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CYCLING HOLIDAYS DANUBE CYCLE PATH

Cycling: Danube cycle path

From Passau or Schärding to Vienna

If you fancy a cycle tour through beautiful Austria, you're in luck. The Danube cycle path is perfect for particularly special leisurely trip! The tour is considered the most popular cycle route in Europe, with its versatility and beautiful landscape. But that's not all: The Romans, the Nibelungs, emperors and kings have all trodden this path. What can you expect? Baroque towns, idyllic river landscapes and cultural highlights for sightseeing in between. Hop onto the bike saddle and off you go on an exploration through Austria!

The starting point of this cycle tour is the baroque town of Schärding or the three-river town of Passau. The decision from where you want to start is entirely up to you. Nature-lovers will be delighted. The Danube Cycle Path has some of the most beautiful landscapes in Austria. The city of Linz, the Marchland and the Wachau are just a few examples of the charming areas in which you make a well-deserved stopover. The special feature: permanent signposts and the beautiful blue Danube as a landmark. If you lose your way, there is nothing to worry about. Because the river is your faithful companion and brings you safe and well to the metropolis of Vienna. Foodies take note! Culinary enjoyment is very important in the districts of Upper and Lower Austria. Regional delicacies, exquisite wines and specially produced cider make up the culinary delights.



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided tour

To the online version



ITINERARY

DAY
1

Arrival in Schärding/Passau

“Baroque Town or Three Rivers Town”

Stroll through the pretty little baroque town of Schärding and marvel at the famous Silberzeile lane. Alternatively 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 – bend of the Danube/surroundings

“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 plenty of time to look at this natural phenomenon.

 approx. 40 – 55 km


DAY
3

Danube bend/surroundings – Linz

“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.


Linz's historical old town 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.

 approx. 50 km


DAY
4**Linz – Grein/surroundings** | “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.


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5**Grein/surroundings – Wachau** | “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.

 approx. 50 – 60 kmDAY
6**Wachau – Krems/Traismauer/Tulln** | “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 arrive 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.

 approx. 40 – 75 km


DAY
7

Krems/Traismauer/Tulln – Vienna

“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 check-in to 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.

 approx. 45 – 65 km

DAY
8

Departure or extension

TOUR CHARACTER

Flat or slightly downhill along the Danube. The cycle path is very well-built and there are no motor vehicles for almost all of the tour. Minor roads make up only very short sections of this tour – the Danube cycle path is a perfect cycle route.



PRICES & DATES

PLACE OF ARRIVAL: PASSAU

	Season 1 23.03.2024 - 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, cat. A, arrival Passau, AT-DORPW-08A			
Base price	995.-	1'155.-	1'255.-
Surcharge single room	349.-	349.-	349.-
Danube Cycle Path, 8 days, cat. b, arrival Passau, AT-DORPW-08B			
Base price	879.-	1'039.-	1'129.-
Surcharge single room	335.-	335.-	335.-
Danube Cycle Path, 8 days, cat. C, arrival Passau, AT-DORPW-08C			
Base price	775.-	895.-	989.-
Surcharge single room	325.-	325.-	325.-

PLACE OF ARRIVAL: SCHÄRDING

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Category A: 4*-hotels or the best houses in town

Category B: 3*- and 4*-hotels

Category C: 3*-hotels and inns, 4*-hotels in Linz and Vienna

ADDITIONAL NIGHTS

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	Season 1 Mar 23, 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. cat. A	95.-	95.-	95.-
Surcharge single room	35.-	35.-	35.-
Vienna			
Double room p. P. cat. A	99.-	99.-	99.-
Surcharge single room	55.-	55.-	55.-
Passau			
Double room p. P. cat. B	79.-	79.-	79.-
Surcharge single room	45.-	45.-	45.-
Vienna			

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Double room p. P. cat. B	79.-	79.-	79.-
Surcharge single room	55.-	55.-	55.-
Passau			
Double room p. P. cat. C	79.-	79.-	79.-
Surcharge single room	45.-	45.-	45.-
Vienna			
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Our rental bikes

	Price
Bicycle 21-gear unisex	109.-
Bicycle 21-gear gents	109.-
Bicycle-PLUS	189.-
Electric bicycle	289.-

Prices per person in CHF

SERVICES & INFORMATION

Services

Included:

- Accommodation in your selected category incl. breakfast
- Welcome briefing
- Daily luggage transfer
- Carefully elaborated route
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room (German, English, French)
- 1 ferry ride (Au-Schlögen) incl. bike
- 1 wine tasting in the Wachau region
- Navigation app and GPS-data
- Service hotline

Note:

- Tourist tax, if due, is not included
- Bicycle rental, including rental bicycle insurance
- Reservation fee of CHF 20.- per adult (incl. legally required customer money protection)

Optional:

- Return transfer with van from Vienna, daily in the afternoon, costs CHF 99.- per person, CHF 45.- extra for your own bike, reservation is necessary, to be paid for in advance

Information

Arrival/Parking/Departure:


- Schärding and Passau train station
- Munich airport
- Schärding: Free public car park on the Eurobike premises directly on the cycle path
- Passau: Public car park approx. CHF 49.- per week, no reservation possible/necessary
- Good train connections between Vienna and Schärding/Passau


Other important information:

- The distance travelled is approximate and may differ from the actual distance.
- Travel cancellation insurance, including travel interruption insurance is recommended.

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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