

Donau Cycle Path

Short & Sweet | Passau - Vienna



Info

Would you like to cycle along the mighty Danube river, but don't have much time to spend? If that's the case, then this is the perfect tour for you. This direct and to the point tour guides you from Passau to Vienna, which is one of the most popular cycling paths in Europe. During the six days you will ride around a moderate 35-miles per day. With the ideal combination of cycling and Austrian hospitality, you have enough time to relax and visit many of the cultural highlights along the Danube.

Itinerary

Day 1: Passau

Individual arrival. Once in Passau enjoy the day of leisure by strolling through the narrow and winding streets of this quaint city or simply relaxing in a typical beer garden. Historical heritage is to be found and encountered around every corner. The "City of Three Rivers" i.e. river Danube, Inn and Ilz continues to be an inspiration to all. Between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. bike hand over – for late arrivals on the next morning.

Day 2: Passau – Linz, approx. 53 km + ship ride Passau - Schlägen

Starting the tour nice and easy by ship, you travel through the magnificent Schlägener Loop. The Granite Mountains of the Mühlviertel have forced the Danube into a 180-degree bend. Along the wooded lush slopes of the narrow green valley, the river escorts you to the capital of Upper Austria and European Culture Capital of 2009: Linz.

Day 3: Linz – Strudengau approx. 60 km

A worthwhile excursion to Enns, the oldest town in Austria, is highly recommended although it is left up to you to decide. In the gorgeous Baroque village Grein, a few highlights including Austria's oldest theatre, the Maritime Museum and the city's impressive castle Greinburg can be visited.

Day 4: Strudengau – Nibelungengau, approx. 46 km

Once leaving Grein, you cycle through the stunning Nibelungengau over to Pöchlarn, where you find the monument of Nibelungen and the birthplace of artist Oskar Kokoschka. From a distance and high above the Danube, one of the most famous buildings in the region, the Benedictine Abbey of Melk, salutes you with grandeur.

Day 5: Nibelungengau – Vienna, approx. 48 km + train ride Krems - Vienna

Today you will experience the captivating landscape of the Wachau valley. You pass through the extremely romantic winery villages Spitz, Weißenkirchen and Dürnstein. After that you visit Krems, the 1000-year-old wine-growing town complete with gothic architecture. From Krems you travel by train to the metropolis and city of Waltz: Vienna.

Day 6: Vienna

Before leaving Vienna, make sure 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).

Highlights

- Passau
- Great Danube Loop
- Linz – Capital of Upper Austria
- Grein - City Theatre
- Romantic Wachau
- Abbey of Melk & the city of 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

Selected 3-4* hotels and inns

Travel dates

Daily arrival (except Sunday)

Season 1

September 26 – October 03 2020

Season 2

May 02 – May 29 + August 29 – September 25 2020

Season 3

May 30 – August 28 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

Included services

- 5 nights in rooms with private facilities
- Breakfast or 4 x dinner (surcharge, in Vienna only breakfast)
- Daily luggage transport (1 suitcase per person/ max. 20 kg)
- 1 bottle of high-level wine in the Wachau Valley per room
- A tasting of regional products
- 1 x ship Passau- Schlößen incl. bike
- 1 x train Krems - Vienna incl. bike
- 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 accessible on weekends)
- Handlebar bag with route book, maps and information material per room

Prices p.P. in €	Bike tour			Rental bike		Extra night		
	Dbl	Single	Dinner Option	7/21	Electro/children E-bike		Dbl	Single
Season 1	419	569	97	75	169	Passau 3*	57	80
Season 2	489	639				Vienna 4*	68	98
Season 3	579	729						

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.

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

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 change*

- Helmet purchase – payable in advance € 29
- Reduction for „no return 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 Passau¹
One way € 69, both directions € 119

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

*** must be reserved at time of booking**

Early bird

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