

Austria – Germany - Hungary – Slovakia Danube Waltz Bike and Boat Tour 2025 Passau – Vienna – Bratislava – Budapest Self-guided or Guided 8 days / 7 nights



By bike and boat from the "Bavarian Venice" directly into the heart of the famous and glamorous former K+K monarchy Austria/Hungary. You can look forward to three of Europe's most charming capitals: Vienna, the metropolis of Waltz, Bratislava, the capital of coronation and Budapest, the "Paris of the East". The bike tours lead you to the romantic "Great Loop" (Schlögener Donauschlinge), the picturesque Danube Bend with Hungary's greatest cathedral and the legendary Wachau valley, which is part of the UNESCO World Heritage with the small villages and beautiful palaces and castles.

On board our comfortable cruise ship you enjoy an exclusive atmosphere – in the spacious, convenient cabins as well as in the stylish outdoor area. Experience the fantastic view to breathtaking landscapes – on the bike, from the pool on the sun deck, in the comfy seats of the lounge, and even during your amazing meals in the first class restaurant. This exciting bike trip will make your holiday unforgettable.



Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Passau

Boarding time from 4.00-5.00 p.m. Located at the confluence of Danube, Inn and Ilz, Passau has numerous 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. Then it's time to cast off! Slowly, the dreamlike backdrop of Passau's old town disappears on the horizon.



Day 2: Great Loop - Engelhartszell – Aschach 43 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 45 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 – Optional Excursion to Szentendre 24 km (or day of rest)

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 beautiful city. You can also choose to cycle to the charming town of Szentendre with its Mediterranean atmosphere and lively art scene. In the evening it is definitely worth visiting the Jewish Quarter.







Day 5: Danube bend – Esztergom 50 km

Steep mountain slopes frame the picturesque, gently rolling landscape of the "Hungarian Wachau." At the farmer's market in Vác, you can stock up on regional specialties, while history, folklore, and Hungarian joy of life accompany you during your bike tour to Esztergom, where the mighty Basilica (Hungary's largest church) towers high above the castle district into the sky.

Day 6: Vienna (day of rest)

By bicycle saddle or bus, Vienna's famous sights are within reach during a city tour (optional). The magnificent Ringstrasse evokes bygone eras, venerable coffeehouses entice with Viennese pastries. The splendid Schönbrunn Palace ends the evening in a traditional manner with a classical waltz and operetta concert (optional). Night cruise to the Wachau.



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Day 7: Wachau | Krems – Melk | Pochlarn 37-45 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 Valley. Amidst dreamy towns, apricot trees, vineyards and castles, this hilly landscape enchants everybody who visits. Traditional wine taverns along the bike path invite to savor local wines (wine tasting optional). The Benedictine Abbey of Melk, perched on a hill, overlooking the Danube, is a true architectural marvel.

Day 8: Passau

As you cruise back up the Danube enjoy the early morning sunshine as you wind your way to Passau, where you'll disembark at approx. 11:00 a.m. Connecting travel should be booked for 12 noon. onwards.

All optional activities have additional costs.



<u>Route</u>



Technical Characteristics:

Tour Profile: Easy. 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. Do not feel like cycling? Without effort you will also reach your destination by ship.

In the event of extremely high or low water, the shipping company reserves the right to bridge stages by bus or even to cancel the trip at short notive without any legal claim arising therefrom (water levels are force majeure). The same applies for officially decreed repairs to locks or bridges, not announced in advance, or in the event of motor or propulsion damage to the ship without attributed fault.

One the one hand, a riverboat is a "holiday hotel", while on the other, it is also a means of transport that moves with motor power and must always be operated, even at night (partially with lock and bridge passages and the retractions and extensions of the structures caused as a result). Mistakes can happen with lock passages. This is the case for all Danube journeys and cannot be avoided. Please bear in mind that riverboats are restricted (bridge passages, locks) in size (length, height, width) and therefore cannot be compared with cruise liners in the sea. The cabins are limited in space but are nevertheless comfortable and furnished.

Distance: 219 km



Excursion program Optional excursions (not included in the price of your tour) can be booked on board only.

- Bratislava: City tour with scenic train and walking tour
- Budapest: City tour by bike or bus
- Vienna: City tour by bike or by bus
- Waltz & operetta concert in Vienna's Schönbrunn Palace
- Wachau: Wine tasting with a local wine grower in the Wachau Valley

Guided tour(incl. cycling tour guide)

Personal attention from a dedicated guide you cycle in a small group where you explore a lot of local cultures, discover hidden sites and secret places and enjoy some delicious appetizers.

2025 Departure Dates

MV Vivienne: Each SUNDAY, between April 20 – October 12, 2025 (= first and last tour start)

MV Swiss Crown: SATURDAY, May 17, June 07 + 21, August 30, September 13 2025

Season 1: April 20, October 12 2025

Season 2: April 27, October 05 2025

Season 3: May 04, 11, 17, 18, 25 + August 03, 10, 17, 24 2025

Season 4: June 01, 07, 08, 15, 21, 22, 29 + July 06, 13, 20, 27 + August 30., 31 + September 07, 13, 14, 21, 28 2025



<u>Price per Person double occupancy in euros</u> all prices subject to confirmation on booking MV Vivienne

