

Danube Cycle Path

Hungarian Rhapsody | Vienna – Budapest



Info

The cycle tour from Vienna to Budapest is a very diverse adventure with majestic highlights. Your tour starts in Vienna, the “City of Music and Charm”. The Slovakian capital Bratislava invites you for shopping and sightseeing tours in the picturesque old-town. Hungary’s metropolis and capital Budapest is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe and it is the crowning highlight to your extraordinary journey. This tour is a natural and cultural expedition that is mostly set away from touristic centres and is “off the beaten track”. Untouched nature, unknown artistic treasures and cultural monuments can be found along the route between Vienna and Budapest. Cycle along the seemingly infinite and vast widths of the Hungarian lowlands and you can also visit the famous Arabian National Stud in Babolna where you explore the secrets and techniques of traditional horse breeding. The basilica in Esztergom is the largest Catholic cathedral in Hungary and it is home to many artistic treasures and historical jewels. Enjoy the friendly people and the welcoming Hungarian hospitality.

Itinerary 8-Day-Tour

1. Day: Vienna

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

2. Day: Vienna – Bad-Deutsch Altenburg/surroundings, approx. 42 km

The Danube Cycling Path guides you along quiet trails through the National Park “Donauauen”, passes by the castle of Orth. You cycle through the former Roman city Petronell Carnuntum (Roman excavations/ruins) and continue on to the health spa and resort in Bad Deutsch Altenburg.

3. Day: Bad-Deutsch Altenburg/surroundings – Bratislava - Mosonmagyaróvár/surroundings, approx. 71 km

Follow the Danube Cycling Path to Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. A quaint old city center with numerous sights, lovely pedestrian zones and countless restaurants/cafes will persuade you into an extended stroll among the depths of this historically important city. After visiting Bratislava, you cycle to the protected area “Schüttinsel” which will surely enchant you with its unique and outstanding character.

4. Day: Mosonmagyaróvár/surroundings – Győr, approx. 45 km

Today you will bike through the charming and ideal landscape of the protected area “Skigetköz” to Győr. Győr is one of the most important cities in the Hungarian lowlands with a glamorous and historical city center. A pleasant walk through the narrow lanes, cathedrals and palaces of this Baroque city center are very appealing.

Highlights

- 3 capitals: Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest
- Donauauen National Park
- Archaeological Park Carnuntum
- Basilica in Esztergom
- Danube Bend
- Artist town Szentendre

Tour profile

Level 1-2; the tour is mostly flat and sometimes slightly hilly. 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 traffic that must be closely observed.

Accommodation

Cat. A

in Vienna and Budapest 4* hotels, other areas 3-4* comfort hotels

Cat. B

In Vienna and Budapest 4* hotels, other areas typical inns and B&B’s

Travel dates

Arrivals every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. In Season 1 arrival on Saturday only. 9 day tour arrival is possible on Fridays and 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

5. Day: Győr – Tata, approx. 61 km

Don't forget to visit the Arabian National Stud in Babolna, a historical place of Equestrian culture and secret techniques of renowned Hungarian horse breeding. Through a landscape of gently rolling hills, you will cycle to the town of Tata, the "City of Lakes", which is located at the foothills of the Gerecse Mountain Range.

6. Day: Tata – Danube bend, approx. 56 km

The morning starts with a train ride from Tata to Komárom. Along the Slovakian Danube, cycle through small and quaint farm-villages in a floodplain basin region to Esztergom where you can admire the impressive and largest Catholic cathedral in Hungary.

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

Steep mountain slopes frame the stunning landscape of the Danube Bend all the way up to Szentendre Island. You can learn more about Hungarian architecture in a nearby open-air museum. Travelling by bike & boat to Budapest (included). The view from the sun deck of the boat is astonishing and overwhelming. Something you just have to experience things on your own.

8. 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.

Itinerary 9-Day-Tour

Day 1: Individual arrival in Vienna

Day 2: Vienna – Bad-Deutsch Altenburg/surroundings (approx. 42 km)

Day 3: Bad-Deutsch Altenburg/surroundings – Bratislava (approx. 26 km)

Day 4: Bratislava – Mosonmagyaróvár/surroundings (approx. 50 km)

Day 5: Mosonmagyaróvár/surroundings – Győr (approx. 45 km)

Day 6: Győr – Tata (approx. 61 km)

Day 7: Tata – Danube bend (approx. 56 km)

Day 8: Danube bend– Budapest (approx. 62 km) + ship ride

Day 9: Individual departure or extension in Budapest

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 a personal obligation 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

- 7/8 nights in rooms of the chosen category with private facilities
- Breakfast or dinner (Cat. A: 7/8 x dinner; Cat. B: 6/7 x dinner, in Vienna breakfast only)
- Daily luggage transport up to hotel in Budapest (max. 2 pieces of luggage (max. 20kg/piece) with max. 30 kg/Person)
- 1x ship or train transfer (before/after seasonal shipping schedule) Szentendre – Budapest
- 1x train ride Tata – Komárom
- Service-Hotline (also accessible on weekends)
- Handlebar bag with tour book, maps and information material per room

Rental bikes & equipment

- 7-speed bike with coaster brake (back pedal) 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 bike).

Parking

- Parking garage at the arrival hotel: approx. EUR 22,- per day (min. 7 nights), unguarded, locked (Cat. A)
- Public parking places: unguarded, free of charge, directly in the back roads
- Public parking garage = Park & Ride: approx. 18,30 EUR per week, unguarded, at the underground/metro station Leopoldau (line U1)

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)

	Bike tour 8 days			Bike tour 9 days			Rental bike		Extra night		
Prices p.P. in € Cat. B	Dbl	Single	Dinner Option	Dbl	Single	Dinner Option	7/21	Electro		Dbl	Single
Season 1	539	729	114	589	829	137	75	169	Vienna 4*	68	98
Season 2	579	769		Budapest 4*	52				88		
Season 3	639	829									
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Season 2	639	809		Budapest 4*	58				99		
Season 3	689	859									

Please note

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

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