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**Germany - Austria – Passau - Vienna Danube Bike Path Classic Bike Tour 2016**  
**Individual Self-Guided**  
**8 days/7 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. 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. 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: from savoury dumpling specialties up to wines of the Buschenschenken taverns in the Wachau region. This cycle tour is a true classic and is ideally suited as a first cycling holiday with the whole family.



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### Itinerary Day to Day

#### **Day 1: Individual arrival to Passau**

It is recommended to arrive early because Passau has much to offer. The well-known cathedral houses the world's biggest church organ. In the evening: personal welcome briefing and handover of the bikes (if booked).



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#### **Day 2: Passau - Schlögen 40 km**

You will soon reach Austrian territory. First you cycle through the Sauwald region to Engelhartszell, where the only Trappist monastery of Austria invites you to a liqueur tasting. Then the route guides you through the nature reserve of Donauleiten, from where you reach the Schlögen Bend. This is where granite proved to be too much of an opponent and forced the Danube to change directions by 180 degrees. This natural spectacle will inspire you!

#### **Day 3: Schlögen - Linz 50 km**

Today you cycle through the green Eferdinger Basin via the market towns of Aschach, Ottensheim and Wilhering to the Upper Austrian capital of Linz. The historic 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 walk through the Donaulände Park.

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

For a change the route guides you away from the course of the Danube via St. Florian (Augustinian monastery) to Enns. There you can view the town square with its 60 meter high town tower, the landmark of the oldest town in Austria, or you visit the archaeological collection in the municipal museum Lauriacum. Back on the Danube you cycle alongside and reach the beautiful little baroque town of Grein. Here you have the opportunity to visit the oldest municipal theater in Austria that is still being used. Additionally you can visit the maritime museum or Greinburg castle.

#### **Day 5: Grein/surrounding - Melk 50 km**

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 many pilgrims every year. In Melk you should definitely make sure you look upwards, otherwise



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#### **Day 6: Melk - Krems 40 km**

As soon as you leave Melk you get into the picturesque Wachau region, where you can enjoy the charming atmosphere of the region's typical orchards and vineyards. You 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. A wine tasting is highly recommended!



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#### **Day 7: Krems - Tulln - Vienna 40 km + train ride**

Today you start with a train ride from Krems to Tulln. In the Roman town you still can enjoy the silence and culture of the rural region over again. Sight to visit: Egon-Schiele-museum. From Tulln you cycle over Greifenstein and Klosterneuburg into Vienna. As soon as you arrive you can enjoy all the amenities of the city for the rest of the day. Enjoy a cup of coffee and the typical Vienna cake "Sachertorte" in one of the numerous coffee houses or treat yourself to a roundtrip with the horse-drawn cab "Fiaker". Walk along Vienna's famous shopping street (along Mariahilfer Straße), or visit the St Stephen's Cathedral.

#### **Day 8: Individual departure or extension**

If you are interested we would be pleased to book some extra nights for you.





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### Route



#### Technical Characteristics:

**Route Profile:** Flat or slightly downhill along the Danube; well-built cycling path almost all the way without motor vehicles; only very short sections of this route run on minor roads - the Danube cycle path is a perfect example of a cycle route.

**Distance:** 280 km

**Travel Dates:** Daily arrival March 26 to October 22, 2016

Season 1: March 26 to April 17; October 8 to October 22, 2016

Season 2: April 18 – May 20; September 3 – October 7, 2016

Season 3: May 21 –September 2, 2016

This tour can be lengthened or shortened by adding or removing days. Ask us for details.



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| <b>Price per Person:</b>                | <b>Category A</b> | <b>Category B</b> | <b>Category C</b> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Season 1 Double Occupancy B&B           | € 585.00          | € 495.00          | € 455.00          |
| Season 2 Double Occupancy B&B           | € 625.00          | € 535.00          | € 495.00          |
| Season 3 Double Occupancy B&B           | € 685.00          | € 595.00          | € 555.00          |
| Surcharge Single Room                   | € 210.00          | € 175.00          | € 170.00          |
| Surcharge Half Board                    | € 155.00          | € 130.00          | € 110.00          |
| Rental Bike (21 or 7 speed)             | € 70.00           |                   |                   |
| Electro Bike                            | € 150.00          |                   |                   |
| Extra Nights in Passau Double Occupancy | € 60.00           | € 55.00           | € 45.00           |
| Extra Nights in Passau Single Occupancy | € 80.00           | € 75.00           | € 60.00           |
| Extra Nights in Vienna Double Occupancy | € 65.00           | € 60.00           | € 55.00           |
| Extra Nights in Vienna Single Occupancy | € 105.00          | € 90.00           | € 90.00           |

Category A: Carefully selected hotels 4\* all along the way, often best hotel on place

Category B: Accommodation at guest houses and hotels 3\*/4\*

Category C: Overnight in guesthouses, inns and hotels 3\*-level

**Included:**

- Overnight stays in the chosen category
- Breakfast buffet
- If half-board is booked: 6 x 3-course dinner (in Vienna B&B only)
- Luggage transfer between the hotels (no limit in pieces)
- Service-hotline for the duration of the tour
- Excellently planned routes
- Detailed travel information
- Personal tour information on spot
- Train ticket from Krems to Tulln (including bike)
- Danube Card for Upper Austria
- Bike insurance

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