



Round trip from Villach

Carinthian Lakes: 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!

Classic



8 Days / 7 Nights



Individual

To the online version



Itinerary

DAY
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Arrival in Villach

The stillness of the mountains, the gentle lakeside of the crystal-clear lakes, pure nature – located in the heart of Carinthia the entire region around Villach reflects this entire diversity. Already the Romans, probably the first lakeside tourists appreciated relaxation and recuperation in these thermal baths and even Paracelsus enjoyed here the healing effects of the thermal springs.

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Around Lake Ossiacher See | approx. 45 km

You leave Villach along the Seebach-stream and enjoy the view onto the castle ruin Landskron. On a clear day the castle ruin is visible above Villach and far beyond. The knights from long ago knew exactly where they took up residence. It is no surprise since the picturesque backdrop has not changed over time: in the forefront the green colour of the Gerlitzten Alpe, in the background the blue of Lake Ossiacher See. Lake Ossiacher See, the 'bath', with a total length of eleven kilometres features (just like nearly all of Carinthia's lakes) drinking water quality. In Ossiach the mountains and the crystal-clear water of the lake with a water temperature of up to 27 degrees in summer delight on the one hand and on the other hand the monastery dating back to the 11th century with its spectacular, late baroque church. Next the pretty resort of Steindorf on Lake Ossiacher See beckons. Then a short stop in Bodensdorf before today's tour has come full circle in Villach.

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Villach – Klagenfurt | approx. 50 km

You start the tour by cycling a few kilometres along the Drau-cycle path headed East. The route continues through unspoilt Carinthian farmland. Your next destination is the bustling town of Velden on Lake Wörthersee. The clear, turquoise-blue water of Lake Wörthersee and the hustle and bustle invite you to a break in the 'celebrity' town. Through a charming scenery with rolling hills you reach the 'Keutschach Seental'. Sometimes it is a languorous wayside cross, sometimes it is a farm house decorated with flowers that catches your eye. The wide valley, the soft rolling hills and wooded mountains, four lovely lakes and in the distance: mountains. Even the close-by sunny South can be felt. Lake Hafnersee, Lake Keutschacher See, Lake Baßgeigensee and Lake Rauschelesee are grouped around the resort Keutschach. The 'Lend' canal, situated at the eastern shores of Lake Wörthersee, leads you into the state capital of Carinthia, to Klagenfurt.

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4**Klagenfurt – Lake Klopeiner See** | approx. 35 km

Klagenfurt – "the Rose of Lake Wörthersee" – captivates with its enchanting old part of town. Built by Italian architects in the 16/17th century, it has kept its southern flair over centuries. As legend has it the home of a dragon (Lindwurm), today features winding alleyways, romantic archade courts churches and town houses to explore.

After such a big dose of culture you continue by bike. Along the small river Glan you will leave Klagenfurt and after you passed a small range of hills with villages and forest you will reach the river Drau. On the Drau-river cycle path you will cycle to the Völkermarkter reservoir. Now it is only a short distance before you reach the warmest lake of the state, Lake Klopeiner See. The shores of Lake Klopeiner See are very inviting: the surroundings are mostly wooded and from the hilltops you see flashes of white little churches, in the South the Karawanken-mountain chain rises and above it all you see the sun in the (usually) blue sky. Now there is only enough time for a refreshing swim in the lake.

DAY
5**Lake Klopeiner See – St. Veit** | approx. 50 km

Idyllic cycle paths lead you from Klopeiner See to the Völkermarkter reservoir, where you will cycle along its waterfront and then pass the river Drau for the last time. On the Glan-Gurk-cycle path you will be led around the former duke city Völkermarkt, capital of the Jaunatal and located on a rising ground and further through typical Carinthian villages and landscapes in direction to the castle Hochosterwitz. It is very impressive what the nature and human beings created there! On top of a 150m high chalk rock there is an invulnerable fortress which overcame lots of centuries and can be visited now. Numerous castles and palaces in the surroundings remind us of the former significance of the onetime state capital St. Veit.

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6**St. Veit – Villach** | approx. 55 km

For centuries St. Veit has been the seat of the Carinthian bishops. The city wall, the medieval main square, the opulent Renaissance houses, beautiful archade courts, Herzogsburg-castle and many monuments still testify of this period even today. You head west and cycle along the river Glan to Glanegg. Already visible from afar is Glanegg castle ruin, towering here over and above the valley. The cycle path leads you through Feldkirchen which is surrounded by wooded hills, romantic palaces and venerable ruins and directly to Lake Ossiacher See and back again to your start-and end destination, beautiful Villach.

