

Germany-Austria-Slovakia-Hungary-Serbia- Cycling Cruise- Passau to Iron Gate ending in Vienna (2025)

12 Days/ 11 Nights

**Individual Self Guided** 



Discover the most beautiful stretches of the European Cycle Route E6 between Passau and the Iron Gate, combined with a magnificent boat trip through the vastness of Hungary, the Danube Bend and the breakthrough valley of the wild Carpathian Mountains. The Duna-Dráva and Kopački rit national parks and the Silver Lake in Serbia provide unforgettable experiences.



## Day by Day

## Day 1 Friday, arrival Passau

Individual arrival in Passau by train or car. Transfer from the private car park or Passau main station to the ship. Boarding from around 3:00 p.m. Welcome snack. Cast off at 7 p.m. and passage through the meandering Danube loop (from around 9 p.m.).

## Day 2 Saturday, Wachau (53 km)

Hand over of the rental bikes in Marbach. On the Danube cycle path past the Habsburg castle Persenbeug and Emmersdorf/Melk with its impressive monastery and on to the wine-growing towns of Spitz, Dürnstein and Krems (UNESCO World Heritage).

# Day 3 Sunday, Danube-Auen/Bratislava (48 km)

Arrival at 9:00 am. <u>Optional</u> : Guided walk of Bratislava (1 hour). Car-free trip to the Danubiana Meulensteen island (individual visits: gallery, cafes, etc.). Over the Lužný Bridge and along the Danube cycle path to Šamorín. Continue by boat at 5:00 pm.

# Day 4 Monday, Puszta/ Kelocsa-Boja (55 km)



<u>Optional</u>: Guided tour of Kalocsa Cathedral and the Baroque Bishop's Palace (with St. Stephen's Crown; 1 hour) or car-free tour past herds of cattle, pigs and horses to the Baroque town of Baja (town hall tower, old town). Interesting sculptures on Hungary's most famous pilgrimage route. The ship departs Baja at 6:00 p.m.

# Day 5 Tuesday, Sava Cycle Route/Belgrade (35 km)

Arrive in Belgrade at noon. <u>Optional</u> : guided bus tour with Kalemegdan Fortress (2.5 hours). On the carfree Sava cycle path to the island of Ada Ciganlija and to Savsko jezero lake. Back over the famous cyclist bridge from Brankov to Zemun and the car-free Waterfront district. Magnificent view of the illuminated party metropolis of Eastern Europe when departing at 8 p.m.



## Day 6 Wednesday, Iron Gate and Kladovo (28 km)

Arrival at 10:00 a.m. By bike to the Turkish fortress of Fetislam and then to a winery near Vrbica/Korbovo. Back to the ship. Passage of the 120 km rocky stretch of the Iron Gates around 7:30 p.m. (sunset around 8:00 p.m.).

# Day 7 Thursday, Silver Lake (22-44 km)

Golubac (Serbia's largest fortress, individual tour). After lunch, cycle tour from Veliko Gradište, car-free to Silver Lake/Srebrno Jezero and back; possibly continuing to Ram.

# Day 8 Friday, metropolis of Vojvodina / Novised (46 km)

Magnificent cityscape, former capital of southern Hungary. On the car-free Danube cycle path to wine tasting near Futog. Back. <u>Optional</u> : city walk with Petrovaradin Fortress (3 hours).

# Day 9 Saturday, Duna-Dráva National Park/ Mohocs (22-46 km)

Cycling tour from Mohács through the

national park to Kölked (stork museum), then on to the Sátorhely battle memorial and back.

#### Day 10 Sunday, Budapest (24 km)

<u>Optional</u>: City bus tour (3 hours) in the morning. Cycle tour to Margaret Island. At 10 p.m. departure by boat through the festively illuminated Danube metropolis.

# Day 11 Monday, Slovak Danube Cycle Route/ Esztergom/Sturovo-Komarno (56 km)

From Esztergom/Štúrovo on car-free causeways through small, dreamy places like Moča to the fortress town of Komárno.

#### Day 12 Tuesday, Vienna

Disembarkation by 10:30 a.m. Return journey by bus/train to Passau to the private car park/Passau main station or an additional night in Vienna.





