

Austria – Germany Danube Rhythm of the Waltz Bike and Boat Tour (2024)

Passau – Vienna– Passau

Individual Self-guided

8 days / 7 nights



The bike tour along the German / Austrian Danube is a very special pleasure, because your "swimming hotel" is always with you! Gently downhill, you will cycle along lush green river banks, through small, dreamy villages in the impressive Danube landscapes. You will discover the breathtaking natural wonder of the "Great Loop" (a swift 180º turn!) and immerse yourself in legendary Wachau with its vineyard terraces and enchanted castles and monasteries. Then Vienna – an abundance of sights! A city, hardly to describe – you have to see and feel it! Sights like St. Stephen's Cathedral and the city hall are easy to reach during a wonderful sightseeing tour by bike. A stroll through the Naschmarkt (famous food market) is a wonderful cultural and culinary adventure. You can also relax at any of the cosy coffee houses or at a typical traditional Viennese wine tavern in the suburbs. The highlights of the tour: Passau, the City of 3 rivers, the Schloegen Danube Loop, the World Heritage Site Wachau, Upper Austria's capital Linz, the cosmopolitan city Vienna with a plethora of sights



#### **Itinerary Day to Day**

#### Day 1: Passau - Engelhartszell

The Episcopal city close to the Bavarian/Austrian border is also known as the "City of three Rivers." Boarding time is at approximately between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m., departure around 7 p.m. Enjoy your first dinner on board and an evening sail to Engelhartszell.



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Day 2: Engelhartszell – Aschach – "Great Loop" – Linz 40-46 km
Need a boost? Try some of the special cordials and liqueurs in the
Trappist monastery in Engelhartszell. Supposedly, they have
"special healing powers." Downstream, the way leads you to
pretty villages amid natural landscape. For a change take the little
ferry boat through the romantic Schlögener loop, where the river
makes a very abrupt 180 degree turn. Sailing from Aschach (aprox
€6) to Linz. Tip: Discover Linz, the capital of upper Austria while
riding on the bright yellow City-Express.

#### Day 3: Linz - Mauthausen - Grein, 36 - 40 km

In the early morning sailing to Mauthausen. You have the possibility to visit the memorial place KZ-Mauthausen. The Celtic town of Mitterkirchen gives you an insight of the past.

The route continues through the fertile area of the Machland region. The destination of the day's stage is the charming town of Grein. Also called "the pearl of the Strudengau" due to its idyllic location. Worth a visit in Grein: the impressive Castle of Greinburg. ( closed on Mondays can only be visited as part of an optional excursion



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# Day 4: Grein – Melk – Tulln 51 km

Today's stage is marked by a diverse landscape. At the beginning, there is the Strudengau – a narrow point of the Danube which used to be notorious amongst skippers. The valley expands from Persenbeug and the bike tour leads you further to Melk with its gorgeous baroque monastery of the Benedictine brethren. On deck, you enjoy the sunset and the beautiful evening illumination of the Wachau. Today's final destination is Tulln, famous for its numerous market gardens where the famous Art Nouveau artist Egon Schiele was born.





Wikipedia.org

# Day 5: Tulln – Vienna-Nussdorf / (Korneuburg may also be possible) 32-38 km

Right in front of Vienna's entrance, embedded in a breath taking landscape, the monastery of Klosterneuburg is situated. You can already see the cupola of this 900 year old baroque building from a distance. "Kahlenbergerdorf" with its wine taverns is definitely worth a visit. After a stroll through the vineyards, you can enjoy the panoramic view over Vienna.



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# Day 6: Vienna-Nussdorf/Korneuburg (day of rest)

You should be sure to see the most famous places of interest like the St. Stephens Cathedral and the Hofburg, the gorgeous boulevard "Ringstraße" with the Burgtheater, the State Opera House and the town hall takes you back to the past. There is enough time in the afternoon to stroll or visit one of the famous Viennese coffee bars. At night sailing to Dürnstein or Rossatz.



