



ROUTE

MARITIME CYCLING TOUR

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*Round Tour of the Inner City
and the Inner Firth*



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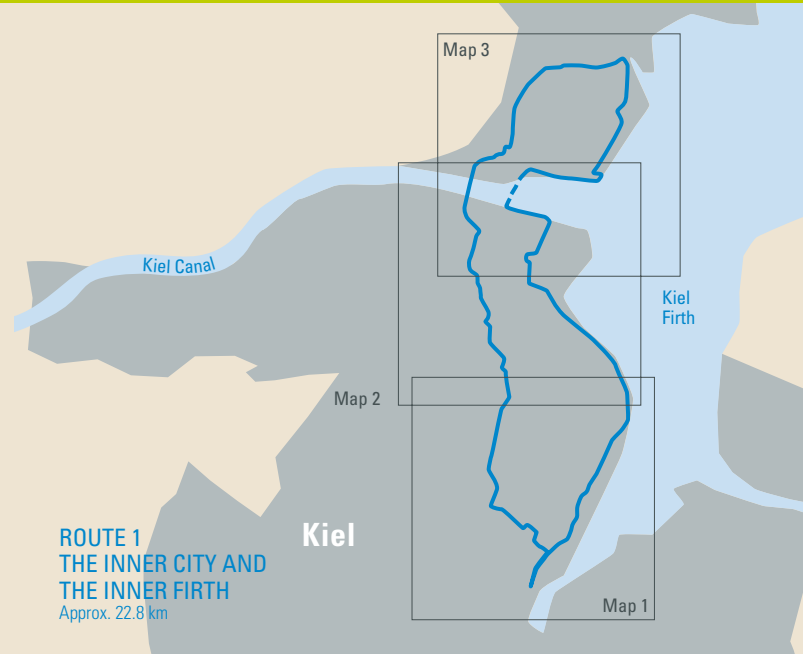
GENERAL MAP ROUTE 1

Maritime Tour Cycling Guide

The state capital Kiel is characterised by the Baltic Sea inlet “Kieler Förde” [Kiel Firth], the end of which, “Die Hörn”, cuts deep into the city. Since its founding almost 800 years ago, Kiel’s sea-side location, between Germany and Scandinavia, has made it a pivot point for all major developments and events; canal construction, the Olympic Games, shipbuilding, ferry crossings and cruises, and as a centre for marine research.

Kiel’s unique setting and its attractive surroundings also make it an ideal location for cyclists. Cycle tracks extend along the firth, while in the city itself a network of signposted bicycle routes point the way.

The MaritimeTour leads you to specially marked points (information boards) highlighting the most beautiful sights and the most important locations in maritime Kiel. A good way to discover a city that lives beside, on and with the water.



**ROUTE 1
THE INNER CITY AND
THE INNER FIRTH**
Approx. 22.8 km



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Route 1 follows the Baltic Sea cycle route along the Kiel Firth. The maritime section is travelled by canal ferry to Tissenquai in Holtenau. From here the route along the firth was blocked off until 2014. After more than 100 years, the military use of this land came to an end and access was opened to all.

After this the route continues past the airfield and over Hochbrücke (the High Bridge) on Cycle Route 1 to Schrevenpark. From there it continues through Kleiner Kiel and the marina and back to the Umsteiger at the main railway terminal.

Length of round tour: 22.8 km

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ROUND TOUR OF THE INNER CITY AND THE INNER FIRTH continued on MAP 2



-  Round tour route
-  Steep incline
-  Tour Stops
-  public toilets
-  Umsteiger/
Bicycle Hire
Service
-  Information
boards
"Blaue Wege"
[Blue Route]

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⚠ If there is a wait for the canal ferry, you can cycle over the Hochbrücke (High Bridge) instead. The route is shown on an information board at the ferry terminals.

⚠ Cycling is prohibited in green areas. Please dismount and push your bicycle.

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BACK TO ROUTE 1, THE INNER CITY AND THE INNER FIRTH continued on MAPS 1 & 2 ↴



1 Die Hörn

From Umsteiger, the route leads directly to Die Hörn – and Germany’s only deep-water harbour in the middle of the city. Here, on both embankments, you can see the large terminal buildings for the Baltic Sea ferries and cruise liners. There are often up to five of these impressive ships in the inner firth.

