

Danube Cycle Path Light

Passau-Vienna



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By selecting this particular Danube cycling tour, you have made an outstanding decision. This tour presents the opportunity to learn nearly everything about the Danube with all of its wonderful characteristics. We have selected the daily cycling tours in such a way that your daily bike trip will only last around 3 hours per day at the most. Therefore, you will have sufficient time to take in and absorb many of the vast cultural and scenic highlights along this great tour.

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:

Comfortable rooms in 3 & 4-star hotels and inns

Highlights: Passau, Linz, Grein, Wachau, Abbey of Melk, Krems, Vienna

ROUTING

Day 1: Arrival to Passau

Day 2: Passau – Engelhartszell, ≈ 27 km

Day 3: Engelhartszell – Region Brandstatt, ≈ 45 km

Day 4: Region Brandstatt – Linz, ≈ 30 km

Day 5: Linz – Mauthausen, ≈ 26 km

Day 6: Mauthausen – Grein/Bad Kreuzen, ≈ 36/42 km

Day 7: Grein/Bad Kreuzen – Marbach/Persenbeug, ≈ 31/21 km

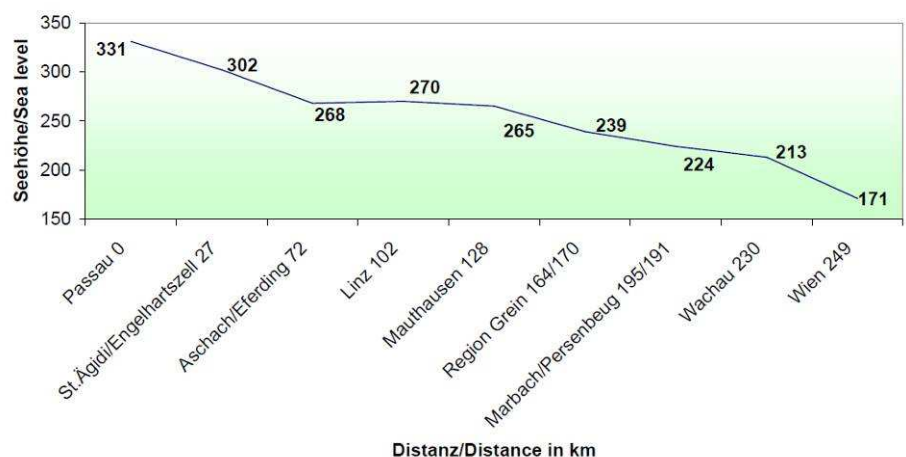
Day 8: Marbach/Persenbeug – Wachau, ≈ 35/45 km

Day 9: Wachau – Vienna, ≈ 19 km

Day 10: Departure from Vienna



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INTINERARY

Day 1: Passau

Individual arrival. Once in Passau, enjoy a day of leisure by strolling through the narrow and winding streets of this quaint city or simply relax in a typical Austrian beer garden. Between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. bike hand over – for late arrivals on the next morning.

Day 2: Passau – Engelhartszell, approx. 27 km

You depart from Passau and cycle into the Upper Danube Valley, passing through the villages of Oberzell to Engelhartszell. Make sure to stop and visit the "Trappist" monastery in Engelhartszell and sample some of the well-known liqueurs.

Day 3: Engelhartszell – Region Brandstatt, approx. 45 km

After traveling along the northern Danube riverbank to the unique and impressive Schlögener Loop, take a ferry across the river to the southern bank. Tip: make sure to head up to the highly recommended Schlögener Lookout Point. You will certainly not forget the influential scenery! Ride your bike to the quaint picturesque Danube market in Aschach or even further on to Eferding.

Day 4: Region Brandstatt – Linz, approx. 30 km

Pass the villages of Wihering and Ottensheim cycling into the state capital of Upper Austria and European Culture Capital of 2009, Linz. On the one hand there are the classic and ideal cycling/walking paths intertwining a traditional main square and on the other hand there is a world of Contemporary Art and many extraordinary museums in Linz.

Day 5: Linz – Mauthausen, approx. 26 km

Passing the hydroelectric power plant Abwinden/Asten to St. Florian, it is time to visit a gorgeous Baroque monastery. After soaking in the Baroque architecture you will continue cycling to the oldest city in Austria, Enns. Visit the old town square with its treasured 60-meter City Tower from the 16th Century, the City Museum nearby as well as the Lauriacum with its significant archaeological collection. Then crossing the mighty Danube to Mauthausen via ferry.

