

# Danube Cycle Path

## Danube Experience | Vienna – Bratislava – Budapest



### Info

Cycle the routes and trails used by Emperors and Kings of the past. A cycle tour along the Danube is the best way to experience this historically important landscape, cultural heritage and “Old World” architecture. Explore the three most popular cities along the Danube: Vienna, the imperial city of classical music and delicious desserts, the coronation city of Bratislava and the vibrant capital of Hungary, Budapest. Experience these great cities, the charming landscapes and much more along the Blue Danube.

### Itinerary

#### 1. Day: Vienna

Individual arrival in Vienna. (Tip: use low-cost transportation to and from Vienna/Bratislava) Tonight, the evening belongs to you! How about a spectacular stroll through the Imperial City or visit a typical Viennese café/tavern with local food and goodies “Heurigen”? Possibilities are endless in the “City of Waltz”.

#### 2. Day: Vienna – Bratislava, approx. 68 km

Not far from Vienna begins an untouched alluvial landscape and a Nature Reserve of stunning and diverse Flora and Fauna. Get away from it all and enjoy the wonderful peace and silence that is only interrupted by the twittering chirps of local birds. The Archaeological Park of Carnuntum invites you with open arms into an exciting journey to the past. Then follow the path to the Slovakian capital, Bratislava. This city will impress you with its fascinating old-town and modern skyline.

#### 3. Day: Bratislava – Mosonmagyaróvár/surrounding, approx. 45 km

The marshy landscape of the protected area “Szigetköz” is an ideal environment and paradise for birds and fish alike. In the midst of this wild and untouched lowland with its more than 500 tiny islands, you will find quaint farming villages and a labyrinth of countless Danube canals and creeks. Soon you will reach Mosonmagyaróvár, a tidy small city with a beautiful old town.

#### 4. Day: Mosonmagyaróvár/surrounding – Komárno/surrounding, approx. 45 km + train ride Győr - Komárom

Today you will again bike through the unique and delightful landscape of the protected area “Szigetköz” and on to Győr, one of the most important cities in the Hungarian lowlands with an alluring historical city centre. For a pleasant walk, the narrow lanes, churches and the palaces of the Baroque city-center are awaiting your arrival and prove to be more than inviting. King Matthias even referred to it as his favorite city! By train you will travel to Komárom.

#### 5. Day: Komárno/surrounding – Danube bend, approx. 57 km

Today you cycle along the banks of the Slovakian Danube on small low-traffic roads through quintessential villages. On your way to the “Town of Bishops and Kings”, Esztergom, you will pass the impressive Roman fort of Kelemantia. The Basilica of

### Highlights

- 3 capitals: Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest
- National Park Donauauen
- Archaeological Park Carnuntum
- Protected Area “Szigetköz”
- Arabian National Stud in Babolna
- Basilica in Esztergom
- Danube Bend
- Artist town Szentendre

### Tour profile

Level 1-2; the tour is mostly flat with rolling hills. The Austrian section follows well-maintained and equipped cycling paths, in Hungary you will often cycle on country back and side roads. Upon entering and leaving cities there is more traffic that must be closely observed.

### Accommodation

In Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest 4\* hotels, other areas standard inns, hotels and pensions.

### Travel dates

Arrivals every Saturday and Sunday. In Season 1 arrival on Saturdays only.

#### Season 1

April 18 – April 26 + September 28 – October 10 2020

#### Season 2

April 27 – June 28 + August 31 – September 27 2020

#### Season 3

June 29 – August 30 2020

Esztergom boasts the largest Catholic Church in Hungary. Also, with the rest of this distinctive village, Esztergom proves again to be a highlight and glamorous part of the overall tour.

### 6. Day: Danube bend – Budapest, approx. 62 km + ship ride Szentendre - Budapest

Amidst the rolling hills, the Danube divides itself creating the Szentendre Island where you will cycle down the small country roads through the welcoming villages. Discover Open-air Museum Skanzen. You can find numerous handicraft boutiques which provide the opportunity to buy wonderful Hungarian souvenirs in Szentendre city-center. During the boat- or train ride to Budapest, you will have a fantastic view of some of the most famous sights in the capital of Hungary, Budapest.

### 7. Day: Budapest

Enjoy this day in the metropolis Budapest. If you want you can go back to Vienna by bus, departures by scheduled bus every 2 hours on a daily basis. The bus has to be booked prior to the guests' arrival. Duration of trip approx. 3 hours. On request the bus is also stopping at Vienna International Airport.

## General information

- All bike tours are unescorted
- The mileages and approximations are distances of the recommended routes
- Please be prepared by packing all necessary items, for example, proper rain gear (jacket and pants), sun hat, sunscreen and proper sport shoes
- Arrival and departure to and from Vienna is not included in tour price
- In Hungary you have to wear a safety vest at night and by poor vision outside of cities/villages
- This cycling tour is not suitable for people with limited mobility. Individual requests are in special cases possible (f.e. handicapped accessible room)

## Included services

- 6 nights in rooms with private facilities
- Breakfast or 5 x dinner (surcharge, Vienna breakfast only)
- Daily luggage transport Vienna-Budapest (max. 2 pieces of luggage (max. 20kg/piece) with max. 30 kg/Person)
- 1 x train ride Győr - Komárom
- 1 x ship- or train transfer (before/after seasonal shipping schedule) Szentendre – Budapest
- Service-hotline (also accessible on weekends)
- Handlebar bag with route book, maps and information material per room

Price p.P. in €	Bike tour			Rental bike		Extra night		
	Dbi	Single	Dinner Option	7/21	Electro		Dbi	Single
Season 1	499	669	96	75	169	Vienna 4*	68	98
Season 2	559	729				Budapest 4*	52	88
Season 3	579	749						

## Please note

Errors, change in prices and availability excepted. Tariffs as of August 2019.

All sales prices listed in this document correspond with the prices 2020 published by RAD + REISEN catalogue. The prices in your offers must NOT fall below.

## Rental bikes & equipment

- 7-speed bikes with back pedal brake or 21-speed bikes (unisex)
- Electric bikes, children's bikes, specialized equipment for children upon request.

All rental bikes are equipped with a pannier (saddle bag) and an odometer (except electric bikes).

## Parking

- Public parking places: unguarded, free of charge, directly behind the hotel
- Public parking garage = Park & Ride: approx. 18,30 EUR per week, unguarded, at the underground/metro station "Leopoldau"

## Reduction

### Reduction with 2 full paying adults in double room (additional bed):

0-6,99 years -100%

7-11,99 years -50%

12-14,99 years -25%

15-99 years -10%

In Austria it is mandatory for children under 12 yrs to wear a helmet when on a bike. In Slovakia you have to wear a helmet by law outside of city limits!

## Additional charge\*

- Helmet – payable locally € 29
- Return transfer of own bikes RAD+REISEN, on Saturdays only € 39
- Return bus Budapest – Vienna € (price will follow)

\* must be reserved at time of booking!

## Early-bird discount

For bookings until 60 days prior arrival **5 % reduction** off tour-price (excluding: half board suppl, bike rental, extra nights and extra services)