

# Germany - Austria – Danube from Passau to Vienna Bike Tour (2025) Individual Self-Guided 8 days/7 nights



You can either start your trip in the baroque town of Schärding, in Passau, the town of three rivers, or in Grein and 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 Schlögen 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 specialities and moreish must all the way to the wines of the Buschenschenken taverns in the Wachau



# region Itinerary Day to Day

# Day 1: Arrival in Schärding/Passau

Stroll through the pretty little baroque town of Schärding and marvel at the famous Silberzeile lane, or 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.



# Day 2: Schärding/Passau – Schlögener Schlinge (river bend)/surroundings approx. 40 - 55 km

Along the river Inn you will come to Passau, the town of three rivers. We recommend that you take a guided tour of the town, and visit the cathedral where you can enjoy the sounds of the largest church organ in the world (except Sundays and public holidays). Then you will continue 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 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.

# Day 3: Schlögener Schlinge (river bend)/surroundings – Linz approx. 55 km "Danube Bend"

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/surroundings approx. 55 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 metre high town tower, the landmark of the oldest town in Austria, or you visit the archaeological collection in the



municipal museum 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.

# Day 5: Grein/surroundings – Wachau approx. 50 – 60 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 thousands of pilgrims every year.



# Day 6: Wachau – Krems / Traismauer / Tulln approx. 40 - 75 km

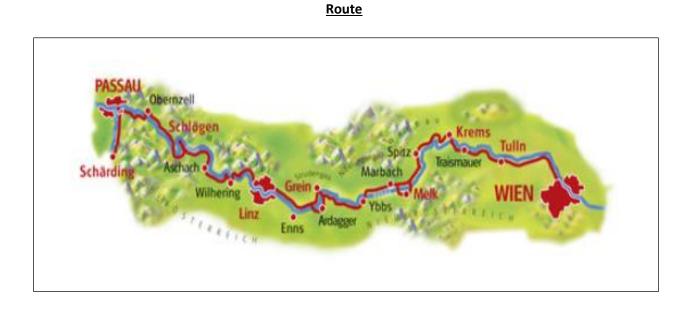
You should make a little stop in Melk and look up or you will miss the beautiful Stift Melk monastery that overlooks the Danube. As soon as you leave the town you will get into the picturesque Wachau region, where you can enjoy the charming atmosphere of the region's typical orchards and vineyards. You will pass through the little wine towns of Spitz and Weißenkirchen, cycle past the Dürnstein Castle ruin and finish your journey in the 1000-year old town of Krems or in Tulln. A stay in the Wachau region means that you simply have to take part in a wine tasting, which we have organised for you.

## Day 7: Krems / Traismauer / Tulln – Vienna approx. 45 - 65 km

The final kilometres of your bike tour will be a relaxed trip to the Danube metropolis of Vienna. According to the variant part of the stage is covered by train. As soon as you arrive you can occupy your room and then 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: Departure or extension



## **Technical Characteristics:**

**Route Profile:** Easy. Flat or slightly downhill along the Danube; well-built cycle paths almost all the way without motor vehicles. Minor roads make up only very short sections of this route – the Danube cycle path is a perfectly made cycle route

Distance: 310-325 km

**Travel Season:** Departures every day between March 29 and October 12 Season 1: 29.03. – 11.04. | 27.09. – 12.10. Season 2: 12.04. – 02.05. | 06.09. – 26.09. Season 3: 03.05. – 05.09.



# <u>Price per Person in Euros-</u> all prices subject to confirmation on booking

	Category A	Category B	Category C
Season 1 Double Occupancy B&B	€ 989	€869	€759
Season 2 Double Occupancy B&B	€1079	€969	€839
Season 3 Double Occupancy B&B	€ 1149	€1039	€899
Surcharge Single Room	€ 329	€319	€309
Rental Bike	€ 99		
Hybrid Bike Plus	€169		
E-Bike	€ 259		
Extra Nights Vienna Double Occupancy	€ 95	€75	€69
Extra Nights Vienna Single Surcharge	€ 79	€55	€49
Extra nights Passu/Scharding Double Occ	€99	€75	€75
Extra nights Passu/Scharding single	€35	€49	€39
surcharge			

#### Accommodation:

Category A 4 star hotels Category B 4 and 3 star hotels Category c 3 star hotels and inns

## Included:

- Accommodation in indicated accommodation
- Breakfast
- Luggage transfer
- I ferry Ride Au-Schlogen includes bike
- I wine tasting in the Wachau region
- Excellently planned routes
- Detailed travel documents 1 per room
- App for navigation and GPS data
- Service hotline

#### Not Included:

- Visitors' taxes payable locally
- Return transfer by minibus from Vienna daily in the afternoon, 79 Euros per person, 39 Euros for your bike, payable locally, reservation is required in advance





#### <u>Bikes</u>

#### **Bike Plus**

From the saddle to the breaks and gears of higher quality (eg hydraulic Magura breaks HS 11, Shimano Deore XT) the 'plus' is noticeable in many parts of the bike.

Rental Bike PLUS allows for a sportier sitting posture, 27 speed gears offer maximum flexibility and a high quality Suntour suspension fork provides the best possible comfort on all paths. Of course, all our accessories are also available on Rental Bike PLUS.



#### Hybrid Bike



#### **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.

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