

"A truly special experience" - Marcel Kittel on the ADAC Cycling Tour

In two months, Magdeburg will become a cycling hotspot: On August 24, not only will the top professionals of the Lidl Deutschland Tour be riding through Saxony-Anhalt – more than 2,000 amateur cyclists will also take part in the ADAC Cycling Tour. This mass-participation event, part of Germany's most important cycling race, offers perfect conditions for everyone who loves cycling.

Whether you're an ambitious athlete or a relaxed recreational rider – the ADAC Cycling Tour has something for everyone. Two attractive routes are available, both entirely on closed roads through the #moderndenken region of Saxony-Anhalt. Those seeking a sporting challenge can choose the "Großer Börde Loop": a gently undulating course over 122 kilometers. For those who prefer a more relaxed pace or are riding in a cycling event for the first time, the "Kleiner Börde Loop" with its flat 52 kilometers is the ideal option – manageable even without many training miles.

The starting signal will be given at the Sternbrücke in the southern part of Magdeburg. From there, riders head toward the Börde region, where the two routes split. While the shorter loop quickly returns to the city, the Großer Börde Loop winds further through the varied landscape. A special highlight for all participants: the final 32 kilometers follow the same route as the professionals – including a ride through Wanzleben and along the Magdeburger Ring. The Magdeburg Cathedral marks the grand finale before the finish at Schleinufer, where a large cycling festival with a vibrant supporting program awaits.

Sprint star **Marcel Kittel** got a first impression of the route a few weeks ago when he rode with fans: *"Riding on closed roads through this beautiful region is a truly special experience. The combination of sporting challenge and shared joy in cycling makes the ADAC Cycling Tour something unique for all participants,"* said the 14-time Tour de France stage winner.

Those who want to take part can now secure one of the coveted starting spots at <u>deutschland-tour.com</u>. Registration starts at 89 euros – including an exclusive ADAC Cycling Tour jersey from Tour de France outfitter Santini.