

## Self-guided Bike tour

## Austria



### *Danube Cycle Path*

#### Tour description

Day 1	
Arrive Passau	
Day 2	40-55 kms
To Schlägener Loop	
Day 3	50 kms
To Linz	
Day 4	55 kms
To Enns & Grein	
Day 5	50-60 kms
Strudengau/Nibelungengau	
Day 6	40-60 kms
Wachau - Krems / Tulln	
Day 7	45 kms + train
To Vienna	
Day 8	
Tours ends	

This is a perfect bicycle tour for the beginner as well as for those seeking a ride away from traffic and maddening crowds. This outstanding bike journey has virtually no ascents and literally follows the Danube River along the dedicated cycle path. Mostly downhill, this is the ultimate leisurely bike ride!

Pass through varied countryside with cultural and architectural treasures along the way, from the renovated old city centre in Linz to Grein, one of the best-preserved castles in the country.

Discover the town of Melk, known for its imposing Benedictine monastery. As you pedal along to Krems, stop in Wachau, known for its wine gardens. The Danube path winds its way past vineyards, forested woodlands and charming villages. On your last cycling day, pedal from Krems to Vienna. Then sit back and enjoy the city life, museums, opera houses, beer gardens and cafes. Indulge yourself in that delicious Viennese torte! You deserve it.



#### Tour Details

Dates: April to mid October

Cost: \$1495 per person

Single Room Supplement: \$450

Bike Rental: \$175

Length: 8 days / 7 nights

Grade: Moderate

Starts: Passau

Ends: Vienna

#### *Fast Facts:*

- 7 nights in specially chosen accommodations, all breakfasts, daily luggage transfers
- Welcome briefing
- Emergency service hot-line
- Detailed route notes and maps
- GPS track available

#### **E-Bike Info:**

- E-bike rental: \$350
- Limited supplies, reservations recommended upon booking



### Day 1 Arrive Passau

Individual arrival in Passau. You can enjoy a walk through the picturesque old part of town, or take a boat cruise around this city of 3 rivers (not included). We have a welcome meeting in the afternoon where you will meet our representative and receive your bikes.

### Day 2 Passau to Schlägener Loop 40-55 km

You cycle through the Upper Danube Valley to Schlägen. In Engelhartzell, you can visit the only Trappisten Monastery in Austria, where you can sample some very tasty liqueurs. You continue on through the impressive Danube loop, where the river makes an about turn of 180 degrees.

### Day 3 Schlägener Loop to Linz 50 km

There are small ferries between the riverbanks; enjoy this special experience. You cycle through the Eferdinger basin to Linz, the upper Austrian capital. Enjoy the summer evening with the magnificent views from Pöstlingberg mountain and a stroll through the Donaulände park.

### Day 4 Linz - / surroundings 55 km

Make an excursion to Enns, the oldest city of Austria. You cycle through the Celtic village of Mitterkirchen, the church in Baumgartenberg and the romantic castle Clam. At the end of the day, you reach the beautiful baroque town of Grein, where you can visit the oldest theatre in Austria.

### Day 5 Strudengau to Melk/ Nibelungengau 51 km

You enjoy the Danube landscape of the Struden and Nibelungenau, with high rock formations on the left and the Danube on the right. High above the Danube stands the pilgrimage church of Maria Taferl. Clearly visible from a distance, the Benedictine Monastery Melk greets you.

### Day 6 To Wachau - Krems/Traismauer/Tulln 40-60 km

Another highlight of this cycle tour is the beautiful landscape of the Wachau. Take a break and enjoy a short boat excursion. You can find wine terraces, apricot trees, and castles and monasteries between them. During your travel to Krems you cycle through the attractive terraced vineyards of Spitz, Weissenkirchen and Dürnstein. Along the way you see cozy taverns, where you can relax and enjoy the views. There is a wine tasting for you today in this region.

### Day 7 Tulln to Vienna 45 km + train

Start the last leg of your cycling tour from Krems or Traismauer and set out for an exhilarating ride to Vienna through the Vienna Woods (Wiener Wald) and pass through "The Gates of Vienna" \*Take the train from Krems or Traismauer to Tulln, where you begin the last leg of your cycling tour. Don't forget to visit the Monastery in Klosterneuburg before you reach Vienna!

### Day 8 Vienna end of tour

Make sure to visit the famous "Naschmarkt", and the beautiful imperial castle of Schönbrunn.



# What to Expect

## What will the weather be like?

The daytime temperature will be around 15 to 20 degrees or 65-75 degrees F. Summer weather (July and August) will be busy and hotter, similar to Vermont.

## How many hours of cycling a day?

Be prepared to ride between 4 to 6 hours a day. On rolling hills and quiet country roads. Lots of places to stop for drinks, coffee and snacks en route. Mostly bike trails either dedicated or beside road and separated.

## How fit do I need to be?

The fitter the better, but this is a fairly easy tour for hard core cyclists. The beginner will enjoy this, since there are no real hills to climb and it will not be steep. Having said that, sitting on a bike for 4 hours a day without any preparation will be challenging.

## What are the hotels like?

The hotels are lovely, charming, small hotels. All will have a breakfast room, and many will have a restaurant for dinner. The hotels are chosen specifically for their ambiance as well as distance from previous lodging.

## What will the meals be like?

Breakfast in Austria traditionally a continental breakfast, consisting of orange juice, bread or croissant, and fruit. Often they will have yogurt and sliced meats and cheeses to choose from as well. Then for lunch or dinner you can choose between a light meal or a fine dining experience with locals wines.



## Extra Services

We have a small selection of hotels in Passau and Vienna for your arrival or departure.

Passau rooms starting from \$195

Vienna rooms starting from \$200

**Local hotel tax** (approx. € 1 - 2.5 per person/night)

Half board option (dinners) can be purchased for \$350 (recommended for groups of 6 or more)

Bike helmet can be purchased locally for \$50; let us know and we will reserve one for you.

Can be easily combined with a bike tour Vienna/Prague or Vienna /Budapest.

## Getting There

- Fly into Munich, take the local airport bus to city centre and train station. Trains depart for Passau every hour or so and can take 2 hours.



## How to book your holiday

- Contact our office to make sure there is space available. One of our travel planners will walk you through the entire process.
- Download the reservation form from our site and send in completed form by fax or email. Once this is done, your space is confirmed and a pre-departure packet will be sent.
- A deposit is required immediately, and final payment is due 60 days prior to the trip departure. Terms & conditions are outlined in our Reservation Form.
- Plan your air travel as soon as possible.
- We encourage you to purchase travel insurance, either through us or a travel insurance provider directly.
- Ensure you are in proper health for the trip chosen. Contact us, for more information on vaccinations, inoculations, and fitness requirements.