



**Germany- Austria- Danube Impressions Passau-Vienna-Passau by Bike and Boat (2025)**

**8 Days / 7 Nights**

**Individual Self-Guided or Guided**



It was in Passau that Sisi began her journey along the Danube as a young bride to Vienna, where she was eagerly awaited by her Emperor Franz. Follow in the footsteps of the Austrian empress by bicycle and on a nostalgia ship as you discover breathtakingly beautiful river scenery with small sleepy villages, castles and palaces set in gorgeous countryside and enjoy warm Austrian hospitality at every stage of your cycling tour. The region is a gourmand's paradise and famous for its cakes, pastries and other irresistible culinary treats. After Wiener Schnitzel, Sachertorte and apricot dumplings it'll be much easier to burn up the miles...

Wines from the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Landscape Wachau enjoy an international reputation, Linz, the capital of Upper Austria is home to the biggest church in Austria. And then there's Vienna... Enchanting, charming and perhaps slightly eccentric, the City of Waltz will capture your heart in an instant. Magnificent buildings from the imperial age bear witness to the impressive history of times gone by.

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## **Itinerary**

### **Day 1: Passau**

Experience Mediterranean flair in Passau, the city of three rivers. You should definitely set aside some time on the day of your arrival for a walk through the picturesque baroque city with its narrow lanes and



Passau cathedral home to the largest church organ in the world. Your cycling holiday begins after embarkation (4.00 p.m.) when you sail into the sunset and Passau's magnificent silhouette with its church towers and domes slowly fades into the horizon behind you.

### **Day 2: Engelhartszell – Brandstatt, approx. 45 km**

Breathe in the fragrance of the dense forest and freshly mown meadows. Explore the pristine countryside of the Upper Danube valley on the former towpath as it runs past sleepy villages. Small, rustic inns at the edge of the trail invite you to linger, the aroma of fresh fish grilled according to tradition on a stick wafts through the air. The Schlögener Blick observation point offers a truly stunning view of the Schlögener Schlinge where the Danube carves its way through a gorge and doubles back on itself.

### **Day 3: Brandstatt – Linz, approx. 24 km**

Catch some fresh country air again - at lunch time, you'll reach the Upper Austrian capital of Linz. Discover the European Capital of Culture 2009 on a bright yellow miniature train (optional). The cathedral is the biggest church in Austria, the Pöstlingbergbahn the steepest adhesion railway in the world. Are



you curious about the future? At the ARS Electronica Museum, you can try out some of the most impressive examples of modern technology for yourself. Make sure you don't miss it!

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**Day 4: Tulln - Vienna, approx. 31 km**

Right in front of Vienna's entrance, embedded in a breathtaking scenery, the monastery of Klosterneuburg is situated. You can already see the dome of this 900-year-old baroque building from a distance. "Kahlenbergerdorf" with its wine taverns is only a hop from the shipping pier and definitely worth a visit. After a stroll through the vineyards, you can enjoy the panoramic view over Vienna. During a city tour by bus in the afternoon. You will pass most of the numerous and famous sights and have a guided walking tour through the historic centre of Austria's capital (optional, not included).

**Day 5: Vienna (day of rest)**

On a city tour of Vienna all the sights are within reach from the saddle of your bike or on the HOP ON HOP OFF bus (optional). The magnificent Ringstraße will remind you of times long past and inviting coffee houses will tempt you with delicious Viennese cakes and pastries, while the Naschmarkt market is a feast for all the senses. End the evening on a magical note with a concert of waltz and classical operetta music in Sisi's summer residence (optional).



**Day 6: Wachau | Krems - Melk, approx. 37 km**

An unforgettable day in the picturesque Wachau. Cycle through delightful wine-growing villages surrounded by terraced vineyards and apricot trees. The charming little town of Dürnstein with its narrow lanes is an absolute highlight. In Spitz - one of the most famous wine-growing villages in the World Cultural Heritage Landscape - you can discover the first rate famous Wachau wines.

**Day 7: Grein - Mauthausen, approx. 36 km**

A beautiful and diverse route awaits you, offering a wide range of experiences! Starting from the medieval town of Grein (home to Austria's oldest theater, visit optional), you'll cycle through the picturesque hinterland of the Strudengau region. With a bit of luck, you may even be personally guided through the romantic Clam Castle by the castle's lord. Additionally, you'll take a journey back in time to prehistory at the Celtic Village in Mitterkirchen. The Mauthausen Memorial, a WWII concentration camp memorial site, is situated on a hill near the town.

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### **Day 8: Passau**

Enjoy the first rays of sun and the early morning tranquillity one last time from the deck of the ship before you reach Passau, your heart bursting with memories.

Disembarkation: approx. 11 a.m. We recommend that you do not make any arrangements for onward trains departing before noon. To be on the safe side, later departure times would be even better.



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 notice 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.

On 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.

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

- Linz: Guided city walk
- Grein: Visit of Austria’s oldest theatre
- Klosterneuburg: Guided Monastery tour with Verduner Altar
- Vienna: City tour by bike or HOP ON HOP OFF bus
- Waltz & operetta concert in the famous Schönbrunn Palace
- Wachau: Wine tasting with a local winegrower

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### Route



**Tour profile Level 1:** The cycle path is completely flat, at times on a gentle downhill slope and is ideal for bikers with less experience and children. The tour is rated easy on mostly flat terrain.

190km

**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.

**2025 Departure dates:** MV Swiss Crown SATURDAY, April 26, May 24, May 31, June 14, July 12, July 19, July 26, August 02, August 23, September 06, September 20 2025

**Guided tour dates** May 31, September 20

**Season 1:** April

**Season 2:** May/ July/August

**Season 3:** June/September

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**Prices per person double occupancy in Euros** *all prices subject to confirmation on booking*

Cabin types	Standard 2 bed	Comfort 2 bed	Superior 2 bed	Mini Suite 2 bed	2 bed single use
Season 1	899	1189	1399	1299	+55%
Season 2	999	1289	1499	1399	+55%
Season 3	1099	1389	1599	1499	+55%
Guided Tour	225				
Bike rental	99				
E-Bike rental	219				
Bring own bike	29				
Bring own E-bike	49				
Extra night Passau	On request				
Transfer Munich/Passau	On request				
Rental bike insurance	Bike €20/ e-bike €50				

*Own bikes: Own weight when loading and unloading max. 23 kg [without battery -> are (dis)assembled on land]. Batteries cannot be charged directly on the bike.*

#### Included services

- 7 nights in outside cabins with private facilities and air conditioning
- Port charges
- Program according to itinerary from/to Passau
- Captains greeting and Welcome cocktail
- Daily cabin cleaning, towels and bed linen
- Full board: breakfast buffet, lunch on board (non-cyclists) or packed lunch (cyclists), afternoon coffee break, (2/3 dishes to choose from)
- Gala-dinner with farewell cocktail
- Tour guide on board (does not cycle with the group)
- Daily information meeting
- Detailed travel documents + cycling guide App incl. voice navigation + GPS tracks per cabin

#### Guided tour **ADDITIONALLY** includes

- Cycling tour guide
- Ferry rides
- Rental helmet (adults only)

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## 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 m<sup>2</sup> (single cabin 12 m<sup>2</sup>) 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)

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### **Rental Bikes & Equipment**

**24-speed-Unisex trekking bike freewheel and hand brakes**



**Electrically assisted bike / pedelec** with 28 "tires in the frame sizes 46/51/56 cm



- Child equipment within availability
- All rental bikes are equipped with 20 l panniers and a handle bar bag
- Helmets + cycling clothing available for purchase onboard

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

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