

# Danube Cycle Path Hungarian Rhapsody

## Vienna - Budapest



# RAD & REISEN



The cycling tour from Vienna to Budapest is a very diverse adventure with extensive majestic highlights. Your tour starts in Vienna, the world's "City of Music and Charm". The Slovakian capital Bratislava invites you for shopping and sightseeing tours in the picturesque old-town. Hungary's metropolis and capital city of Budapest is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe and it is the crowning conclusion to your extraordinary journey. This tour offers a natural and cultural expedition that is mostly set away from touristic centres and is "off the beaten path". Untouched nature and unknown artistic treasures and cultural monuments can be found along the route between Vienna and Budapest. You cycle along the seemingly infinite and vast widths of the Hungarian lowlands and you can also visit the famous Arabian National Stud in Babolna where you explore the secrets and techniques of traditional horse breeding. The basilica in Esztergom is the largest Catholic cathedral in Hungary and it is home to many artistic treasures and historical jewels. Enjoy the friendly people and the welcoming Hungarian hospitality.

**Tour profile:** Level 1-2; the tour is mostly flat and sometimes slightly hilly. 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 Categories:

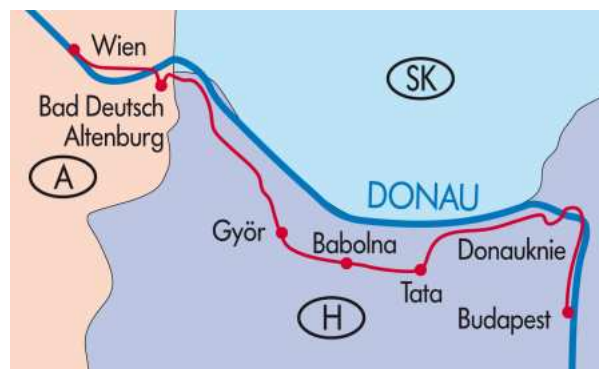
**Category A:** 3 & 4-star comfort hotels, in Vienna/Budapest 4-star

**Category B:** 5x typical inns/B&B's, in Vienna/Budapest 4-star

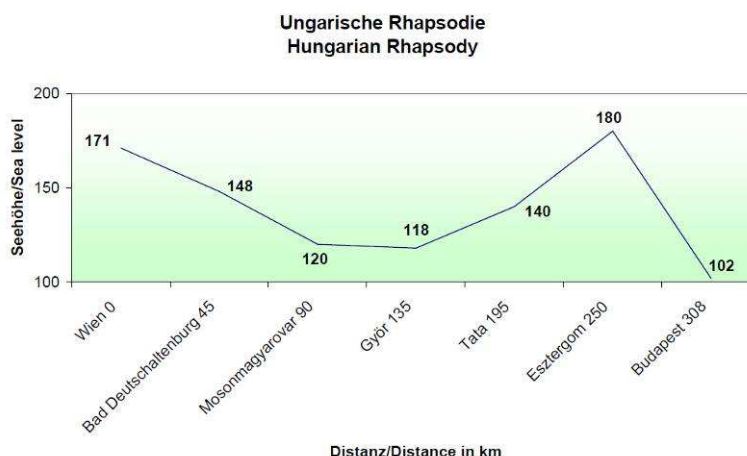
**Highlights:** 3 capitals: Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest, the Danube Floodplain National Park, Archaeological Park Carnuntum, "Little Alföld" Protected Area, Arabian National Stud in Babolna, the basilica in Esztergom, the Danube Bend and the open-air museum in Skanzen

#### ROUTING

1. Day: Arrival to Vienna
2. Day: Vienna - Region Bad Deutsch Altenburg, ≈ 45 km
3. Day: Region Bad Deutsch Altenburg - Mosonmagyaróvár/Halaszi, ≈ 60 km
4. Day: Mosonmagyaróvár/Halaszi - Győr, ≈ 45 km
5. Day: Győr - Tata, ≈ 60 km
6. Day: Tata - Region Esztergom, ≈ 55 km
7. Day: Region Esztergom - Budapest, ≈ 88 km
8. Day: Departure from Budapest



#### TOUR PROFILE:



## ITINERARY

### 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 one of the typical Viennese cafés/taverns with local food and goodies "Heurigen"? Possibilities are endless in the "City of Waltz".

