

# Germany-Austria-Slovakia-Hungary -Danube Bike Path- 4-Country- Cycle Passau to Budapest (2025) 14 Days/ 13 Nights

#### Individual Self-Guided



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.

You 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 and Budapest. 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.



On the second part you will explore lowland forests, original villages and magical cities. In Carnuntum and in the Roman castle Kelemantia you find Roman relics from the past. Discover the diversity of the flora and fauna in the lowland forests. The small villages, which you cycle through, still keep their original charm. You pass through the Rye Island that is a real natural paradise. Don't forget the numerous castles and palaces, which are proudly situated nearby the Danube. But also the small towns along the bike trail have a special flair and their charming historic centers invite visitors to discover and enjoy. Overall this bike tour will inspire everybody!

#### Day by Day

## Day 1: Arrival in Passau

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. In the evening welcome briefing and bike fitting.

# Day 2: Passau – Schlögen (Danube bend), approx. 40 km

You will start your tour 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: Schlögen (Danube bend) – Linz, approx. 55 km

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 | Ardagger, approx. 65 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-meter 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/Ardagger - Spitz approx. 65 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. You should make a little stop in Melk and look up or you will miss the beautiful Melk monastery that overlooks the Danube. Your today's accommodation is located in the heart of the Wachau valley.





## Day 6: Spitz – Traismauer | Tulln, approx. 40-60 km

Today you will cycle through 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 Weißenkirchen and Dürnstein with its Castle ruin, cycle past the 1000-year-old town of Krems and finish in Traismauer or Tulln. A stay in the Wachau region means that you simply have to take part in a wine tasting, which we would be pleased to organize for you!

## Day 7: Traismauer | Tulln – Vienna, approx. 40-60 km

Your bike tour will be a relaxed trip to the Danube metropolis of Vienna. As soon as you arrive you can 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: Vienna - Bad Deutsch-Altenburg | Hainburg, approx. 50 km

Your bike trip guides you through the national park Donau-Auen. There you will get to know the diversity of the flora and fauna as well as the manifold types of landscape. You pass the castle Orth and the village Eckertsau and reach Bad Deutsch-Altenburg.



# Day 9: Bad Deutsch-Altenburg | Hainburg - Bratislava, approx. 35 km

From Bad Deutsch-Altenburg/Hainburg you can make an excursion on the Roman bike trail (Römerweg) to Carnuntum. The archaeological park is regarded as one of the most significant archaeological sites in Austria. After Hainburg you reach the border to Slovakia and it's capital city Bratislava that is your next overnight stay. The shorter distance today allows plenty of time to visit the old part of this charming city.

## Day 10: Bratislava – Mosonmagyaróvár – Györ, approx. 45 km + train

You cycle a short distance in Slovak territory before you pass the Hungarian border in Rajká. Within the first few kilometers of your cycle trip in Hungary you will discover charming villages. The complete section is influenced by agriculture. Your route guides you through the so-called Szigetköz (a small Rye Island). This is characterized by numberless side arms of the Danube. After arrival in Mosonmagyaróvár, which is also called "City of 17 bridges", your today's cycle tour ends. We recommend a short walking tour in this charming city, before you take the train to Györ. The district capital offers many sights and a breathtaking historic center.

## Day 11: Györ – Komárom, approx. 40 km

Today's section takes you from Györ to the divided city of Komárom/Komárno on a newly constructed cycle path. You always cycle close to the course of the Danube. In your stage destination, it is worth visiting Fort Monostor. It was built in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and belongs to one of the largest fortresses in Central Europe. You can also relax in the thermal baths and savour regional delicacies in the local restaurants

## Day 12: Komárom – Esztergom | Visegrád, approx. 55 km

Today's route also runs near riverbanks in the flat Danube valley. In the course of this you pass different villages and while cycling you can view the vineyards in the background. Those interested in history should plan time for the Roman castle Kelemantia which is on the way. However, an absolute highlight today is Esztergom (also known as 'Hungarian Rome'): It's basilica is the largest church of the country. Take time for a comprehensive visit!

