

Danube Impressions

Bike + cruise | MV Theodor Körner ***+

Passau – Bratislava – Vienna – Passau | Self-guided or guided



The classic bike trail

From both the bicycle saddle and the sundeck of a nostalgic cruise ship, you will discover the enchanting Danube valley between Passau and Vienna comfortably and relaxed. A colorful mix awaits you: the southern Bavarian Passau spreads an Italian flair, the picturesque Danube Bend is an impressive natural spectacle, in the romantic Wachau you will get to know ancient wine culture between old castles and palaces. Lively Bratislava presents itself with a mix of baroque and socialist styles, and in charming Vienna, immerse yourself in the splendor of the Habsburgs and swing in three-quarters stroke.

The cruise ship MV Theodor Körner ***+

Our spacious, traditional ship was completely redecorated in winter 2013/14 and offers a comfortable atmosphere in modern Art Deco style. Excellent service and attention to detail are the priority of the captain and crew who are looking forward to welcoming you on board. Your bike tour through various countries is also a culinary expedition through the diversity of national and regional cuisine. The ship offers a restaurant, a panorama bar with a dance floor, a salon with a sunny patio as well as a broad sun deck with comfortable deck chairs. Books and magazines from our library provide reading pleasure and parlour games offer all kinds of disport. After an eventful cycling day you will find relaxation in the infra-red sauna. In the evening a musician will perform for you to dance! The MV Theodor Körner also offers WIFI free of charge (Bar and reception area).

3 passenger-decks:

Promenade deck + Upper deck (windows may be opened), Main deck (windows cannot be opened)

Cabins:

60 comfortable cabins (approx. 8-16 m²) with large picture windows, shower /WC, flat panel TV, hair-dryer, min-safe and air-conditioning.

2-bed ECO: Bunk bed (1 upper and 1 lower bed, approx. 8-9 m²)

2-bed: 2 single lower beds (approx. 10-11 m²)

Junior Suite: Double bed, slightly more spacious (approx. 13-16 m²)

3-bed: in Junior Suites (couch), 3-bed cabin on Promenade Deck (bunk bed)



Highlights

- Passau, the Bavarian city of 3 Rivers
- the „Great Loop“ Schlögener Donauschlinge
- National Park „Donauauen“
- the World Cultural Heritage Site Wachau
- the cosmopolitan cities of Vienna and Bratislava with plenty of sights

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.

Comfort relax package

(guided tour)

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 and enjoy some delicious appetizers.

Hiking package

(guided tour)

Enjoy the breathtaking landscape and fantastic views on our guided hiking tours! You will start every day with a ride on the shuttlebus which brings you to the tourstart and picks you up in the evening to bring you back to your ship. You will hike in a small group, discover hidden sights and get to know country, people, culture and tradition.

Itinerary

Day 1: Passau

Boarding time is at 4 p.m. The "Bishop City," close to the Bavarian/Austrian border, is also known as the "City of three Rivers." Use your free time and stroll through the old charming centre, visit the world largest catholic church organ in the cathedral and enjoy the easy atmosphere of a typical Bavarian beer garden. At 6.30 p.m. cast off! Your vacation starts with a cruise through the romantic Danube Valley.

Day 2: Mauthausen – Grein, approx. 35 km

Today's bike tour takes you directly along the Danube where you have enough time to enjoy the natural state of the meadow landscape. The Celtic village Mitterkirchen gives you an impression of the past. The alternative route, "Clam Castle," through the beautiful hinterland of the "Strudengau" region is slightly hilly but offers a fantastic scenery. Grein, with its mighty castle, is the final destination of today's stage. After a romantic sunset cruise you arrive at Devin with its castle ruin overlooking the Danube in the morning.

Day 3: Devin – Bratislava, approx. 43 km

From Devin you follow the former 'Iron Curtain', cross the former border and reach the imposing Baroque Palace of Hof with its beautifully terraced gardens. Cycle through Austria's "vegetable garden" to the coronation city and former capital of Hungary - Bratislava located at the slopes of the Little Carpathians. Explore the hidden alleyways and sights of Bratislava on a city tour (optional).

Day 4: Vienna (day of rest)

During a city tour by bike or bus (optional) you will experience Vienna's most famous examples of architecture: the imperial Hofburg, St. Stephens Cathedral, the gorgeous 'Ring'-boulevard and the State Opera House, the Burgtheater and town hall and, of course, the colourful "Hundertwasserhaus". There is enough time in the afternoon to stroll or visit one of the famous Viennese cafés. The evening can end in numerous ways. For example by visiting a Waltz and Operetta concert at a famous Viennese Palace (optional).

Day 5: Wachau | Krems – Melk, approx. 37 km

Today's biking day is a special highlight! Amidst small dreamy towns, apricot trees, vineyards, castles, monasteries and ruins, this hilly landscape enchants everybody. You will be biking on cloud nine! A powerful ruin looms above the small baroque town of Durnstein, while the blue spire of the monastery church is a landmark of Wachau valley. In Weißenkirchen (possibility for wine tasting – optional) you will find comfortable wine taverns right along the bike path.

