

## Austria Danube Cycle Path Passau-Budapest

4 Countries - 1 Experience

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### Details

Included services:

- 13 nights in rooms with private facilities
- Breakfast or dinner option (Cat. A: 13x dinner, Cat. B: 12x dinner, Vienna breakfast only)
- Daily luggage transfer up to hotel in Budapest (1 suitcase/max. 20 kg/person)

- Welcome drink in the arrival hotel in Passau and Vienna
- 1 bottle of high-quality wine per room in the Wachau Valley
- 1 x tasting of regional products
- 1 x train Krems – Tulln (incl. bike)
- 1 x train Mosonmagyaróvár – Győr (incl. bike)
- 1 x cruise (before/after seasonal boat schedule train ride) Szentendre – Budapest (Cat.B)
- 1x cruise (before/after seasonal boat schedule bus transfer) Esztergom – Visegrad (Cat.A)
- Return transfer by public bus from Budapest to Vienna (excl. bike)
- Train Vienna - Passau (excl. bike)
- Service-hotline (also accessible on weekends)
- Handlebar bag with tourbook, maps and informational material per room

## Day-to-day programm

### Tour profile

The tour is mostly flat and only sometimes slightly hilly. The Austrian section follows well-maintained and equipped cycle paths, in Hungary you will often cycle on country back and side roads. Upon entering and leaving cities there can of course be traffic that must be closely observed!

### **Day 1: Passau**

Individual arrival. Use the remaining time on a city tour or get to know the "City of Three Rivers" on a boat cruise (not included) or simply go for a stroll through the picturesque old part of town. Between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. bike hand over – for late arrivals on the next morning.

### **Day 2: Passau – Schlögener Loop, approx. 41 km**

Start the first cycling route through the Upper Danube Valley to Schlögen. In Engelhartzell, you can visit the one and only "Trappist" monastery in Austria and you can even sample some delicious liqueurs straight from the convent. Continue the journey to the impressive "Schlögener Loop", where the river makes a complete 180-degree bend.

### **Day 3: Schlögener Loop – Linz, approx. 55 km**

There are small ferries between the banks; enjoy this special experience. Enjoy the special experience of riding past the many ferries along the riverbanks as you continue to cycle through the Eferdinger basin to Linz, the capital of Upper Austria. Enjoy the summer evening with a stroll through the enchanting old part of town.

### **Day 4: Linz – Strudengau, approx. 60 km**

An excursion to Enns, the oldest town in Austria is highly recommended and worth a visit. This leg guides you through beautiful meadows and tranquil hinterland while passing the Celtic village of Mitterkirchen, rolling by the majestic church in Baumgartenberg and on to the romantic castle of Clam. Toward the end of the day, you reach the gorgeous Baroque village of Grein. There the oldest theatre in Austria is awaiting your royal visit.

### **Day 5: Strudengau – Nibelungengau, approx. 50 km**

Today's tour is enjoyed by cycling through the fascinating landscape of tall and densely wooded rock formations on both sides of the Danube. High above the Danube is the Pilgrimage Church of Maria Taferl. From the distance the marvellous Benedictine Monastery of Melk is greeting you.

### **Day 6: Nibelungengau – Krems/surroundings, approx. 50 km**

Another highlight on this tour is the chance to cycle through the magnificent Wachau. A landscape where you will find terraced vineyards, apricot groves interspersed with castles, palaces and monasteries. There is also the possibility to take a break off your bike and relax on a short boat excursion. On your way to Krems you cycle through the winery villages of Spitz, Weißenkirchen and Dürnstein. Through these charming villages you will

see quaint alluring taverns, which are just waiting to present Austrian hospitality at its best.

#### **Day 7: Krems/surroundings – Vienna, approx. 40 km + train ride Krems - Tulln**

By train you will depart from this UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Region. After arriving in Tulln, you ride your bike directly through the Vienna Woods (Wiener Wald) and pass through “The Gates of Vienna”. Along the way don't forget to stop in and visit the impressive monastery in Klosterneuburg and then continue on to the “City of Music”, Vienna.

#### **Day 8: Vienna – Bad Deutsch Altenburg/surroundings, approx. 42 km**

Not far from Vienna an untouched alluvial landscape and a Nature Reserve with stunning and diverse Flora and Fauna begins. Get away from it all and enjoy the wonderful peace and quiet, only interrupted by the twittering chirps of birds. The ancient Romans have left their footprints here. They also relaxed in the nice warm water of Bad Deutsch Altenburg. The Archaeological Park of Carnuntum is waiting to take you into an exiting journey through the past.

#### **Day 9: Bad Deutsch Altenburg/surroundings – Bratislava, approx. 32 km**

Nestled between the hills of Hainburg and the Carpathian Mountains, you cycle on to Europe's youngest capital, Bratislava. The Slovak capital has an enchanting sleepy old town as well as magnificent modern buildings.

#### **Day 10: Bratislava - Schüttinsel – Győr, approx. 45 km + train Mosonmagyaróvár – Győr**

The landscape of the "Szigetköz" is an idyllic paradise for birds and fish. In the midst of this wild and untouched landscape with more than 500 tiny islands you will find farming villages and a labyrinth of countless Danube creeks. After a short train ride you reach Győr with its beautiful Baroque-style old town.

#### **Day 11: Győr – Komarno/surroundings, approx. 57 km**

The National Stud of Babolna is world famous for its Arabian horse breeding and is definitely worth some time. While you are visiting the stallions and the Stud Museum you can catch a glimpse of some secret Hungarian horse breeding techniques and methods. After cycling through the lush rolling hills into the village of Komárom, you will find your accommodation in the favourite village of renowned King Matthias.

### **Day 12: Komarno/surroundings –Danube bend region, approx. 52 km + ship cat. A**

Today you cycle along the banks of the Slovakian Danube down small low-traffic roads through quaint and quintessential villages. On your way to the “Town of Bishops and Kings”, Esztergom, also known as the „Hungarian Rome“ or “Royal City”, you pass the Roman fort of Kelemantia. The Basilica of Esztergom, largest Catholic cathedral in Hungary and the rest of the town again and again prove to be a highlight and glamorous part of the overall tour.

### **Day 13: Danube bend region – Budapest, approx. 62 km + ship cat. B**

Amidst the hilly landscape, the river Danube divides itself into parts creating the Szentendre-Island. On this island, you cycle through typical Hungarian villages. Szentendre is famous for its numerous handicraft boutiques and the Open-air Museum of Skanzen. A few particular highlights include some of the most famous attractions in Budapest all in which you will discover on your boat ride (cat.B) into the city.

### **Day 14: Budapest**

Enjoy this day in the metropolis Budapest. Departure by scheduled bus daily at 11.00 a.m., arrival in Vienna approx. 2.00 p.m. The return trip is also possible by speedboat (extra charge). In Vienna you have to change to the train to Passau. We recommend an extra night in Vienna so you can highly enjoy this great city and won't have any stress with transfers. Schedules subject to change!  
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## **Prices**

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