





# Danube Cycle Path: Passau to Vienna

## Europe's most popular cycling holiday route

The Danube Cycle Path offers an ideal opportunity for a truly relaxing cycling holiday with a unique twist. This route stands as one of Europe's most renowned cycling holiday segments, captivating cyclists primarily with its picturesque scenery that aligns with the EuroVelo 6 cycle route.

In ages past, this path was traversed by Romans, Nibelungs, and a plethora of emperors and kings as they journeyed through Upper Austria. Enchanting baroque towns, serene waterscapes, and captivating cultural highlights present ample opportunities for sightseeing along the way.

Embark on a two-wheeled adventure across Austria, all along the iconic and incredibly popular Danube Cycle Path to Vienna!

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### Details about the Danube Cycle Path: Passau to Vienna cycling tour

The starting point of this cycle tour is the baroque town of Schärding or the three-river city of Passau. The decision of where to start is entirely up to you. Those who love nature will be intensely happy. Because the Donauradweg (Danube Cycle Path) has the most beautiful landscapes in Austria in store for you.

The city of Linz, Marchland and Wachau are just a few examples of charming places where you can make a well-deserved stopover. The special thing about the Danube Cycle Path is the beautiful blue Danube, this constant signpost and landmark travel is with you to Vienna. If you get lost for a while, don't worry. As a faithful companion, the river flows right into the heart of Vienna and signals the end of the cycle tour.



## The highlights of the Danube cycling holiday at a glance

- **Wine tasting in Wachau:** A tasting should not be missed to enjoy the fine wines of the Wachau region.
- **Melk Abbey:** The symbol of the Wachau is well worth a visit. The Benedictine Monastery is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- **Vienna:** Austria's cultural capital, history-rich, Danube-framed, music haven, imperial palaces, coffeehouse culture, artistic museums, and architectural elegance unite.

## Things worth knowing about the Danube Cycle Path: Passau to Vienna bike tour

You will cycle from Passau to Vienna in eight stages. Numerous breaks provide opportunities for relaxation in between. The one-way route is flat throughout, making it ideal for a first bike ride with friends or the whole family.

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

You can read more about the **Danube Cycle Path** in our detailed guide.

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### Tour information



Easy



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-Guided



Luggage transfers included




Total cycling distance: approx.  
345 km

### To the online version





# Itinerary


DAY 1	Arrival in Schärding or Passau	
<p>Enjoy a leisurely stroll through the charming baroque town of Schärding, where you can take in the sights and marvel at the renowned Silberzeile Lane. Alternatively, you have the option to explore the "New Centre" of Passau, often referred to as the town of three rivers, which has been thoughtfully redesigned as a pedestrian-friendly, car-free area.</p>		
DAY 2	Schärding or Passau – Danube Bend (Schlögener Schlinge)	approx. 40 - 55 km
<p>Following the course of the river Inn, your journey will lead you to Passau, famously known as the town of three rivers. We highly recommend partaking in a guided tour of the town and paying a visit to the cathedral, where you can experience the melodic tones of the world's largest church organ (except on Sundays and public holidays).</p> <p>Continuing along the Danube, your route will take you through Obernzell before reaching Engelhartzell, home to the only Trappist monastery in Austria. From here, you'll cycle through the nature reserve Donauleiten, ultimately arriving at the Schlögen Bend to the north. This notable bend was formed when the unyielding granite forced the Danube to make a 180-degree change in direction. As a ferry transports you to your hotel on the opposite side of the river, take the opportunity to marvel at this remarkable natural phenomenon.</p> <p> ca. 40-55 km</p>		



DAY  
3**Danube Bend – Linz** approx. 50 km


Today's journey will take you through the verdant Eferdinger basin, passing through charming market towns like Aschach, Ottensheim, and Wilhering, until you reach the Upper Austrian capital of Linz. In Linz, the historical Old Town beckons with its abundance of pubs and eateries waiting to be explored.

As a former European Capital of Culture in 2009, Linz boasts numerous highlights, including breathtaking vistas from Pöstlingberg mountain and leisurely strolls through the picturesque Donaulände Park.

 ca. 50 kmDAY  
4**Linz – Grein** approx. 55 km

On the fourth day, your journey will take a brief detour from the Danube's path to visit St. Florian, home to the Augustinian monastery, and then onward to Enns. In Enns, you can explore the town square featuring the prominent 60-metre town tower, a landmark of Austria's oldest town. Alternatively, you may opt to visit the archaeological collection at the Lauriacum municipal museum.

