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Carinthian Lake

A picture book cycling trip in austria

The Austrian Riviera.

The “Austrian Riviera”, as the Carinthian lake region is called by the locals, tempts you here to the southernmost and at the same time Austria’s sunniest land for a picture book bike tour. Many lakes magically embedded in a unique background of staggered mountain ranges; cultural treats such as the castle Hochosterwitz or Maria Saal; cultured cities such as Villach and Klagenfurt; splendid places to swim and a lot of untainted nature spoil you on this bike tour par excellence. And not to forget: the most beautiful weather in the Carinthian lakes land!

Austria



Easy to moderate



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided tour

To the online version



Itinerary

Day 1 Arrival in Villach

The Romans and later Paracelsus sized up the healing power of the thermal springs in Villach.

Day 2 Around Lake Ossiacher See | approx. 45 km

The first destination is the castle ruin Landskron. Along the Lake Ossiacher See to Ossiach (Benedictine convent and the collegiate church 'Assumption'). Via Steindorf – a charming lakeside town – you continue to Bodensdorf and back to Villach.

Day 3 Villach – Klagenfurt | approx. 50 km

You cycle a few kilometres on Drau bike path towards East. Your next aim is Velden – pulsating village on Lake Wörthersee. Through slightly hilly landscape you continue into the valley of Keutschach. You can take a bath in Lake Hafnersee, Lake Keutschacher See, Lake Baßgeigensee and Lake Rauschelsee which are located around the bathing resort of Keutschach. Along Lend Canal you reach the capital of Carinthia – Klagenfurt. Alternative you can also cycle along the northern banks of Lake Wörthersee via Velden, Pörschach and Krumpendorf to Klagenfurt.

Day 4 Klagenfurt – Lake Klopeiner See | approx. 40 km

After strolling through Klagenfurt you cycle to the castles Ebenthal and Grafenstein (an arcade courtyard worth seeing) and to the Völkermarkter Stausee (reservoir) on to the warmest lake in Carinthia, the Lake Klopeiner See.

Day 5 Klopeiner See – St. Veit | approx. 40-55 km

Today you cross the last time river Drau. You cycle in a slightly undulating territory in direction Maria Saal. Also you pass the duke chair and castle Hochosterwitz (excursion about 15 km extra) on your way to St. Veit.

Day 6**St. Veit – Villach**

approx. 60 km

St. Veit was the capital city for centuries and domicile of the Carinthian bishop. Even today this time is evident through the city wall, the medieval square, the gorgeous houses, the castle of the duke and lots of monuments. Along the river Glan you cycle to Glanegg (castle ruin) and Feldkirchen, surrounded by romantic castles, ruins and hills. On Glan bicycle path back to Villach.

Day 7**Lake Faaker See**

approx. 50 km

We leave the town and bike along the mountain range Karawanken eastwards to the last lake on our tour, the turquoise Lake Faaker See.

Day 8**Departure or extension**

Individual return journey or start of extension.

The route

The alternation between the individual river valleys and Lakes – as well as avoiding roads with heavy traffic – brings about a slightly hilly tour course. This journey can be easily overcome with a “normal” biker’s constitution. Mostly you cycle along asphaltic bike paths and side roads with less of traffic.

Prices and events

Place of arrival: Villach

	Season 1 14.04.2024 - 27.04.2024 29.09.2024 - 06.10.2024 Wednesday and Sunday	Season 2 28.04.2024 - 19.05.2024 08.09.2024 - 28.09.2024 Wednesday and Sunday	Season 3 20.05.2024 - 07.09.2024 Wednesday and Sunday
Carinthian Lakes, 8 days, AT-KARVV-08X			
Base price	899.00	989.00	1,059.00
Surcharge single room	329.00	329.00	329.00

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: Villach

	Season 1 Apr 14, 2024 - Apr 27, 2024 Sep 29, 2024 - Oct 6, 2024 Wednesday and Sunday	Season 2 Apr 28, 2024 - May 19, 2024 Sep 8, 2024 - Sep 28, 2024 Wednesday and Sunday	Season 3 May 20, 2024 - Sep 7, 2024 Wednesday and Sunday
Villach			
Double room p. P.	89.00	89.00	89.00
Surcharge single room	55.00	55.00	55.00

Our bookable bikes

Price

21-gear unisex incl. rental bike insurance	99.00
21-gear gents incl. rental bike insurance	99.00
7-gear unisex incl. rental bike insurance	99.00
rental bike premium incl. rental bike insurance	169.00
Electric bike incl. rental bike insurance	259.00

Prices per person in EUR

Services & Extras

Services

Included:

- 7 Overnights in hotels of the booked category incl. breakfast
- Personal welcome briefing
- At best elaborated route with maps (GE,EN)
- Detailed travel documents with maps 1x per room (GE,EN)
- App for navigation and GPS-data
- 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

- Good rail connections to Villach and good flight connections to Klagenfurt.
- Public parking garage near the hotel, costs approx.€ 40,- per week.
- Airport: Klagenfurt

Hotels

Category X: Overnight stays in well-kept hotels of the national 3*/4* category, cottages, and inns. 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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