

Danube Cycle Path

Classic | Passau – Vienna



Info

Alongside of the “blue” Danube lies the renowned and most famous cycling path in Europe. Passau to Vienna is an absolute cycling classic. Discover the enchanting river landscape, picturesque villages, lush vineyards and countless cultural sites from the time of the Romans and Nibelungengau. As you cycle comfortably along the banks of the mighty river, enjoy the wooded forests and the magical meadows of the Schlägener Loop, Strudengau, Nibelungengau and Wachau, as each region offers its own impressive and unique attractions. Art and cultural features convey myths and stories of the past while quaint accommodations and taverns invite you to relax in the culinary world of Austria. The welcoming Austrian hospitality and the scrumptious Austrian cuisine add to this absolutely remarkable experience.

Itinerary

Day 1: Passau

Individual arrival. Use the remaining time for a city tour or get to know the “City of Three Rivers” by a walk through the picturesque old part of town. Between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. bike hand over – for late arrivals on the next morning.

Day 2: Passau – Schlägener Loop, approx. 41 km

Start the first cycling route through the Upper Danube Valley to Schlägen. In Engelhartzell, you can visit the one and only “Trappist” monastery in Austria and you can even sample some delicious liqueurs straight from the convent. Continue the journey to the impressive “Schlägener Loop”, where the river makes a complete 180-degree turn.

Day 3: Schlägener Loop – Linz, approx. 55 km

Between the banks of the Danube there are small passenger ferries waiting for you to take them. Next, you cycle through the slowly widening fertile basin of Eferding and further to Linz, the capital of Upper Austria and European Culture Capital of 2009. Enjoy a magical summer evening doing some shopping around the lovely main square of the city.

Day 4: Linz – Strudengau, approx. 60 km

An excursion to Enns, the oldest town in Austria is highly recommended and worthwhile in any case. This leg guides you through beautiful meadows and tranquil hinterland while passing the Celtic village Mitterkirchen, rolling by the majestic church in Baumgartenberg and on to the romantic castle of Clam.

Day 5: Strudengau – Nibelungengau, approx. 50 km

Today’s tour is enjoyed by cycling through the fascinating landscape of tall and densely wooded rock formations on both sides of the Danube. High above the Danube is the Pilgrimage Church of Maria Taferl. From there, you are greeted from afar by the marvellous Benedictine Monastery of Melk.

Highlights

- Passau,
- Great Danube Loop
- Linz – Capital 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, very suitable for beginners.

Accommodation

Category A

Selected 4* hotels, the best 3* hotel in town

Category B

Selected 3 & 4* hotels and inns

Category C

Selected 3* hotels and inns

Travel dates

Daily arrival

Season 1

October 03 – October 17 2020

Season 2

April 04 – April 24 + September 19 – October 2 2020

Season 3

April 25 – September 18 2020

Day 6: Nibelungengau – Krems/surroundings, approx. 50 km

Another highlight of this tour is the chance to cycle through the magnificent Wachau. A landscape where you will find terraced vineyards, apricot groves interspersed with castles, palaces and monasteries. There is also the possibility to take a break off your bike and relax on a short boat excursion. On your way to Krems you cycle through the winery villages of Spitz, Weißkirchen and Durnstein. Through these charming villages you will see quaint alluring taverns, which are just waiting to present Austrian hospitality at its best. Something you have to experience first-hand.

Day 7: Krems/surroundings – Vienna, approx. 40 km + Train ride Krems - Tulln

By train you will depart from this UNESCO World Cultural Heritage region. After arriving in Tulln, you will ride your bike for the last time on this tour directly through the Vienna Woods (Wiener Wald) and pass through “The Gates of Vienna”. Along the way don’t forget to stop in and visit the impressive monastery in Klosterneuburg and then continue on to “The City of Music”: Vienna.

Day 8: Vienna

Some say that one must personally experience this great city. A few of the must-sees include the famous Naschmarkt (international food/goods market), the City Opera, the Ringstrasse, (a beautiful boulevard with imposing buildings which bear witness to ancient times) and of course the gorgeous imperial castle Schönbrunn. Extension at Vienna or train ride back to Passau (Season 1+2) or comfortable by bus (season 3).

Included services

- 7 nights in chosen category, rooms with private facilities
- Breakfast or 6 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
- A tasting of regional products
- 1 x train Krems/surroundings – Tulln 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)
- Free WLAN in all hotels (only Cat.A)
- Service-hotline (also on weekends)
- Handlebar bag with route book, maps and information material per room

| Price p. P. in Euro | Cat. C | | | Cat. B | | | Cat. A | | |
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| | Biketour | | | Biketour | | | Biketour | | |
| | DbI | Single | Dinner Option | DbI | Single | Dinner Option | DbI | Single | Dinner Option |
| Season 1 | 469 | 665 | 143 | 559 | 765 | 158 | 649 | 869 | 179 |
| Season 2 | 569 | 765 | | 709 | 915 | | 759 | 979 | |
| Season 3 | 649 | 845 | | 749 | 955 | | 829 | 1049 | |
| Extra night | | | | | | | Rental bike | | |
| | 3* (Cat. C) | | 4* (Cat. B) | | 4* (Cat. A) | | 7/21 | Electro/children E-bikes | |
| | Passau | Vienna | Passau | Vienna | Passau | Vienna | 75 | 169 | |
| DbI | 57 | 64 | 68 | 68 | 68 | 90 | | | |
| Single | 80 | 96 | 98 | 98 | 98 | 165 | | | |

Please note

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

Rental bikes & equipment

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

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 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 discount

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