





# Passau - Budapest

#### 4-Country-Tour, sportive

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 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.

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 10 Days / 9 Nights Individual

## To the online version



# Itinerary



#### Individual arrival to Passau

It is recommended to arrive early because Passau has much to offer. In the evening: personal welcome briefing and handover of the bikes (if booked).

DAY 2

#### Passau - Aschach/Brandstatt

арргох. 70 km

We recommend a short city tour or a visit to the cathedral, where you can listen to the largest church organ in the world (except Sundays and holidays). Then, you will start your journey along the Danube via Obernzell to Engelhartszell (the only Trappist monastery in Austria). You will cycle through the nature reserve Donauleiten and reach the Schlögen bend on its northern side. Here, the granite stone was too hard an opponent and the Danube had to make a 180° turn. You will have time to watch this natural phenomenon during a ferry ride to the other side of the river. Soon you will reach Aschach, where you will find your hotel.

DAY 3

#### Aschach/Brandstatt - Ardagger/Grein

approx. 85 km

Today, you will ride your bike through the green of the Eferdinger Becken (basin) via Ottensheim, and Wilhering to the Upper Austrian capital Linz. Following the motto, "In Linz beginnt's" ("It starts in Linz") you can begin your city tour in one of the many restaurants in the historic old town. Further highlights of the European culture capital of 2009 are the magnificent views from the Pöstlingberg or a stroll along the Danube. Later, you will continue your trip towards Strudengau and Nibelungengau to Grein and its surroundings.



#### Ardagger/Grein - Krems approx. 80 km

From the Baroque town of Grein, with the oldest city theatre in Austria, you will ride your bike down the river. In Melk, you should stop briefly and look up - otherwise you may miss the beauty of the abbey Melk, which towers above the Danube. Then, you will cycle via the wine towns of Spitz and Weißenkirchen and past the ruins of the castle Dürnstein to your hotel in Krems. A wine tasting is highly recommended (not included in the package).

DAY 5

#### Krems - Vienna approx. 80 km

From the 1,000-year-old city Krems, you will cycle via Traismauer and visit the Roman town of Tulln. Here, you can once again enjoy the tranquility and culture (e.g. with a visit to the Egon Schiele museum) of the rural area before you will get to the Danube metropolis of Vienna. Enjoy a cup of "Verlängerter" coffee and a piece of the famous cake Sachertorte in one of the typical Viennese coffee houses or visit the main attractions of the city during a ride with one of the famous "Fiaker" (horse-drawn carriages).

DAY

#### Vienna - Bratislava approx. 70 km

Today the first distance of 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. There 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.

## DAY 7

#### Bratislava - Györ

approx. 80 km

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. The beautiful town Mosonmagyaróvár is also called "City of 17 bridges" and ideally suited for a short break. On your further way you will pass Hédervár. The castle there is situated in the middle of a protected park. However, you should schedule a plenty of time for visiting Györ. The district capital offers many sights and a breathtaking historic center.

DAY

## Györ - Esztergom approx. 100 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. Afterwards the route takes you back to the Danube where you soon reach the divided town Komárom/Komárno. The 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 the absolute highlight is your destination today: Esztergom (also known as "Hungarian Rome"). It's basilica is the largest church of the country.

DAY 9

#### Esztergom - Budapest

арргох. 85 km

You cycle along the "Donauknie" which is probably one of the most attractive sections of the Danube bike trail. The Royal Palace and the castle of Visegrad will delight you and the open air museum as well as the baroque old town of Szentendre invites you to stay. The crowning highlight is Budapest. After arriving there you can review all impressions of this wonderful bike trip during a walk through the city.

DAY 10

## 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. Our transfer from Budapest to Vienna is very comfortable (this can be arranged at additional charge).

## 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	Season 2	Season 3
31.03.2024 - 12.04.2024	13.04.2024 - 24.05.2024	25.05.2024 -
29.09.2024 - 06.10.2024	07.09.2024 - 28.09.2024	06.09.2024
Arrival daily	Arrival daily	Arrival daily

Danube-Bike-Path, Passau-Budapest, 10 days, cat: A, arrival Passau, AT-DORPB-10A			
Base price	1,249.00	1,429.00	1,499.00
Surcharge half board	265.00	265.00	265.00
Surcharge single room	499.00	499.00	499.00
Danube-Bike-Path, Passau-Budapest, 10 days, cat: B, arrival Passau, AT-DORPB-10B			
Base price	1,049.00	1,229.00	1,299.00
Surcharge half board	225.00	225.00	225.00
Surcharge single room	409.00	409.00	409.00

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	Season 1  Mar 31, 2024 - Apr 12, 2024    Sep 29, 2024 - Oct 6, 2024    Arrival daily	Season 2  Apr 13, 2024 - May 24, 2024    Sep 7, 2024 - Sep 28, 2024    Arrival daily	Season 3 May 25, 2024 - Sep 6, 2024   Arrival daily
Double room p. P. Cat. A	79.00	79.00	79.00
Single room	129.00	129.00	129.00

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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			
Double room p. P. Cat. A	89.00	89.00	89.00
Single room	169.00	169.00	169.00
Passau			
Double room p. P. Cat. B	75.00	75.00	75.00
Single room	119.00	119.00	119.00
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			

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Double room p. P. Cat. B	75.00	75.00	75.00
Single room	139.00	139.00	139.00

# Our rental bikes

	Price
21-gears unisex incl. rental bike insurance	129.00
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7-gear unisex with back pedal brake incl. rental bike insu	129.00
Electric bike incl. rental bike insurance	339.00
rental bike PLUS incl. rental bike insurance	209.00

Prices per person in EUR

## Services and infos

#### **Services**

- Overnight stays in chosen category
- Breakfast (buffet style)
- If half board: 7x 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
- 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. 15h30; pick-up service directly at the hotel, duration approx. 3.5 hours, price 79 € per person and 39 € for own bikes, 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.

 Daily transfer from Vienna to Passau: duration: about 3.5 to 4 hours; departure at approx. 14h00; price: 79 € per person and 39 € for own bikes; reservation required; Alternative: return journey by train; train ticket is available in advance for 39 € per person (doesn't include the transfer of 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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#### **Book now**

