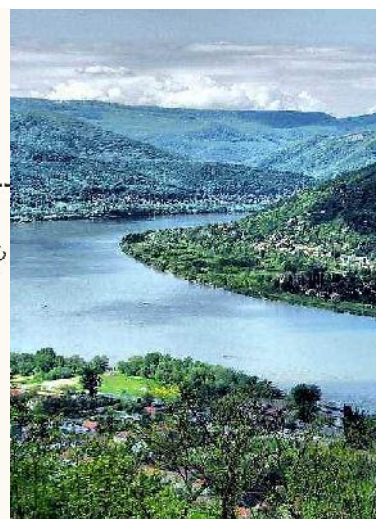
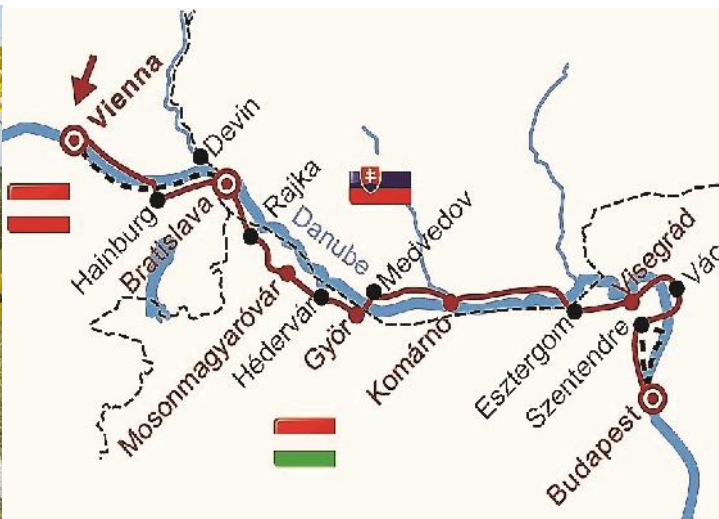


AUSTRIA SLOVAKIA & HUNGARY – MORE OF THE RIVER DANUBE

8-days / 7-nights **SELF-GUIDED** inn-to-inn cycling from Vienna to Budapest in Hungary

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A continuation of the very popular Danube Cycle Path from our Passau to Vienna tour - one of the most popular cycling routes in Europe - this easy to moderate cycle tour along the River Danube is guaranteed to be a memorable active holiday experience. This mighty river still plays a vital role in travel, transport and tourism in this part of central Europe. The route along well-maintained cycle paths has become a must-do cycling holiday for all ages. Being self-guided gives you flexibility to travel at your own pace, to stop and relax or explore secure in the knowledge that your room is waiting for you, your bags have gone ahead and the river is your guide.

The bike trail passes through towns and villages along a flat to slightly undulating route. It offers easy and interesting cycling beside woods and forest often framed by mountains. There are side trails into those mountains giving a challenging ride for those looking to do longer or hill riding to see some of the higher vistas.

The route follows the river from Austria through Bratislava in Slovakia to Hungary, through traditional villages, past ancient monasteries with some spectacular examples of the Baroque style of architecture, romantic and historic castles, typical villages and old market towns.

We offer you the choice of either the standard tour with Bed & Breakfast or adding a Half Board option (which includes breakfast and dinners - usually based on traditional local cuisine) as shown below:

Departs: Every Friday, Saturday or Sunday from 3rd May until 29th September, 2019

Cost from: **\$1005** per person twin share. Single room supplement from \$320

Half Board supplement: **\$250** per person (includes 3-course dinners on 7 nights)

E-bike hire: \$220 per bike per week (optional).

Includes: 7 nights' twin-share accommodation in comfortable 3- and 4-star hotels with ensuite bathroom; breakfast daily; hire of 21-gear bike (ideal for the relatively flat terrain) with a pannier (one per room); daily luggage transfers; cycle tour information and route map; emergency telephone assistance if required. If taking the Half Board option, 7 dinners are included.