Day 6: Melk – Grein, approx. 50 km

After breakfast you have plenty of time to visit the gorgeous baroque monastery of the Benedictine brethren of Melk. Today's stage is marked by diversity. Starting in the wide valleys of the Nibelungenau you follow the Danube and cycle further into the Strudengau – a narrow point of the Danube which used to be notorious amongst skippers. Yours today's final destination is the – already well known – city of Grein, home of Austria's oldest city theatre (optional).

Day 7: Great Danube Loop | Obermühl - Engelhartzell, approx. 25 km

Today you will cycle through the Danube Valley and will pass through many picturesque villages. Along the cycle path you may smell freshly grilled mackerels, with small pubs doing all they can to entice cyclists to stay. Make sure you follow the small walking trail to the lookout high above the Danube Loop – it offers a breathtaking panoramic view of the Danube Valley with the meandering Blue Danube! Need a refreshment? Try some of the special cordials at the Trappist monastery at Engelszell, your day's destination.

Day 8: Passau

As you cruise back up the Danube enjoy the early morning sunshine as you wind your way to Passau, where you will arrive at about 10:00 a.m. and you'll disembark about 30 minutes later. Connecting travel should be booked for 11.00 a.m. onwards.

Excursion program

Optional excursions (not included in the price of your tour) can be booked individually or as a package at a discount on board only.

Bratislava: City tour with the scenic train and walking tour

Vienna: City tour by bike or HOP ON HOP OFF bus

Departure dates

Every SATURDAY, May 11 – 21. September 2019 (= first and last departure), except June 15./22., August 03./10./31. and September 07 (see Danube Experience)

Season 1: May / August

Season 2: June / July / September

Comfort relax package

May 11, June 08, July 06 + 27, August 24, September 21 (further dates upon request – min. 8 participants)

Hiking package

May 18, July 20, September 14 (further dates upon request – min. 8 participants)

Rental bikes & equipment

- 21-speed-Unisex trekking bike freewheel
- 7-speed-Unisex bike, backpedal
- Electrically assisted bike / pedelec
- 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



Classical **waltz & operetta concert** in one of Vienna's famous palaces

Wachau: **Wine tasting** with a local winegrower

Grein: Visit of Austria's **oldest theatre**

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, dinner (2/3 dishes to choose from), late night snack
- Gala-dinner with farewell cocktail & Farewell-Crew-Show
- Daily live-music
- Tour guide on board (does not cycle with the group)
- Daily information meeting
- Detailed roadbook per cabin

Comfort Relax Package ADDITIONALLY includes

- Cycling tour guide
- Ferry rides
- Visit of Austria's oldest theatre in Grein
- Tasting of homemade cider directly at the cider producer in the Upper-Danube-Valley
- Wine tasting in the Wachau region
- Guided city tour by bike in Vienna
- City tour with the scenic train and walking tour in Bratislava

Hiking Package ADDITIONALLY includes

- Hiking guide for the following trips:
 - Bad Kreuzen – Grein, approx. 13 km (+530/-725)
 - Devin – Bratislava, approx. 12 km (+613/-529)
 - Weißenkirchen – Bacharnsdorf, approx. 13 km (+741/-739)
 - Krummnußbaum – Maria Taferl – Granz, approx. 13 km (+509/-515)
 - Inzell - Freizell, approx. 12 km (+525/-545)
- Shuttlebus to the start/ending point of your hiking tour
- Donasteig souvenir

General information

One 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. 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.

Errors, changes in prices and availability excepted. Tariffs as of April 2018. All sales prices listed in this document correspond with the prices 2019 published in the RAD + REISEN catalogue. The prices in your offers may NOT fall below.

Prices 2019 per person in €			
Deck-Categories	Main	Upper	Promenade
S1: ECO (Bunk bed)	719	819	-
S1: 2-bed	795	915	945
S1: Junior Suite	-	1.075	1.075
S2: ECO (Bunk bed)	769	869	-
S2: 2-bed	845	965	995
S2: Junior Suite	-	1.125	1.125
ECO or 2-bed single occupancy	+50% supplement		
Comfort Relax Package	235		
Hiking Package	249		
7/21 speed bike	74		
Electrically assisted bike	168		
Bringing own bike	15		
Add Night Passau	***+	****	
Double room	58	66	
Single room	83	92	
Transfer Munich airport-Passau¹	one way 69	round trip 119	

¹ from/to Munich city centre/train station – Passau: € 40 one-time surcharge (1-8 pers.)

Reduction children/3rd adult

0 – 2,99 years free of charge (baby cot)

3 – 12,99 years -50%

in cabin with min. 1 full paying adult

13 – 99 years -20%

in cabin with 2 full paying adults

Helmets mandatory for children until 12 years.

Parking Passau

incl. shuttle transfer to/from pier

outdoor area **€ 66**

Parking garage **€ 77**

(registration form in the travel documents or online, payable locally)

Minimum of participants

50 people (has to be reached 4 weeks prior cruise start)

Guided Comfort Relax Package:

Minimum 8 people (max. 22)

Hiking Package:

Minimum 8 people (max. 16)