

Austria – Germany - Hungary – Slovakia Impressions from the Danube Bike and Boat Tour (2025)

Passau – Vienna – Bratislava – Budapest- Passau

Self-guided

8 days / 7 nights



Accompanied by a cruise ship you cycle along Europe's second largest river Danube from the charming Bavarian "three river city" of Passau straight into the heart of the once glorious Imperial and Royal Monarchy. Enjoy three of the most enchanting European capitals: the lively Vienna, the Slovak coronation city of Bratislava at the foot of the Carpathian Mountains and Budapest, the "Hungarian Danube Queen"! By bicycle you discover the stunning natural spectacle of the Schlögener Donauschlinge ("Great Loop"), the legendary Wachau with romantic towns and mighty castles amidst lovely vineyards, the untouched alluvial forests of the Danube National Park, as well as the picturesque Hungarian Danube bend where the important cupola of the basilica in Esztergom salutes from the distance.



Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Passau - Engelhartszell

Arrival in the "Three River City". Passau attracts many with the world's greatest church organ at the Stephansdom and it's charming Old Town. Embarkation will be around 4:00 p.m., departure around 7 pm. Enjoy your first dinner on board and an evening sail to Engelhartszell.



Day 2: Engelhartszell - Great Loop -Brandstattl 44-47 km

The day starts in Engelhartszell (the only Trappist monastery in Austria), where we head towards the "Great Loop" - one of the most beautiful and original sectors of the Danube. Your cycling tour will encounter small villages and cozy must-see taverns. You'll board again in Brandstatt. Then, you "sail into the night" towards Bratislava.

Day 3: Devin – Bratislava 53 km

Arrival at Devin in the morning. The cycle tour takes you to the imposing Imperial Palace of Hof. After crossing the green line you cycle along the former "Iron Curtain" towards the coronation city of Bratislava at the foot of the Carpathian Mountains. Tip: discover hidden alleys of Bratislava, places and all the sights of this ambitious metropolis during a tour by mini train and by foot. At night sailing to Budapest.

Day 4: Budapest (day of rest) | or roundtrip to Szentendre 48 km In the early morning, you enjoy the panoramic view of the Danube's gorgeous landscape on the sundeck. The gateway to Budapest is overwhelming, as many of the famous tourist features are situated directly next to the river bank. In the afternoon you can explore the city. Nearby, you find the Margaretheninsel which is outstandingly qualified for a small bike tour or the charming town of Szentendre with Mediterranean atmosphere and lively art life. At night sailing to Vac.







Day 5: Danube Bend - Vac-Esztergom 49km

The Danube bend is definitely one of most delightful and attractive parts and is called the Hungarian Wachau. Today's bike leg starts at the baroque village of Vác, which has been influenced by the architects of the Austrian empress Maria Theresia. Cycling through the picturesque and gently undulating countryside your route leads you directly to the bishop-town of Esztergom, with its gorgeous basilica—Hungary's largest Catholic Church—overlooking the village. In the night shipping to Vienna

Day 6: Vienna-Nussdorf / (Korneuburg may also be possible) (day of rest)

You should be sure to see the most famous places of interest like the St. Stephens Cathedral, the Hofburg, the gorgeous boulevard "Ringstraße" with the Burgtheater, the State Opera House or the town hall takes you back to the past. At night sailing to Rossatz or Dürnstein (Wachau).



Day 7: Wachau - Melk - Pöchlarn 40-50 km

Your last biking day is a special highlight! Amidst small dreamy villages, apricot trees, vineyards, castles, monasteries and ruins, this gentle hilly landscape enchants everybody. A powerful ruin looms above the small Baroque town of Dürnstein, while the blue tower of the monastery church is a landmark of Wachau. In the small village of Emmersdorf – just opposite of Melk - you will board again. After the farewell gala dinner, you start "sailing" back to Passau.

Day 8: Passau

Every journey draws to an end. Once again you enjoy on deck the first sunbeams and the peaceful silence of the Danube Valley. Take a last sight at the Schlögener Schlinge ("Great Loop") before you arrive relaxed at Passau. Arrival: approximately at 11:00 a.m., disembarkation half an hour later. We recommend to arrange connecting trips from noon onwards.