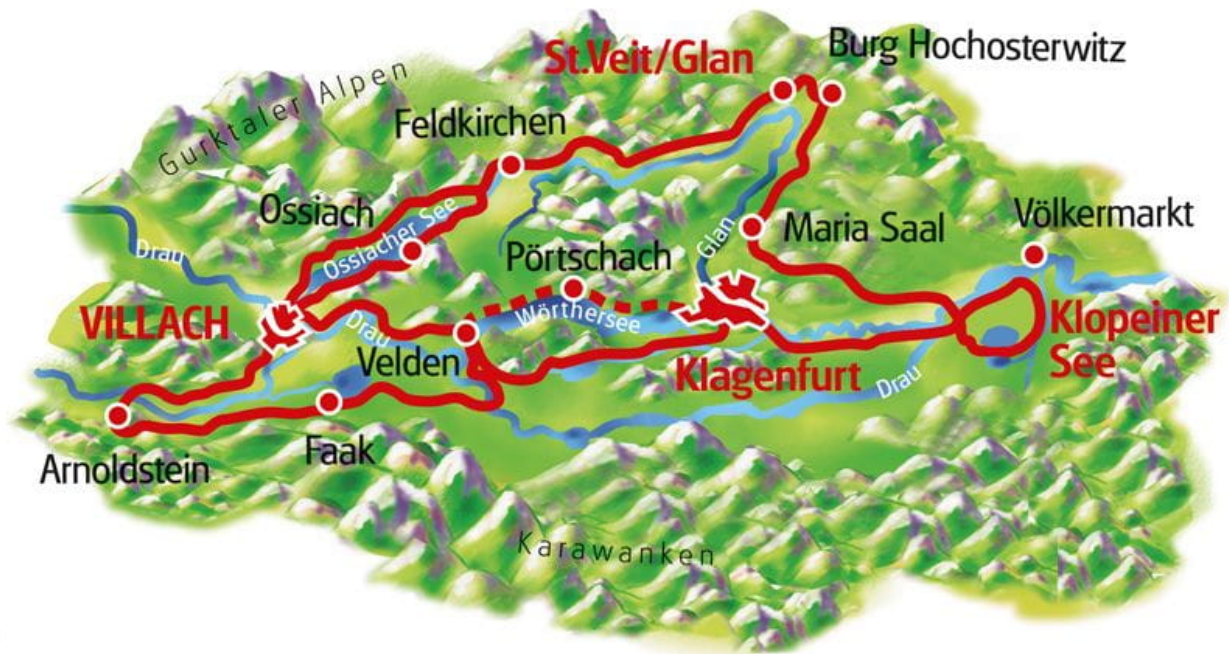
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7**Lake Faaker See** | approx. 50 km

Past Villach's thermal spa you leave the town and cycle at the foot of the Karawanken-mountains headed East to the first lake of your loop tour, the turquoise-blue Lake Faaker See. The lake's backdrop is the Mittagskogel-peak, a genuine rock giant. Extensive, undeveloped meadows and green wooded areas surround the lake and in the middle of the lake you find a wooded island. After a relaxing break at the lakeside and/or a lunch break you start your journey back. You tackle a small ridge on your bikes and hence reach the glistening river Drau with grey-green milky waters. The Drau-cycle path – on flat terrain and very well-developed – leads you along a leisurely route back to Villach.

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8**Departure or extension**

Tour character

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 09.04.2023 - 22.04.2023 01.10.2023 - 08.10.2023 Arrival Wednesday and Sunday	Season 2 23.04.2023 - 13.05.2023 10.09.2023 - 30.09.2023 Arrival Wednesday and Sunday	Season 3 14.05.2023 - 09.09.2023 Arrival Wednesday and Sunday
Carinthian Lakes, 8 days, AT-KARVV-08X			
Base price	839.00	899.00	959.00
Surcharge single room	299.00	299.00	299.00

Category: 3***- and 4****-hotels

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Villach

	Season 1 Apr 9, 2023 - Apr 22, 2023 Oct 1, 2023 - Oct 8, 2023 Arrival Wednesday and Sunday	Season 2 Apr 23, 2023 - May 13, 2023 Sep 10, 2023 - Sep 30, 2023 Arrival Wednesday and Sunday	Season 3 May 14, 2023 - Sep 9, 2023 Arrival Wednesday and Sunday
Villach			
Double room p. p.	89.00	89.00	89.00
Single room	144.00	144.00	144.00

Our rental bikes

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21-gear gents incl. rental bike insurance	99.00
rental bike PLUS incl. rental bike insurance	159.00
Electric bike incl. rental bike insurance	239.00

Prices per person in EUR

Services and infos

Services

- Accommodation as mentioned
- Breakfast
- Welcome briefing
- Luggage transfer
- Well elaborated route guidance
- Detailed travel documents (1 x per room)
- Navigation-app and GPS-data is available
- Service hotline
- If bike rental: Rental bike insurance included

Infos

Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- Villach Train Station
- Klagenfurt Airport
- Free public car park free or public underground car park for approx € 40,-/week

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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