



Dear participants of the
International Transport Forum 2025,

Welcome to this year's bike tour with a special focus on nature and climate challenges in a growing city like Leipzig.

I would like to invite you to cycle with me through Leipzig's northern green lung, the unique floodplain forest. Here we will explore the special nature of this important green area, the small waterways, and will cycle alongside idyllic paths. The floodplain forest is an important part of Leipzig's natural heritage and we developed a range of measures to preserve and protect it as a unique species-rich cultural landscape. As it has a close proximity to the inner city and living districts, it is at the same time of great value to the well-being of our inhabitants.

After a short break with snacks and refreshments, our tour will finally take us through the historic Waldstraßen district, pass by the world famous St Thomas' Church and end at the New City Hall.

I am very much looking to welcome you to our excursion!

Burkhard Jung, Mayor of Leipzig



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Practical information:

Start/End of the tour:
13:30 Congress Center, Transfer by Bus
14:00 Auensee (Parkplatz)
16:00 Neues Rathaus

All bags and belongings you don't need during the tour can be stored in the transfer busses.



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Leipzig by bike 2025

Nature preservation in a growing city

on tour with Mayor Burkhard Jung



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Tour stations

- 1 Auensee (Lake)** The special Leipzig recreation area is part of the floodplain forest. As a historic event location, the Haus Auensee regularly organises events and concerts. A small train for children and parents and several playgrounds attract in summer times a lot of visitors.
- 2 Leipziger Auwald** Covering an area of 5,900 hectares, Leipzig's floodplain forest is one of the most important and impressive alluvial forests in Germany. Its formation is the result of various processes and events, which were characterised by natural processes and human activity. The forest is fully protected and also part of nature reserves. Since more than 30 years, a special Leipzig Alluvial Forest Day takes place with an announcement of a rare animal of the year, which will be in special focus of protection. The city of Leipzig is currently undertaking many measures for renaturalisation, irrigation and flood protection in order to protect the floodplain forest for future generations.
- 3 Kläranlage Rosental (Kommunale Wasserwerke)** The communal Leipziger Wasserwerke operate a total of 25 wastewater treatment plants. The Rosental sewage treatment plant is Leipzig's main wastewater treatment plant for reliable and environmentally friendly wastewater treatment. Leipzig's waterworks are also developing measures to cope with the current challenges of a growing city as well as climate change
- 4 Sport facilities** We will pass by many large sports facilities, such as training areas for football teams, tennis and archery facilities, the Olympic training centre, and the Football stadium of our Premier League – Bundesliga – team RB Leipzig. This will also be one of the location for international teams fighting for the European Championship 2024 in Germany.
- 5 Waldstraßenviertel** The unique historical residential quarter of German Gründerzeit is one of the largest, most complete and best-preserved areas of this kind in Europe. You can also see traces of Jewish life in Leipzig in the Waldstraßenviertel, as many Jewish Leipzigers lived and established several institutions there.
- 6 Thomaskirche** The famous St Thomas' Church is the place where Johann Sebastian Bach worked for 27 years as Thomas cantor. With its remarkable architecture, St Thomas' Church characterises Leipzig's cityscape. St Thomas' Church regularly organises performances by the historic St Thomas' Choir and the Gewandhaus Orchestra.

