















Passau-Budapest-Passau: MS Prinzessin Katharina

Visit Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest on the Danube

Discover an array of impressive natural wonders and captivating landscapes on your journey along the Danube. Marvel at the breathtaking Schlögener Donauschlinge, witness the enchanting scenery of Wachau adorned with vineyard-covered terraces, majestic castles, and opulent palaces. Immerse yourself in the untouched beauty of Donau-auen National Park's pristine forests, and soak in the picturesque charm of the Hungarian Danube Bend.

As you cruise along the wide river, Budapest reveals its splendour, with the river serving as a shimmering divider between the mountainous Buda and the flat Pest. Behold the magnificent dome of Esztergom's basilica, offering a warm greeting from a distance. Explore Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, nestled at the foot of the scenic Little Carpathians, and embark on a leisurely stroll through its captivating old town as well as the baroque town of Vác with its colourful 18th-century houses

Indulge in the perfect blend of natural wonders and vibrant metropolises, as Vienna, Bratislava, and Budapest add a lively touch to your unforgettable Danube adventure.

The highlights of the Danube sail and cycling holiday at a glance

- **Imperial City of Vienna:** Enjoy a Sachertorte in a traditional Viennese coffee house, an enchanting Fiaker tour through the streets of Vienna and a walk through the city to St. Stephen's Cathedral.
- **Budapest:** The Paris of the North and the Pearl of the Danube. A fantastic metropolis, a large part of which can be found on the UNESCO World Heritage List.
- **Wachau:** Dreamy villages, wine terraces, castles, monasteries and ruins are enchanting. The Baroque town of Dürnstein with the symbol of the Wachau and the imposing Melk Abbey.

Useful information about the cycle tour along the Danube Cycle Path

On the eight-day bike and boat tour, you will not only experience the culture but also the spectacular landscapes of the Danube Valley. The route runs alongside the well-developed Danube cycle path over flat terrain. For each section of the route, you can cycle comfortably for 25 to 55 kilometres. This combined trip is perfect for beginners or occasional cyclists.

Approximate timings (subject to sailing conditions)

Day 1: **Passau** (Embarkation at 1600) | Depart: 1900
 Day 1: **Engelhartszell** | Arrival: 2200
 Day 2: **Engelhartszell** | Depart: 1000
 Day 2: **Aschach** | Arrival: 1330 | Depart: 1530
 Day 3: **Vienna Nussdorf** | Arrival: 0800 | Depart: 1800
 Day 4: **Budapest** | Arrival: 1000
 Day 5: **Budapest** | Depart: 0200
 Day 5: **Visegrad** | Arrival: 0700 | Depart: 1500
 Day 6: **Bratislava** | Arrival: 0930 | Depart: 1500
 Day 7: **Rossatz/Durnstein** | Arrival: 0800 | Depart: 0930
 Day 7: **Pochlam** | Arrival: 1430 | Depart: 1530
 Day 8: **Passau** (Disembarkation at 1130) | Arrival: 1100

Tour information



Easy



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-Guided



Meals included



Total cycling distance: approx.
116 - 180 km

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Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrival in Passau

Individual arrival in Passau. Embarkation from approximately 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Departure to Engelhartszell around 7 pm, arrival around 10 pm.

DAY
2

Engelhartszell - Great Loop – Aschach – Vienna-Nussdorf

approx.
46 km

The day starts in Engelhartszell (the only Trappist monastery in Austria), where we head towards the "Great Loop" - one of the most beautiful and original sectors of the Danube. Your cycling will encounter small villages and cosy must-see taverns. You'll board again in Aschach. Then, you "sail into the night" towards Vienna-Nussdorf.

 ca. 40 - 46 km

DAY
3

Vienna-Nussdorf Sightseeing in Vienna

You should be sure to see the most famous places of interest like the St. Stephens Cathedral, the Hofburg, the gorgeous boulevard "Ringstraße" with the Burgtheater, the State Opera House or the town hall that takes you back to the past. In the night shipping to Budapest.

DAY
4

Budapest or round trip to Szentendre

approx. 40
km

In the early morning, you enjoy the panoramic view of the Danube's gorgeous landscape on the Sundeck. The gateway to Budapest is overwhelming, as many of the famous tourist features are situated directly next to the river bank. In the afternoon you can explore the numerous attractions of the city. Nearby, you find the Margaretheninsel which is outstandingly qualified for a small bike tour or the charming town of Szentendre with a Mediterranean atmosphere and lively art life. In the night shipping to Visegrad.

 ca. 48 km

DAY
5

Danube Bend | Visegrad – Vác – Visegrad

approx. 36
km

The Danube bend is definitely a delightful part and is called the Hungarian Wachau. Today's bike leg starts at Visegrad with its famous fortress and the ruins of the former palace. You cycle through the picturesque countryside via the Szentendre Peninsula to the baroque village of Vác, which has been influenced by the architects of the Austrian empress Maria Theresia. Via small Hungarian villages, you return to Visegrad. In the afternoon shipping to Bratislava.

 ca. 36 km

DAY
6

Vienna-Nussdorf or Bratislava

Rest day

Arrival at Bratislava in the morning. Today discover the small lively capital of Slovakia. Tip: Enjoy a magnificent panoramic view from the castle and take a ride on a mini train through the enchanting old town. Alternatively, explore the city during a guided bike tour. In the night shipping to Rossatz or Dürnstein (Wachau).

