walk mainly on good walking paths and ridgeways, which offer beautiful views as well as in silent and untouched nature. If you are in a good shape the daily tours can be managed without difficulties.



Prices and events

Place of arrival: Eisenach

Season 1

01.04.2021 - 29.04.2021 | 01.07.2021 - 19.08.2021 |
20.09.2021 - 31.10.2021 |
Arrival daily except sunday

Season 2

30.04.2021 - 30.06.2021 |
20.08.2021 - 19.09.2021 |
Arrival daily except sunday

Rennsteig, 11 days, DE-THWEB-11X		
Base price	81900	84900
Surcharge half board 10x (mostly multi-course, sometimes outside the property, payable with voucher)	190.00	190.00
Surcharge single room	180.00	180.00

Category: beautiful 3*** hotels, guesthouses and pensions

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Eisenach

Season 1

Apr 1, 2021 - Apr 29, 2021 | Jul 1, 2021 - Aug 19, 2021 |
Sep 20, 2021 - Oct 31, 2021 |
Arrival daily except sunday

Season 2

Apr 30, 2021 - Jun 30, 2021 |
Aug 20, 2021 - Sep 19, 2021 |
Arrival daily except sunday

Eisenach		
Double room p. P.	51.00	51.00
Surcharge single room	14.00	14.00
Oberhof		
Double room p. P.	51.00	51.00
Surcharge single room	14.00	14.00

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Season 2

Apr 30, 2021 - Jun 30, 2021 |
 Aug 20, 2021 - Sep 19, 2021 |
 Arrival daily except sunday

Neuhaus		
Double room p. P.	52.00	52.00
Surcharge single room	15.00	15.00
Blankenstein		
Double room p. P.	42.00	42.00
Surcharge single room	12.00	12.00

Prices per person in EUR

Services and infos

Services

Included:

- 10 overnight stays as stated, breakfast included
- Luggage transfer
- Transfers according to program
- Train fare Eisenach - Hörschel
- Rennsteig Hikingpass
- Carefully elaborated route description
- Detailed travel and tour documents 1x per room (German, English)
- Service-Hotline

Optional extras:

- If half-board: min. 3-course evening meal
- Organized transfer back to Eisenach from Blankenstein EUR 95 per person, payable locally, reservation required, min. 2 persons.

Infos

Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- By train to Eisenach and a short walk (approx. 10 minutes) to the hotel.
- Car park: limited number of hotel car park, approx. from EUR 5 per day, no reservation required. Free car park near the hotel or public parking garage for approx. EUR 60 per week.
- Back to the starting point by train, duration approx. 3,5 hrs.

Things to note:

- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price
- Further important information according to the package travel law can be found [here!](#)

Contact & booking

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.



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