

# Boat and Bike Swiss Crown - Passau-Budapest

## Boat and bike Danube

What an amazing cycling holiday you will have aboard the premiumships Vivienne and Swiss Crown! Reside and dine in luxury during the evenings and during the day get an up close and personal view of the enchanting Danube River while cycling.

Cycle and sail from the charming Bavarian "Three River City" of Passau straight into the heart of the once glorious Imperial and Royal Monarchy Austria/Hungary, discover four fascinating countries and look forward visiting Europe's most charming capitals on one glorious cycling holiday. The flat Danube Cycle Path offers easy going riding and a treasure trove of scenery, history and culture, all with the adventure of your overnight stays aboard an exclusive river cruise ship.

Take time to explore Budapest's imperial and art nouveau highlights, take a comprehensive tour through the coronation capital Bratislava with its baroque and gothic buildings and fountains and discover why Vienna is called the 'Metropolis of Waltz'. After a great day of cycling and exploring relax onboard the MV Swiss Crown or MV Vivienne while listening to live music, or you could even head out to do more discovering on foot.

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	8 Days / 7 Nights Self-guided tour Minimum number of participants: 90	

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# ltinerary

### Day 1 Passau

Boarding time at 4:00 p.m. Located at the meeting point of the Danube, Inn and IIz Rivers, Passau has numerous of interesting sites to visit. Use your free time and stroll through the cobblestoned old town centre, listen to the bells of Passau's Gothic Town Hall or have a look at the world's largest Catholic Church organ in the Passau Cathedral. At 6:00 p.m. we cast off!

## Day 2 Great Loop | Engelhartszell – Aschach

approx. 42 km

Your first day's cycling begins with a ride through the classic scenery of the 'Great Loop' Donauschlinge - one of the most beautiful sections of the Danube. Along the way you will encounter tiny villages and cozy cider taverns. In Austria's only Trappist monastery at Engelhartszell you can taste their delicious liquors and cheese. The famous 'Schlogener View' provides a wonderful panorama of the surrounding Austrian countryside. The boat welcomes all cyclists back on board in the charming market town of Aschach.

### Day 3 Devin – Bratislava approx. 43 km

You pedal along the former 'Iron Curtain', cross the green line and reach the imposing Imperial Palace of Hof with its beautifully terraced gardens. Follow the bike path through Austria's 'vegetable garden' to the coronation city of Bratislava and the slopes of the little Carpathians and discover the hidden alleyways and sights of Bratislava on an optional city tour.

Day 4

Budapest | Szentendre

approx. 54 km

The entrance to Budapest, Hungary's capital is stunning. Savour the beauty of Budapest during a coach tour or a guided bike tour (optional) to discover many of the highlights of this handsome city. You can also choose to cycle to the charming town of Szentendre with its Mediterranean atmosphere and lively art scene. You will get a very close experience of Hungarian culture at an evening show with traditional music and dance (optional).

Day 5

### Danube bend – Esztergom

approx. 43 km

The wooded hills of Pilis, Visegrád and Börzsöny together with the meandering Danube create a wonderful landscape that has become a nature lover's paradise. Situated in the middle of the Danube River the idyllic isle of Szentendre exudes silent Puszta romance. You cycle via the baroque village of Vác (influenced by the architects of Austria's empress Maria Theresia) to the bishop town of Esztergom with its gorgeous basilica – Hungary's largest Catholic Church.

### Day 6 Vienna day of rest

Discover Vienna's most beautiful attractions. During a city tour by bike or bus (optional) you will experience Vienna's most famous examples of architecture: the imperial Hofburg, St. Stephens Cathedral, the gorgeous 'Ring'-boulevard and the State Opera House, the Burgtheater and town hall and, of course, the colorful "Hundertwasserhaus". Take time to relax in one or more of Vienna's famous cafés, while the evening ends impressively at a classical concert (optional) in one of Vienna's most famous palaces.

## Day 7 Wachau | Krems – Melk approx. 37 km

Your last biking day is a special highlight! A powerful ruin looms above the small Baroque town of Durnstein, while the blue spire of the monastery church is a landmark of the renowned Wachau. Amidst dreamy towns, apricot trees, vineyards and castles, this hilly landscape enchants everybody who visits ... you will be biking on cloud nine! In Spitz (possibility to do a wine-tasting – optional) you will find comfortable wine taverns along the bike path. After the Captain's farewell dinner, lots of fun and entertainment can be experienced during the popular crew show.

