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Danube bike path in Hotels with Charm

Along the Danube - the most popular European cycle route

The classic tour from Passau to Vienna.

Travel along the blue Danube as the Romans or European kings and emperors did already in former times. You will get to know the beauty and historic importance of the thousand-year-old trade route. Always accompanied from the cool and clear water of the Danube you can enjoy one of the most beautiful bike paths in Europe. Start your journey in the baroque city Schärding or in the three-rivers-city Passau and cycle through the several quarters of Upper and Lower Austria until you reach the Danube metropolis Vienna. You will be fascinated from the breath-taking Danube loop, from the Danube valley and the wonderful landscapes of Machland, Strudengau and well-known Wachau. Furthermore this region offers several traditional culinary Austrian delicacies. Enjoy numerous dumplings specialities and tasty wines. This route is ideal for a bike holiday with the whole family.

Germany

Austria



Easy



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided tour

To the online version



Itinerary

Day 1 Arrival Schärding or Passau

"Baroque Town or Three Rivers Town "

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 - Donauschlinge/ Surroundings | approx. 40-55 km

"Upper Danube Valley"

Along the river Inn you will come to Passau, the town of three rivers. We recommend that you take a guided tour of the town, and visit the cathedral where you can enjoy the sounds of the largest church organ in the world (except Sundays and public holidays). Then you will continue along the Danube, first passing Obernzell and finally arriving in Engelhartzell (the only Trappist monastery in Austria). You will then 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 Donauschlinge / Surroundings - Linz | approx. 55 km

"Danube Bend"

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 - Grein / Surroundings**

approx. 55 km

“Through the Marchland”

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**Grein / Surroundings - Wachau**

approx. 50-60 km

“Strudengau and Nibelungengau”

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.

Day 6**Wachau - Krems/Traismauer/Tulln**

approx. 40-60 km

“Wachau”

You should make a little stop in Melk and look up or you will miss the beautiful Stift Melk monastery that overlooks the Danube. 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, cycle past the Dürnstein Castle ruin, and finish your journey in the 1000-year old town of Krems or in Tulln. A stay in the Wachau region means that you simply have to take part in a wine tasting, which we have organised for you.

Day 7**Krems/Traismauer/Tulln - Vienna**

approx. 45-65 km

“Vienna Woods”

The final kilometres of your bike tour will be a relaxed trip to the Danube metropolis of Vienna. According to the variant part of the stage is covered by train. 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. 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 the St Stephen's Cathedral or see the main sights and take a trip in one of the famous Fiaker cabs.

Day 8

Departure

Individual departure or extension.

The route

Along the river Danube flat or slightly descending, almost 100% on dedicated cycle path without any motor traffic. Only very short parts are on quiet minor roads. Simply a masterpiece of a bicycle tour as it should be.

➤ [Explore the area on Google Maps](#)



Prices and events

Place of arrival: Passau

	Season 1 30.03.2024 - 12.04.2024 28.09.2024 - 12.10.2024 arrival daily	Season 2 13.04.2024 - 03.05.2024 07.09.2024 - 27.09.2024 arrival daily	Season 3 04.05.2024 - 06.09.2024 arrival daily
Danube Cycle Path, 8 days with Charm, arrival Passau, AT-DORPW-08D			
Base price	1,199.00	1,349.00	1,479.00
Surcharge single room	479.00	479.00	479.00

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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 Sep 28, 2024 - Oct 12, 2024 arrival daily	Season 2 Apr 13, 2024 - May 3, 2024 Sep 7, 2024 - Sep 27, 2024 arrival daily	Season 3 May 4, 2024 - Sep 6, 2024 arrival daily
Passau			
Double room p. P.	85.00	85.00	85.00
Surcharge single room	45.00	45.00	45.00
Vienna			
Double room p. P.	169.00	169.00	169.00
Surcharge single room	139.00	139.00	139.00

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 PLUS 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 (GE,EN)
- Per person 1x voucher for a ferry ride (Au-Schlägen) 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 € 79,- per person, own bike additional € 39,-. Reservation required, payable in advance!

Parking:

- Schärding: Free parking on the partner site directly on the cycle path.
- Passau: Public garage approx. € 45,- / week, no reservation possible/necessary!

Hotels

Category Charm: Overnight stays are in selected, uniquely charming hotels, manor houses, castles, and inns. All rooms have shower/bath and WC. Enjoy the overnight stays in these unique and luxurious accommodations.

Example hotel list

Schärding: Hotel Forstinger 4****

Passau: Hotel Residenz 4****

Schlögen: Hotel Donauschlinge 4****

Linz: Hotel am Domplatz 4****

Grein: Landgasthof Winter 4****

Melk: Hotel Zur Post 4****

Krems: Steigenberger, Hotel & Spa 4****

Wien: Hotel Steigenberger, Herrenhof 5*****

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