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The book is based on the author's extensive experience, including over 20 years of annual cycle trips to Europe.

Rhine River, Danube River, Elbe River, Loire River, Po River, Neckar River, Mosel River, Main River, and more.

- How to plan and prepare.
- How to get what you need to the start of a ride and home again --bikes, panniers, and you.
- What to bring and what not -- how to keep your load small.
- How to handle getting around and other logistics.
- Bike, Lodging and Eating advice.
- Safety, Security, and Communication advice.
- Route recommendations and key features.

In short, everything you need to know to have a first-class, comfortable, flexible, and interesting riding trip to Europe without spending a fortune or going with an organized package. We budget about \$120 per day per person (less if sharing rooms) plus airfare for hotels, meals, and everything else for rides that are typically 8-14 days in length.

Rivers make the perfect touring -- flat, easy to navigate, interesting towns, historical sites, and relatively short distances between stops and sites. These trips are for everyone -- from weekend warriors to casual riders, from the young to the old. I have undertaken these rides with riders in their 80s, and the last four years with my 11 year old son on a tandem.

Our routes guide riders through Germany, the Netherlands, Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, France, Italy, Switzerland, and, Slovakia, and utilize the detailed maps found in the terrific German Bikeline map guides.

"Cycling Along Europe's Rivers" is a companion book to the European Bikeline Map Guides. It will tell you how and where to go, which Bikeline map guide to use for route details, and how to use these maps. That's all you need! Please Note: While the book does provide over 25 routes, suggested overnight stops, and associated mileage, it does not provide turn-by-turn details, and detailed maps, because this is not necessary for these trips given GPS, generally well-marked trails, the very detailed Bikeline companion guides, and the rivers themselves providing the ultimate route guide!

Cities and regions in Europe you can visit include, among many other: the Danube Gorge, Amsterdam, Leiden, the Hague, Rotterdam, Utrecht, Arnhem, Dusseldorf, Cologne, Bonn, Koblenz, Cochem, Frankfurt, Heidelberg, Strasbourg, Colmar, Basel, the Rhine Falls, Lake Bodensee, Konstanz, Regensburg, Passau, Linz, Melk, Vienna, Bratislava, Gyor, Tata, Budapest, Cesky Krumlov, Prague, Dresden, Meissen, Wittenberg, Potsdam, Berlin, Hamburg, Bremerhaven, Bremen, Hameln, Hann. Munden, Orleans, Chambord, Blois, Amboise, Chenonceaux, Chinon, Saumur, Angers, St. Nazaire, Milan, Cremona, Parma, Mantua, Merano, Bolzano, Lake Garda, Verona, Padua, Chioggia, and Venice. Even a brief mention of the C&O Canal and Erie Canal rides as warm-ups.

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Please feel free to contact the author at: mlyon@cycletouringbooks.com. We appreciate all your kind reviews and feedback!"

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