Day 6: Mauthausen– Grein/Bad Kreuzen, approx. 36/42 km

Continue cycling along the Danube through the quaint villages of Naarn and Perg and on to Mitterkirchen. In Mitterkirchen, you find a Celtic village with an attractive open-air museum. Then a bike tour guides you through the Strudengau and into the small Baroque village of Grein, today's destination. Subsequently you will visit the oldest City Theatre in Austria.

Day 7: Grein/Bad Kreuzen – Marbach/Persenbeug, approx. 31/21 km

Today your cycling tour takes you through the Strudengau. On the southern bank you pass St.Nikola and Sarmingstein. In Persenbeug, you enter the Nibelungengau. Tip: If you still have time, you should cycle up to Maria Taferl, a famous place of pilgrimage (approx. 10 km bike tour). Then continuing on through seemingly endless terraced vineyards.

Day 8: Marbach/Persenbeug – Wachau, approx. 45/35 km

After visiting the Nibelungen monument your bike tour will lead you to the renowned Benedictine Abbey of Melk and shortly thereafter enter into the beautiful and well-known area of Wachau. After cycling through the extensive vineyards, you will reach Spitz, which is situated at the foot of the "1000-bucket Mountain". Your bike tour leads you into superb surroundings of an extremely picturesque winery village

Day 9: Wachau – Vienna, approx. 19 km

Today you cycle through the small winery villages of Weissenkirchen and Dümstein, which are well known for their unusual churches and their authentic castles. Eventually you approach the 1000-year-old winery and Gothic city of Krems. From Krems a train will take you comfortably to Vienna. Experience the Danube Metropolis, capital of Austria and the "City of Waltz", it's a city full of flair with charm and attractions.

Day 10: Vienna

Before leaving Vienna, don't forget to visit the famous Naschmarkt (international foods/goods) and stop by the beautiful imperial castle Schönbrunn. Train ride back to Passau (included) or extension in Vienna. Comfortable is also to return to Passau by bus or cruise ship (not included – surcharge).



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.

In Austria it is mandatory for children under 12 yrs to wear a helmet when on a bike.

PARKING

- ✓ Different possibilities: approx. 30,- to 60,- EUR per week

INCLUDED SERVICES

- ✓ 9 nights in rooms with private facilities
- ✓ Breakfast or 8 x half-board for an extra charge (in Vienna breakfast only)
- ✓ Daily luggage transport (1 suitcase per Person/ max. 20 kg)
- ✓ Welcome drink upon arrival at hotel in Passau
- ✓ 1 bottle of wine (Wachau) per room
- ✓ 2 ferry rides on the Danube incl. bike
- ✓ 1 x train Krems – Vienna incl. bikes
- ✓ Train ride Vienna – Passau (transfer own bikes not incl.)
- ✓ Service-hotline (also accessible on weekends)
- ✓ Handlebar bag with travel book, maps and informational material with room

RENTAL BIKES & EQUIPMENT

7-gear-UNISEX-touring bike with coaster brake (back pedal) or 21-gear women/gents bikes

Electric bikes, children's bikes and other specialized equipment for children upon request.

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



TRAVEL DATES 2012

Arrival daily

Season 1: April 14 – April 20 + September 29 - October 13, 2012**Season 2:** April 21 – May 11 + September 1 – September 28, 2012**Season 3:** May 12 – August 31, 2012**PRICES 2012¹**

Price p. P. in Euro	Bike tour			Bike rental	
	Dbl	Single Supp.	Half Board	7/21	Electro
Season 1	609	166	138	59	119
Season 2	675				
Season 3	689				

Extra Night						
Price p. P. in Euro	Passau 4 *		Vienna 4*		Vienna 4*+ (City hotel)	
	Dbl	Single Supp.	Dbl	Single Supp.	Dbl	Single Supp.
		58	20	64	28	75

Additional Charge*	Price p. P. in Euro
Helmet rental – payable locally	15
Reduction for "no return-ticket to Passau"	24
Supplement for sending train ticket before arrival	12
Ship passage Vienna-Passau (3 days/2nights, Thu-Sat, Fri-Sun) in 2-bed-cabin incl. fullboard	198
Porterage of own bike on ship from Vienna to Passau	10
Supplement bus ride Vienna-Passau incl. own bike; only possible in Season 3; Wednesday-Sunday between 8 and 9 a.m.	28
Transfer Munich Airport – Hotel Passau (Collecting transfer) or return	51

*Has to be reserved at booking time

Reduction with 2 full paying adults in double (additional bed):

0-6,99 years: -100%, 7-11,99 years: -50%, 12-14,99 years: -25%, 15-99 years: -10%

Early Booking Discount:When booking is done until 60 days before arrival **5 % reduction** on tour-price (excluding: half board suppl, bike rental, extranights and extra services)

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