

Danube Cycle Path

3-Country-Tour | Vienna – Bratislava – Budapest



Info

On this classic cycle tour you will experience the combination of nature along the scenic riverbanks of the Danube as well as the unique opportunity to visit the most important metropolies that lay alongside the Danube. Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest have an overwhelming history with genuine notions of the yesteryear. Nostalgia is combined with a deeply intriguing history along the ever-changing riverbanks of the Danube. Just to scratch the surface of this tour; it takes you to The Castle of Eckartsau, which happens to be the place where Austrian Emperor Karl the 1st and his wife Zita met their fate. In Bratislava, where the coronation of Hungarian Kings took place and the famous empress Maria Theresia acquired much of her fame, prestige and honour. In Esztergom, the first Hungarian king, King Stephan was born and accepted his coronation. Empress Sissi of Austria was crowned Queen of Hungary in Budapest.

Itinerary

1. Day: Vienna

Individual arrival in Vienna. (Tip: use low-cost carriers to Vienna/Bratislava) Tonight, the evening belongs to you! How about a spectacular stroll through the imperial city or visit a typical Viennese tavern with local foods and goodies "Heurigen"? Possibilities are endless in the "City of Waltz".

2. Day: Vienna – Bad Deutsch Altenburg/surroundings, approx. 42 km

Not far from Vienna begins an untouched alluvial landscape and a Nature Reserve with stunning and diverse Flora and Fauna. Get away from it all and enjoy the wonderful peace and silence, only interrupted by the twittering chirps of birds. The ancient Romans have left their print and also have relaxed in the nice warm water of Bad Deutsch Altenburg. The Archaeological Park of Carnuntum will invite you into an exciting journey to the past.

3. Day: Bad Deutsch Altenburg/surroundings – Bratislava, approx. 26 km

Nestled between the hills of Hainburg and the Carpathian Mountains, cycle on to Europe's youngest capital, Bratislava. The Slovak capital has an enchanting, sleepy old town in addition to magnificent modern buildings.

4. Day: Bratislava – Győr, approx. 50 km + train ride Mosonmagyaróvár – Győr

The marshy landscape of the Szigetköz is an ideal environment and paradise for birds and fish alike. In the midst of these wild and untouched lowlands with more than 500 tiny islands, you will find quaint farming villages and a labyrinth of countless Danube canals and creeks. After a relaxing and short train ride you reach the day's final destination, Győr with its gorgeous Baroque-style old town squares.

Highlights

- 3 capitals: Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest
- National Park Donauauen
- Archaeological Park Carnuntum
- Protected Area "Szigetköz"
- Basilica in Esztergom – Hungary's biggest church
- Danube Bend
- Artist town Szentendre

Tour profile

Level 1-2; the tour is mostly flat and sometimes slightly hilly. The Austrian section follows well-maintained and equipped cycle paths, in Hungary you will sometimes cycle on country back and side roads. Upon entering and leaving cities there is traffic that must be closely observed.

Accommodation

Cat. A

selected 4* hotels in all cities

Cat. B

3* hotels/inns; in Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest 4* hotels

Travel dates

Arrivals every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. In Season 1 arrival on Saturdays only.

Season 1

April 18 – April 26 + September 28 – October 10 2020

Season 2

April 27 – June 28 + August 31 – September 27 2020

Season 3

June 29 – August 30 2020

5. Day: Győr – Komarno/surroundings, approx. 57 km

The National Stud of Babolna is world famous for its Arabian horse breeding and is definitely worth a stroll through. While you are visiting the Studs and the Stud Museum you can catch a glimpse of some secret Hungarian horse breeding techniques and methods. After cycling through the lush rolling hills into the village of Komarom, the favourite village of renowned King Matthias.

6. Day: Komarno/surroundings – Danube Bend, approx. 52 km

Today you cycle along the banks of the Slovakian Danube on small low-traffic roads through quaint and quintessential villages. On your way to the “Town of Bishops and Kings”, Esztergom, also known as the „Hungarian Rome“ or “Royal City”, you pass the Roman fort of Kelemantia. The Basilica of Esztergom, the largest Catholic Church in Hungary is another highlight and glamorous part of the overall tour.

7. Day: Danube Bend – Budapest, approx. 62 km + ship ride

Amidst the hilly landscape, the river Danube divides itself into parts creating the Szentendre-island. You cycle through typical Hungarian villages on this island. Szentendre is famous for its numerous handicraft boutiques and the Open-air Museum Skanzen. A few particular highlights include some of the most famous attractions in Budapest. During your boat ride to Budapest you'll enjoy the beautiful view of Budapest's most popular sights.

8. Day: Budapest

Enjoy this day in the metropolis Budapest. If you want you can go back to Vienna by bus, departures by scheduled bus every 2 hours on a daily basis. The bus has to be booked prior to the guests' arrival. Duration of trip approx. 3 hours. On request the bus is also stopping at Vienna International Airport.

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
- Arrival and departure to and from Vienna is a personal obligation not included in tour price
- In Hungary you have to wear a safety vest at night and by poor vision outside of cities/villages
- This cycling tour is not suitable for people with limited mobility. Individual requests are in special cases possible (f.e. handicapped accessible room)

Included services

- 7 nights in rooms with private facilities
- Breakfast or dinner (Cat. A: 7x dinner, Cat. B: 6x dinner, Vienna breakfast only)
- Daily luggage transport Vienna-Budapest (max. 2 pieces of luggage (max. 20kg/piece) with max. 30 kg/Person)
- 1x train Mosonmagyaróvár – Győr (incl. bike)
- 1x ship or train transfer (before/after seasonal shipping schedule) Szentendre – Budapest
- Service-hotline (also accessible on weekends)
- Handlebar bag with route book, maps and information material per room

Prices p.P. in € Cat. B	Bike tour			Rental bike		Extra night		
	Dbf	Single	Dinner Option	7/21	Electro		Dbf	Single
Season 1	549	739	119	75	169	Vienna 4*	68	98
Season 2	589	779				Budapest 4*	52	88
Season 3	639	829						
Prices p.P. in € Cat. A	Bike tour			Rental bike		Extra night		
	Dbf	Single	Dinner Option	7/21	Electro		DZ	Single
Season 1	639	899	159	75	169	Vienna 4*	68	98
Season 2	709	969				Budapest 4*	64	116
Season 3	759	1019						

Rental bikes & equipment

- 7-speed bike with coaster brake (back pedal) or 21-speed bikes (unisex)
- Electric bikes, children's bikes, specialized equipment for children upon request.

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

Parking

- Parking garage at the arrival hotel: approx. EUR 22.- per day (min. 7 nights), unguarded, locked (Cat. A)
- Public parking lots: unguarded, free of charge, directly in the back roads
- Public parking garage = Park & Ride: approx. 18,30 EUR per week, unguarded, at the underground/metro station Leopoldau (line U1)

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. In Slovakia you have to wear a helmet by law outside of city limits!

Additional charge*

- Helmet – payable locally € 29
- Return transfer of own bikes RAD+REISEN, on Saturdays only € 39
- Return bus Budapest – Vienna € (price will follow)

* must be reserved at time of booking!

Early-bird discount

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

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