DAY
7**Wachau – Melk – Pöchlarn** approx. 40 - 50 km

The rolling hilly landscape with hidden dreamy villages, wine terraces, castles, monasteries and ruins has already enchanted everyone. Towering above the baroque town of Dürnstein is the church's blue tower, a symbol of the Wachau. In the afternoon, visit the imposing Melk Abbey, one of the most important Baroque buildings in Austria. You will board again in Pöchlarn. In the evening a festive farewell dinner. At night you will sail back to Passau.

 ca. 40-50 kmDAY
8**Return trip or extension**

Every journey draws to an end. Once again you enjoy on deck the first sunbeams and the peaceful silence of the Danube Valley. Take a last sight at the Schlögener Schlinge ("Great Loop") before you arrive relaxed at Passau. **Arrival: approx. at 11 am, disembarkation half an hour later. We recommend booking train connections from approx. 1:30 pm onwards.**

Route information

The well-developed Danube Cycle Path has flat terrain with no significant inclines and is suitable for everyone. And if you need a break, just stay on board for a day and enjoy the scenery passing by from the sundeck.



Prices and dates

Price calculation and check availability: **Passau - Budapest - Passau: MS Prinzessin Katharina**

Price promise: If you receive a quote for the same tour elsewhere, please **let us know** and we will match it!

Place of arrival: Passau

Season 1	Season 2	Season 3
13.04.2024	27.04.2024	11.05.2024 25.05.2024 01.06.2024
		08.06.2024 15.06.2024 13.07.2024
05.10.2024	28.05.2024	20.07.2024 17.08.2024 24.08.2024
		Saturday
Saturday	Saturday	

Danube Highlights: P. Katharina (Passau-Budapest-Passau), Main Deck, DE-DOSBK-08I-H

Base price	919.00	1,009.00	1,099.00
Fixed price for a double cabin in single use	1,259.00	1,459.00	1,599.00
Single cabin (fixed price)	1,179.00	1,269.00	1,359.00

Danube Highlights: P. Katharina (Passau-Budapest-Passau) Upper Deck, DE-DOSBK-08I-O

Base price	1,099.00	1,179.00	1,269.00
Single cabin (fixed price)	1,359.00	1,439.00	1,529.00
Fixed price for double cabin in single use	1,599.00	1,729.00	1,859.00

Our rental bikes

Price

7-Speed Unisex Bike (Backpedal brake)	79.00
Unisex E-Bike (Backpedal brake)	189.00
Own Bike	29.00

Prices per person in GBP

Included services and travel information

Services

Including

- 7 nights in outside cabins on board the MS Prinzessin Katharina in the booked cabin category
- Full board: 7x breakfast buffet, 6x packed lunch for cycling or lunch snack, 6x coffee and tea in the afternoon, 7x 3-course evening menu
- Welcome cocktail
- Daily live music
- Daily bike tour meeting
- Travel folder 1 x per room (German, English with route and overview maps, detailed route description, places of interest, important telephone numbers, luggage labels)
- GPS data available on request
- SE-Tours tour guide

Not included

- Bike rental
- Excursions
- Gratuities
- Drinks
- Personal expenses

Arrival information

- Airport: Munich or Nuremberg Airport(s)
- Train: Passau station, approx. 5 km from the pier
- Parking: Parking (fenced outdoor area) including transfer to the ship and back €75 per week. Parking garage including transfer to the ship and back €87 per week. Registration form with the travel documents, to be paid on site

General information

- A minimum number of 80 people applies for this trip (at least 21 days before departure)
- If the cycling stages and rest times allow, an excursion program is offered, this can only be booked on

- Embarkation takes place between 4-5 p.m., disembarkation after breakfast no later than 11:30 a.m.
 - Bicycles on board are equipped with a hand brake, freewheel or coaster brake (limited availability, please specify when booking as a non-binding preference) and bicycle bag
 - It is possible to bring your own bicycles, due to the limited space on the sundeck you can only bring your own bicycle on request and only to a limited extent. Any damage to your bike is at your own risk
 - Daily cycling tours are individual and unaccompanied, the tour guide remains on board. It is not mandatory to cycle the route, you can also stay on board and sail to the next port
 - This trip is not suitable for people with reduced mobility
- board and paid in cash. Depending on the composition of the participants, the excursions can be offered bilingually German-English
- Sailing times, schedule and program changes are in principle reserved. For example, if a route cannot be completed due to low tide, high tide or bad weather, the captain reserves the right to change the route for your safety (this is not a valid reason to cancel your trip free of charge)
 - Engine and generator noises can be heard in the cabins at the front and rear of the ship
 - **Please note:** In Austria, helmets are compulsory for children under the age of 13, in Slovakia for all cyclists outside built-up areas and generally for children under the age of 15. High-visibility vests are compulsory in Slovakia and Hungary in poor visibility and at night.
 - Please bring your own bike helmet (no onboard selling) and, if necessary, your high-visibility vest from home.

Accommodation



MS PRINZESSIN

KATHARINA****

The comfortable MS Prinzessin Katharina provides the right ambience to make you feel at ease. On board the premium ship you can expect classic elegance, a tasteful interior and a friendly crew.

Beds: 142

Cabinsize: ca. 11 m²

Length: 110 m

Width: 11,2 m

Draught: 1 m