











Donau bike path | Stroll tour





A leisurely bike ride to Vienna

The Danube’s blue water flows quietly and gently towards the Black Sea. Enclosed between steep wooden slopes and green meadows, the river shapes its way. Indulge yourself in this idyllic atmosphere on this leisurely bike trip from Passau (or alternatively from Schärding) to the Danube’s metropolis, Vienna.


On the short day trips, you will have even more time to enjoy the beauty of the nature, which you will find in the Danube valley. You can cycle on the beautiful bike paths along the river bank and marvel at the breathtaking Schlögen bend or the romantic landscape on both sides of the Danube. You can experience all that as thoroughly as you like; either from the bicycle saddle or whilst enjoying a lovely break. During your breaks you will also get the chance to indulge in the culinary delights of the region. Whether traditional dishes from the rural cuisine or sparkling wine and sweet and light cider from the Wachau region, everyone will find something that they like. Right from the start this tour is quite simply enjoyable and relaxing!

Germany


Austria



Easy



12 Days / 11 Nights



Self-guided tour

To the online version



Itinerary

Day 1 Arrival in Schärding/Passau

Stroll through the pretty little baroque town of Schärding and marvel at the famous Silberzeile lane, or take a walk through the "New Centre" of Passau - the town of three rivers, which has been completely redesigned as a pedestrian, car-free area.

Day 2 Schärding/Passau – Bend of Danube/surroundings | approx. 45-55 km

Today, you will cycle from Schärding along the river Inn to Passau, where the Inn joins the Danube. On the Danube cycle path you will cross the upper Danube valley and pass the town Engelhartzell with its impressive abbey church from Engelszell monastery. Then, you will cycle via Niederranna and approach today's destination, the "Schlögen bend". Here, the second largest river in Europe is forced by the granite of the Bohemian Massif into a unique 180° turn. You will have time to watch this natural phenomenon during a ferry ride to the other side of the river, where you will find your hotel.

Day 3 Bend of Danube/surroundings – Linz | approx. 55 km

You will cycle through the green area of the Eferdinger Becken (basin) via Aschach, Ottensheim, and Wilhering to the Upper Austrian capital Linz. Following the motto, "In Linz beginnt's" ("It starts in Linz") you can begin your city tour in one of the many restaurants in the historic old town. Further highlights of the European culture capital of 2009 are the magnificent views that you get from the Pöstlingberg and a stroll along the Danube.

Day 4 Linz – Lake Wallsee/Ardagger | approx. 40-50 km

On the fourth day, you will take a little detour away from the river's edge so that you can visit St. Florian (an Augustinian monastery) and then Enns. In Enns you can go to the town square with its 60 metre town tower, the landmark of the oldest town in Austria or you can visit the archaeological collection in the municipal museum Lauriacum. Later you will continue your journey to today's destination.

Day 5**Lake Wallsee/Ardagger – Marbach/Maria Taferl**

approx. 40 km

Today, you will cycle alongside the river Danube again whilst cycling to the beautiful baroque town, Grein. Once there, you will have the opportunity to get an impression of the oldest still performing city theatre in Austria. Additionally, you can visit the maritime museum or Greinburg castle. From today's destination Maria Taferl, you can enjoy a wonderful view of the beautiful blue Danube!

Day 6**Marbach/Maria Taferl – Wachau**

approx. 45-50 km

In Melk, you should stop briefly and look up – otherwise you may miss the beautiful Melk abbey, which towers above the Danube. As soon as you have left the city behind you, you will cycle into the landscape of the Wachau region where you will be enchanted by the atmosphere of the typical fruit orchards and vineyards. Today, we will organise a wine tasting event for you, which is a must during a visit to the Wachau region.

Day 7**Day of Rest with Vineyard Tour**

On the seventh day, you can relax whilst walking through the wine villages of Spitz, Weißenkirchen and/or Dürnstein. Get to know the beauty and hospitality of the Wachau, which are two of the characteristics that have made this region so famous. You can truly enjoy every moment of every day here.

Day 8**Wachau – Tulln**

approx. 50 km

Today, you will cycle past the 1,000-year-old city of Krems on your way to the Roman town of Tulln. Here, you can once again enjoy the tranquility and culture (e.g. with a visit to the Egon Schiele museum) of the rural area before you will get to the Danube metropolis of Vienna.

Day 9**Tulln – Vienna**

approx. 45 km

The final kilometres of your bike tour will be a relaxed trip to the Danube's metropolis, Vienna. As soon as you arrive, you can check-in to your room and then enjoy all the amenities of the city for the rest of the day. Treat yourself to a Viennese-style Americano coffee and a piece of the famous Sachertorte cake in one of Vienna's typical coffee houses. Take a stroll along Vienna's Parade shopping street, along Mariahilfer Strasse, visit St Stephen's Cathedral or see the main sights and take a trip in one of the famous Fiaker cabs.