Following this, you'll return to the river's course, first arriving at the charming baroque town of Grein. While here, you'll have the opportunity to visit Austria's oldest municipal theatre still in operation, explore the maritime museum, or tour Greinburg Castle.

 ca. 55 kmDAY  
5**Grein – Wachau** approx. 50 - 60 km

The Strudengau section of the Danube, which sailors once feared, is now a tranquil route for cycling. Where mariners once battled against the Danube's currents, you can now enjoy a leisurely bike ride. High above the Danube in Maria Taferl, you'll discover the splendid pilgrimage church that draws thousands of pilgrims each year.

 ca. 50-60 km




DAY  
6

## Wachau – Krems/Traismauer/Tulln

approx. 40 - 60 km and  
wine tasting

Be sure to make a brief stop in Melk and look up, or you might miss the splendid Stift Melk monastery that graces the Danube's view. Upon leaving the town, you'll enter the picturesque Wachau region, where you can immerse yourself in the charming ambience of the area's signature orchards and vineyards.

Your route will guide you through the quaint wine towns of Spitz and Weißenkirchen, past the ruins of Dürnstein Castle, and conclude your journey in the ancient town of Krems or Tulln. While in the Wachau region, don't miss the chance to partake in a wine tasting, which we have thoughtfully arranged for you.

 ca. 40-60 km


DAY  
7

## Krems/Traismauer/Tulln – Vienna

approx. 45 - 65  
km

The final leg of your bike tour will be a leisurely journey to the bustling Danube metropolis of Vienna. Depending on the chosen route, part of this stage can also be covered by train. Upon your arrival, you can promptly check into your room and then fully indulge in the city's offerings for the remainder of the day.

Treat yourself to a Viennese-styleAmericano coffee and savour a slice of the renowned Sachertorte cake at one of Vienna's quintessential coffee houses. Explore Vienna's vibrant shopping street, Parade, or stroll along Mariahilfer Strasse. Pay a visit to the iconic St. Stephen's Cathedral and take in the city's main landmarks, perhaps even opting for a carriage ride in one of Vienna's famous Fiaker cabs.

 ca. 45-65 km

DAY  
8

## Return trip or extension

This cycling holiday along the Danube ends after breakfast, or book an extension in this beautiful city where there is still a lot to discover.



# Route information

Flat or slightly downhill and without significant inclines. The route is almost continuously on well-developed cycle paths without traffic. Only very short stretches are on secondary roads.





# Prices and dates

Price calculation and check availability: **Danube Cycle Path: Passau to Vienna**

Place of arrival: **Passau**

	Season 1 23.03.2024 - 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, Passau to Vienna Cat. C, AT-DORPW-08C			
Base price	729.00	789.00	849.00
Single room surcharge	259.00	259.00	259.00
Danube Cycle Path, Passau to Vienna Cat. B, AT-DORPW-08B			
Base price	819.00	899.00	959.00
Single room surcharge	269.00	269.00	269.00
Danube Cycle Path, Passau to Vienna Cat. A, AT-DORPW-08A			
Base price	909.00	989.00	1,049.00
Single room surcharge	279.00	279.00	279.00
Danube Cycle Path, Passau to Vienna Cat. Charme, AT-DORPW-08D			
Base price	1,139.00	1,269.00	1,379.00
Single room surcharge	419.00	419.00	419.00

**Hotel information:**

**Category Charm:** You stay in Charm hotels, beautiful 3\*\*\* and 4\*\*\*\* hotels. Special locations or hotels with special and/or exclusive extras such as a spa or wine cellar. In Linz and Vienna in 4\*\*\*\* charming hotels



**Category A:** You will stay in carefully selected 4\*\*\*\* hotels or the best hotels on site

**Category B:** You will stay in carefully selected 3\*\*\* and 4\*\*\*\* hotels

**Category C:** 3\*\*\* hotels and Gasthofen, in Linz and Vienna 4\*\*\*\* hotels

# Additional nights

Place of arrival: Passau

	Season 1 Mar 23, 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. Cat. C	65.00	65.00	65.00
Single room surcharge	29.00	29.00	29.00
Vienna			
Double room p.p. Cat. C	69.00	69.00	69.00
Single room surcharge	29.00	29.00	29.00
Passau			
Double room p.p. Cat. B	65.00	65.00	65.00
Single room surcharge	29.00	29.00	29.00
Vienna			
Double room p.p. Cat. B	65.00	65.00	65.00
Single room surcharge	29.00	29.00	29.00
Passau			



