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Drau Cycle Path | Sporty

The Dry cycle path

This cycle holiday is the most comfortable and sunniest route to get to know the South of Austria up close and personal: hand-picked beauty spots of the region oozing plenty of southern flair and hence creating light-hearted holiday bliss. Leisurely the Drau cycle path meanders along the river leading you through Eastern Tyrol and Carinthia. Both left and right you pass by mountains. You cycle past proud castles, palaces, languorous villages and ancient towns. Not to forget: the Italian cuisine, Tyrolean specialities and Carinthian delights, which all turn the Drau cycle path also into a culinary pleasure.

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*	6 Days / 5 Nights Self-guided tour	

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Itinerary

Day 1 Arrival in Lienz

Arrival in Lienz in Eastern Tyrol located at the confluence of the rivers Isel and Drau. With a total of two thousand sunshine hours annually it is Austria's sunniest holiday region. The breathtaking panorama onto the Alps and the Lienz-Dolomites will excite you.

Day 2 Lienz - Innichen - Lienz approx. 45 km

A train ride takes you comfortably from Lienz to Innichen. The river Drau is still a young river in this section, babbling and breaking her way through the narrow Pustertal-valley. Defiant fortresses, castels and palaces rise majestically above the valley and herald desires of the once rich and powerful. Modest Romanesque chapels, Gothic and Baroque churches, crucifixes and piety columns invite for a short break. Over a long distance the rugged, bizzare rockfaces of the Lienz-Dolomites tower over the landscape and hence turn today's stage into an unforgettable experience.

Day 3 Lienz – Spittal approx. 80 km

From Lienz, the confluence of the rivers Isel and Drau, you again follow the river Drau now appearing in a shade of gray, by the locals called ,glacier milk', which is due to very fine rock particles coming from the gigantic rocks. Along ancient Roman trade routes – past ruins, castles, little churches and wayside crosses – you cycle through the picturesque Oberdrautal-valley. En route you pass pretty villages such as Pirkach, Oberdrauburg and the first market town on Carinthian soil, Dellach.

You cycle mostly along the river Drau through the marvellous Carinthian farmland featuring forests, fields, old farm houses and little hamlets. Cosy wine taverns, called ,Buschenschenken' await with proper farm food and invite you to take a break. Past time-honoured farm houses decorated with flowers the well-developed Drau cycle path takes you to Spittal an der Drau. The centre of Spittal features a main square, which you might call ,cute' and a particularly beautiful palace, which is considered one of the most impressive Renaissance building with the clearest style in all of Central Europe and is called ,Porcia' named after the previous owners.

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Spittal - St. Jakob im Rostental

approx. 70 km

Today you cycle through the Cultural Promenade of Upper Corinthia'. You leave the area of Spital along the river Drau and immerse yourself into an ancient cultural scenery, meadows and forests and idyllic wetland- areas. Past Kellerberg palace always along the river Drau you reach Villach. The heart of Villach features the pretty old part of town with its Italian flair and the cosy pubs and restaurants. The Drau-metropolis presents itself to visitors adequately as vivacious and oozing southern flair. Part of the charcter of the town is definitely the river Drau, meandering through Villach just like a blue ribbon. Further the tour leads you through the enchanting Rosental.valley. The Karawanks-mountain range and the river Drau offer a more than impressive backdrop for an unforgettable day of cycling. Amazing conglomerate rocks flank the river and again and again offer fascinating views. On one of these rocks Hollenburg castle rises, the landmark of the Rosental-valley. If you fancy slightly extending the in comparison rather short tour, we recommend en route a detour to Velden or embark on a round trip to Lake Faaker See.

Day 5

St. Jakob im Rosental - Lake Klopeiner

approx. 55 km

Along beautifully designed dam-paths the cycling tour leads you through meadows and fields and past little hamlets towards the giant Völkermarkter-reservoir. Now you bid farewell to your loyal companion the river Drau, so you get to enjoy Lake Klopeiner See with its marvellous location. Time to drink in the lakescape and leave all your cares behind.

Day 6

Departure oder extension

After breakfast individual return journey or extension.

Tour character

The Drau cycle path mainly runs directly along the Drau-riverbank, is perfectly developed, good road conditions and is signposted throughout.

Prices and events

Place of arrival: Lienz

	Season 1 28.04.2024 - 11.05.2024 29.09.2024 - 06.10.2024 arrival sunday	Season 2 12.05.2024 - 01.06.2024 08.09.2024 - 28.09.2024 arrival sunday	Season 3 02.06.2024 - 07.09.2024 arrival sunday			
Drau Cycle Path, 6 days, sporty, AT-DRRLK-06X-SPO						
Base price	739.00	799.00	869.00			
Surcharge single room	169.00	169.00	169.00			

Sustainability with Rückenwind!

Help us to achieve greater sustainability. If you choose to use the digital route book and forgo the printed version you will help us to reduce our environmental impact and we'll give you a discount of 20 Euro per room as a thank you.

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Lienz

	Season 1 Apr 28, 2024 - May 11, 2024 Sep 29, 2024 - Oct 6, 2024 arrival sunday	Season 2 May 12, 2024 - Jun 1, 2024 Sep 8, 2024 - Sep 28, 2024 arrival sunday	Season 3 Jun 2, 2024 - Sep 7, 2024 arrival sunday
Lienz			
Double room p. P.	89.00	99.00	99.00
Surcharge single room	2500	25.00	25.00
Lake Klopein			
Double room p. P.	85.00	85.00	85.00
Surcharge single room	19.00	19.00	19.00

Our bookable bikes

	Price
rental bike premium incl. rental bike insurance	169.00
Electric bike incl. rental bike insurance	259.00

Prices per person in EUR

Services and extras

Service

Included:

- 5 Overnights in hotels of the booked category incl. breakfast
- Personal welcome briefing (GE,EN)
- At best elaborated route with maps (GE,EN)
- Detailed travel documents with maps 1x per room (GE,EN)
- 1 train ride Lienz Innichen incl. your bike
- App for navigation and GPS-data available
- Luggage transfer
- For rental bikes, rental bike insurance
- Service hotline

Not included:

- Arrival and departure
- Costs for parking
- City tax
- Transfers
- Optional sightseeings
- City maps
- Repairs of own bike
- Travel Insurances
- Costs of the private requirements

Extras

Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- Lienz train station
- Klagenfurt Airport
- Public parking near the hotel approx. € 35,- / week; free parking on the outskirts.
- From Klopeinersee by bus or taxi to Völkermarkt and further by train to Lienz.
- From Villach there is a good train connection back to Lienz.

Hotels

Category X: Overnight stays in well-kept hotels of the national 3*/4* category. The Accommodations are situated in

the city centre. All rooms are with shower/bath and WC.

Important notes

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

Contact & booking

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



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Book now

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