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**Germany - Austria - Slovakia - Hungary - Danube Bike Path Four Country Bike Tour 2018**  
**Individual Self-Guided**  
**14 days/ 13 nights**



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 Schlägen 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 specialties all the way to the moreish 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.

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### Itinerary Day to Day

#### **Day 1: Arrival in Passau**

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. In the evening welcome briefing and bike fitting.

#### **Day 2: Passau - Schlögen (Danube bend) 40 km**

You will start your tour along the Danube, first passing Obernzell and finally arriving in Engelhartszell (the only Trappist monastery in Austria). You will then cycle through the nature reserve of 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 time to look at this natural phenomenon.



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#### **Day 3: Schlögen (Danube bend) - Linz 50 km**

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. The historical Old Town of Linz 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.

#### **Day 4: Linz - Grein/Ardagger 60 km**

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 meter town tower, the landmark of the oldest town in Austria, or you visit the archaeological collection in the municipal museum of 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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**Day 5: Grein/Ardagger - Spitz 60 km**

This section of the Danube, the Strudengau, which 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. You should make a little stop in Melk and look up or you will miss the beautiful Melk monastery that overlooks the Danube. Your today's accommodation is located in the heart of the Wachau valley.



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**Day 6: Spitz - Traismauer/Tulln 50-60 km**

Today you will cycle through 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 Weißenkirchen and Dürnstein with its Castle ruin, cycle past the 1000 year old town of Krems and finish in Traismauer or Tulln. A stay in the Wachau region means that you simply have to take part in a wine tasting, which we would be pleased to organize for you!

**Day 7: Traismauer/Tulln - Vienna 50-40 km**

Your bike tour will be a relaxed trip to the Danube metropolis of Vienna. As soon as you arrive you can 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.

**Day 8: Vienna - Bad Deutsch Altenburg/Hainburg 50 km**

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 of Eckertsau and reach Bad Deutsch Altenburg.



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**Day 9: Bad Deutsch Altenburg/Hainburg - Bratislava 35 km**

From Bad Deutsch Altenburg/Hainburg you can take 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 its capital city Bratislava that is your next overnight stay. The shorter distance today allows plenty of time to visit the old part of this charming city.



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**Day 10: Bratislava - Mosonmagyaróvár - Győr 45 km + train ride**

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. After arrival in Mosonmagyaróvár, which is also called "City of 17 bridges", your day's cycle tour ends. We recommend a short walking tour in this charming city, before you take the train to Győr. The district capital offers many sights and a breathtaking historic center.

**Day 11: Győr – Komárom 55 km**

Soon you reach the Hungarian Böny. From there a version of the route 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. The last part of the route takes you back to the Danube. Then you reach the divided town of Komárom/Komárno. At night you can relax in the local spa.

**Day 12: Komárom - Visegrád 55 km + trip by boat**

Today's 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 of 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. Take time for a comprehensive visit, before you will board a riverboat, which takes you to your destination Visegrád. Amazing views into the beautiful landscape of the so-called "Donauknie" will impress you. (Please note: The boat does not run in April, September, and October, and any Monday; we will include a train ticket instead during that period.)



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**Day 13: Visegrád - Budapest 55 km**

The Royal Palace and the castle of Visegrád will delight you and the open air museum as well as the baroque old town of Szentendre invites you to stay. The first part of today will guide you again through the “Donauknie”, probably the most attractive section of the Danube bike trail at all. Soon you will arrive in Budapest, where you can review all impressions of this wonderful bike trip during a walk through the city.

**Day 14: Individual departure or extension**

In the Hungarian capital city there are many things to discover. If you are interested we would be pleased to book some extra nights for you.





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### Route



### Technical Characteristics:

**Route Profile:** 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, 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.

**Distance:** 605 km

**Travel Dates:** Daily departure April 1 and October 7, 2018

Season 1: Sunday departure April 1 – April 20; September 23 – October 7

Season 2: Saturday, Sunday, Monday departure April 21 – June 24; September 1 - September 22

Season 3: Daily departure June 25 - August 31



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## **Price per Person:**

### **Category A**

### **Category B**

|  | <b>Category A</b> | <b>Category B</b> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Season 1 Double Occupancy B&B            | € 1165.00         | € 995.00          |
| Season 2 Double Occupancy B&B            | € 1315.00         | € 1145.00         |
| Season 3 Double Occupancy B&B            | € 1375.00         | € 1205.00         |
| Surcharge Single Room                    | € 435.00          | € 310.00          |
| Surcharge Half Board                     | € 250.00          | € 205.00          |
| Rental Bike (21 or 7 speed)              | € 145.00          |                   |
| Electro Bike                             | € 310.00          |                   |
| Extra Nights Passau Double Occupancy     | € 60.00           | € 50.00           |
| Extra Nights Passau Single Occupancy     | € 85.00           | € 70.00           |
| Extra Nights Vienna Double Occupancy     | € 65.00           | € 60.00           |
| Extra Nights Vienna Single Occupancy     | € 95.00           | € 90.00           |
| Extra Nights Bratislava Double Occupancy | € 70.00           | € 45.00           |
| Extra Nights Bratislava Single Occupancy | € 110.00          | € 70.00           |
| Extra Nights Budapest Double Occupancy   | € 65.00           | € 55.00           |
| Extra Nights Budapest Single Occupancy   | € 110.00          | € 90.00           |

## **Accommodation:**

Category A: Accommodation in well selected hotels 4\* (partly 3\* but best hotel in the area)

Category B: Accommodation in chosen guest houses, hotels, and inns 3\*

## **Included:**

- Overnight stays in chosen category
- Breakfast (buffet style)
- If half board: 11 x 3 course dinner (in Vienna and Budapest only B&B)
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel
- 7 day service hotline
- Well planned route guidance
- Detailed travel documents
- Personal welcome meeting and bike fitting
- Train ticket from Mosonmagyaróvár to Győr (including transfer of bikes)
- Boat ticket from Esztergom to Visegrád including transfer of bikes (not possible in April, September, and October; boat does not run on Mondays, too - a train ticket is included instead)
- Voucher for a drink in a special coffee shop in Bratislava
- Rental bikes insurance
- GPS Tracks on request available

## **Not Included:**

- Visitors taxes if applicable



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### Bikes



#### Hybrid Bike

**Unisex frame 21-gears** with free wheel sizes: 56 / 51 / 46 / 43 cm

**Unisex 7-gears-bikes** with back pedaling brake sizes: 56 / 51 / 46 cm

**Men's speed bikes 21-gears** with free wheel and crossbar sizes: 64 / 60 / 56  
"slopping" cm (note: a reservation is necessary!)

**Also includes** Saddle bag (water-repellent), handlebar bag (water-repellent), service-Set with tools and extra bicycle tube, pump and combination lock



#### Electric Bike

A Pedelec is an electro bike which assists with electric support only when pedaling. Composed on basis of KTM-bikes, adequate for our missions. The bike is easy to handle as you have a good weight distribution and a low balance point. Overall weight amounts to approx. 23 kg. An illuminated LCD display, a computer and a wattage display add to the comfort.

*Assisting people in realizing their touring dreams worldwide is our passion.*

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