

Danube Experience Vienna – Budapest

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Cycle the routes and trails used by Emperors and Kings of the past. A cycling tour along the Danube is the best way to experience this historically important landscape, cultural heritage and "Old World" architecture. Explore the three most popular cities along the Danube: Vienna, the imperial city of classical music and delicious desserts, the coronation city of Bratislava and the vibrant capital of Hungary is known as the "Paris of the East" - Budapest. Experience these great cities, the charming landscapes and much more along the "Blue" Danube.

Tour profile: Level 1-2; the tour is mostly flat with rolling hills that are sometimes slightly steep. The Austrian section follows well-maintained and equipped cycling paths, in Hungary you will often cycle on country back and side roads. Upon entering and leaving cities there is, but of course, traffic that must be closely observed!

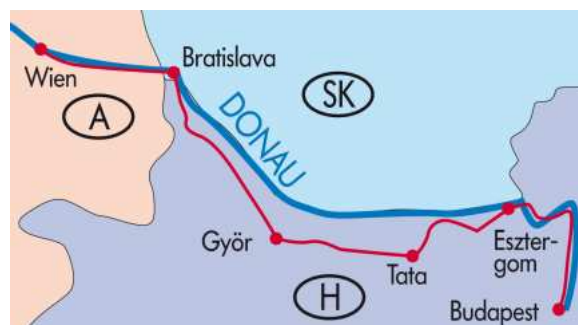
Accommodation:

Standard inns, hotels and pensions; in Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest 4-star hotels

Highlights: 3 capitals: Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest, the Danube Floodplain National Park, Archaeological Park Carnuntum, "Little Alföld" Protected Area, Arabian National Stud Ranch in Babolna, the Basilica in Esztergom, the Danube Bend and the Open-air Museum Skanzen

ROUTING

1. Day: Arrival to Vienna
2. Day: Vienna – Bratislava, ≈ 62 km
3. Day: Bratislava - Mosonmagyaróvár, ≈ 40 km
4. Day: Mosonmagyaróvár - Komárom, ≈ 45 km + Train
5. Day: Komárom – Region Esztergom, ≈ 58 km
6. Day: Region Esztergom – Budapest, ≈ 58 km + Ship
7. Day: Departure from Budapest



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1. Day: Vienna

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

2. Day: Vienna – Bratislava, approx. 62 km

Not far from Vienna begins an untouched alluvial landscape and a Nature Reserve of stunning and diverse Flora and Fauna. Get away from it all and enjoy the wonderful peace and silence that is only interrupted by the twittering chirps of local birds. The Archaeological Park of Carnuntum invites you with open arms into an exiting journey into the past. Then follow the path on to the Slovakian capital, Bratislava. This city will unquestionably impress you with its fascinating old-town and modern skyline.

3. Day: Bratislava - Mosonmagyaróvár, approx. 40 km

The marshy landscape of the Szigetköz is an ideal environment and paradise for birds and fish alike. In the midst of this wild and untouched lowland with its more than 500 tiny islands, you will find quaint farming villages and a labyrinth of countless Danube canals and creeks. Soon you will reach Mosonmagyaróvár, the "City of 17 Bridges".

4. Day: Mosonmagyaróvár - Komárom, approx. 45 km + Train

Today you will bike through the unique and delightful landscape of the "Little Alföld" and on to Győr, one of the most important cities in the Hungarian lowlands with an alluring historical city centre. For a pleasant walk, the narrow lanes, churches and the palaces of the Baroque city-centre are awaiting your arrival and prove to be more than inviting. King Matthias even referred to it as his favourite city! By train you will travel to Komárom, where you will find your overnight accommodations.

5. Day: Komárom – Region Esztergom, approx. 58 km

Today you cycle along the banks of the Slovakian Danube on small low-traffic roads through quintessential villages. On your way to the "Town of Bishops and Kings", Esztergom, also known as the „Hungarian Rome" or "Royal City", you will pass the impressive Roman fort of Kelemantia. The Basilica of Esztergom boasts the largest Catholic Church in Hungary. Also, with the rest of this distinctive village, Esztergom proves again and again to be a highlight and glamorous part of the overall tour.

6. Day: Region Esztergom – Budapest, approx. 58 km + Ship

Amidst the rolling hills, the Danube divides itself creating the Szentendre Island. After a short ferry ride (not incl.), you will cycle down the small country roads through the welcoming villages. Back on the mainland, the Open-air Museum of Skanzen is highly recommended to visit. Numerous handicraft boutiques provide the opportunity to buy wonderful Hungarian souvenirs as well as sample traditional Hungarian cuisine. During the boat ride or train ride to Budapest, you will have a fantastic view of some of the most famous sights in the capital of Hungary, Budapest.

7. Day: Budapest

Today is at your leisure to enjoy the Hungarian capital. Departure from Budapest by daily scheduled buses at 3.30 p.m. (11.30 a.m. possible upon request, pre-reservation needed at time of booking, later changes or cancellation only possible until 10 days before arrival); Arrival in Vienna at approx. 6.30 p.m. A comfortable return trip by speedboat is also possible upon request (extra charge). Schedules are subject to change!



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.

Vienna – Bratislava approx. 75 km away from one another, Bus from Bratislava-Vienna (approx. 10 EUR) and Budapest-Vienna are both accessible by many "Low-cost-Airlines".

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

In Hungary you have to wear a safety vest at night and by poor vision outside of cities/villages.

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

PARKING

- ✓ Parking garage at the arrival hotel: approx. EUR 18,- per day, unguarded, locked
- ✓ Public parking places: unguarded, free of charge, directly behind the hotel
- ✓ Public parking garage = Park & Ride: approx. EUR 3,- per day, approx. 12,- EUR per week, unguarded, at the underground/metro station Leopoldau

INCLUDED SERVICES

- ✓ 6 nights in rooms with private facilities
- ✓ Breakfast or 5 x half board (in Vienna breakfast only)
- ✓ Daily luggage transport until Budapest (1 suitcase/max. 20 kg/person)
- ✓ Return transfer by public bus from Budapest to Vienna departure at 3.30 p.m.
- ✓ 1 x train Győr - Komárom
- ✓ 1 x Ship or train (before/after seasonal shipping schedule) Szentendre – Budapest
- ✓ 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-UNISEX-touring bike
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 2012

Arrivals every Saturday and Sunday

Season 1: May 05 – June 29 + August 27 – September 30, 2012**Season 2:** June 30 – August 26, 2012*

*excluded Formula 1 Grand Prix in Budapest, prices and availability for the tour and the extra nights upon request – date not known yet

PRICES 2012¹

Price p. P. in Euro	Bike tour			Bike rental		Extra night			
				7/21	Electro	Vienna 4*		Budapest 4*	
	DbI	Single supp.	Half- board			DbI	Single supp.	DbI	Single supp.
Season 1	485	140	79	59	119	64	28	45	30
Season 2	515								

Additional costs*	Price p. P. in Euro
Helmet rental – payable locally	15
Return transfer Budapest-Vienna by hydrofoil Departure 9 a.m., every Tue, Thu+Sat, August daily (Stand July 2011)	89
Transfer own bikes by hydrofoil – payable locally (Stand July 2011)	20
Return transfer of own bikes RAD&REISEN, on Saturdays only	25
Reduction for „no bus“	10

*Has to be reserved at booking time or latest 10 days before arrival

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%

¹ „The rates in this document are according to the official catalogue prices of RAD & REISEN/EUROCYCLE 2012 and MUST NOT fall short in your advertisements.“

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