



Austria - Slovenia – Italy - Salzburg to Lake Bled Bicycle Tour (2024)
Self-Guided Tour
8 days / 7 nights



Cruise from the birth city of Mozart to a shimmering alpine lake amid the majesty of the south eastern Alps. Beginning at the historic city of Salzburg, you will cycle through a splendid landscape laden with rivers meandering their way through picturesque valleys, stopping at waterfalls and cycling in the shadows of towering mountain peaks. You'll pass historic locations, and through quaint villages where you can sample great local food, before arriving at the fairy tale setting of Lake Bled in Slovenia. The route will take you along cycle paths and quiet country roads, through the magnificent Salzach, Gastein, and Molltal valleys. South of Villach, you'll enter Italy briefly before turning into Slovenia and continuing on through the heart of the Julian Alps and onwards to the magical, fairy tale setting of Lake Bled, with its unique island church and hilltop castle to top it all off.



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Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Arrival in Salzburg

We recommend arriving in Salzburg a day or two prior to the tour to get over jetlag and to enjoy the city and especially the picturesque Altstadt (old town), a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Day 2: Salzburg - Bischoffshofen / St. Johann In Pongau 55 km

Head off today through the lovely Salzach Valley to the 900 year old Hohenwerfen Castle, perched on a rock 113 metres high above the market village of Werfen. It's among Europe's oldest and most well-preserved castles. Surrounded by the Tennengebirge, Hagengebirge and Hochkönig mountain ranges, this is a sight not to be missed. Time permitting; take a side trip high above the valley to the glacial caves of Eisriesenwelt. You'll spend the night at the popular alpine sports town of Bischoffshofen.

Day 3: Bischoffshofen / St Johann In Pongau - Mallnitz 57 km

Following a cycling path through the beauty of the Gastien Valley and the stunning Liechtensteinklamm (Liechtenstein Gorge), you'll stop at the beautiful spa town of Bad Gastien, with a waterfall forming a unique centrepiece to the town. From here it's onwards through Tauerntunnel, which emerges at the sunny southern side of the Alps. You'll spend the night in the alpine village of Mallnitz, amid the vivid colours of the Hohe Tauern National Park.

Day 4: MALLNITZ - MÜHLDORF / SACHSENBURG 30 km,

Today you'll head into the ancient province of Carinthia, where you'll cruise gently down into the Molltal Valley with majestic 3,000 m mountain peaks dominating the backdrop. A cogwheel train will take you high above the Drau Valley and provide outstanding panoramic views





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Day 5: Muhldorf / Sachsenburg - Villach 54 km

A relatively easy descent today which takes you along the Drau River as it meanders its way through the lakeside town of Spital an der Drau, and its impressive ancient Roman city of Teurnia. Then on to Villach, the meeting point of the valleys where you'll leave the alpine climate behind for a decidedly more Mediterranean feel! Here you can visit the old timer car museum or take a riverboat cruise.



Day 6: Villach – Kranjska Gora 53 km

Pop into the Italian border town of Tarviso for a pizza and cappuccino before following the scenic cycling path which takes you along the old railway line crossing the Italian-Slovenian border and onwards through the emerald beauty of the Sava Valley. The magnificent Dobratsch Mountain will dominate your view as you head on to the resort of Kranjska Gora for the night.

Day 7: Kranjska Gora - Bled 35 km

Your journey begins in the town of Kranjska Gora, a renowned alpine ski resort that has hosted numerous world cup skiing events. The route then winds through the enchanting forests of the Krma Valley, passing a historic farming museum, before reaching Slovenia's premier destination: Lake Bled. The captivating island church in the middle of the lake, overlooked by a medieval hilltop castle, offers a perfect opportunity to relax and rejuvenate after a day of cycling. You can choose to unwind with a boat ride to the island or savor a coffee along with Bled's famous cream cake (Kremšnita).

