



Passau - Budapest

Along the Danube from Passau to Budapest.

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 start your trip in 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 and Budapest. You will love the breathtaking natural beauty of the Danube valley and the Schlägen 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.

On the second part you will explore lowland forests, original villages and magical cities. In Carnuntum and in the Roman castle Kelemantia you find Roman relics from the past. Discover the diversity of the flora and fauna in the lowland forests. The small villages, which you cycle through, still keep their original charm. You pass through the Rye Island that is a real natural paradise. Don't forget the numerous castles and palaces, which are proudly situated nearby the Danube. But also the small towns along the bike trail have a special flair and their charming historic centers invite visitors to discover and enjoy.

Overall this bike tour will inspire everybody!

Classic



14 Days / 13 Nights



Individual

To the online version



Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrival in Passau

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. In the evening welcome briefing and bike fitting.

DAY
2

Passau - Schlögen (Danube bend) | approx. 40 km

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You will start your tour along the Danube, first passing Oberzell 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

Schlögen (Danube bend) - Linz | approx. 50 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 - Grein/Ardagger** | 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 meter 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/Ardagger - Spitz** | approx. 60 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. You should make a little stop in Melk and look up or you will miss the beautiful Melk monastery that overlooks the Danube. Your today's accommodation is located in the heart of the Wachau valley.

DAY
6**Spitz - Traismauer/Tulln** | approx. 50-60 km

Today you will cycle through 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 Weißenkirchen and Dürnstein with its Castle ruin, cycle past the 1000-year old town of Krems and finish in Traismauer or Tulln. A stay in the Wachau region means that you simply have to take part in a wine tasting, which we would be pleased to organize for you!

DAY
7**Traismauer/Tulln - Vienna** | approx. 50-40 km

Your bike tour will be a relaxed trip to the Danube metropolis of Vienna. As soon as you arrive you can 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**Vienna - Bad Deutsch Altenburg/Hainburg**

approx. 50 km

Your bike trip guides you through the national park Donau-Auen. There you will get to know the diversity of the flora and fauna as well as the manifold types of landscape. You pass the castle Orth and the village Eckertsau and reach Bad Deutsch Altenburg.

DAY
9**Bad Deutsch Altenburg/Hainburg - Bratislava**

approx. 35 km

From Bad Deutsch Altenburg/Hainburg you can make an excursion on the Roman bike trail (Römerweg) to Carnuntum. The archaeological park is regarded as one of the most significant archaeological sites in Austria. After Hainburg you reach the border to Slovakia and it's capital city Bratislava that is your next overnight stay. The shorter distance today allows plenty of time to visit the old part of this charming city.

DAY
10**Bratislava - Mosonmagyaróvár - Győr**

approx. 45 km + train ride

You cycle a short distance in Slovak territory before you pass the Hungarian border in Rajká. Within the first few kilometers of your cycle trip in Hungary you will discover charming villages. The complete section is influenced by agriculture. Your route guides you through the so-called Szigetköz (a small Rye Island). This is characterized by numberless side arms of the Danube. After arrival in Mosonmagyaróvár, which is also called „City of 17 bridges“, your today's cycle tour ends. We recommend a short walking tour in this charming city, before you take the train to Győr. The district capital offers many sights and a breathtaking historic center.

DAY
11**Győr - Komárom**

approx. 55 km

Soon you reach the Hungarian Böny. From there a route version guides you to Bábolna, a well cultivated town with a beautiful inner city. The local National Stud is known far beyond its borders. Racehorses are bred in the splendid inner courtyard. The last part of the route takes you back to the Danube. Then you reach the divided town Komárom/Komárno. At night you can relax in the local spa.

DAY
12**Komárom - Visegrád**

approx. 55 km + trip by boat

Today's route runs near riverbanks in the flat Danube valley. In the course of this you pass different villages and while cycling you can view the vineyards in the background. The sporty bikers can choose a route over Tata but there are some increases. This requires a basic level of fitness. Those interested in history should plan time for the Roman castle Kelemantia which is on the way. However, an absolute highlight today is Esztergom (also known as „Hungarian Rome“): It's basilica is the largest church of the country. Take time for a comprehensive visit, before you will board a riverboat, which takes you to your destination Visegrád. Amazing views into the beautiful landscape of the so-called "Donauknie" will impress you.

Note: The overnight stay takes place either in Esztergom or in Visegrád (depending on availability at time of reservation). In the case of Esztergom, shipping takes place on the conscious day from Szentendre to Budapest. The different distances remain the same in both. You will receive detailed information together with your booking confirmation. Additionally, the timetable for the boat has not yet been set. It might not be possible in April, September, October, and every Monday; during these period/days you will receive a train ticket as replacement.