**Note:** Depending on availability at the time of booking, the overnight stay will be either in Esztergom or in Visegrád. In the case of Esztergom, the boat trip from Szentendre to Budapest takes place on day 13. In the case of Visegrád, you will travel by boat from Esztergom to Visegrád on the 12<sup>th</sup> day. The daily distances mentioned remain identical in both cases. You will receive detailed information about where you will stay overnight with your booking confirmation. In addition, the current timetable for the 2025 cruise has not yet been finalized. The ship is expected to sail every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from the beginning of May to mid-September. Outside of this season or on other days of the week, you will receive a train ticket as a replacement.





Day 13: Esztergom | Visegrád – Budapest, approx. 65 km + boat or train

In the first part, you cycle through the so-called 'Danube Bend', one of the most scenic sections of your cycle tour. The royal palace and castle of Visegrád will amaze you and the open-air museum and the baroque town centre of Szentendre invite you to linger and enjoy. You will spend the last few kilometres on a Danube boat, from where you can admire the surrounding landscape in a relaxed manner. Take a stroll through the Hungarian capital and reflect on all the wonderful impressions of your cycle tour.

# Day 14: Individual departure or extension

In the Hungarian capital city, there are many things to discover. If you are interested in, we would be pleased to book some extra nights for you.





## Route:

**Total distance 605 km Level of difficulty 2 relatively easy:** On the first part flat or slightly downhill along the Danube; well-built cycling path almost all the way without motor vehicles; Minor roads make up only very short sections of this route - the Danube cycle path up to Vienna is a perfect example of a cycle route. On the second part you cycle on bike trails, ways alongside a dam and partly on relatively quiet side roads. Busy roads are of short-term duration. You cycle on unmade paths only for 3 short distances otherwise you will find asphalted roads. On the whole the route is signed very well with a few exceptions in the Slovakian part. Altogether the tour is relatively easy with slightly increases in some sections.

## Tour dates: between March 30 and October 5

Season 1 (arrival each Sunday): 30.03. - 11.04. | 28.09. - 05.10.2025

Season 2 (arrival each SA/SU/MO): 12.04. - 23.05. | 06.09. - 27.09.2025

Season 3 (arrival daily possible): 24.05. - 05.09.2025

Special arrival dates can be booked on request. With at least 6 participants a daily arrival is possible at the regular conditions. If there are fewer than 6 participants, a special arrival date would result in a surcharge of 110 € per person for the separate luggage transfer.

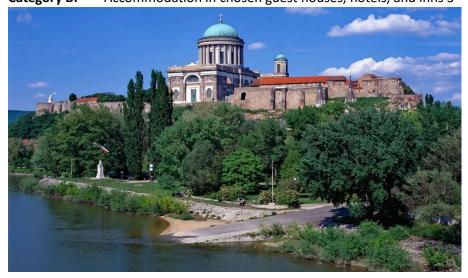


# Prices per person double occupancy in Euros- all prices subject to confirmation on booking

	Category A	Category B
Base price per person in season 1	1799 €	1549 €
Base price per person in season 2	2019 €	1769€
Base price per person in season 3	2129€	1849 €
Surcharge single room	725 €	525 €
Surcharge half board	419 €	359 €
Rental bike (21-speed)	200 €	200 €
Rental premium bike	330 €	330 €
Rental Gravel bike	440 €	440 €
Rental electro assisted bike	499 €	499 €
Extra Nights		
Passau Double occ	89€	79€
Passau Single room	139€	129€
Vienna Double occ	95€	79€
Vienna Single room	169€	129€
Bratislava Double occ	95€	69€
Bratislava Single room	169€	119€
Budapest Double occ	95€	79€
Budapest Single room	179€	149€

**Category A:** Accommodation in well selected hotels 4\* (partly 3\* but best hotel on place)

Category B: Accommodation in chosen guest houses, hotels, and inns 3\*



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## Included

- 13 overnight stays in the chosen category
- Daily breakfast from buffet
- If half board: 11x 3-course dinner included (in Vienna and Budapest only breakfast)

(Partly with voucher in a close-by restaurant in walking distance)

Luggage transport from hotel to hotel

(No limit in pieces of luggage; each piece with a maximum of 20 kg)

