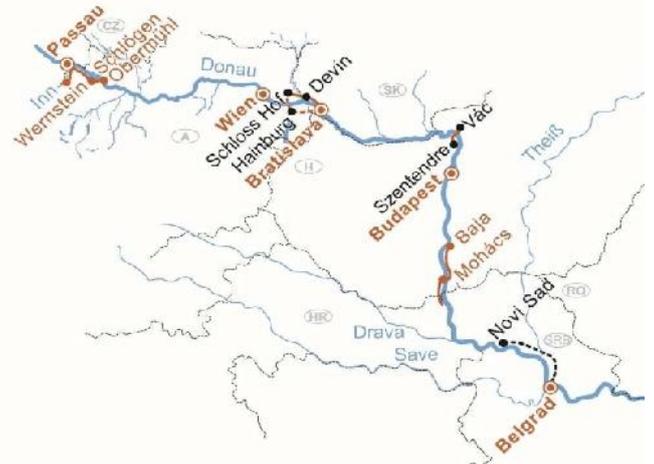


## AUSTRIA GERMANY HUNGARY SERBIA – DANUBE PASSAU - VIENNA

9-days / 8-nights Danube River **PREMIUM PLUS** cruising & easy to moderate **SELF-GUIDED** cycling



The **River Danube** is a highlight of any trip to Europe and this **self-guided** cycling and cruising holiday is for those who want to be more active and to explore destinations at their own pace. With cycling on mostly sealed cycling routes along the River Danube and with chance to explore these famous cities along the route by bike. This cruise starts in Passau, Germany, cruises through Hungary into Serbia, before turning around to return to Vienna, capital of Austria. See **Budapest**, **Bratislava**, the former city of Hungarian kings, the Serbian metropolis of **Belgrade** and end in **Vienna** with its Cathedral, town hall, and Naschmarkt (food market).

Bike and Barge cycling cruises combine cycling and river cruising, they allow partners of different abilities and interests to holiday together, interesting for both leisure cyclists OR enthusiasts. This tour starts with a night in a 3-star Passau hotel, then a week aboard our river boat with comfortable cabins, and breakfasts and dinners.

On the River Danube, our upmarket cruise ship carries up to 162 passengers, with an experienced crew and lots of space. The double-hull catamaran style boat offers a fully air-conditioned atrium, panorama restaurant, bar and on-board theatre as well as indoor/outdoor spa pool and a sauna. Regional Viennese cuisine is served in the restaurant and there is a bar and sun deck with comfortable chairs and space to relax. The comfortably furnished cabins – at different levels - offer twin beds, an en suite shower and toilet, hairdryers, a TV and air conditioning. Cabins on the main deck have large non-opening portholes, while cabins on the upper and promenade decks are larger with opening windows and a balcony.

**Departs**                      Thursdays 21<sup>st</sup> May, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

**Cost from:**                    **\$1530** per person twin-share – Main Deck (twin, folding bunk beds)  
**\$1760** per person twin-share – Main Deck (twin beds)  
**\$2580** per person twin-share – Upper Deck (twin beds), with balcony  
**\$2755** per person twin-share – Promenade Deck (twin beds), with balcony

Single cabins are available with a supplement on request, please ask for details.

**Self-guided cycling tour includes:** 1 night twin share in a comfortable hotel in Passau with dinner and breakfast; 7 nights' accommodation in twin-share, mostly outward facing cabins with air-conditioning, full board from dinner on Day 2 (full buffet breakfast, packed lunch if cycling / 3-course lunch for those aboard and 4-course dinner), welcome drink, afternoon coffee and cake, midnight snack at the on-board bar; hire of multi-gear touring bike with pannier; daily tour briefings; detailed route map and cycling information (one set per cabin); sightseeing tours of Budapest and Belgrade; ferry and transfers as per itinerary; port fees and charges.

**Not included:** Arrival/departure transfers, drinks, entrance fees, sightseeing fees, gratuities or personal expenses, bike helmets (not compulsory but available for purchase onboard)

**E-Bikes:** a limited number of E-bikes are available for hire at extra cost – please ask for details.

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**Suggested route: Passau – Bratislava – Budapest – Belgrade – Vienna \***

**Day 1: Thursday, Arrive in Passau**

**cycling @ 20km**

Plan to arrive in Passau, the “*City of Three Rivers*” around mid-afternoon. Collect your bikes and take a warm-up ride to explore a section of the ***Inn River Bike Trail*** from Passau to Neuburg / Wernstein and back. Dinner and hotel overnight in Passau.

**Day 2: Friday, Passau - Obermühl**

**cycling @ 50km**

After breakfast, your luggage will be transferred to the boat, your first bike ride is through the upper Danube Valley past Engelhartzell and the UNESCO listed “*Schlögener Schlinge*”, a wooded, barely populated S-shaped river bend regarded one of the most beautiful sections of the Danube. Further on, take a ferry across the river to Obermühl, to join the boat for a welcome drink. Your cabin is ready, dinner is served on board. The boat departs for the first evening cruise.