DAY
13**Visegrád - Budapest**

approx. 55 km

The Royal Palace and the castle of Visegrád will delight you and the open air museum as well as the baroque old town of Szentendre invites you to stay. The first part of today will guide you again through the "Donauknie", probably the most attractive section of the Danube bike trail at all. Soon you will arrive in Budapest, where you can review all impressions of this wonderful bike trip during a walk through the city.

DAY
14**Individual departure or extension**

In the Hungarian capital city there are many things to discover. If you are interested in we would be pleased to book some extra nights for you.

Tour character

On the first part 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 up to Vienna is a perfect example of a cycle route.

On the second part you cycle on bike trails, ways alongside a dam and partly on relatively quiet side roads. Busy roads are of short-term duration. You cycle on unmade paths only for 3 short distances otherwise you will find asphalted roads. On the whole the route is signed very well with a few exceptions in the Slovakian part. Altogether the tour is relatively easy with slightly increases in some sections.



Prices and events

Place of arrival: Passau

	Season 1 31.03.2024 - 12.04.2024 29.09.2024 - 06.10.2024 Arrival Sunday	Season 2 13.04.2024 - 24.05.2024 07.09.2024 - 28.09.2024 Arrival Saturday, Sunday and Monday	Season 3 25.05.2024 - 06.09.2024 Arrival daily
Danube-Bike-Path, Passau-Budapest, 14 days, cat: B, arrival Passau, AT-DORPB-14B			
Base price	1,449.00	1,649.00	1,749.00
Surcharge half board	339.00	339.00	339.00
Surcharge single room	479.00	479.00	479.00
Danube-Bike-Path, Passau-Budapest, 14 days, cat: A, arrival Passau, AT-DORPB-14A			
Base price	1,699.00	1,899.00	1,999.00
Surcharge half-board	399.00	399.00	399.00
Surcharge single room	679.00	679.00	679.00

Category A: Accommodation in well selected hotels **** (partly *** but best hotel on place)

Category B: Accommodation in chosen guest houses, hotels, and inns ***

Additional nights

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Passau			
Double room p. P. Cat. B	75.00	75.00	75.00
Single room	119.00	119.00	119.00

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Vienna			
Double room p. P. Cat. B	75.00	75.00	75.00
Single room	119.00	119.00	119.00
Bratislava			
Double room p. P. Cat. B	59.00	59.00	59.00
Single room	109.00	109.00	109.00
Budapest			
Double room p. P. Cat. B	75.00	75.00	75.00
Single room	139.00	139.00	139.00
Passau			
Double room p. p. cat.A	79.00	79.00	79.00
Single room	129.00	129.00	129.00
Vienna			
Double room p. p. Cat. A	89.00	89.00	89.00
Single room	159.00	159.00	159.00
Bratislava			
Double room p. p. cat. A	89.00	89.00	89.00
Single room	159.00	159.00	159.00
Budapest			

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Double room p. p. Cat. A	89.00	89.00	89.00
Single room	169.00	169.00	169.00

Our rental bikes

	Filter
21-gears unisex incl. rental bike insurance	199.00
21-gear gents incl. rental bike insurance	199.00
7-gear unisex with back pedal brake incl. rental bike insu...	199.00
Electric bike incl. rental bike insurance	499.00
premium bike incl. rental bike insurance	319.00

Prices per person in EUR

Services and infos

Services

- Overnight stays in chosen category
- Breakfast (buffet style)
- If half board: 11 x 3-course dinner (in Vienna and Budapest B&B only)
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel
- 7-day Service Hotline
- Well-planned route guidance
- Detailed travel documents
- Personal welcome meeting and bike fitting
- Train ticket from Mosonmagyaróvár to Győr (incl. transfer of bikes)
- Boat ticket from Esztergom to Visegrád or from Szentendre to Budapest incl. transfer of bikes (probably every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from the beginning of May to the middle of September; outside this seasonal period or on other days of the week there is a train ticket as a substitute)
- Rental bikes insurance
- Navigation-app and GPS Tracks

Infos

Arrival / Parking / Departure

- Arrival by car or train to Passau. Next airports: Linz, Munich, Vienna, Bratislava or Budapest.
- There are public parking spaces with obligatory parking fees. No reservation possible, payable on spot; price: about 5 €/day;
- Transfer from Budapest to Vienna by bus: bookable each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (in season 1 and 2), and daily in season 3, departure at approx. 3.30 PM; pick-up service directly at the hotel, duration approx. 3.5 hours, price 79 € per person and 39 € for own bikes (only possible together with people), reservation required; subject to availability at time of application; alternatively there are excellent rail connections available (without changing the train, several times daily). Special transfers available with at least 4 participants upon request.

Please note:

- Where visitor's tax is due, it is not included in the tour price.

- Daily transfer from Vienna to Passau:
duration: about 3.5 to 4 hours; departure
at approx. 2 PM; price: 79 € per person and
39 € for own bikes; reservation required.

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

