



DANUBE-CYCLE PATH

From Passau to Vienna

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→ Self-guided distance tour | 🏠 8/7 | 📏 approx. 310-325 km | 🚲 🚲 🚲 🚲

DESCRIPTION

Explore the paths along the blue Danube River just like the Romans, the legendary Nibelungs, and even some of Europe's powerful kings and emperors did before you. You will get to know the beauty and historical significance of this ancient military and trading route. Never far away from the cool, clear water of the Danube, you will enjoy one of Europe's most beautiful and popular cycle routes.

You can either start your trip in the baroque town of Schärding or Passau, the town of three rivers. You will cycle through various districts of Upper and Lower Austria and finally to the Danube metropolis of Vienna. You will love the breathtaking natural beauty of the Danube valley and the Schlögen bend or perhaps you will fall in love with the landscapes along the Danube River such as the Machland, the Strudengau, or the famous Wachau. In the rural areas, to accompany these wonderful impressions, you can enjoy many traditional Austrian delicacies. Your physical wellbeing will be well catered for, from savoury dumpling specialities and moreish must all the way to the wines of the Buschenschenken taverns in the Wachau

region. This cycle tour is a true classic and is ideally suited as a first cycling holiday with the whole family.

HIGHLIGHTS

Next to Passau and Linz, the Wachau region awaits you as a UNESCO World Heritage Site - ancient wine terraces, the imposing Melk Abbey and the town of Krems will enchant you. Enjoy a wine tasting as well as a pastry with melange coffee in Vienna.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROUTE EASY

Flat or slightly downhill along the Danube; well-built cycling path almost all the way without motor vehicles. Minor roads make up only very short sections of this route – the Danube cycle path is a perfect example of a cycle route.

ARRIVAL/ PARKING/ DEPARTURE

- Schärding and Passau train station
- Munich or Vienna airport
- Schärding: Free public car park on the Eurobike premises directly on the Cycle Path.
- Passau: Public car park approx. EUR 45 per week, no reservation possible/necessary
- Good train connections from Vienna to Passau/Schärding

DETAILED INFORMATION

- When booking, please inform us about where you wish to arrive.
- Weather warranty/Spring and autumn special: Tour bookings with arrival within season 1 can be rebooked free of charge up to 5 working days prior to arrival in case of bad weather.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Schärding/Passau

"Baroque Town or Three Rivers Town"

Stroll through the pretty little baroque town of Schärding and marvel at the famous Silberzeile lane, or take a walk through the "New Centre" of Passau, the town of three rivers, which has been completely redesigned as a pedestrian, car-free area.

Hotel (example) Schärding: Cat. A: [Stadthotel](#); Cat. B: [Stiegenwirt](#); Cat. C: [Landhotel St. Florian](#)

Hotel (example) Passau: Cat. A: [Passauer Wolf](#); Cat. B: [Hotel Innsento](#); Cat. C: [Hotel Atrium](#)

Day 2: Schärding/Passau – bend of the Danube/surroundings approx. 40 - 55 km

"Upper Danube Valley"

Along the river Inn you will come to Passau, the town of three rivers. We recommend that you take a guided tour of the town, and visit the cathedral where you can enjoy the sounds of the largest church organ in the world (except Sundays and public holidays). Then you will continue along the Danube, first passing Oberzell and finally arriving in Engelhartzell (the only Trappist monastery in Austria). You will then cycle through the nature reserve Donauleiten, from where you will reach the Schlögen Bend to the north. This is where granite proved to be too much of an opponent and forced the Danube to change directions by 180 degrees. While a ferry takes you to the other side of the river to your hotel you have time to look at this natural phenomenon.

Hotel (example) Cat. A and Cat. B: [Donauschlinge](#); Cat. C: [Gasthof Draxler](#)

Day 3: Danube bend/surroundings– Linz approx. 50 km

"Danube Bend"

Today you will cycle through the green Eferdinger basin via the market towns of Aschach, Ottensheim and Wilhering and all the way to the Upper Austrian capital of Linz. The historical Old Town of Linz has many pubs and eateries for you to discover. Other highlights of the European Capital of Culture 2009 include the magnificent views from Pöstlingberg mountain and a stroll through the Donaulände park.

