

Germany / Austria / Slovakia / Hungary Danube Waltz by BIKE + BOAT Passau-Budapest

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Details

Included services:

- 7 nights in outside cabins with private facilities (shower or bathtub) and air conditioning
- Programme 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), 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 per cabin

Individual Cyclingtour: 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 time frame.

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 incl. tour guide (surcharge, May 06th/20st, June 03rd/24th, July 15th, August 12th, September 02nd/16th/30th)

You cycle in a small group guided by a local tour guide. Taste some Austrian delicacies: you'll try sweet cider in a wine tavern in the world-famous Wachau region you will also get to savour a small variety of regional wine specialties. During a guided tour by bike or bus you will pass by numerous famous sights in Vienna and

Budapest.

Inclusive services:

- Cycling tour guide
- tasting of homemade cider directly at the cider farm in the Upper-Danube valley.
- ferry rides
- guided city tour by bike in Vienna + by HOP ON HOP OFF bus in Budapest
- wine tasting in the Wachau region

Dates: additional dates upon request for min. 8 people

Day-to-day programm

Tour Profile / Level 1

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

Day 1: Passau

Boarding time at 4:30 p.m. Located at the meeting point of the Danube, Inn and Ilz Rivers, Passau has numerous of interesting sites to visit. Use your free time and stroll through the cobblestoned old town centre, listen to the bells of Passau's Gothic Town Hall or have a look at the world's largest Catholic Church organ in the Passau Cathedral. At 6.00 p.m. we cast off!

Day 2: Great Loop/Engelhartzell-Aschach approx. 42 km

Your first day's cycling begins with a ride through the classic scenery of the 'Great Loop' Donauschlinge - one of

the most beautiful sections of the Danube. Along the way you will encounter tiny villages and cozy cider taverns. In Austria's only Trappist monastery at Engelhartszell you can taste their delicious liquors and cheese. The famous 'Schlogener View' provides a wonderful panorama of the surrounding Austrian countryside. The boat welcomes all cyclists back on board in the charming market town of Aschach.

Day 3: Devin - Bratislava, approx. 43 km

You pedal along the former 'Iron Curtain', cross the green line and reach the imposing Imperial Palace of Hof with its beautifully terraced gardens. Follow the bike path through Austria's 'vegetable garden' to the coronation city of Bratislava and the slopes of the little Carpathians and discover the hidden alleyways and sights of Bratislava on an optional city tour.

Day 4: Budapest I Szentendre, approx. 54km

The entrance to Budapest, Hungary's capital is stunning. Savour the beauty of Budapest during a coach tour or a guided bike tour (optional) to discover many of the highlights of this handsome city. You can also choose to cycle to the charming town of Szentendre with its Mediterranean atmosphere and lively art scene. You will get a very close experience of Hungarian culture at an evening show with traditional music and dance (optional).

Day 5: Danube bend - Esztergom, approx. 43km

The wooded hills of Pilis, Visegrád and Börzsöny together with the meandering Danube create a wonderful landscape that has become a nature lover's paradise. Situated in the middle of the Danube River the idyllic isle of Szentendre exudes silent Puszta romance. You cycle via the baroque village of Vác (influenced by the architects of Austria's empress Maria Theresia) to the bishop town of Esztergom with its gorgeous basilica – Hungary's largest Catholic Church.

Day 6: Vienna (day of rest)

Discover Vienna's most beautiful attractions. 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 colorful "Hundertwasserhaus". Take time to relax in one or more of Vienna's famous cafés, while the evening ends impressively at a classical concert (optional) in one of Vienna's most famous palaces.

Day 7: Wachau / Krems - Melk, approx. 37 km

Your last biking day is a special highlight! A powerful ruin looms above the small Baroque town of Durnstein, while the blue spire of the monastery church is a landmark of the renowned Wachau. Amidst dreamy towns, apricot trees, vineyards and castles, this hilly landscape enchants everybody who visits ... you will be biking on cloud nine! In Weißenkirchen (possibility to do a wine-tasting – optional) you will find comfortable wine taverns along the bike path. After the Captain's farewell dinner, lots of fun and entertainment can be experienced during the

popular crew show.

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 disembark at about 10:00 am. Connecting travel should not be booked earlier than 11.00 am..

Important Information:

In case of flood or low tide the shipping company reserves the right to bridge parts of passages with buses. In extreme case the shipping company reserves the right to cancel the journey on short notice. No legal right shall be constituted of both situations. (Water level is force majeure). The same applies for officially ordered – previously not announced – repair work on locks or bridges or in case of undeserved breakdown of engine and power unit. Please be aware that your ship, like all other ships on the Danube, is not only your hotel but also a machine, working with engine power also during night. Especially crossing locks and bridges – and the preparation work – might cause noises. If you are sensitive to noises, please bring your own earplugs.

Prices