In the interests of your safety, the captain may make changes to the trip program at any time (even at short notice) due to high water, low water or other cases of FORCE Of Nature. Arrival times are subject to lock waiting times and normal water levels.

Route



Experience the European cycle route E6 between Passau and the Iron Gate by bike

427 km bike, flat and well marked

#### **Tour Dates**

June 6<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

August 22- September 2<sup>nd</sup>



#### Prices

Price per person in Euros- all prices subject to confirmation on booking

2-bed cabin main deck astern- bunk bed 9.5m2	€ 1440
2-bed cabin main deck -2 beds-11.5m2	€1850
2-bed cabin upper deck -balcony-16.5m2	€2875
2-bed cabin promenade deck-balcony-16.5m2	€3050
Rental bike	€95
e-bike	€210
Bring own bike	Free- no liability for damage
Parking- unguarded and unfenced	€120
Excursion package- guided walk Bratislava & Novi	€165
Sad, guided tour of Kalocsa Cathedral & Bishop's	
Palace, guided bus tour of Belgrade & Budapest,	
admission to Monostori Fortress (minimum 20	
participants)	
Extra nights Vienna B&B double Occupancy	€82
Extra nights Vienna B&B Single Occupancy	€153

Surcharges for single occupancy in a double cabin on the basic price

Main deck aft and main deck +50% surcharge

Upper and promenade deck + 75% surcharge

#### Included

- bike cruise with 11 x full board incl. harbour fees in the booked double cabin with shower/toilet/TV/telephone/safe/minibar/adjustable air conditioning
- free use of the wellness area (whirlpool on the sun deck and indoors, sauna, Kneipp pool)
- passenger transfer to the ship (fixed times) in Passau

• 2 x hydrojet waterbed muscle massage (approx. 15 min.) or heath massage (approx. 20 minutes) based on availability per cabin

- on-board tour guide with daily route briefing
- route description and maps (also GPS data on request)
- return transfer by bus/train Vienna Passau
- admission to Golubac Fortress (Serbia) and wine tasting in Kladovo & Novi Sad as per programme



#### **MS** Primadonna



The generous furnishings include the 'Primo Gusto' panorama restaurant and the 'Primavera' panorama bar, the Danube arena 'Prima Vista' and the on-board theater, Primo Theatro '. Air conditioning throughout the ship (individually adjustable in the cabins). The third largest Danube cruise ship is 113.5 meters long and 17.4 meters wide and far ahead of other river cruise ships in terms of spaciousness. No narrow corridors, great spatial effect in the common rooms - from restaurant to bar. In the 60 meter long and 8 meter wide atrium you can meet before meals, read the daily newspapers and other things undisturbed.

Due to the interesting architecture in the double hull construction (catamaran) and the 9 m high bow glazing in the Danube arena between the two hulls, you can see the waves of the Nibelungen Current, which literally flows through under your feet. In a sense, you are floating above the water. At the reception, a glass floor with lighting enables a glimpse into the world "under water" and makes a stay on the primadonna a first-class experience. A small whirlpool, sun loungers, awnings and cozy seating areas are available on the open deck. The wellness area offers a large indoor whirlpool, a Kneipp pool and a sauna. Healing and beauty massages by appointment.



#### ACCESSIBILITY

The MS Primadonna has two barrier-free promenade and two upper deck cabins. Please note that all bus rides / transfers, including city tours, are NOT barrier-free. If you can get on and off the bus independently, the transfers / city tours are possible. Wheelchairs on board can therefore be used without any problems.

#### **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

Capacity: 198 people

Number of cabins: 82 outside cabins in the customer area; except main deck aft, all with base beds

Crew members: 47-50

Length: 113.5 m

Width: 17.4 m

Draft: 1.7 m

Height above water: 8.2 m

Speed: 14 knots downhill

Size cabins: main deck aft: 9.5 / main deck: 11.5 / promenade / upper deck: 16.5 m<sup>2</sup>

Number of decks: 4

Owner: Donau Touristik GmbH

Flag: Austria

## LARGE CABINS

All 82 cabins on the MS Primadonna are outside cabins with individually adjustable air conditioning; Shower and toilet, hairdryer, satellite TV, telephone, minibar and spacious cupboards.

