



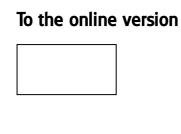
# Danube bike path Deluxe

Along the Danube - the most popular European cycle route

## Relaxed in chosen hotels

Explore the paths along the blue Danube River just like the Romans, the legendary Nibelungs, and even Europe's powerful kings and emperors did before you. You will get to know the beauty and historical significance of this ancient military and trading route. Never far away from the cool, clear water of the Danube, you will enjoy one of Europe's most beautiful and popular cycle routes. You can either start your trip in the baroque town of Schärding or Passau, the town of three rivers. You will cycle through various districts of Upper and Lower Austria and finally to the Danube metropolis of Vienna. You will love the breathtaking natural beauty of the Danube valley and the Schlögen bend or perhaps you will fall in love with the landscapes along the Danube river such as the Machland, the Strudengau, or the famous Wachau. In the rural areas, to accompany these wonderful impressions, you can enjoy many traditional Austrian delicacies. Your physical wellbeing will be well catered for, from savoury dumpling specialities and moreish must all the way to the wines of the Buschenschenken taverns in the Wachau region. This cycle tour is a true classic and is ideally suited as a first cycling holiday with the whole family.





# **Itinerary**

### Day 1 Arrival in Passau

Stroll through the "New Centre" of Passau, the town of three rivers, which has been completely redesigned as a pedestrian, car-free area. In the evening welcome briefing and bike fitting.

## Day 2 Passau - Schlögen approx. 40 km

Before you cycle, visit the cathedral where you can enjoy the sounds of the largest church organ in the world (except Sundays and public holidays). Then you start along the Danube, first passing Obernzell and finally arriving in Engelhartszell (the only Trappist monastery in Austria). You will cycle through the nature reserve Donauleiten, from where you will reach the Schlögen Bend to the north. This is where granite proved to be too much of an opponent and forced the Danube to change directions by 180 degrees. While a ferry takes you to the other side of the river to your hotel you have time to look at this natural phenomenon.

### Day 3 Schlögen - Linz approx. 55 km

Today you will cycle through the green Eferdinger basin via the market towns of Aschach, Ottensheim and Wilhering and all the way to the Upper Austrian capital of Linz. The historical Old Town of Linz has many pubs and eateries for you to discover. Other highlights of the European Capital of Culture 2009 include the magnificent views from Pöstlingberg mountain and a stroll through the Donaulände park.

## Day 4 Linz - Ardagger/Grein approx. 60 km

On the fourth day you will take a little detour away from the course of the Danube to St. Florian (Augustinian monastery) and to 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 visit the archaeological collection in the municipal museum Lauriacum. Afterwards, you will return to the river, first reaching the beautiful little baroque town of Grein. Here you have the opportunity to visit the oldest municipal theatre in Austria that is still being used. Or you can visit the maritime museum or Greinburg castle.

## Day 5 Ardagger/Grein - Melk approx. 50 km

This section of the Danube, the Strudengau, was once feared by sailors, now you can cycle along it. Where they used to fight against the Danube currents you can now take a leisurely cycle ride. In Maria Taferl, high above the Danube, you will find the magnificent pilgrimage church, which attracts thousands of pilgrims every year. In your today's destination Melk you should look up or you will miss the beautiful monastery that overlooks the Danube.

### Day 6 Melk - Dürnstein approx. 30 km

As soon as you leave the town you will get into the picturesque Wachau region, where you can enjoy the charming atmosphere of the region's typical orchards and vineyards. You will pass through the little wine towns of Spitz and Weißenkirchen and cycle further to Dürnstein with its Castle ruin.