Not included: Meals not mentioned, drinks, entry fees, ferries and other transport, personal expenses, city tourist taxes (approx. €1-3 per person per night). Helmets are not provided (and are not currently compulsory in Germany or Austria) but we do highly recommend you bring or buy a bike helmet for this tour.

For those planning to return to Vienna there are both public buses and trains available. Extra nights in Vienna and Budapest can also be arranged – please ask for details when booking your tour.

Call OUTDOOR TRAVEL on 1800 331 582 for details or reservations



Suggested itinerary:

Day 1 Arrive in Vienna (Austria)

Arrive in Vienna by mid-afternoon to check in to your hotel and collect your detailed trip documentation, maps and travel vouchers. You will then have time to explore this amazing city before dinner.

Day 2 Vienna - Bratislava

cycling distance @ 70km

Collect your bike and ride the Danube Cycle Path into the "Donauauen" National Park. Cycle past Schönau then Orth and Eckartsau Habsburg Castle and Bad Deutsch-Altenburg. Perhaps visit the Carnuntum Archaeological Park with some of the most important Roman excavations in Austria. Cycle to Hainburg and Bratislava.

Day 3 Bratislava - Mosonmagyaróvár

cycling distance @ 50km

This morning you have free time to explore the fascinating city of Bratislava, before riding along a very picturesque cycle path and crossing the Slovakian/Hungarian border near Kunov. You leave the Danube for a while, cycling past Rajká and Dunasziget before reaching the small university town of Mosonmagyaróvár.

Day 4 Mosonmagyaróvár – Győr

cycling distance @ 45km

Cycle firstly to the castle of Hedervár and to Dunaszeg, where you can either follow the main track next to the country road or you choose the quieter and prettier track along the Mosoni Duna (Little Danube). End your day in Győr, with time to take in the sights of this "metropolis" of western Hungary.

Day 5 Győr – Komárom/Komárno

cycling @ 55km or 65km

A choice of routes: either the Slovakian Cycle Path on country roads to the border of Hungary and Slovakia, to Medvedov and then re-join the Danube on its Slovakian bank to cycle to the Baroque city of Cicov, then pass through Zlatna to end your day in Komárom/Komárno. Or take the Hungarian Cycle Path to Böny, and visit the beautiful old town in Bábolna, then past Ács and Monostor fortress to end in Komárno / Komárom.

Day 6 Komárom/Komárno – Štúrovo or Visegrád

cycling distance @ 57 or 70km

After breakfast ride across the bridge past the Roman fort of Kelemantia, then through a rural landscape of farming villages to Mo a and the twin villages of Štúrovo / Esztergom. If staying in Štúrovo you may like to cross the Gisela Bridge to visit the impressive cathedral in Esztergom. If your accommodation is in Visegrád, cycle on along the right bank of the Danube to Búbantvölgy, then follow the cycle path to the ferry (paid locally), cross the river and cycle to Nagymaros, then a ferry (again paid locally) to Visegrád. You can shorten the ride to Visegrád by using the ferry or train from Esztergom to Visegrád (paid locally).

Day 7 Štúrovo or Visegrád – Budapest

cycling distance @ 35km, 54km or 66km

Cycle via Vác to Szentendre Island and take a ferry to Szentendre (paid locally) to explore the city before cycling on to Budapest. To avoid the traffic, drop off your bikes in Szentendre and catch a train (@ 25km) to Budapest (@ 3€ paid locally) or, take a ferry from Szentendre to Budapest at 5pm (@10€ per person, paid locally).

Day 8, Budapest (Hungary)

The tour arrangements end after breakfast.

Outdoor Travel offer Guided or self-guided **Bike & Barge** or **Bike & Boat** cycling cruises or **inn-to-inn** cycling holidays in France, Italy, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Holland, Ireland, Spain, Croatia, Romania, Greece, Turkey, Vietnam, South Africa, Vietnam, China, in Japan and in New Zealand.

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