	Season 1	Season 2	Season 3	Season 4
MV Vivienne				
Standard Cabin	€ 899	€ 999	€ 1149	€ 1299
Comfort Cabin	€ 1219	€ 1319	€1469	€ 1619
Superior Cabin	€ 1419	€ 1519	€ 1669	€ 1819
Junior Suite	€ 1719	€ 1819	€ 1969	€ 2119
Master Suite	€ 1919	€ 2019	€ 2169	€ 2319
MV SWISS CROWN				
Standard Cabin			€ 1149	€ 1299
Comfort Cabin			€ 1469	€ 1619
Mini Suite			€ 1569	€ 1719
Superior			€ 1669	€ 1819
Additional Charges -both ships				
Supplement 2 Bed single use	55% surcharge			
Guided Tour	€ 325			
Bike Rental (21 speed)	€ 99			
E-Bike	€ 219			
Rental Bike disclaimer bike/e-bike *	€ 20/€50			
Using Own Bike	€ 29			
Using Own E-Bike	€ 49			
Extra Nights Passau	Available on request			
Transfer Munich - Passau	Available on request			

*If a traveller rents a bike, he is basically liable for damages and theft. When booking our rental bike disclaimer, we assume liability so that in case of loss or damage to the rental bike (when properly used and secured) no financial responsibility must be paid. Excluded from this are only lost keys, batteries and chargers of e-bikes, as well as damage due to intent or gross negligence.



Included:

Self-guided tour

- 7 nights in outside cabins with private facilities and air conditioning
- Port charges
- Program according to itinerary from/to Passau
- Captain's greeting and welcome cocktail
- Full board: rich breakfast buffet, lunch onboard (non-cyclists) or packed lunch (cyclists), afternoon coffee break, dinner (2/3 dishes to choose), late night snack
- Gala dinner with farewell cocktail
- On Board Musician
- Cruise director on board (does not cycle with the group)
- Daily information meeting
- Detailed travel documents per cabin, GPS tracks + cycling tour app incl. voice navigation / cabin

Guided Tour above plus the following

- Cycling tour guide
- Tasting of homemade cider at a cider producer in the Upper Danube Valley
- 2x city tour: Vienna by bike, Budapest by bus
- Wine tasting with a local wine grower
- Rental helmet (adults only)





MS Swiss Crown



Stylish, elegant and timelessly beautiful - this is how the 4* SUPERIOR ship MS Swiss Crown presents itself as it glides gently along the Danube river. You will immediately feel at home on board as soon as you enter the spectacular foyer. Designed in warm wood tones, the ship radiates a comfort and leaves nothing to be desired. The simple elegance of the timelessly beautiful staterooms, which are decorated with great attention to detail, will inspire you. Sit back, enjoy the serene, relaxed atmosphere, the fantastic views of breathtakingly beautiful natural landscapes, sometimes from the bicycle seat, sometimes from the inviting, partially covered sun deck. Let yourself be pampered by the friendly, accommodating crew and create on board relationships alongside memories to last a lifetime.

Cabins

The 68 outward-facing cabins are spacious 14 m² (single cabin 12 m2) and convince with elegant, comfortable interior. The cabins have a double bed (can be separated to 2 single beds), shower/WC, hairdryer, SAT TV, safe, coffee maker and individually adjustable air conditioning. Restaurant Stylish Lounge with Panoramabar Library Wellness area with sauna + steam bath Whirlpool Sundeck with long-chairs & tables Onboard-Boutique WIFI (payable locally, connection may vary



The premium ship MV Vivienne



The exquisite premium ship MV Vivienne (renovated 2020) sets new standards in comfort and spaciousness and offers a tasteful, high-quality ambience in a luxurious style. Experience a fantastic view of breathtakingly beautiful natural landscapes, sometimes from the saddle of a bicycle, sometimes from the inviting, partially covered sun deck. The panorama lounge, equipped with comfortable club chairs and sofas in light colours, and a cozy bar offer a very special atmosphere. In the first-class, light-flooded panorama restaurant, you can take a culinary journey through the Danube countries and their variety of flavours. Rest and relaxation await you after an eventful day of cycling in the wellness area. On the spacious, partly covered sun deck you can enjoy a very special kind of nature cinema with a glass of wine together with like-minded people.

3 Passenger-Decks:

Standard: Main deck, double bed to be separated, windows not to be opened

Comfort: Middle deck, double bed to be separated, panorama windows not to b eopened

Superior: Middle + Upper deck, double bed to be separated, french balcony

Junior (22m2) + Mastersuite (30m2): Upper deck, double bed to be separated, french balcony Cabins:

The 76 outside cabins are spacious 15 - 30 m2, present themselves in light colors and modern design with optimal use of space and are in no way inferior to a first-class hotel room. All cabins have double beds, which can also be separated into 2 single beds, private facilities, hairdryer, telephone, satellite TV, safe and individually adjustable air conditioning; Suites offer a front row seat with a view and are add. equipped with minibar (against surcharge) and coffee machine.



Bikes



24-speed-Unisex trekking bike freewheel

Our bicycles are equipped with:

- 1 good sized, waterproofed pannier bag
- 1 handle bar bag
- repair kit 1 per cabin
- lock-1 per cabin

Electric bikes | E-Bikes | Pedelecs

You will receive modern high quality E-Bikes of the brands Flyer/Kalkhoff and KTM with 8 gear hub, individual regulated use of support of pedal use, robust wheels and deep Unisex comfort entrance. The bikes have a strong Panasonic Pedelec mechanism and a strong licium ionen battery. The batteries lasts up to 70 kilometres, depending on sort of cycling, weight and routing. The more hills to go, the heavier the weight, the more accucapacity will be used. You can regulate range of the battery if you use less support at the beginning and raise it if needed. Batteries will be loaded with the battery recharger by night in your room.

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