Hotel (example) Cat. A: [Arcotel Nike](#); Cat. B: [Courtyard by Marriott](#); Cat. C: [Donauwelle](#)

Day 4: Linz – Grein/surroundings approx. 55 km

"Through the Marchland"

On the fourth day you will take a little detour away from the course of the Danube to St. Florian (Augustinian monastery) and to Enns. In Enns you can go to the town square with its 60 metre town tower, the landmark of the oldest town in Austria, or you visit the archaeological collection in the municipal museum Lauriacum. Afterwards, you will return to the river, first reaching the beautiful little baroque town of Grein. Here you have the opportunity to visit the oldest municipal theatre in Austria that is still being used. Or you can visit the maritime museum or Greinburg castle.

Hotel (example) Cat. A: [Aumühle](#); Cat. B: [Pension Martha](#); Cat. C: [Gasthof zur Donaubrücke](#)

Day 5: Grein/surroundings – Wachau approx. 50 – 60 km

"Strudengau and Nibelungengau"

This section of the Danube, the Strudengau, was once feared by sailors, now you can cycle along it. Where they used to fight against the Danube currents you can now take a leisurely cycle ride. In Maria Taferl, high above the Danube, you will find the magnificent pilgrimage church, which attracts thousands of pilgrims every year.

Hotel (example) Cat. A: [Post Melk](#); Cat. B: [Donauhof](#); Cat. C: [Wachauerhof](#)

Day 6: Wachau – Krems / Traismauer / Tulln approx. 40 - 75 km

"Wachau"

You should make a little stop in Melk and look up or you will miss the beautiful Stift Melk monastery that overlooks the Danube. As soon as you leave the town you will get into the picturesque Wachau region, where you can enjoy the charming atmosphere of the region's typical orchards and vineyards. You will pass through the little wine towns of Spitz and Weißenkirchen, cycle past the Dürnstein Castle ruin and finish your journey in the 1000-year old town of Krems or in Tulln. A stay in the Wachau region

means that you simply have to take part in a wine tasting, which we have organised for you.

Hotel (example) Cat. A: [Best Western Hotel](#); Cat. B and Cat C: [Gasthof zum Schwan](#),

Day 7: Krems / Traismauer / Tulln – Vienna approx. 45 - 65 km

“Vienna Woods”

The final kilometres of your bike tour will be a relaxed trip to the Danube metropolis of Vienna. According to the variant part of the stage is covered by train. As soon as you arrive you can occupy your room and then enjoy all the amenities of the city for the rest of the day. Treat yourself to a Viennese-style Americano coffee and a piece of the famous Sachertorte cake in one of Vienna’s typical coffee houses. Take a stroll along Vienna’s Parade shopping street, along Mariahilfer Strasse, visit the St Stephen’s Cathedral or see the main sights and take a trip in one of the famous Fiaker cabs.

Hotel (example) Cat. A: [Arcotel Kaiserwasser](#); Cat. B: [Roomz Prater](#); Cat. C: [Roomz Prater](#)

Day 8: Departure or extension

2024 ARRIVAL DATES

Every day from 23.03. – 12.10.

Season 1: 23.03. – 12.04. | 28.09. – 12.10.

Season 2: 13.04. – 03.05. | 07.09. – 27.09.

Season 3: 04.05. – 06.09.

2024 PRICES

All prices given in Euros per person in double room.

Booking code		Cat. A	Cat. B	Cat. C
Arrival				
Passau	AT-DORPW-	08A	08B	08C
Schärding	AT-DORSW-	08A	08B	08C
Season 1		939	829	729
Season 2		1029	929	799
Season 3		1099	989	869
Surcharge single room		309	299	289
Rental bike				99
Rental bike PLUS				169
Electric bike				259

Category A: 4**** hotels and hotels on a 4**** level

Category B: 4**** and 3*** hotels

Category C: 3*** hotels and inns, at Linz and Vienna 4**** hotels

Extra nights

You can book an extra night for any day of your tour. All prices given in Euros per person in double room.