2 The Maritime Museum

The maritime museum gives an insight into the city’s long maritime history – with outstanding exhibits like the “Brandtaucher”, one of the world’s first submarines, built here in Kiel. Opposite you can see the docks, cranes and shipyards of HDW, which now build some of the most innovative submarines in the world here, as well as merchant navy ships and container ships.

3 The Seal Pool at IFM Geomar

The Leibniz Institute send its fleet on regular expeditions to the Antarctic Ocean. On the other side of the firth you can see the naval arsenal. The German navy’s ships are repaired and serviced here. In the pipe-shaped pressure docks, which are clearly visible from here, great submer- sion depths are simulated for stress tests on submarines.

4 Düsternbrook Leisure Boat Harbour

The largest yacht harbour on Kiel’s inner firth and the ven- ue of the Olympic Sailing Competitions of 1936. Opposite, the river Schwentine flows into the Kiel Firth.

5 Hirschfeldblick / Forest Nursery

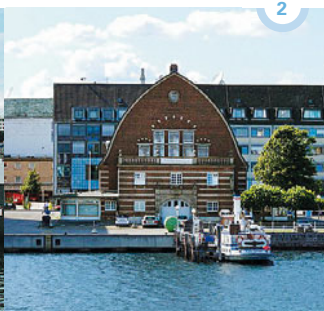
Lock up your bike and climb the steps up to Hirschfeldblick. Enjoy the lovely view overlooking the firth from this van- tage point. Hirschfeldblick is located on the former Royal Danish Forest Nursery, which was established in 1788 to promote forest management. Since 1900 the green space has been open to the public and is one of Kiel’s favourite local destinations for day trips and relaxation.

6 Wik / Marine Quarters / Gorch Fock

The city district of Wik, which is characterised by its na- val history, is now undergoing a period of change. Due to the structural reform of the Bundeswehr [German armed forces], after more than 100 years as a former military area around Nordmole, this district is now being integrated in a new town-planning concept as a “maritime district”. Tirpitzhafen is still a meeting point for international naval units, and it is from here that Kiel’s most famous sailing school ship, the “Gorch Fock”, regularly sets off on its jour- neys to all of the seven seas.

7 Ansharpark

Established on the protected site of the Ansharpark in Kiel’s Wik district, nestled between the old trees and his- toric brick buildings of the former naval garrison hospital, there are two residential buildings of modern rental apart- ments, some of which provide barrier-free living. Next to the boiler house opposite, former Building 1 was designed as the “Atelierhaus” (artists’ studio building). A place where contemporary fine arts, innovative designs and project-based expertise are produced and presented.



The upper floors have work spaces for artists and creative types, while the ground floor is dedicated to temporary exhibitions.

Building 3 has also been made safe for the time being so that it can be renovated once plans for its use and implementation have been developed.

8 Petruskirche

Between 1905-1907, as Kiel's Wik district became a major base with barracks for the numerous members of the Kaiser's navy, the Petruskirche was built as a garrison church. Designed by the then renowned Karlsruhe-based architects Robert Curiel and Karl Moser, it is one of Germany's largest and most important Art Nouveau churches.

Because of the excellent acoustics provided by its exposed rafters and its wooden beam construction, the church is now used not only for church services but also for concerts and other cultural events.

9 Schleusenpark

The new park constructed in 2012 is a green oasis introducing new life to an area on the southern bank of the canal in the city's Wik district that was used primarily by industry and the German navy. The 1.5 hectare park forms the northern end of an axis from Anscharpark.

The new park can be viewed from the Wiker Balkon (Wik balcony), a viewing platform on the embankment above Uferstraße.

Not only does it offer a lovely view over Kiel Canal and Kiel Firth, it can also be used as an open-air stage.

10 Maschinenmuseum

Two industrial buildings of the Kiel's former gasworks form the framework for countless horsepower of historic powered machines. One of a kind in northern Germany, more than a century of the history of machine construction is clearly displayed and brought to life in this museum.

From the ancient Otto engine and the hissing steam engine, via the mysterious hot air engine, the drilling machine powered by muscle, through to the roaring diesel engine of the submarine.

