

# Danube Impressions

Bike + Boat | MV Theodor Körner

Passau – Bratislava – Vienna – Passau | Self-guided or guided | NEW: incl. Full board **PLUS**



## Empress Sisi's Danube

It was in Passau that Sisi began her journey along the Danube as a young bride to Vienna, where she was eagerly awaited by her Emperor Franz. Follow in the footsteps of the Austrian empress by bicycle and on a nostalgia ship as you discover breathtakingly beautiful river scenery with small sleepy villages, castles and palaces set in gorgeous countryside and enjoy warm Austrian hospitality at every stage of your cycling tour.

The region is a gourmand's paradise and famous for its cakes, pastries and other irresistible culinary treats. After Wiener Schnitzel, Sachertorte and apricot dumplings it'll be much easier to burn up the miles...

Wines from the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Landscape Wachau enjoy an international reputation, Linz, the capital of Upper Austria is home to the biggest church in Austria. And then there's Vienna... Enchanting, charming and perhaps slightly eccentric, the City of Waltz will capture your heart in an instant. Magnificent buildings from the imperial age bear witness to the impressive history of times gone by.

## 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 m<sup>2</sup>) with large picture windows, shower /WC, flat panel TV, hair-dryer, mini-safe and air-conditioning.

**2-bed ECO:** Bunk bed (1 upper and 1 lower bed, approx. 8-9 m<sup>2</sup>)

**2-beds:** 2 single lower beds (approx. 10-11 m<sup>2</sup>)

**Junior Suite:** Double bed, slightly more spacious (approx. 13-16 m<sup>2</sup>)

**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“ Schlögenger Donauschlinge
- cultural capital Linz
- the World Cultural Heritage Site Wachau
- the cosmopolitan city of Vienna 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.

## Guided Tour

*(incl. cycling tour guide)*

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.

## Departure dates

Every THURSDAY, April 30 – 08. October 2020  
(= first and last departure)

**Season 1:** April / October

**Season 2:** July / August

**Season 3:** May / June / September

## Dates guided Tour

June 04, July 09, September 03 (further dates upon request – min. 10 participants)



## Itinerary

### Day 1: Passau

Experience Mediterranean flair in Passau, the city of three rivers. You should definitely set aside some time on the day of your arrival for a walk through the picturesque baroque city with its narrow lanes and Passau cathedral home to the largest church organ in the world. Your cycling holiday begins after embarkation (4.00 p.m.) when you sail into the sunset and Passau's magnificent silhouette with its church towers and domes slowly fades into the horizon behind you.

### Day 2: Engelhartszell – Brandstatt, approx. 45 km

Breathe in the fragrance of the dense forest and freshly mown meadows. Explore the pristine countryside of the Upper Danube valley on the former towpath as it runs past sleepy villages. Small, rustic inns at the edge of the trail invite you to linger, the aroma of fresh fish grilled according to tradition on a stick wafts through the air. The Schlögener Blick observation point offers a truly stunning view of the Schlögener Schlinge where the Danube carves its way through a gorge and doubles back on itself.

### Day 3: Brandstatt – Linz, approx. 26 km

Catch some fresh country air again - at lunch time, you'll reach the Upper Austrian capital of Linz. Discover the European Capital of Culture 2009 on a bright yellow miniature train (optional). The cathedral is the biggest church in Austria, the Pöstlingbergbahn the steepest adhesion railway in the world. Are you curious about the future? At the ARS Electronica Museum you can try out some of the most impressive examples of modern technology for yourself. Make sure you don't miss it!

### Day 4: Mauthausen – Grein, approx. 35 km

A beautiful and varied route lies ahead of you as you explore the idyllic hinterland of the Strudengau by bike: the Celtic Village of Mitterkirchen, the Baroque monastery of Baumgartenberg and the romantic ruins of Burg Clam castle. Then it's time to enjoy the little medieval town of Grein with its Baroque facades, imposing castle and the oldest municipal theatre in Austria. After a romantic journey sailing past towns and villages full of twinkling lights, you arrive - just like Sisi did way back then - in the City of Waltz early in the morning.

### Day 5: Vienna (day of rest)

On a city tour of Vienna all the sights are within reach from the saddle of your bike or on the HOP ON HOP OFF bus (optional). The magnificent Ringstraße will remind you of times long past and inviting coffee houses will tempt you with delicious Viennese cakes and pastries, while the Naschmarkt market is a feast for all the senses. End the evening on a magical note with a concert of waltz and classical operetta music in Sisi's summer residence (optional).

### Day 6: Wachau Valley roundtrip, approx. 25-40 km

An unforgettable day in the picturesque Wachau. Cycle through delightful wine-growing villages surrounded by terraced vineyards and apricot trees. The charming little town of Dürnstein with its narrow lanes is an absolute highlight. In Weißenkirchen – the most important wine-growing village in the World Cultural Heritage Landscape – you can discover the first rate famous Wachau wines.

### Day 7: Weißenkirchen – Pöchlarn, approx. 35 km

Enjoy this stage of your cycling holiday passing through the wild and romantic scenery along the mighty Danube with its rustic wine-growing villages set amongst the vineyards. In Spitz, situated on the "1000-Eimer Berg", take the ferry to the sleepy southern bank of the river and after a leisurely ride reach the imposing Benedictine Abbey of Melk, one of the loveliest Baroque ensembles in Europe. Having passed the town of Pöchlarn, which featured in the Nibelungen saga, settle down to enjoy the stunning views of the rugged and romantic Nibelungengau.

### Day 8: Passau

Enjoy the first rays of sun and the early morning tranquillity one last time from the deck of the ship before you reach Passau, your heart bursting with memories. Disembarkation: approx. 9 a.m. We recommend that you do not make any arrangements for onward trains departing before 10.30 a.m. To be on the safe side, later departure times would be even better.

## Rental bikes & equipment

- 21-speed-Unisex trekking bike freewheel (on request 7-speed-Unisex bike, backpedal brake)
- 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



## 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.

**Vienna:** **City tour** by bike or HOP ON HOP OFF bus  
**Waltz & operetta concert** in the Schönbrunn Palais

**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 **PLUS:** breakfast buffet, lunch on board (non-cyclists) or packed lunch (cyclists), afternoon coffee break, **dinner incl. house wine, draught beer and soft drinks** (2/3 dishes to choose from)
- 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

## Guided tour **ADDITIONALLY** includes

- Cycling tour guide
- Ferry rides
- Rental helmet (adults only)

## General information

On 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.

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Prices 2020 / per person / in €			
	Season 1	Season 2	Season 3
<b>MAIN DECK (windows cannot be opened)</b>			
2-bed ECO	599	699	749
2-bed	659	759	809
<b>UPPER DECK (windows may be opened)</b>			
2-bed ECO	699	799	849
2-bed	799	899	949
Junior Suite	969	1.069	1.119
<b>PROMENADE DECK (windows may be opened)</b>			
2-bed	839	939	989
Junior Suite	969	1.069	1.119
<b>Additional Services</b>			
ECO or 2-bed single occupancy	+ 50% supplement		
Guided Tour	150		
Rental bike	75		
Electrically assisted bike	175		
Bringing own bike	25		
Add Night Passau	****	****	
Double room	58	66	
Single room	83	95	
Transfer Munich airport-Passau <sup>1</sup>	one way 69	round trip 119	

<sup>1</sup> from/to Munich city centre/train station – Passau, one way: € 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 **€ 68**

Parking garage **€ 79**

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

## Minimum of participants

**Cruise:** 50 people

**Guided Tour:** 10 people (max. 22 people) (has to be reached 4 weeks prior cruise start)