

## GERMANY & AUSTRIA – ALONG THE RIVER DANUBE

8-days / 7-nights **SELF-GUIDED** inn-to-inn cycling from Passau in Germany to Vienna

**GREAT VALUE**



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 both tourism and travel in this part of Europe and cycling along the 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 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 is well used and allows beautiful cycling often flanked by woods and forest often framed by mountains (giving a more challenging ride for those looking to do longer or hill riding if they prefer). The route follows the river from Germany into Austria through traditional villages, past ancient monasteries with some spectacular examples of the Baroque style of architecture, romantic and historic castles, old market towns and world-renowned vineyards.

We offer you the choice from two versions of this tour, with slightly different cycling distances and ways to end the ride. **Trip A** avoids the traffic and suburbs as you enter Vienna by taking a train on the last day. **Trip B** follows the trail and city roads all the way to your hotel in Vienna. You can also choose to add Half Board at extra cost. This adds seven 3-course dinners - usually based on traditional local cuisine.

**Departs:** Daily from 10<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 from Passau to Vienna

**Cost per person twin share from:**

	TRIP A	TRIP B	
<b>Off season</b>	\$1015	\$880	14 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> April and 1 <sup>st</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Low season</b>	\$1215	\$1060	10 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> April, 1 <sup>st</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> May; 15 <sup>th</sup> June - 5 <sup>th</sup> July; 7 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>High season</b>	\$1245	\$1095	18 <sup>th</sup> May - 14 <sup>th</sup> June and 6 <sup>th</sup> July - 6 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Single supplement</b>	\$310	\$285	

Half Board Supplement (includes 3-course dinners on 7 nights): \$295 per person E-Bike Hire: \$165 per bike

**Includes:** Twin share accommodation in mostly 4-star hotels (Trip A) or 3- and 4-star hotels (Trip B) with ensuite bathroom and breakfast each day; hire of 21-gear bike (ideal for the relatively flat terrain) with pannier; daily luggage transfers; cycle tour information and route map; emergency telephone assistance if required.

**Not included:** Meals not mentioned, drinks, other optional entry fees, trains, ferries and other transport, any personal expenses, city taxes, refundable security deposit if hiring an E-Bike (credit card swipe). Helmets are not provided (not currently compulsory in Germany or Austria) but we do highly recommend you bring or buy one.

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## Suggested itinerary:

### Day 1 Arrive in Passau (Germany)

We suggest you plan to arrive in Passau at your pre-booked hotel mid-afternoon, to collect your detailed trip documentation, maps and travel vouchers. Collect and adjust your rental bike with time to explore the town.

### Day 2 Schlögen

**cycling @ 40km**

After breakfast begin cycling along the Danube passing Oberzell with its gloriously colourful market square to Engelhartzell – perhaps stopping to visit the spectacular monastery. Continue to Au and take the ferry (fare paid on the spot) to Schlögen, located on the Danube bends known as the famous “Schlögenger Schlinge”.

### Day 3 Linz

**cycling @54km**

Today is the “*King’s Stage*” as you cycle through the quiet and sparsely populated valley towards Kaiserau, Aschach and Eferding. There is plenty of time for a coffee break or lunch and sightseeing here before continuing through Ottensheim to reach Linz.

### Day 4 Grein / Ardagger

**cycling @ 63km**

Ride along the track on the left bank of the Danube past Abwinden, Mauthausen and Wallsee Castle. Continue then on to Ardagger (Trip A) or the medieval town of Grein (Trip B) at the entrance to the narrow Strudengau.

### Day 5 Marbach/Maria Taferl

**cycling @ 49km**

If time permits you may wish to visit Grein Castle this morning before crossing the Danube to cycle the right bank past the Habsburg-era Schloss Persenberg and on to the famous place of pilgrimage, Maria Taferl.

### Day 6 Krems / Traismauer

**cycling @ 47 or 54km**

Today you cycle through the famous UNESCO World Heritage listed wine-growing area of the Wachau past Melk and Spitz crossing onto the left hand side of the Danube to reach Dürnstein. The route continues to Krems (Trip A) or on Traismauer (Trip B).

### Day 7 Greifenstein-Vienna

**cycling @ 57km + train or 73km**

Cycling through typical rural scenes near Tulln you reach Greifenstein near the Wienerwald, the first suburb on the outskirts of Vienna. Then you continue by suburban railway to Vienna (Trip A – cost @ €5 paid locally) or cycling via the Klosterneuburg Abbey to the hotel in Vienna (Trip B), and leave your bike there.

### Day 8 Vienna (Austria)

The tour ends after breakfast. Ask about additional nights in Vienna, at extra cost.



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