We recommend a bike helmet. Please bring your own bike helmet (no onboard selling) and, if necessary, your high-visibility vest from home. Please note: In Austria, helmets are compulsory for children under the age of 12,in Slovakia for all cyclists outside built-up areas. High-visibility vests are compulsory in Slovakia and Hungary in poor visibility and at night.



Route



Technical Characteristics:

Tour Profile: Easy. All distances are "approximate distances" of recommended bike tours. When a guest does not want to cycle one day, she/he can skip the bike tour and relax on board while cruising to the next harbour. The bike tours are individual, at your own pace, without a tour guide, but with daily briefings on board and detailed bicycle maps and directions.

Distance: 174-238 km

Travel Season: Friday departures Season A: Sept19 and Sept26

Season B: June27; July4; July 11; August1; August 8; August 15, Sept 5; Sept 12



Price per Person in Euros all prices subject to confirmation on booking

	Season A	Season B
2 Bed Cabin main deck	€ 1149	€1199
2 Bed Cabin middle deck	€ 1399	€1449
2 Bed Cabin upper deck	€ 1549	€1599
2 Bed Cabin for Single Use (Main Deck only, limited number)	+40%	+40%
Bike Rental (7 gear)	€ 89	€89
E - Bike	€ 199	€199
Bring own bike- limited spots	€39	€39

Included:

- 7 nights in outside cabins with private facilities in the booked cabin category
- Programme according itinerary from/to Passau
- All passenger fees and port fees
- Captains greeting and Welcome-Drink
- Daily cabin cleaning. Changing of towels and bed cloths as necessary
- Full meals: 7x breakfast, 6x packed lunch for cyclists or lunch snack on board (non cyclists), 6x afternoon coffee break, 6x 3-course-dinner and 1x farewell-dinner with farewell-drink
- Daily informational meeting
- Digital travel documents via GUIBO-app
- GPS tracks
- · Tour guide on board

Not included:

- Journey to and from Passau
- Shuttles
- Entrance fees and excursions
- Bike rental
- Travel insurances
- Parking Fee
- Drinks on board
- Tips





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All 74cabins are outside cabins, about 14 m² in size, comfortably furnished with hotel beds and featuring en-suite facilities with shower/WC* (*cabins no. 306, 307, 308, 309 with bathtub), hairdryer, TV, safe, in-house telephone and individually adjustable air conditioning .A lift connects the middle deck with the lobby and the restaurant. The upper deck and sundeck are accessible by a stair lift. The main deck can only be reached via the stairs. Upper deck: cabins with French balcony (= floor-to-ceiling windows which can be opened). Middle deck: cabins with large panorama window—can be opened. Main deck: cabins with a small window(height approx. 40 cm)-cannot be opened). Important remarksEmbarkationfrom4to5 pm Disembarkationapprox10:30am.Minimum number of par-ticipants90guests (must have been reached within 21days prior to departure) To bring your own bike On request only—due to lack of space on sun deck .E-bikes exclusively with removable battery pack We exclude any liability for loss, theft and damage-this also applies to damage caused by transportation from shore to ship or vice versa. Excursions We offer a small excursion program, that can be booked directly on board at the cruise director only. You will get a brief description together with your travel documents. Depending on the number of participants some excursions could be carried out in 2 languages (German/ English). Luggage We recommend: rainwear, bicycle helmet, sunhat and sneakers. Schedule and program changes Basically, we reserve the right to make changes of routing and program. In case of flood or low tide, the shipping company reserves the right to bridge parts of passages by buses. In extreme situations, the shipping company reserves the right to cancel the journey on short notice. No legal right shall be constituted of both situations. The same applies for officially ordered-previously not announced-repair work on locks or bridges. Note Please be aware that a cruise ship on the Danube is not only your hotel but also a machine, working with engine power also during the night. Especially crossing locks and bridges-and the preparation work-may cause noise. If you are sensitive please bring your own ear plugs. Please note: at low tide, the pool may need to be emptied in order to reduce the vessel's draft and will not be available.



Bikes





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- •With hand brake and pedal brake or hand brakes only (subject to availability, please indicate as a non-binding customer request by the booking)
- •Pannier bag and rental bike insurance included.
- •E-Bikes on a limited number only
- Please indicate your body height by the booking

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