

## Austria Danube Impressions by BIKE + BOAT Passau-Vienna-Bratislava

MV THEODOR KÖRNER

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### Details

#### Included services

- 7 nights in outside cabins with private facilities and air conditioning
- Program according to itinerary from/to Passau
- Captains greeting and Welcome cocktail

- Daily cabin cleaning, towels and bed linen
- Full board: rich breakfast, lunch on board (non-cyclists) or packed lunch (cyclists), afternoon coffee break, dinner (2/3 dishes to choose from), late night snack
- Gala-dinner with farewell cocktail
- Farewell-Crew-Show
- Daily live-music
- Tour guide on board (does not cycle with the group)
- Daily information meeting
- Detailed roadbook (one per cabin)

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#### Individual tour:

You'll receive a detailed roadbook with maps and information to the routing on board. You do not cycle in a group – you cycle individually in your own tempo and are therefore able to time your day to your needs. Only the schedule gives you a timeframe. Our cruise director explains the evening before the next cycling path in the daily briefings and inform you about the specifics and gives tips about sightseeing, possibilities to take a rest and specialities. If you do not want to cycle, just stay on board and enjoy the passing landscape on the sun deck or relax in the infrared cabin. The crew is trying to make your stay as comfortable as possible.

#### Comfort Relax Package - with Cycling Tour Guide (additional supplement)

Accompanied from our tourguide discover landscape and people; try some great must at the winery and learn something about the regional vines. The capital of upper Austria will be discovered by scenic train, take a glass of Secco with a fabulous view upon Budapest and meanwhile the city tour through Vienna, you'll take a

timeride back to the past

Included services

- Cycling tour guide

- Ferry rides

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Visit of Austria's oldest theatre in Grein

- Tasting of homemade cider directly at the cider producer in the Upper-Danube-Valley

- Wine tasting in the Wachau region

- Guided city tour by bike or bus in Vienna

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City tour by city express (excursion train) + walking tour in Bratislava

Dates: May 20 | June 17 | July 29 | August 26 | September 23 (further dates up on request - min. 10 participants)

## Day-to-day programm

### Tour profile:

The cycle route is completely flat, at times on a gentle downhill slope, and is ideal for bikers with less experience as well as for children. The tour is rated easy on mostly flat terrain.

### Day 1: Passau

Boarding time is at 4 p.m. The "Bishop City," close to the Bavarian/Austrian border, is also known as the "City of three Rivers." Use your free time and stroll through the old charming centre, visit the world largest catholic church organ in the cathedral and enjoy the easy atmosphere of a typical Bavarian beer garden. At 6.30 p.m. cast off! Your vacation begins with a cruise through the romantic Danube Valley.

## **Day 2: Mauthausen – Grein, approx. 35 km**

Today's bike tour takes you directly along the Danube where you have enough time to enjoy the natural state of the meadow landscape. Visit the medieval village and former concentration camp at Mauthausen. The Celtic village Mitterkirchen gives you an insight into the past. The alternative route, "Clam Castle," through the beautiful back country of the "Strudengau" is slightly hilly but offers a fantastic scenery. Grein, with its mighty castle, is the final destination of today's stage. After a romantic sunset cruise you arrive at Devin with its castle ruin overlooking the Danube in the morning.

## **Day 3: Devin - Bratislava, approx. 43 km**

From Devin you follow the former 'Iron Curtain', cross the former border and reach the imposing Baroque Palace of Schlosshof with its beautifully terraced gardens. Cycle through Austria's 'vegetable garden' to the coronation city and former capital of Hungary Bratislava located at the slopes of the Little Carpathians. Explore the hidden alleyways and sights of Bratislava on an optional city tour.

## **Day 4: Vienna (day of rest)**

During a city tour by bike or bus (optional) you will experience Vienna's most famous examples of architecture: the imperial Hofburg, St. Stephens Cathedral, the gorgeous 'Ring'-boulevard and the State Opera House, the Burgtheater and town hall and, of course, the colourful "Hundertwasserhaus". There is enough time in the afternoon to stroll or visit one of the famous Viennese cafés. The evening can end in numerous ways. For example by visiting a Waltz and Opera concert at a famous Viennese Palaces (optional).

## **Day 5: Wachau | Krems - Melk, approx. 37 km**

Today's biking day is a special highlight! Amidst small dreamy towns, apricot trees, vineyards, castles, monasteries and ruins, this hilly landscape enchants everybody. You will be biking on cloud nine! A powerful ruin looms above the small baroque town of Durnstein, while the blue spire of the monastery church is a landmark of Wachau. In Weißenkirchen (possibility for a wine-tasting – optional) you will find comfortable wine taverns right along the bike path.

## **Day 6: Melk - Grein, approx. 50 km**

After breakfast you have plenty of time to visit the gorgeous baroque monastery of the Benedictine brethren of Melk. Today's stage is marked by diversity. Starting in the wide valleys of the Nibelungenau you follow the Danube and cycle further into the Strudengau – a narrow point of the Danube which used to be notorious amongst skippers. Yours today's destination is the – already well known – city of Grein, home of Austria's oldest city theatre (optional, not included).

### **Day 7: Great Danube Loop | Obermühl - Engelhartzell, approx. 28 - 43 km**

Today you will cycle through the Danube Valley and will pass through many picturesque villages. Along the cycle path you may smell freshly grilled mackerels, with small pubs doing all they can to entice cyclists to stay. Make sure you follow the small walking trail to the lookout high above the Danube Loop - what a breathtaking panoramic view of the Danube Valley it provides of the meandering Blue Danube! Need a refreshment? Try some of the special cordials at the Trappist monastery at Engelszell, your day's destination.

### **Day 8: Passau**

As you cruise back up the Danube enjoy the early morning sunshine as you wind your way to Passau, where you will arrive at about 10:00 a.m. and you'll disembark about 30 minutes later. Connecting travel should be booked for 11.00 a.m. onwards.

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## **Prices**

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