Main deck cabins - aft: approx. 9.5 m<sup>2</sup> equipped with a bunk bed.

Main deck cabins - standard: approx. 11.5 m<sup>2</sup> equipped with sperate beds. All cabins have a large, nonopening porthole (90 cm diameter).

The spacious cabins on the upper and promenade deck are approx. 16.5 m<sup>2</sup> in size and have 2 beds together, a desk and a balcony with a bench. There is also a sofa on the upper deck and 2 chairs in the cabin on the promenade deck





# Bikes 7 speed touring men's or women's 21 speed touring men's or women's (exact models may differ)

The 7-speed touring bike with coaster brake is from the brands Schauff or Kalkhoff. The Schauff company has been manufacturing quality bikes in Remagen / Rhein since 1945, while the Kalkhoff company has been building quality bikes since 1919.

#### Shifting and braking

This touring bike is suitable for all road surfaces. It has a 7-speed hub gear. A Shimano front brake and a coaster brake ensure safe braking.

#### Frame

The frame shape of this rental bike primarily offers comfort. In the so-called wave frame, the top tube is completely missing and this enables safe mounting and dismounting. The sitting position is straight and very comfortable.

#### Saddle

The bike has a comfortable gel saddle or a saddle equipped with Slow Fit Foam. This touring bike also has a quick release. This allows the saddle of your rental bike to be quickly adjusted to the right seating position for you without tools.

#### Tires

This rental bike is equipped with a Schwalbe Marathon Plus tire. In this so-called "flat-less" tire, the puncture protection is incorporated into the jacket with a 5 mm thick insert made of highquality and resilient materials. For this reason, these tires are much more resilient and offer increased protection against a flat tire.

The 21-speed touring bike with freewheel function is from the brands Schauff or Kalkhoff. The Schauff company has been manufacturing quality bikes in Remagen / Rhein since 1945, while the Kalkhoff company has been building quality bikes since 1919.



## Shifting and braking

This touring bike is suitable for all road surfaces. It has a 21-speed derailleur. A Shimano front and rear brake ensure safe braking.

## Frame

This touring bike is used in two frame designs.

Trapezoidal frame

The frame shape of this rental bike offers comfort, sportiness and stability in one. The so-called trapezoidal frame allows deeper entry thanks to the top tube which is inclined towards the saddle, making it easy to get on and off. With this type of frame, the seating position is slightly inclined forwards.

## Wave frame

The frame shape of this rental bike primarily offers comfort. In the so-called wave frame, the top tube is completely missing and this enables safe mounting and dismounting. The sitting position is straight and very comfortable.

# Saddle

The bike has a comfortable gel saddle or a saddle equipped with Slow Fit Foam. This touring bike also has a quick release. This allows the saddle of your rental bike to be quickly adjusted to the right seating position for you without tools.

# Tires

This rental bike is equipped with a Schwalbe Marathon Plus tire. In this so-called "flat-less" tire, the puncture protection is incorporated into the jacket with a 5 mm thick insert made of highquality and resilient materials. For this reason, these tires are much more resilient and offer increased protection against a flat tire.



#### Electric Bikes- women's or men's



The 7- or 8-speed electric bike with freewheel function is from the Kalkhoff brand. The Kalkhoff company has been building quality bicycles since 1919.

#### Shifting and braking

This electric bike is suitable for all road surfaces. It has a 7 or 8-speed gear hub. A high braking force and good controllability due to the hydraulic rim brakes ensure safety.

#### Engine

This electric bike has a powerful 250W motor and a powerful 621Wh battery. The engine is extremely durable and suitable for all weather.

#### Saddle

The bike has a saddle equipped with memory foam. This electric bike also has a quick release. This allows the saddle of your rental bike to be quickly adjusted to the right seating position for you without tools.

#### Tires

This rental bike is equipped with a Schwalbe Marathon Plus tire. In this so-called "flat-less" tire, the puncture protection is incorporated into the jacket with a 5 mm thick insert made of highquality and resilient materials. For this reason, these tires are much more resilient and offer increased protection against a flat tire.

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