

Superior Boat

Tour description

Day 1	Passau	
Day 2	Mauthausen - Grein	35 km
Day 3	Devin - Bratislava	45 km
Day 4	Vienna	Rest Day
Day 5	Wachau / Krems - Melk	35 km
Day 6	Melk - Grein	50 km
Day 7	Danube Loop - Engelhartzell	25 km
Day 8	Back to Passau by 10 AM	



Floating Adventures: Danube Dream

Our Bike & Boat tour along the German / Austrian Danube is a very special pleasure, because the hotel is always with you! Always slightly downhill, you enjoy the gorgeous landscape of the legendary Wachau, and explore the castles and fortresses dotting the shores along the “Great Loop” Schlögenger Donauschlinge.

Outdoor cafes, churches, vineyards, rolling farmland, this trip has it all. Cycle as fast as you like then stop and enjoy the towns, or simply ride slowly and enjoy the views, the choice is yours.

The boat is a very spacious ship that can accommodate over 100 passengers. The atmosphere is low key and comfortable. On board however, our guests are treated like royalty! Our crew members will anticipate your every wish and contribute to an unbelievable experience. Your trip through various European countries is also a culinary joy, where you can sample the diversity of national and regional cuisines and in the evening, you can enjoy a wonderful musical performance!

This is a fantastic voyage that you’ll never forget!

Fact Sheet

Includes:

- 7 nights accommodation on boat with all meals included
- Route notes & maps, daily review of routes
- No need to pack & unpack each day

E-Bike Info:

- E-bike rental: \$350
- Limited supplies on boat, reservations recommended



Tour Details 2019

Dates: SATURDAYS from
May 11 to September 21

Cost: \$1895 (Upper deck)
\$1995 (Promenade deck)

Single Cabin Supplement: +50%

Port Fees \$110 per person
Bike rental: \$175

Length: 8 days / 7 nights

Grade: Moderate
Starts / Ends: Passau

Guided Package Dates:

May 11, June 8, July 6, 27, August 24
September 21 (min. 8 participants)

Extra Cost: \$495 per person

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Day 1 Passau

Where the rivers Inn, Ilz and Danube unite, the bishop's town of Passau is located at the Bavarian/Austrian border. The Barge is waiting for you in the harbour of Passau and the crew bids you welcome as you join the tour. Board the boat at 5 pm, and we set sail at 6:30 for our cruise.

Day 2 Mauthausen - Grein 35 km

Downstream, the way leads you to pretty villages in the gorgeous natural landscape. Ride through the celtic village of Mitterkirchen and through the eye-catching and slightly hilly landscape of the beautiful back country of the "Strudengau". Enjoy a nice easy ride to Grein, then relax on the sun deck of the boat for a romantic sunset cruise and then wake up in Devin with its castle ruin overlooking the Danube.

Day 3 Devin - Bratislava 45 km

From Devin you follow the former 'Iron Curtain', cross the former border and reach the imposing Baroque Palace of Hof with its beautifully terraced gardens. Cycle through Austria's 'vegetable garden' to the coronation city and former capital of Hungary Bratislava located at the slopes of the Little Carpathians. Explore the hidden alleyways and sights of Bratislava on an optional city tour.

Day 4 Vienna (rest day)

Discover Vienna's most beautiful highlights. During a city tour by bike or bus (optional), you can experience the most famous examples of architecture: the imperial Hofburg, St. Stephens Cathedral, the State Opera House, the Burgtheater and town hall as well as the colorful "Hunderwasserhaus." You can relax at one of the numerous small coffee bars. The evening can end with a Waltz and Opera Concert at the Wiener Kursalon (optional) or at a local wine tavern. Bus tour optional.

Day 5 Wachau / Krems - Melk 35 km

Your bike ride brings a special highlight! Today's ride goes past small dreamy towns, apricot trees, vineyards, castles, monasteries and ruins - this hilly landscape is enchanting for everyone. This is pure biking enjoyment! In Weissenkirchen, you will find comfy wine taverns directly beside the bike path.

Day 6 Melk - Grein 50 km

After breakfast you have plenty of time to visit the gorgeous baroque monastery of the Benedictine brethren of Melk. Today's stage is marked by diversity. Starting in the wide valleys of the Nibelungenau you follow the Danube and cycle further into the Strudengau - a narrow point of the Danube which used to be notorious amongst skippers. Your destination today is the romantic city of Grein, home of Austria's oldest city theatre (optional, not included).

Day 7 Great Danube Loop - Obermühl Engelhartzell 25 km

Follow the path today through the Danube valley passing by pretty villages and then follow a small walking trail to the viewpoint high above the Danube Loop - what a breathtaking panoramic view of the Danube valley and the impressive river! You owe it to yourself to take a break! Try some of the special cordials made by the Trappist monks at Endelszell. After a final farewell dinner, you can enjoy a folklore show, as well as lots of fun and entertainment on your last night aboard the boat.

Day 8 Passau (Arrival approx. 10 AM)

Every journey draws to an end, and this one must as well. Disembark from 10:30 am, and head home, or continue your adventure.



What to Expect

What will the weather be like?

Generally you can count on sunny weather, cooler mornings and evenings, similar to Vermont.

How many hours of cycling a day?

This depends on how you ride, but anticipate 4-5 hours a day at good pace, with stops.

How fit do I need to be?

The fitter the better, but an active beginner will enjoy this trip as well as children.

What are the accommodations on the boat like?

Our dignified furnished cabins are cosy, equipped with either 2 adjoining beds on the upper deck (Promenade) or mid-deck (Upper deck) with windows that may be opened. There are other possibilities on the lower deck - cabins with bunk beds, with a lesser cost, but we try not to sell these cabins. Rooms have en suite facilities (shower and toilet), TV, radio and air conditioning. The ship contains a restaurant, a panoramic bar, a Viennese coffee bar, a sunny patio as well as a broad sun deck with comfortable chairs.

Getting There

- Flying into Munich International airport is the most convenient location. You can take an airport bus right to the train station downtown and the train for Passau departs almost each hour. The journey takes about 1.5 hrs.
- Alternatively fly to Vienna and take the train to Passau, journey takes 4 hrs.



Extra Services

Guided Package includes:

- cycling tour guide
- ferry rides
- Cider & wine tasting in Wachau & Rhine
- Grein - Austria's oldest theatre visit
- Guided city tour in Vienna by bike or bus
- City tour in Bratislava (excursion train + walking)

Optional tours from boat - to be paid locally:

- **Bratislava** city by excursion train and walking tour
- **Grein** Austria's oldest theatre visit
- **Vienna** city tour by HOP ON HOP OFF bus or bike/ Waltz and Operetta concert at the Viennese Palaces
- **Wachau** wine tasting at a local winery

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 through a travel insurance provider directly.
- Ensure you are in proper health for the trip chosen. Contact us, for more information on vaccinations, inoculations, and