**Day 3: Saturday, Bratislava – Schloss Hof**

**cycling @ 38 or 46km**

From Bratislava take a leisurely ride on the car-free bike path through floodplains, the nature park and via the cycle bridge (extraordinary, impressive construction) to the imperial castle, Schloss Hof and back. Those wanting more challenge can cycle a longer route via Hainburg and the Donauauen to Schloss Hof and back.

**Day 4: Sunday, Budapest**

**cycling @ 20km**

A whole day today for sightseeing in Budapest. In the morning there is a city tour by bus (included in your tour, departing directly from the boat). After lunch Budapest’s car-free cycle paths take you into the Magyar metropolis and pedestrian zone to stroll around, shop or do some individual sightseeing.

**Day 5: Monday, Mohács**

**cycling @ 45km**

Cycle a circular route through the Duna-Dráva Nemzeti National Park and into the centre of the small town of Mohács, which is full of history. There will be a stop at the EU – outer border for border control (please make sure to have your passports handy) and then re-join the boat to cruise further on to Belgrade.

**Day 6: Tuesday, Visit Belgrade and Novi Sad**

**cycling @ 30km**

This morning takes you to the upcoming Serbian metropolis and a cycle route through Belgrade, where there is also time for individual sightseeing. The boat departs at 1.30pm to return to Novi Sad, while you have the chance of an interesting sightseeing tour by bus or by foot. Later in the day there is a transfer back to the boat in time for a late dinner on board and another evening cruise.

**Day 7: Wednesday, Baja**

**cycling @ 30km**

Baja is not only the home of the famous fish soup but also known as one of the most beautiful small towns of the region. The cycle path to the city centre is very scenic and there are several excellent ice cream shops and old Viennese coffeehouses are situated along the way. Alternatively, you may choose to cycle a round trip on the Sugovica and the Petofi Islands.

**Day 8: Thursday, Vac and Szentendre**

**cycling @ 40km**

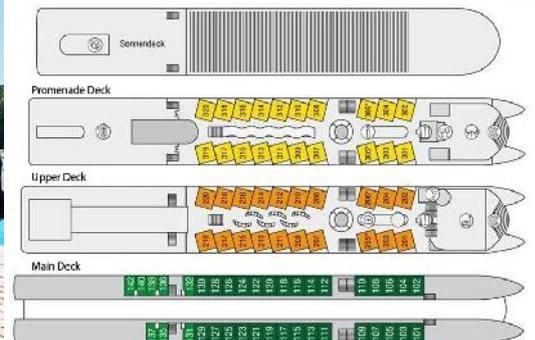
The small town Vac is well worth a look before you take ferry to the opposite shore (not include - paid locally) to start your round trip to Szentendre. Take a secondary road with some traffic to Tahitótfalu and Léanyfalu, then ride on a beautiful bike path to the Szentendre “artist village” with its colourful houses, baroque buildings and narrow streets. On the shores of the Danube there are usually booths selling arts and crafts, local specialities and drinks. Return to the boat by retracing your cycle route.

**Day 9: Friday, Tour ends in Vienna**

The boat arrives into Vienna Nussdorf at approximately 9.00am, with disembarkation half an hour later.

\* The timetable and itinerary shown are indicative only and may change without notice; cruise programs depend on water levels and the navigation of locks, bridges, etc. All distances are approximate. Tours are subject to minimum numbers – confirmed around 4 weeks before departure – ask for details. These ships cruise and have engine power at night. If you are sensitive to noise we recommend you choose an Upper or Promenade Deck cabin and avoid the Main Deck bunk cabins (as these are closer to the engine and subject to more noise).

Non-cycling passengers are welcome on these tours but remember whilst there may be activities planned for the evenings there are no sightseeing excursions included in the tour cost during the day. Guided sightseeing excursions and city tours or evening events can be booked during the week and paid for on-board.



**Outdoor Travel** offers Bike & Barge or Bike & Boat cruises to many areas of Europe including the the popular **Amsterdam to Bruges** or **Burges to Paris** routes, in the **Loire Valley, Bordeaux, Champagne and Burgundy** or **Provence** in **France**, several routes in **Holland, Germany** – along the Rivers Saar, Moselle and Rhine, in **Italy** on the Po near Venice or along the **Amalfi coast** or in Sicily, the Danube in **Austria** or **Romania**, island hopping on the spectacular Dalmatian coast of **Croatia** or **Montenegro** or to the islands of **Greece** and **Turkey**.

Outdoor Travel also offer inn-to-inn guided or self-guided cycling holidays in many destinations across Europe, the USA, Canada, Japan, South Africa, China, New Zealand and in Vietnam.

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