### 2. Day: Vienna – Region Bad-Deutsch Altenburg, approx. 45 km

The Danube Cycling Path guides you along quiet trails through the "Donauauen" National Park, passes by the castles of Orth and Eckartsau, reaches the former Roman city Petronell Carnuntum (Roman excavations/ruins) and continues on to the health spa and resort in Bad Deutsch Altenburg.

### 3. Day: Region Bad D. Altenburg – Bratislava – Mosonmag/Halaszi, approx. 60 km

Follow the Danube Cycling Path to Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. A quaint old city centre with numerous sights, lovely pedestrian zones and countless restaurants/cafes will persuade you into an extended stroll among the depths of this historically important city. After visiting Bratislava, you cycle to the "Little Alföld" which will surely enchant you with its unique and outstanding character. **This stretch can be extended an extra night in BRATISLAVA.**

### 4. Day: Mosonmagyaróvár/Halaszi – Győr, approx. 45 km

Today you will bike through the charming and ideal landscape of the "Little Alföld" to Győr. Győr is one of the most important cities in the Hungarian lowlands with a glamorous and historical city centre. A pleasant walk through the narrow lanes, cathedrals and palaces of this Baroque city centre are very appealing and alluring.

### 5. Day: Győr – Tata, approx. 60 km

Through a landscape of gently rolling hills, you will cycle to the town of Tata, the "City of Lakes", is located at the foothills of the Gerecse Mountain Range. Don't forget to visit the Arabian National Stud in Babolna, a historical place of Equestrian culture and secret techniques of renowned Hungarian horse breeding.

### 6. Day: Tata – Region Esztergom, approx. 55 km

Through the lush and mystical forests, you will cycle to the Gerecse Mountains. If you prefer to take it easy, feel free to use the local regional train (not incl.) on your way to the geographically divided city of Komárom (a border-town between Hungary and Slovakia). Along the Slovakian Danube, cycle through small and quaint farm-villages in a floodplain basin region to Esztergom where you can admire the impressive and largest Catholic cathedral in Hungary.

### 7. Day: Region Esztergom - Szentendre – Budapest, approx. 58 km

Steep mountain slopes frame the stunning landscape of the Danube Bend all the way up to Szentendre Island. You can learn more about Hungarian architecture in a nearby open-air museum. Travelling by bike or boat to Budapest (not incl.) is your choice. The view from the sun deck of the boat is astonishing and overwhelming. Something you just have to experience on your own.

### 8. 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

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

## INCLUDED SERVICES

- ✓ 7 nights in rooms of the chosen category 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.
- ✓ 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 Friday, Saturday and Sunday

In Season 1 arrival possible on Saturdays only!

When booking an extra night in Bratislava, arrival is possible on Fridays and Saturdays only!

**Season 1:** April 14 – May 03 + September 24 – October 06 2012**Season 2:** May 04 – June 28 + August 24 – September 23 2012**Season 3:** June 29 – August 23 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 2012<sup>1</sup>**

Price p. P. in Euro Cat. B	Bike tour			Bike rental		Extra night					
				7/21	Electro	Vienna 4*		Bratislava <sup>2</sup> 4*		Budapest 4*	
	Dbl	Single supp.	Half- board			Dbl	Single supp.	Dbl	Single supp.	Dbl	Single supp.
Season 1	449	156	109	59	119	62	30	60	29	45	30
Season 2	499										
Season 3	519										

Price p. P. in EUR Cat A	Bike tour			Bike rental		Extra night					
				7/21	Electro	Vienna 4*		Bratislava <sup>3</sup> 4*		Budapest 4*	
	Dbl	Single supp.	Half- board			Dbl	Single supp.	Dbl	Single supp.	Dbl	Single supp.
Season 1	499	160	112	59	119	62	30	74	38	54	33
Season 2	559										
Season 3	589										

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):**

0-5,99 years: -100%, 6-11,99 years: -50%, 12-13,99 years: -25%, 14-99 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.“

2 Extra night Bratislava: incl. luggage transfer, **supplement for half board:** Cat. B EUR 16

3 Extra night Bratislava: incl. luggage transfer, **supplement for half board:** Cat. A EUR 20

Errors, changes in prices and availability are reserved. Tariffs as of June 2011.

