







# Passau - Vienna

## Danube bike path delxue

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.

# Deluxe Tour 8 Days / 7 Nights Individual

# 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 7

#### 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

## 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.



## Linz – 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 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.



## Ardagger – 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.



#### Dürnstein - Wien

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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.

**Note:** This stage can be easily shortened by 40 km with a train ride from Krems to Tulln. Trains go almost hourly. There is no reservation needed in advance.



#### Departure or extension of trip

If you want to extend your stay in Vienna, we are happy to organize some extra nights.

## 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

	<b>Season 1</b> 30.03.2024 - 12.04.2024   28.09.2024 - 12.10.2024   Arrival daily	<b>Season 2</b> 13.04.2024 - 03.05.2024   14.09.2024 - 27.09.2024   Arrival daily	<b>Season 3</b> 04.05.2024 - 13.09.2024   Arrival daily		
Danube Cycle Path deluxe, 8 days, AT-DORPW-08D					
Base price	1,199.00	1,279.00	1,349.00		
Surcharge half-board	219.00	219.00	219.00		

Accommodation in very exclusive hotels 4\* and 5\* (1 x also 3\* possible), often the best hotel on place; partly upgrade to higher room category. Examples with hotel description mentioned below.

499.00

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# Additional nights

499.00

Place of arrival: Passau

Surcharge single room

	<b>Season 1</b> Mar 30, 2024 - Apr 12, 2024    Sep 28, 2024 - Oct 12, 2024    Arrival daily	<b>Season 2</b> Apr 13, 2024 - May 3, 2024   Sep 14, 2024 - Sep 27, 2024   Arrival daily	Season 3 May 4, 2024 - Sep 13, 2024   Arrival daily
Passau			
Double room p. p.	89.00	89.00	89.00
Single room	139.00	139.00	139.00
Vienna			
Double room p. p.	169.00	169.00	169.00
Single room	289.00	289.00	289.00

## Our rental bikes

	Price
21-gears unisex incl. rental bike insurance	99.00
21-gear gents incl. rental bike insurance	99.00
Electric bike incl. rental bike insurance	259.00
7-gear unisex with back pedal brake incl. rental bike insu	99.00
premiumbike incl. rental bike insurance	169.00

Prices per person in EUR

## Services and infos

#### **Services**

- Accommodation in mentioned category
- Daily breakfast from buffet
- If half-board: 5 x 3-course-menu (partly with voucher in a close-by restaurant in walking distance); in Linz and Vienna only B&B
- Luggage transport between the hotels (no limit in pieces of luggage; each piece with a maximum of 20 kg)

- 7-day Service hotline
- Well elaborated route guidance
- Detailed travel documents (1 package per room)
- Navigation-app and GPS data
- Personal tour information on spot
- If bike rental: rental bike insurance included

#### Infos

#### Arrival / Parking / Departure

- Passau train station
- Linz, Munich or Vienna airport
- Parking in Passau: Public car park approx.
   € 35,- per week
- Return transfer by bus from Vienna daily; departure at approx. 2 p.m., costs € 79,- per person, extra € 39,- for the transfer of your own bike, reservation is necessary.
- Alternatively: train ride back to Passau; costs € 39,- excl. own bikes.

#### Please note:

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

# 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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