- 7-day Service Hotline 8am to 8pm
- Well-planned route guidance
- Detailed travel documents including GPS tracks (1 package each room)
- Personal welcome meeting and bike fitting
- Train ticket from Mosonmagyaróvár to Györ, including transfer of bikes
- Boat ticket from Esztergom to Visegrád or from Szentendre to Budapest incl. transfer of bikes
  (The boat is expected to run every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, from early May until middle of
  September; out of this period or these days, you will receive a train ticket as replacement)
- If bike rental: Rental bike insurance included

## Not included

- Local taxes -payable locally
- Beverages
- Personal expenses



#### **Bikes**

## 21 speed Trekking/ Hybrid



Solid, easy wheeling and sturdy trekking bikes which can be recommended to every guest with good conscience. Modern V-breaks, aluminium-rims, and almost indestructible tires ensure high duration. The heart of each bicycle is a modern, high-resistant aluminium frame. Traffic safety is guaranteed by lighting system, carrier, mudguard and comfortable saddle.

7-gears-bikes are equipped with Shimano NEXUS gear hub. Gears can be changed anytime – during standstill as well as during cycling.

21-gears-bikes are equipped with Shimano ALIVIO derailleur. It excuses mistakes, is robust and easy to handle. **Unisex frame 21-gears** with free wheel Sizes: 56 / 51 / 46 / 43 cm **Men's speed bikes 21gears** with free wheel and crossbar Sizes: 64 / 60 / 56 "slopping" cm

#### **RENTAL E-BIKE**

Manufactured especially by the bicycle manufacturer MAXX from Rosenheim and offers maximum comfort and the greatest possible safety. RENTAL E-BIKE Fact Sheet ■ Wave frame with balanced e-bike geometry and low step-through\* ■ Aluminium frame with Octatube (octagonal down tube) ■ Comfortable suspension fork from Suntour ■ Easy-to-use Shimano LCD display ■ Shimano Steps EP600 mid-ship drive unit with 85 Nm ■ 630 Wh battery from Shimano incl. charger ■ Pedal assist up to 25 km/h ■ 8-speed Shimano Nexus hub gears with freewheel (= no backpedal brake) ■ Gates belt drive\*\* ■ Hydraulic disc brakes from Shimano ■ Internal cable routing ■ Aluminium hollow chamber rims ■ Puncture-proof tyres ■ LED lighting system with daytime running lights ■ Mudguards ■ Sturdy pannier rack ■ Ergonomic handlebar grips ■ Selle Italia gel saddle ■ Weight approx. 24 kg ■ Vaude handlebar and pannier bag ■ Sturdy kickstand ■ Lockable frame and battery lock ■ Puncture kit with air pump, spare inner tube and small repair kit ■ Rental bike insurance included\*\*\*



#### Premium - Bike



The premium bike is equipped with high components, and with a dark varnish a true eye-catcher. The sportive attitude with 27 speed Shimano Deore XT guarantees highest comfort on all our tours. Hydraulic Magura brakes HS 11 and a high-quality suspension fork from Suntour are only some of numerous advantages. Truly the proper choice for those who are looking for high quality with a sportive design.

## **RENTAL GRAVEL BIKE**

Manufactured especially by the bike manufacturer MAXX from Rosenheim. The lightweight yet durable frame construction ensures an agile ride, while the tyres provide optimum grip and comfort on a variety of surfaces. RENTAL GRAVEL BIKE Fact Sheet ■ Comfortable gravel geometry for a fast ride ■ 6061-T6 aluminium diamond frame ■ High-quality carbon fork ■ Gravel handlebars (wider and more flared than racing handlebars) ■ SRAM Apex gear system with 1 x 12 gears (front chainring 40 teeth, rear sprockets 11-50 teeth) ■ Hydraulic disc brakes from SRAM ■ Internally routed wires/cables ■ Wheels from Miche ■ Schwalbe G-One gravel tyres (the versatile tread pattern is suitable for riding on asphalt, unpaved roads or off-road) ■ Selle Italia gel saddle ■ Weight approx. 11.5 kg ■ Bottle cage ■ Vaude Trailsaddle for day luggage\* ■ Puncture kit with air pump, spare inner tube and small repair kit ■ Rental bike insurance included\*\*

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