### Day 8 Passau / Departure

As you cruise back up the Danube, enjoy the early morning sunshine as you wind your way to Passau, where you will disembark at about 11:00 am. Connecting travel should not be booked earlier than 12.00 noon.

# Tour character

The cycle route is completely flat with only slightly gradients, ideal for cyclists with less experience and children. Do not feel like cycling? Without effort you will also reach your destination by ship.

> Explore the area on Google Maps

## **Prices and events**

#### Place of arrival: Passau

	<b>Season 1</b> 18.05.2024   31.08.2024	Season 2 01.06.2024   14.09.2024		
Boat and bike Danube - Passau-Budapest - Swiss Crown, main deck, DE-DOSBSC-08H				
Base price	1,099.00	1,199.00		
Take your own bike	29.00	29.00		
Take your own electric bike	39.00	39.00		
2-bed-cabin single use	55%	55%		
Boat and bike Passau-Budapest, MS Swiss Crown, DE-DOSBSC-08M				
Base price	1,51900	1,619.00		
Take your own bike	29.00	29.00		
Take your own electric bike	39.00	39.00		
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin single use	55%	55%		
Boat and bike Danube - Passau-Budapest - Swiss Crown, upper deck, DE-DOSBSC-080				
Base price	1,619.00	1,719.00		
Take your own bike	29.00	29.00		
Take your own electric bike	39.00	39.00		
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin single use	55%	55%		

# Our bookable bikes

	Price
Electric bike	189.00
21-gear unisex	89.00

Prices per person in EUR

# Services and extras

### Services

#### Included services

- 7 nights in outside cabins with private facilities and air conditioning
- port charges
- Program according to itinerary from/to Passau
- Captains greeting and welcome cocktail
- Full board: rich breakfast, lunch on board (noncyclists) or packed lunch (cyclists), afternoon coffee break, dinner (2/3 dishes to choose), late night snack
- Gala dinner with farewell cocktail
- Tour guide on board (does not cycle with the group)
- Daily information meeting
- Detailed travel documents per cabin, GPS tracks + cycling tour app / cabin

#### Guided bike tour can be booked additionally

- Cycling tour guide
- Must tasting in the upper Danube valley
- Ferry trips
- City tour: Vienna by bike and Budapest
- Wine tasting at a winegrower in the Wachau region

### Extras

Embarkation: from 16:00 - 17:00 (earlier boarding of the ship is not possible due to the change of passengers). Checking in of luggage or private bikes is possible from 15:00 at the earliest. Please do not arrive too early - the berth does not have a covered waiting area, seating or other infrastructure.

The berth can be changed at short notice by the port authorities. If you cannot find your berth, please contact the cruise director on board (tel. no. in your travel documents).

#### Arrival by car

If you arrive in Passau with your own car, we offer you a place in the Globus parking hall. We will bring you with your luggage from the parking hall to the ship and back.

#### Arrival by train

#### Not included services

- Arrival and departure
- Transfers
- Rental bike
- Entrance and sightseeing fees
- City maps
- Ferry fees
- Insurance
- Tips and personal expenses

Destination train station: Passau Hbf.

The berth is about 3 km from the station. Cabs are available at the station.

Please allow sufficient time for your train journey, as delays are also possible here. You should choose your connection so that you reach the port in time, at the latest 2 hours before departure. Please note that you are responsible for your own timely arrival at the port.

#### Arrvial by plane

From Munich airport it is best to take the bus to Freising train station (travel time approx. 30 min.) and then continue by train to Passau (approx. 2 h)

#### Important notes

Further important information according to the package travel law can be found here!

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## **Swiss Crown**

Stylish, elegant and timelessly beautiful - this is how the 4\* SUPERIOR ship MS Swiss Crown presents itself as it glides gently along the river.

Cabinsize: 14 m<sup>2</sup> Length: 110 m Width: 11,4 m Draught: 1,5 m

## **Contact & booking**

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



Theresa Hengst

### **Book now**

