

# Danube Cycle Path

Light | Passau - Vienna



## Info

By selecting this particular Danube cycling tour, you have made an outstanding decision. This tour presents the opportunity to learn nearly everything about the Danube with all of its wonderful characteristics. We have selected the daily cycling tours in such a way that your daily bike trip will only last around 3 hours per day at the most. Therefore, you will have sufficient time to take in and absorb many of the vast cultural and scenic highlights along this great tour.

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Passau

Individual arrival. Once in Passau, enjoy a day of leisure by strolling through the narrow and winding streets of this quaint city or simply relax in a typical Bavarian beer garden. Between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. bike hand over – for late arrivals on the next morning.

### Day 2: Passau – Engelhartszell, approx. 26 km

You depart from Passau and cycle into the Upper Danube Valley, passing through the villages of Oberzell to Engelhartszell. Make sure to stop and visit the "Trappist" monastery in Engelhartszell and sample some of the well-known liqueurs.

### Day 3: Engelhartszell – Eferdinger Valley, approx. 45 km

After traveling along the northern Danube riverbank to the unique and impressive Schlägener Loop, take a ferry across the river to the southern bank. Tip: make sure to head up to the highly recommended Schlägener Lookout Point. You will certainly not forget the influential scenery! Ride your bike to the quaint picturesque Danube market in Aschach or even further on to Eferding.

### Day 4: Eferdinger Valley – Linz, approx. 30 km

Pass the villages of Wihering and Ottensheim cycling into the state capital of Upper Austria and European Culture Capital of 2009, Linz. On the one hand there are the classic and ideal cycling/walking paths intertwining a traditional main square and on the other hand there is a world of Contemporary Art and many extraordinary museums in Linz.

### Day 5: Linz – Mauthausen, approx. 26 km

Passing the hydroelectric power plant Abwinden/Asten to St. Florian, it is time to visit a gorgeous Baroque monastery. After soaking in the Baroque architecture you will continue cycling to the oldest city in Austria, Enns. Visit the old town square with its treasured 60-meter City Tower from the 16th Century, the City Museum nearby as well as the Lauriacum with its significant archaeological collection. Then crossing the mighty Danube to Mauthausen via ferry.

## Highlight

- Passau
- Linz (capital city of Upper Austria)
- Grein (City Theatre)
- Wachau
- Abbey of Melk
- Krems
- Waltz metropole Vienna

## Tour profile

Level 1; the cycling path is completely paved from one end to the other, flat, almost always directly along the riverbank and is very suitable for beginners and children.

## Accommodation

Comfortable rooms in 3 & 4\* hotels and inns

## Travel dates

Daily arrival

### Season 1

October 03 – October 17 2020

### Season 2

April 04 – April 24 + September 19 – October 02 2020

### Season 3

April 25 – September 18 2020

## 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
- The arrival to Passau is not included in the tour price and has to be arranged on your own

### Day 6: Mauthausen – Strudengau, approx. 35-42 km

Continue cycling along the Danube through the quaint villages of Naarn and Perg and on to Mitterkirchen. In Mitterkirchen, you find a Celtic village with an attractive open-air museum. Then a bike tour guides you through the Strudengau and into the small Baroque village of Grein, today's destination. Subsequently you will visit the oldest City Theatre in Austria.

### Day 7: Strudengau – Nibelungengau, approx. 30 km

Today your cycling tour takes you through the Strudengau. On the southern bank you pass St.Nikola and Sarmingstein. In Persenbeug, you enter the Nibelungengau. Tip: If you still have time, you should cycle up to Maria Taferl, a famous place of pilgrimage (approx. 10 km bike tour). Then continuing on through seemingly endless terraced vineyards.

### Day 8: Nibelungengau – Wachau, approx. 45 km

After visiting the Nibelungen monument your bike tour will lead you to the renowned Benedictine Abbey of Melk and shortly thereafter enter into the beautiful and well-known area of Wachau. After cycling through the extensive vineyards, you will reach Spitz, which is situated at the foot of the "1000-bucket Mountain". Your bike tour leads you into superb surroundings of an extremely picturesque winery village

### Day 9: Wachau – Vienna, approx. 19 km + train ride Krems - Vienna

Today you cycle through the small winery villages of Weissenkirchen and Dürnstein, which are well known for their unusual churches and their authentic castles. Eventually you approach the 1000-year-old winery and Gothic city of Krems. From Krems a train will take you comfortably to Vienna. Experience the Danube Metropolis, capital of Austria and the "City of Waltz", it's a city full of flair with charm and attractions.

### Day 10: Vienna

Before leaving Vienna, don't forget to visit the famous Naschmarkt (international foods/goods) and stop by the beautiful imperial castle Schönbrunn. Extension at Vienna or train ride back to Passau (Season 1+2) or comfortable by bus (season 3).

## Included services

- 9 nights in rooms with private facilities
- Breakfast or 8 x dinner (surcharge, only breakfast in Vienna)
- Daily luggage transport (1 suitcase per Person/ max. 20 kg)
- Welcome drink at arrival hotel in Passau
- 1 bottle of high-level wine in the Wachau Valley per room
- 2 ferry rides on the Danube incl. bike
- 1 x train Krems – Vienna incl. bikes
- 1 x train ride Vienna central station – Passau (transfer of own bike not included) in season 1+2
- 1 x bus ride Vienna - Passau (incl. own bike ) in season 3, train ride back possible (advanced notification necessary)
- Service-hotline (also on weekends)
- Handlebar bag with route book, maps and information material per room

| Price p.P.<br>in € | Biketour |        |               | Rental bike |                          | Extra night |     |        |
|--------------------|----------|--------|---------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----|--------|
|                    | DbI      | Single | Dinner option | 7/21        | Electro/children E-Bikes |             | DbI | Single |
| Season 1           | 689      | 899    | 196           | 75          | 169                      | Passau 4*   | 68  | 98     |
| Season 2           | 789      | 999    |               |             |                          | Wien 4*     | 68  | 98     |
| Season 3           | 879      | 1.089  |               |             |                          |             |     |        |

## 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 may NOT fall below.

- This cycling tour is not suitable for people with limited mobility. Individual requests are in special cases possible (f.e. handicapped accessible room)

## Rental bikes & equipment

- 7-speed-touring bikes with back pedal brake or 21-speed bikes, (ladies/gents)
- Electric bikes, children's bikes, children E-bikes from 9 years up, specialized equipment for children upon request.

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

## Parking

Different possibilities: approx. 35,- to 65,- EUR per week

## Reduction

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

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|----------------|-------|
| 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.

## Additional charge\*

- Helmet purchase – payable in advance € 29
- Reduction for „no return ticket to Passau“ € 35
- Supplement train ride Vienna airport – Vienna central station € 8
- Local tax payable on spot (approx. € 1 - 2,5 per person/night)
- Transfer Munich Airport– hotel Passau<sup>1</sup>  
One way € 69, both directions € 119

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

\* must be reserved at time of booking

## Early-bird discount

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