Weissenkirchen.net

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

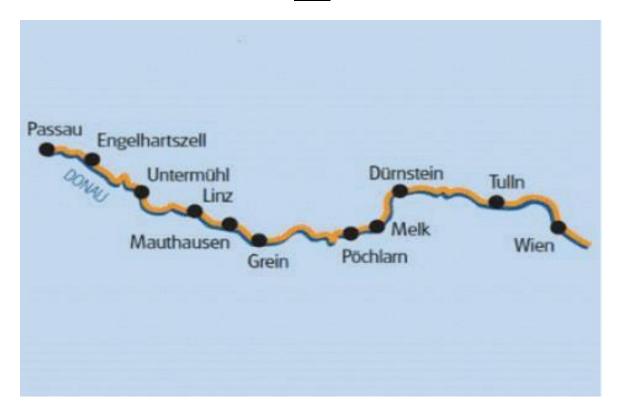
Your last biking day is a special highlight! Amidst small dreamy villages, apricot trees, vineyards, castles, monasteries and ruins, this gentle hilly landscape enchants everybody. A powerful ruin looms above the small Baroque town of Dürnstein, while the blue tower of the monastery church is a landmark of Wachau. In the evening farewell dinner and cocktail.

## 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 is about 10 a.m., disembarkation half an hour later. We recommend to arrange connecting trips from 1:30 pm onwards



#### **Route**



## **Technical Characteristics:**

**Tour Profile:** 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. The tour can be classified as being easy. 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.

Distance: 201 km

Travel Dates 2024/From Saturday to Saturday

Season A: 20APR

SeasonB:04MAY: 21SEP

SeasonC:18MAY: 22JUN; 29 JUN; 06JUL; 27JUL: 03AUG; 10 AUG; 31AUG; 07SEP; 14SEP



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

|  | Main Deck |       |       | Upper Deck |       |       |
|--|-----------|-------|-------|------------|-------|-------|
|  | 2 bed     | 2 bed | 1 bed | 3 bed      | 2 bed | 1 bed |
|  | Astern*   |       |       |            |       |       |
| Season A   | 699       | 849   | 1149  | 849        | 1049  | 1349  |
| Season B   | 799       | 949   | 1249  | 949        | 1149  | 1449  |
| Season C   | 899       | 999   | 1299  | 1049       | 1249  | 1549  |
| 2 Bed Cabin for Single Use (limited quantity)                                |           |       |       |            |       | + 50% |
| Rental bicycle with 7 gear, hand and/or pedal brakes, pannier bag, insurance |           |       |       |            |       | € 89  |
| E-Bike (advance reservation, limited number)                                 |           |       |       |            |       | € 199 |
| Bring own bike (limited number)  |           |       |       |            |       | € 29  |

<sup>\*</sup>Cabins astern; perceptive engine and generator noise (when ship is in motion or in locks)





## **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
- On-board musician
- · Daily informational meeting
- Information pack with route book (one per cabin)
- GPS tracks
- Tour guide on board

## **Not Included:**

- Journey to and from Passau
- Shuttles
- Entrance fees and excursions
- Bike rental
- Insurances
- Parking fee
- Drinks on board
- Tips



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The comfortable MS Prinzessin Katharina provides the right ambience to make you feel at ease. On board the premium ship you can expect classic elegance, a tasteful interior and a friendly crew. Enjoy the special atmosphere and let yourself be spoilt by the good cuisine. On two passenger decks you will find a panoramic restaurant, a comfortable salon, two bars and an inviting foyer, a book corner, a small shop and a hairdresser's salon. On the spacious, partly covered sun deck there are enough deck chairs available.

All 71 cabins are outside cabins and comfortably and tastefully furnished featuring en-suite facilities with shower/WC, hair dryer, air-conditioning, TV, on-board-radio, telephone and a small refrigerator.

<u>Upper deck</u>: 29 two-bed cabins, 1 triple cabin und 2 single cabins; all cabins have approx. 11 m2 with French balcony (= floor-to-ceiling windows which can be opened). 2-bed cabins with a sofa bed and a pullman bed (stowed during the day for more comfort). In the triple cabin a 3rd bed is folded down from the wall (max. 80 kg).

Main deck: 38 two-bed cabins, 1 single cabin (all cabins have approx.

11 m2) with two sofa beds standing in a right angle and a picture window (not to open).



#### **Bikes**



#### **Hybrid Bike**

sex 7-gears-bikes with back pedaling brake or hand brake sizes: 56 / 51 / 46 cm

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**Also includes** Saddle bag (water-repellent), handlebar bag (water-repellent), service-Set with tools and extra bicycle tube, pump and combination lock



#### **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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