11 Viewing platform on the canal locks

Kiel Canal's locks in Kiel and Brunsbüttel are among the largest in the world. The Kleine Schleusen (little locks) have been in operation since 1895, the Große Schleusen (big locks) in 1914. Vessels measuring 235 m long and 32.5 m wide can navigate the canal.

12 Passenger ferry on Kiel Canal

A passenger ferry commutes between the city districts of Wik and Holtenau, ferrying pedestrians and cyclists across Kiel Canal within a few minutes. The canal locks in Holtenau can easily be seen from here.

13 Tiessenkai

Tiessenkai is characterised by its historic cobblestones and its nostalgic harbour atmosphere. This wharf, which was named after the ships' chandler Hermann Tiessen in 1976, is a favourite destination for old sailing freighters, which offer group trips or sightseeing tours on request.



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14 Holtenau Lighthouse

The old Holtenau lighthouse dating from 1895 stands at the entrance to Kiel Canal.

The 20 metre high round brick tower with an octagonal foundation is now a popular venue for wedding ceremonies. The small green area of land around the tower was formed from material excavated from Kiel Canal and dumped in front of the original embankment. From here there is a wonderful view of the locks as well as of ships until they reach the point at which they leave the canal and enter the Baltic Sea.

15 MFG 5-Areal in Kiel-Holtenau

For decades the helicopters of the naval air wing Marinefliegergeschwader 5 (MFG 5) set off from here on their sea rescue missions. The 80 hectare site has not been used for military purposes since 2012. Kiel City Council would like to develop a vibrant district for working, living and leisure time here. There are information boards along the route detailing the history, planning processes and future of the site.

16 Holtenau High Bridge

Anyone intending to cycle over the Holtenau high bridge, which is 518.40 metres long and was renovated in 1996, must be prepared for a climb of 42 m. This is the guaranteed passage height for shipping. From up here there is a fantastic view of the extended grounds of the Holtenau lock where Kiel Canal meets Kiel Firth.

17 Ravensberg Water Tower

The Ravensberg water tower, which was built in 1896 as a source of drinking water, was placed under monument protection in 1976 and went out of use in 1990. Architecturally this brick building is consciously styled on medieval fortification, city and castle towers. The 34 metre high tower stands on an artificial mound.

Since the year 2000 the water tower has been privately owned and after being used for a time as a venue for organized events, theatre performances and concerts, it was renovated and converted into luxury apartments.

18 Kleiner Kiel / Marina

Kleiner Kiel, which is separated into two parts by a bridge, was originally connected to the Kiel Firth. In the summer, a swimming sculpture by the Kiel artist Ulrich Behl (*1939) can be seen on the northern section of the shallow inland water, surrounded by green space. Aluminium tetrahedrons move like sails on the water, though they are anchored.

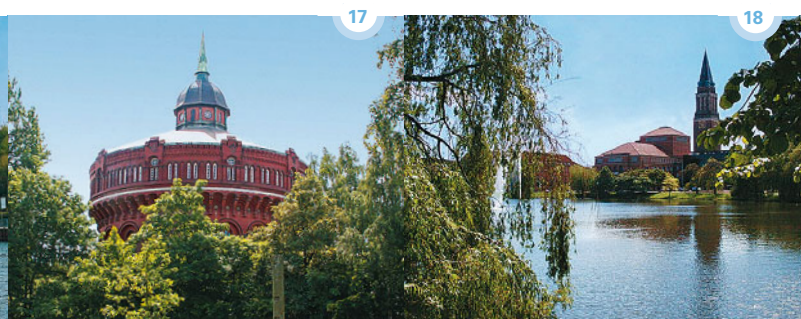
Originally the arm of the firth, of which Kleiner Kiel and the marina still remain, surrounded Kiel's „Altstadtinsel“ (old town island) – which is still clearly recognisable on the city map. After 100 years of town planning changes, however, more and more of it has been separated from the firth. Following its redesign, the triangular marina has become a popular urban area in the centre of Kiel, tempting visitors into staying a while and relaxing.



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If you do not plan to start your tours with your own bicycle, you can hire quality bikes at the Bike Station in “Umsteiger” at the main railway terminal.

Here you will also find a bike repair workshop and a bicycle park with more than 600 parking spaces. At Umsteiger you can also obtain tickets and information on the regional bus, ferry ship and rail service.

www.umsteiger-kiel.de