Day 8: Bled

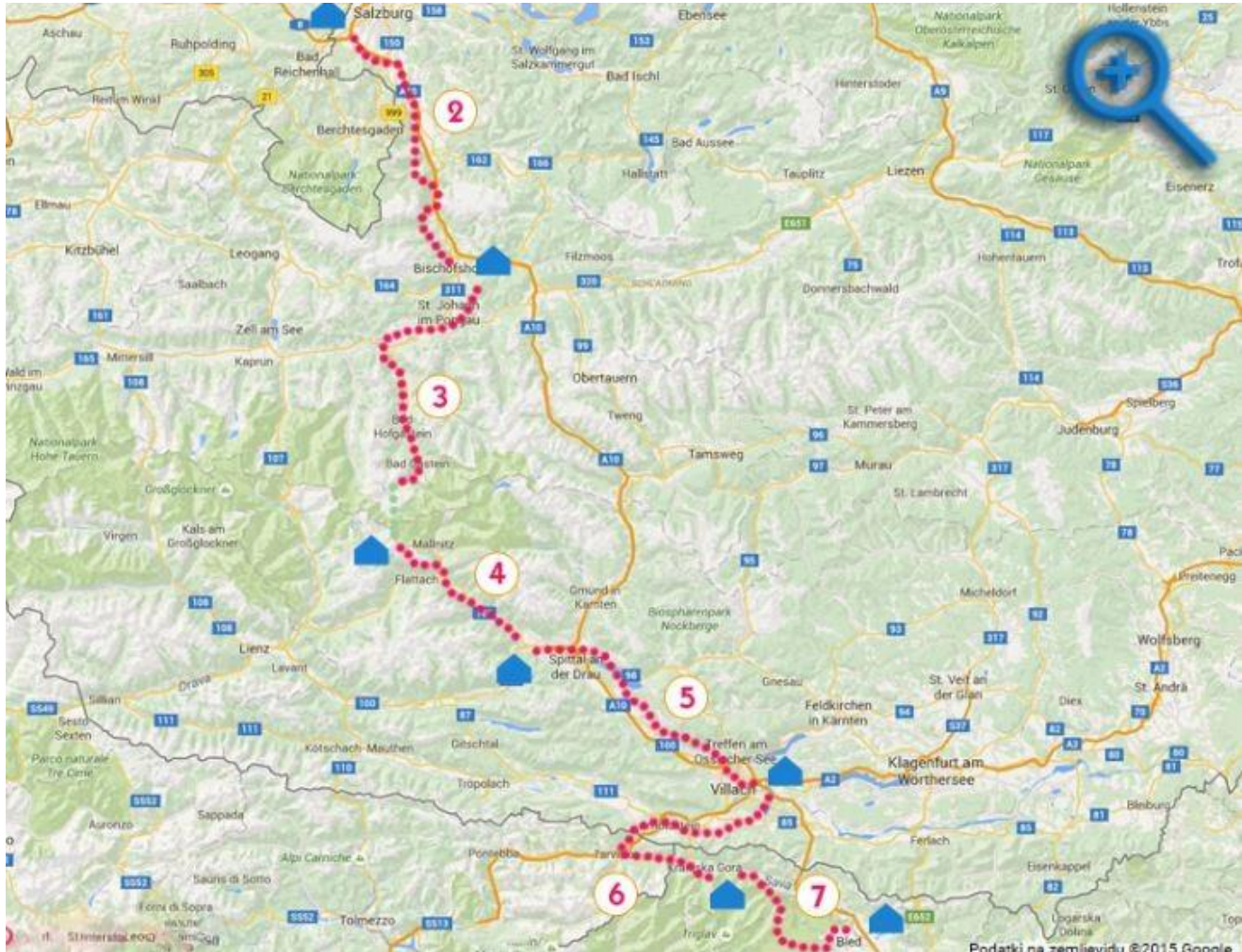
The tour ends after breakfast or possible extension of the trip.





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Route



Technical Characteristics:

Tour Profile: Suitable for cyclists of average fitness level.

Distance: 283 km

Travel Season: Departures Sundays between April 28 and September 29

Low season: September 10 to September 28

High Season: May 26 – September 8

No departures July 28-August 3 or September 1-6

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

Low Season Double occupancy B&B	€1290
High Season Double occupancy B&B	€1340
Supplement Single Room	€290
Supplement Single Room high season	€230
Solos traveller	€490
Bike rental	€120
E-Bike	€270
Extra Nights 3* Hotel in Salzburg Double Occupancy	On request
Extra Nights 3* Hotel in Salzburg single Occupancy	On request
Extra Nights 4* Hotel in Bled Double Occupancy	€130
Extra Nights 4* Hotel in Bled Single Occupancy	€170
Transfer Bled to Ljubljana Airport	On request
Transfer Bled to Klagenfurt Airport	On request

Included:

- Accommodation in hotels and guesthouses 3* or 4* in two bedded room with WC and shower, on basis of bed & breakfast
- Luggage transfer – one piece, max 20 kg. Every additional item 60 EUR, must be pre-booked
- Information package including text road notes (in simple English) and corresponding maps. One per booking, every additional set 20 EUR
- welcome meeting and bike handover
- tour description and maps in GUIBO application electronic form
- backup service (hotline) during the trip
- local tourist and other taxes in Slovenia. They are not included on Austrian side of the tour.

Not Included:

- Entrance fees
- train ticket for Boeckstein to Mallnitz trip incl. bicycle, approximately 10 EUR per cyclist with bike
- local & tourist taxes in Austria where applicable.
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- lunches, dinners, drinks with meals,
- saunas and massages in hotels.



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Bikes

Hybrid touring bikes are equipped with 21 gears, cyclometer, lock, one pannier, one spare tube, set of Allen keys and basic puncture repair kit.

Ladies Hybrid Bike



Mens Hybrid Bike



E-Bike



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