## Day 7 Dürnstein - Vienna approx. 50-90 km

Soon you will reach the 1000 year old town Krems. Take time for a stroll through the old part of this beautiful city. Further you cycle to the Roman town of Tulln. There you can enjoy the silence and culture of the rural region over again. Sight to visit: Egon-Schiele-museum. The final kilometers of your bike tour are a relaxed trip to the Danube metropolis of Vienna. As soon as you arrive you can occupy your room and then enjoy all the amenities of the city for the rest of the day. Enjoy a cup of coffee and the typical Vienna cake "Sachertorte" in one of the numerous coffee houses or treat yourself to a roundtrip with the horse-drawn cab "Fiaker". Walk along Vienna's famous shopping street (along Mariahilfer Straße), or visit the St Stephen's Cathedral. (Hint: you can easily shorten up this stage by a train ride from Krems to Tulln. Espacially this part is not as attractiv as the other days.)

## Day 8 Departure or extension of trip

If you want to extend your stay in Vienna, we are happy to organize some extra nights. Transfer back by van possible.

# Tour character

Flat or slightly downhill along the Danube; well-built cycling path almost all the way without motor vehicles. Minor roads make up only very short sections of this route - the Danube cycle path is a perfect example of a cycle route.



# **Prices and events**

Place of arrival: Passau

	Season 1 30.03.2024 - 12.04.2024   28.09.2024 - 12.10.2024   daily	Season 2 13.04.2024 - 03.05.2024   14.09.2024 - 27.09.2024   daily	Season 3 04.05.2024 - 13.09.2024   daily
Donau cycling path Passau	ı - Vienna, 8 days, AT-DORPW-08L		
Base price	1,199.00	1,279.00	1,349.00
Surcharge half board 5x (evening meal: mostly multi-course, sometimes outside the property, payable with voucher) Vienna and Budapest BB	219.00	219.00	219.00
Surcharge single room	499.00	499.00	499.00

#### 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: Passau

	<b>Season 1</b> Mar 30, 2024 - Apr 12, 2024   Sep 28, 2024 - Oct 12, 2024   daily	<b>Season 2</b> Apr 13, 2024 - May 3, 2024   Sep 14, 2024 - Sep 27, 2024   daily	Season 3 May 4, 2024 - Sep 13, 2024   daily
Passau			
Double room p. P.	89.00	89.00	89.00
Surcharge single room	50.00	50.00	50.00
Wien			

	Season 1  Mar 30, 2024 - Apr 12, 2024    Sep 28, 2024 - Oct 12, 2024    daily	Season 2  Apr 13, 2024 - May 3, 2024    Sep 14, 2024 - Sep 27, 2024    daily	Season 3 May 4, 2024 - Sep 13, 2024   daily
Double room p. P.	169.00	169.00	169.00
Surcharge single room	120.00	120.00	120.00

# Our bookable bikes

	Price
21-gear unisex	99.00
21-gear gents	99.00
7-gear unisex	99.00
Rental Bike PREMIUM	169.00
Electric bike	259.00

Prices per person in EUR

# Services and extras

#### Services

#### Included:

- 7 Overnights in hotels of the booked category incl. breakfast buffet or extended breakfast
- Half-board if booked: at least three-course-dinner or buffet (sometimes outside with voucher and not in the hotel)
- Personal welcome briefing (GE,EN)
- At best elaborated route with maps (GE,EN)
- Detailed travel documents with maps 1x per room (GE,EN)
- 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

- Arrival by car or train to Passau.
- Next airports: Linz, Munich or Vienna.
- There are public parking spaces with obligatory parking fees. No reservation possible, payable on spot; price is about € 35,- / week.
- Return transfer by minibus daily approx. 3 p.m. from hotel in Vienna, journey time approx. 4 hours, cost € 75,-per person. For the return transport of your own bike we charge € 29,- extra. Reservation required, payable in advance!
- Alternatively: return journey by train; train ticket is available in advance for € 25,- per person (doesn't include the transfer of own bikes).

#### Hotels

**Category Deluxe:** Overnight stays in hotels of the 5\* category, as well as the national 3\*/4\* category. Mostly they are the best hotels in the place and all of them offer separate wellness and beauty areas. In addition, enjoy the excellent restaurants in these beautiful accommodations. All rooms have 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**