Day 10**Vienna**

A day in Vienna offers many opportunities to explore this city of Waltz. A well-developed network of bike paths will lead you to the city's attractions. Before returning to your host in the north of Vienna, you should cycle via the Danube Island, the oasis for relaxation of the city of millions, where the "Copa Cagrana" and numerous other beach bars with relaxing music invite you to a cocktail at their "sandy beach". On request, we can organise a guided sightseeing tour by bike for you.

Day 11**Vienna „With Legends Around Castle Kreuzenstein“**

approx. 35 km

Today you explore a wine region located to the north of Vienna. At 13 stations, the most beautiful legends of the region are told (e.g. The Pied Piper of Korneuburg). A stop at a wine tavern completes the cycling day and provides an opportunity to experience the real Viennese charm.

Day 12**Departure or extension**

Tour character

Flat or slightly downhill route along the river Danube. Well-built cycle path that is almost always off-road.

Minor roads make up only a very short part of the route – the Danube cycle path couldn't be any more perfect!



Prices and events

Place of arrival: Passau

	Season 1 30.03.2024 - 12.04.2024 05.10.2024 - 13.10.2024 arrival daily	Season 2 13.04.2024 - 10.05.2024 15.09.2024 - 04.10.2024 arrival daily	Season 3 11.05.2024 - 14.09.2024 arrival daily
Danube Cycle Path - the easy going tour, 12 days, cat. B, arrival Passau, AT-DORPW-12A			
Base price	1,249.00	1,329.00	1,379.00
Surcharge single room	529.00	529.00	529.00
Danube Cycle Path - the easy going tour, 12 days, cat. C, arrival Passau, AT-DORPW-12B			
Base price	1,129.00	1,189.00	1,249.00
Surcharge single room	499.00	499.00	499.00

Place of arrival: Schärding

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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: **Passau**

	Season 1 Mar 30, 2024 - Apr 12, 2024 Oct 5, 2024 - Oct 13, 2024 arrival daily	Season 2 Apr 13, 2024 - May 10, 2024 Sep 15, 2024 - Oct 4, 2024 arrival daily	Season 3 May 11, 2024 - Sep 14, 2024 arrival daily
Passau			
Double room p. P. cat. A	69.00	69.00	69.00
Surcharge single room	39.00	39.00	39.00
Vienna			
Double room p. P. cat. A	69.00	69.00	69.00
Surcharge single room	49.00	49.00	49.00
Passau			
Double room p. P. cat. B	69.00	69.00	69.00
Surcharge single room	39.00	39.00	39.00
Vienna			
Double room p. P. cat. B	69.00	69.00	69.00
Surcharge single room	49.00	49.00	49.00

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Surcharge single room	39.00	39.00	39.00
Vienna			
Double room p. P. cat. B	69.00	69.00	69.00
Surcharge single room	49.00	49.00	49.00

Our bookable bikes

	Price
21-gear unisex incl. rental bike insurance	109.00
21-gear gents incl. rental bike insurance	109.00
7-gear unisex incl. rental bike insurance	109.00
rental bike PLUS incl. rental bike insurance	185.00
Electric bike incl. rental bike insurance	279.00

Prices per person in EUR

Services and extras

Services

Included:

- 11 Overnights in hotels of the booked category incl. breakfast buffet or extended breakfast
- Personal welcome briefing (GE,EN)
- Per person 1x voucher for a ferry ride (Au-Schlögen) incl. bike
- Per person 1x voucher for a wine tasting in the Wachau region
- At best elaborated route with maps (GE,EN)
- Detailed travel documents with maps 1x per room (GE,EN)
- GPS-Tracks
- 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 / Departure

- **Stations:** Schärding or Passau
- Good train connection from Vienna to Passau or Schärding
- **Airports:** Munich or Vienna

Return transfer by minibus daily approx. 3 pm from hotel in Vienna, journey time approx. 4 hours, cost € 75,- per person, own bike additional € 29,-. Reservation required, payable in advance!

Parking:

- Schärding: Free parking on the partner site directly on the cycle path.
- Passau: Public garage approx. € 35,- / week, no reservation possible/necessary!

Hotels

Category A: Overnight stays in good quality hotels of the national 3*/4* category, all rooms with shower/bath and WC.

Category B: Overnight stays in family run guesthouses and hotels of the national 3* category. The accommodations may be in the surroundings of the city. All rooms 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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