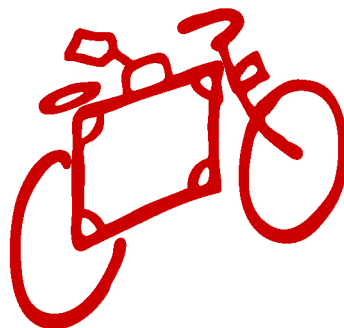


Danube Cycle Path Monastery Tour

Passau-Vienna



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The Danube has been an important and critical route of travel and commerce in Central Europe for centuries. Therefore, it is no surprise that numerous settlements and monasteries can be found along the way. For example, the Abbeys of St. Florian, Melk, and Göttweig are spiritual centres of worship. Innumerable art treasures of the past are still hidden behind monastery walls and just waiting for your visit. As a very special highlight of the trip, we have even included an overnight stay in an authentic convent! Connect to the cultures and lifestyles along the Danube with a pro-active holiday on one of the most popular and well-known cycling paths in Europe. An unforgettable holiday in which will be treasured for a lifetime.

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:

Rooms in 3-4-star hotels and inns, 1 overnight stay in the Monastery of St. Florian

Highlights: Passau, Linz – Capital of Upper Austria, Grein - City Theatre, Wachau, Abbey of Melk, Krems, Vienna

ROUTING

Day 1: Arrival to Passau

Day 2: Passau – Aschach/Eferding, approx. 52 km

Day 3: Aschach/Eferding – St. Florian, approx. 52 km

Day 4: St. Florian – Region Grein, approx. 50 km

Day 5: Region Grein – Region Emmersdorf/Melk, approx. 51 km

Day 6: Region Emmersdorf/Melk – Region Krems, approx. 40 km

Day 7: Region Krems – Vienna, approx. 40 km

Day 8: Departure from Vienna



INTINERARY

Day 1: Passau

Individual arrival. Use the remaining time on a city tour or get to know the "City of Three Rivers" on a boat cruise (not included in tour price) or simply go for a walk through the picturesque old-part of town.

Day 2: Passau – Aschach/Eferding, approx. 52 km + Ship

Before you start the comfortable boat ride down the Danube, an informational meeting will take place and you will receive your bike. The ship docks on the southern bank in Kasten and is where the cycling begins. After a few kilometres you will have already reached the first highlight: the Monastery Engelszell, well know for the fact that it is the only "Trappist" Monastery in Austria and also has a gorgeous Rococo style church. After the visit and liqueur-tasting, you will cross over the Danube and cycle onward to the charming city of Aschach.

Day 3: Aschach/Eferding – St. Florian, approx. 52 km

Today you pass through the Eferdinger basin. Shortly before Linz there is the Cistercian Monastery of Wilhering with its impressive Rococo style church, also known as the "Monastic Church of a Thousand Angels". After leaving Linz you will reach the renowned St. Florian. This Augustine Monastery is a Baroque Austrian treasure and is the Cultural Centre of the entire region as a place of congregation, worship and devotion. After spending the night, you will surely never forget this particular jewel of Austrian cultural heritage.

Day 4: St. Florian – Region Grein, approx. 50 km

Welcome to the oldest city in Austria: Enns. The romantic village is a reflection and example of many great time periods i.e. Celts, Romans, the Middle Ages all the way up to the Baroque period. There is an extremely impressive 16th-century city tower (60 meters) in the middle of the old square. Climb the 156 steps and enjoy the wonderful 360-degree view before you cycle onward to the small Baroque village of Grein.

Day 5: Region Grein – Region Emmersdorf/Melk, approx. 51 km

This journey through the landscape of the Danube and the "Struden Nibelungenau" impresses with enormous densely wooded rock formations on both sides of the river. From a distance, the Benedictine Monastery of Melk is visible and welcomes you from high a high vantage point. This Baroque complex was built by the famous architect Jakob Prandtauer from 1702 1747. Be impressed by the lavish exterior, the captivating ceiling Frescoes in the marble hall and the 70,000-volume library.

Day 6: Region Emmersdorf/Melk – Region Krems, approx. 40 km

Proceeding through the beautiful landscape of the viticultural region of the Wachau, you ride alongside the Danube on the way to Krems. There are not many cities in Austria that can offer such a variety of cultural, historical and also culinary delights like the joined cities of Krems and Stein. If you would like to continue on to an additional excursion from here, we highly recommend the short 8 km ride to the Benedictine Monastery of Göttweig. A bit further away from the Danube with its impressive location, Gottweig grants the Monastery's visitors with brilliant views of the magnificent wonderland.

Day 7: Region Krems – Vienna, approx. 40 km + train

By train you will depart from the unique and culture-filled landscape (UNESCO World Heritage Region). After arrival in Tulln, you will embark on your final cycling leg of the tour. Before passing through the narrowing valley also know as "The Gates of Vienna", you must take advantage of this opportunity to visit the Monastery of Klosterneuburg. End the last day of biking in your accommodations in the "City of the Waltz": Vienna

Day 8: Departure

Before leaving Vienna, make sure to visit the famous Naschmarkt (international foods/goods) and/or stop by the beautiful imperial castle Schönbrunn. The train ride is provided back to Passau (personal bike with surcharge), or of course you can extend your stay in Vienna.



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 journey to Linz is not included in the tour price and has to be arranged on your own.

PARKING

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

INCLUDED SERVICES

- ✓ 7 nights in rooms with private facilities
- ✓ Breakfast or 6 x half-board (extra charge only in Vienna)
- ✓ Daily luggage transport (1 suitcase per Person/ max. 20 kg)
- ✓ Welcome drink upon the arrival at the hotel in Passau
- ✓ 1 bottle of wine (Wachau) per/room
- ✓ A tasting of regional products
- ✓ 1 x ship Passau – Kasten incl. bike
- ✓ 1 x ferry in Engelhartszell incl. bike
- ✓ Inspection of Engeszell Monastery and Liqueur Tasting
- ✓ Train ride Vienna – Passau (transfer personal bikes not incl.)
- ✓ Service-hotline (also accessible on weekends)
- ✓ Handlebar bag with travel book, maps and informational material per/room

RENTAL BIKES & EQUIPMENT

7-gear-UNISEX-touring bike with coaster brake (back pedal) or 21-gear women/gents bikes
Electro 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 2011

Daily Arrivals

Season 1: April 09 – May 06 and September 24 – October 08**Season 2:** May 07 – September 23**PRICES 2011¹**

Price p. P. in Euro	Bike tour			Rental bike	
	Dbl	Single Supp.	Half board	7/21	Electro
Season 1	529	139	110	55	110
Season 2	603				

Price p. P. in Euro	Extra night					
	Passau 4 *		Vienna 4*		Vienna 4*+ (city hotel)	
	Dbl	Single Supp.	Dbl	Single Supp.	Dbl	Single Supp.
	58	19	62	30	80	30

Additional Charge*	Price p. P. in Euro
Helmet rental – payable locally	15
Reduction for "no return"	23
Supplement for sending train ticket before arrival	12
Supplement bus ride Vienna-Passau incl. own bike; Wednesday-Sunday between 8 and 9 a.m., payable locally (<i>Stand June 2010</i>)	27
Transfer Munich Airport – Hotel Passau (Collecting transfer) or return	49

*Has to be reserved at booking time

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

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

¹ „The rates in this document are according to the official catalogue prices of RAD & REISEN/EUROCYCLE 2011 and MUST NOT fall short in your advertisements.“

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