Passau/Schärding	Cat. A	Cat. B	Cat. C
Basic price	85	69	69
Surcharge single room	29	39	39
Vienna			
Basic price	89	69	69
Surcharge single room	49	49	49

SERVICES

Included

- Accommodation in your selected category
- Breakfast
- Welcome briefing (German, English)
- Luggage transfer
- EUROBIKE developed route
- Detailed travel information 1 x per room (German, English, French)
- 1 ferry ride (Au-Schlögen) incl. bike
- 1 wine tasting in the Wachau region
- App for Navigation and GPS-data
- Service hotline

Optional. extras

- Bike rental, including rental bike insurance
- Return transfer with van from Vienna, daily in the afternoon. Costs EUR 79 per person, EUR 39 extra for your own bike, reservation is necessary, to be paid for in advance.

Things to note

- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price!

SUSTAINABILITY AT EUROBIKE

Join us in achieving greater sustainability by choosing our digital route book, rather than the printed version. As a small thank you we will give you a discount of EUR 20 per room.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For a stress-free start to your travel, arriving at the start point by early evening the day before is recommended. The individual return journey takes place on the last day of travel. For any costs incurred locally (children, local taxes, dogs etc.), as well as excluded transport and services, please refer to the itinerary or the section "Services/Things to note". If a minimum number of participants is necessary for the trip to take place, this is defined under "Arrival dates". If the minimum number of participants is not reached, we reserve the right to cancel the tour by the time specified under the heading "Arrival dates" before the planned travel date. We recommend organising your arrival and departure only after this deadline has passed. The distance travelled is approximate and may differ from the actual distance. The language in which the listed services are provided, as far as this is relevant for the provision of services, can be found under the heading "Services". If special passport or visa requirements are needed for EU citizens, this is indicated under "Arrival/Parking/Departure". This trip is not suitable for people with reduced mobility. Travel cancellation insurance, including travel interruption insurance is recommended. Information on insurance options to cover the cost of assistance during the journey, including transport in case of accident, illness or death can be found at <https://www.eurobike.at/travel-insurance>

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OUR BIKES AND E-BIKES

Sound quality with the highest comfort

A good bike is one of the most important pieces of equipment needed for a successful cycle tour. That's why we rely on solid quality for all components and in manufacturing, based on proven brand quality and perfected for use on our tours across Europe.

OUR RENTAL BIKES

Our quality KTM bikes are the result of years of experience and continued development, always with the wishes and requirements of our guests in mind. The result is a solid, easy to use and travel-suitable bike, that we can recommend with a clear conscience. With reliable brakes, an aluminium frame and top tyres, it is well-equipped for every journey.

- Unisex bike 21/24-speed with freewheel (Height ca. 148–190 cm)
- Unisex bike 7-speed coaster breaks (Height ca. 155–190 cm)
- Men's bike 21-speed with freewheel (Height ca. 165–205 cm) Note: reservation is essential!



OUR RENTAL BIKE PLUS

With our rental bike PLUS from KTM, we can offer our guests an additional rental bike option on all Eurobike original tours. From the saddle to the breaks and gears, the quality of the equipment is even higher (e.g. hydraulic breaks and precise gears), the "plus" is noticeable in many parts of the bike.

- Men's bike 20/27-speed with freewheel (Height ca. 155–205 cm)
- Hydraulic breaks
- Shimano XT/DEORE rear derailleur



OUR E-BIKES

With our electric bikes, you have unlimited mobility and can really enjoy every cycle tour, so you always stay beside your friends or family on the road! The unisex bikes are comfortable to ride for both men and women.

- Unisex bike 8-speed (Height ca. 148–195 cm)
- Bosch Active Line Plus motor
- Battery 550 Wh removable with mobile charger
- Hydraulic breaks
- Range up to 120 kilometres



CHILDREN'S BIKES AND MORE

Eurobike also offers children of all ages the right equipment for an all-round successful cycle tour. Depending on the size, we have children's bikes, Follow-Me, children's trailers or children's seats on offer for the kids.

- 20 inch 12-speed with freewheel (Height ca. 115–125 cm)
- 24 inch 18-speed with freewheel (Height ca. 125 –140 cm)
- 26 inch 9-speed with freewheel (Height ca. 140–150 cm)
- Follow-Me 20 inch (Height ca. 100 cm bis ca. 125 cm)
- Child trailer for one or two children up to max. 29 kg
- Child seat up to max. 22 kg



Information about the equipment on our bikes, the accessories, our breakdown service and the rental bike insurance can be found on our website.