



Danube Cycle Path with Charm

Stay in unique hotels along the Danube **Cycle Path**

Ever dreamed of cycling comfortably through the most beautiful landscapes in Austria? Our team has put together a bike tour along the Danube cycle path from Passau to Vienna. Best of all: you cycle with 'charm'. This means you stay in hotels specially selected for their exceptional locations and facilities. It is the atmosphere of the hotels and the warm hosts that provide a memorable stay.

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Details about the Danube Cycle Path with Charm cycling holiday

The well-known Danube cycle path winds past Baroque cities, orchards and modern cultural hotspots. And an idyllic water landscape is always by your side. A particularly beautiful section awaits you in the Wachau wine region. The majestic Melk Abbey typifies the uniqueness of this section of the route. Travelling through the wine towns of Spitz, Weißenkirchen and past the castle ruins of Dürnstein you will experience the Wachau in all its splendour.

The highlights of this Danube cycling holiday at a glance:

Staying in specially selected hotels: Eight stylish hotels await your check-in on the bike tour along the Danube cycle path. In Schärding, the Forstinger family wait to welcome you to their four-star family-run hotel. Every host prides themselves on providing typical Austrian hospitality. This is true whether you are staying in the Hotel Residenz in Passau, the Donauschlinge Hotel or in the accommodation at the Linz Domplatz. Each of the charming hosts will make your stay as comfortable as possible. At the Steigenberger Hotel, an in-house spa awaits you!

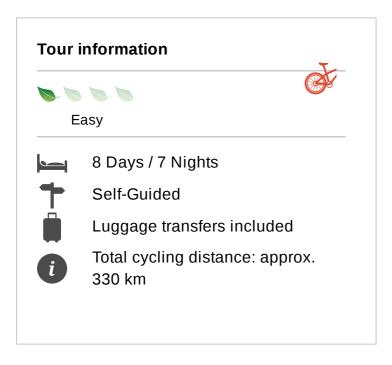
Worth knowing about the Danube cycle tour with charm

The eight-day cycle tour along Europe's most popular cycle route, the Danube Cycle Path, takes you along a gentle, tranquil natural backdrop. The cycle path covers flat terrain, on welldeveloped bike paths with many opportunities to take a break. Perfect for the casual or recreational cyclist! Every day you cover between 40 to 65 kilometres in the saddle. By then you'll have earned a spritzer and a little pick-me-up at every stop!

On our 'Cycle Tours with Charm', you can enjoy the full service of our active holidays while staying in very special accommodations with that extra something in the best location. That means you can look forward to luxury furnishings and decor in the local style, as well as cuisine at the highest level. Many of our hotels with charm also offer large pools and a wellness area where you can relax after a lovely day of cycling.

This tour has been graded as Medium. Find out more about our cycling holiday difficulty levels.

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Itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival in Schärding/Passau

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.

DAY2

Schärding/Passau -**Donauschlinge**

approx. 40-55

km

By cycling along the river Inn you will come to Passau, the town of the 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 Obernzell and finally arriving in Engelhartszell (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. Whilst on a ferry that takes you to the other side of the river to your hotel, you have time to look at and enjoy this natural phenomenon.

DAY3

Donauschlinge – Linz

approx. 55 km

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.

DAY4

Linz – Grein approx. 55 km

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. Alternatively, you could visit the archaeological collection in the municipal museum Lauriacum. Afterwards, you will return to the river, reaching the beautiful little baroque town of Grein. Here you can visit the oldest municipal theatre in Austria that is still being used. Or you can visit the maritime museum or Greinburg castle.

DAY5

Grein – Wachau approx. 50-60 km

This section of the Danube, the Strudengau, was once feared by sailors! Nowadays 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.

DAY 6

Wachau – Krems approx. 40 km

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.

DAY7

Krems – Vienna approx. 65 km

The final kilometres of your bike tour will be a relaxed trip to the Danube metropolis of Vienna. According to the selected variant, part of this stage is covered by train. As soon as you arrive you can check in 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 St Stephen's Cathedral or see the main sights and take a trip in one of the famous Fiaker cabs.

DAY

8

Departure or tour extension

Route information

Flat or slightly downhill along the Danube. Well-built bike path for almost all of the route, which is free of traffic. Minor roads make up only a very short section of this route - the Danube cycle path is a perfectly designed bike path.



Prices and dates

Price calculation and check availability: Danube Cycle Path with Charm

Place of arrival: Passau

	Season 1 30.03.2024 - 12.04.2024 28.09.2024 - 12.10.2024 Daily	Season 2 13.04.2024 - 03.05.2024 07.09.2024 - 27.09.2024 Daily	Season 3 04.05.2024 - 06.09.2024 Daily		
Danube Cycle Path with Charm, AT-DORPW-08D					
Base price	1,079.00	1,179.00	1,289.00		
Single room surcharge	429.00	429.00	429.00		

Hotel information: Charm category: See hotel description

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Passau

	Season 1 Mar 30, 2024 - Apr 12, 2024 Sep 28, 2024 - Oct 12, 2024 Daily	Season 2 Apr 13, 2024 - May 3, 2024 Sep 7, 2024 - Sep 27, 2024 Daily	Season 3 May 4, 2024 - Sep 6, 2024 Daily
Passau			
Double room p.p	85.00	85.00	85.00
Single room surcharge	39.00	39.00	39.00
Vienna			
Double room p.p	165.00	165.00	165.00

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Single room	129.00	129.00	129.00

Our rental bikes

	Price
21-Speed Unisex Bike	99.00
21-Speed Men's Bike	99.00
7-Speed Unisex Bike	99.00
27-Speed Bike PLUS	159.00
Unisex E-Bike	239.00

Prices per person in GBP

Included services and travel information

Services

Included:

- Accommodation as already mentioned
- Breakfast
- Welcome briefing (German, English)
- Luggage transfer
- Well developed route
- Detailed travel information (German, English)
- 1 ferry ride (Au-Schlögen) incl. bike
- 1 wine tasting in the Wachau region
- App for Navigation and GPS data available
- Service hotline

Optional:

- Bike rental, including rental bike insurance
- Return transfer with van from Vienna, daily in the afternoon. Costs EUR 75 per person, EUR 29 extra for your own bike, reservation necessary, to be paid in advance

Information

Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- Schärding and Passau train station
- Munich and Vienna airport
- Schärding: Free public car park on the Eurobike premises directly by the cycle path.
- Passau: Public car park approx. € 35 per week, no reservation possible/necessary
- Good train connections between Vienna and Passau

Important information:

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