

Hungarian Danube Spa & Bike

Vienna - Budapest



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A stunningly beautiful and varied landscape, a mighty river and traditional thermal baths characterize this tour and are just a few of the highlights along the way. Between the Austrian and Hungarian alluvial landscapes and the Danube bend (in which the river bends at a drastic 90-degrees), you will be enthralled by numerous impressions of Hungarian art, culture and nature. After cycling you relax in wellness facilities or hot springs, some which are very traditional and even exclusive. Some of the highlights of this tour are the country capital cities of Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest, as well as the Basilica in Esztergom and The Arabian National Stud Ranch in Babolna.

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!

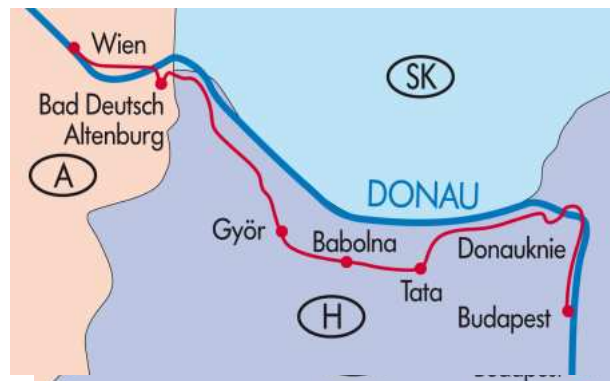
Accommodation:

Comfortable hotels mostly provided with spa and/or recreation facilities. 1 overnight at the world famous Arabian Stud Ranch in Babolna (2-star category). You can even book an overnight stay in the Hotel Gellert with the famous Art-Nouveau-Bath (subject to surcharge)

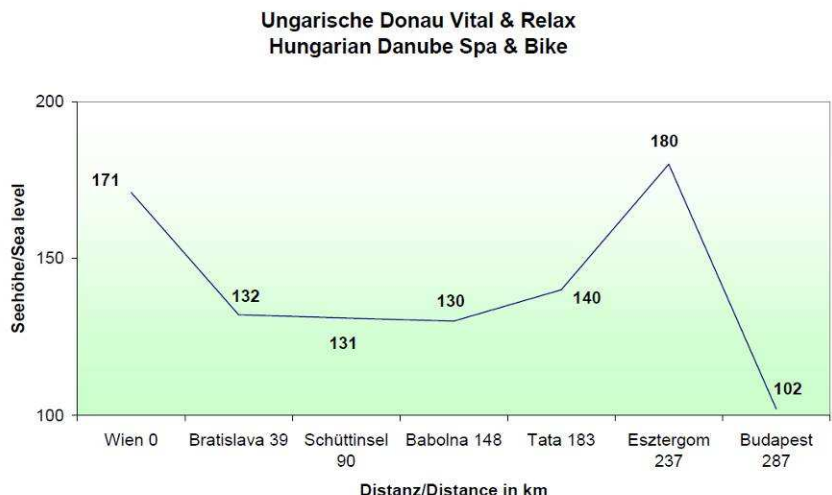
Highlights: 3 capitals: Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest, the Danube Floodplain National Park, Archaeological Park Carnuntum, "Little Alföld" Protected Area, Arabian National Stud Ranch in Babolna, the Basilica in Esztergom, the Danube Bend and the Open-air Museum of Skanzen

ROUTING

1. Day: Arrival to Vienna
2. Day: Vienna – Bratislava, ≈ 39 km + Train
3. Day: Bratislava – Szigetköz, ≈ 51 km
4. Day: Szigetköz – Region Babolna, ≈ 58 km
5. Day: Region Babolna – Tata, ≈ 35 km
6. Day: Tata – Region Esztergom, ≈ 54 km
7. Day: Region Esztergom – Budapest, ≈ 50 km + Ship
8. Day: Departure from Budapest



TOUR PROFILE:



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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 authentic local food and goodies, "Heurigen"? Possibilities are endless in the "City of Waltz".

2. Day: Vienna – Bratislava, approx. 39 km + Train

Not far from Vienna begins an untouched lush landscape and a Nature Reserve with stunning and diverse Flora and Fauna. Get away from it all and enjoy the wonderful peace and silence, which 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 – Szigetköz, approx. 51 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 seemingly endless Danube canals and creeks.

4. Day: Szigetköz – Region Babolna, approx. 58 km

In an area dominated by marsh and creeks is the industrial City of Győr. This industrial-based village is surrounded by majestic rivers in combination with a variety of gorgeous historical sights and architecture. The National Stud Ranch of Babolna is world famous for its Arabian horse breed and is absolutely worth a visit. When you come to visit the studs and the Stud Museum, you will catch a glimpse of some secret techniques and methods of world-class Hungarian horse breeding.

5. Day: Region Babolna – Tata, approx. 35 km

Tata is referred to and known as "The City of Water" and it is a wonderful, romantic, quaint town of gardens, streams and lakes. Directly in the town you will find fishing huts, windmills, a recreational park and extensive meandering promenades and walkabouts. The Geological Museum at the "Calvary" has a beautiful chapel, monuments and a 45m high tower with a fantastic vantage point. Enjoy!

6. Day: Tata – Region Esztergom, approx. 54 km

Today's route leads you through the rolling foothills of the Gerecse Mountain Range. Dense forest will provide you with a nice cool shade to ride your bike under. In the village of Esztergom, and "The Gateway to the Danube Bend" is the domicile of the head of the Hungarian Catholic Church, the archbishop. The cupola of the Basilica, Hungary's largest church, salutes you in honour from afar.

7. Day: Region Esztergom - Szentendre – Budapest, approx. 50 km + Ship

Amidst the rolling hills, the Danube divides itself creating the Szentendre Island. After a short ferry ride (not incl.), 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. Another added highlight on this tour is the opportunity to stay the night in the world famous Hotel Gellert, known for its outstanding spa facilities in Art Nouveau architecture (surcharge applied).

8. Day: Budapest

Today is at your leisure to enjoy the Hungarian capital. Departure from Budapest 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

- ✓ 7 nights in rooms with private facilities
- ✓ Breakfast or 6 x half board (in Vienna breakfast only)
- ✓ Daily luggage transport up to hotel in 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 Bad Deutsch Altenburg – Wolfsthal
- ✓ 1 x ship or transfer (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
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

Arrivals every Saturday

Season 1: April 14 – May 04 + September 23 – October 06, 2012**Season 2:** May 05 – June 29 + August 26 – September 22, 2012**Season 3:** June 30 – August 25, 2012*

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

PRICES 2012¹

Price p. P. in Euro	Bike tour			Bike rental		Extra night					
	Dbl	Single supp.	Half- board	7/21 gear	Electric bike	Vienna 4*		Budapest 4*		Hotel Gellert	
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Season 1	559	186	125	59	119	64	28	54	33	112	-
Season 2	609										
Season 3	639										
Supp. Gellert	+60										

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 with RAD&REISEN, only on Saturdays!	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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