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Double room p.p. Cat. A	79.00	79.00	79.00
Single room surcharge	29.00	29.00	29.00
Vienna			
Double room p.p. Cat. A	69.00	69.00	69.00
Single room surcharge	49.00	49.00	49.00
Passau			
Double room p.p. Cat. Charme	85.00	85.00	85.00
Single room surcharge	39.00	39.00	39.00
Vienna			
Double room p.p. Cat. Charme	165.00	165.00	165.00
Single room surcharge	129.00	129.00	129.00

# Our rental bikes

	<b>Price</b>
21-Speed Unisex Bike	99.00
Unisex E-Bike	259.00

27-Speed Bike PLUS	169.00
21-Speed Men's Bike	99.00
7-Speed Unisex Bike	99.00

Prices per person in GBP



# Included services and travel information

## Services

### Included

- 7 nights in the chosen category, including breakfast
- Crossing Au-Schlögen including bike
- Wine tasting in the Wachau
- Danube Card in Upper Austria
- Personal welcome meeting and info discussion (German, English)
- Luggage transfer(s)
- Travel folder 1 x per room (German, English with route and overview maps, detailed route description, places of interest, important telephone numbers, luggage labels)
- Own signage on the route
- GPS data available on request
- Service Hotline

### Not included

- Tourist tax, if applicable, to be paid locally
- (Optional) Return transfer by minibuss from Vienna, daily in the afternoon, costs €75 per person (excl. your own bicycle, surcharge €29), reservation required

## Arrival information

- Train: Schärding or Passau station
- Plane: Munich or Vienna Airport
- Parking: Schärding free parking at the Eurobike parking directly on the bike path. Passau public garage approx. €35 per week, no reservation possible/necessary
- Departure: Good train connection between Vienna-Passau or Schärding

## Sample hotel list

This is a sample hotel list. Hotels will be booked depending on availability.

### **Passau**

Stadthotel \*\*\*\*

[www.stadthotel-schaerding.at](http://www.stadthotel-schaerding.at)

Hotel Passauer Wolf \*\*\*\*

[www.hotel-passauer-wolf.de](http://www.hotel-passauer-wolf.de)

Stiegenwirt \*\*\*

[www.stiegenwirt-schaerding.at](http://www.stiegenwirt-schaerding.at)

Hotel Spitzberg \*\*\*\*

[www.hotel-spitzberg.de](http://www.hotel-spitzberg.de)

Biedermeier Hof \*\*\*

[www.biedermeierhof.at](http://www.biedermeierhof.at)

Hotel Atrium

[www.atrium-passau.de](http://www.atrium-passau.de)

### **Schlögen/surroundings**

Hotel Donauschlinge \*\*\*\*

[www.donauschlinge.at](http://www.donauschlinge.at)

Wesenufer Hotel und Seminarkultur an der Donau

[www.hotel-wesenufer.at](http://www.hotel-wesenufer.at)

Gasthof Draxler \*\*\*

<http://www.donau-urlaub.at>

### **Linz**

Arcotel Nike \*\*\*\*

[www.arcotelhotels.com](http://www.arcotelhotels.com)

Hotel Courtyard \*\*\*\*

[www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/lnzcy-courtyard-linz/](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/lnzcy-courtyard-linz/)

Hotel Donauwelle \*\*\*\*

[www.linz.twhotels.at/](http://www.linz.twhotels.at/)

### **Grein/surroundings**

Hotel Aumühle \*\*\*

[www.aumuehle.at](http://www.aumuehle.at)

Hotel Goldenes Kreuz

[www.hotel-in-grein.at](http://www.hotel-in-grein.at)

Gasthof Zur Donaubrücke



[www.gasthof-froschauer.at](http://www.gasthof-froschauer.at)

### **Wachau**

Hotel zur Post Melk \*\*\*\*

[www.post-melk.at](http://www.post-melk.at)

Donauhof Emmersdorf \*\*\*\*

<https://www.pichler-wachau.com/donauhof/hotel-ueberblick-wachau.html>

Hotel Wachauerhof Melk \*\*\*

[www.wauchauerhof.eu](http://www.wauchauerhof.eu)

### **Krems/Traismauer/Tulln**

Hotel Zum Schwan \*\*\*

[www.hotel-schwan.at](http://www.hotel-schwan.at)

Hotel Zum Schwan\*\*\*

[www.hotel-schwan.at](http://www.hotel-schwan.at)

Landgasthof Schmid Sitzenberg \*\*\*

<https://www.gh-schmid.at>

### **Vienna**

Arcotel Kaiserwasser \*\*\*\*

[www.arcotelhotels.com](http://www.arcotelhotels.com)

Roomz Prater \*\*\*\*

[www.roomz-hotels.com/en/roomz-vienna-prater](http://www.roomz-hotels.com/en/roomz-vienna-prater)

Simm's Hotel \*\*\*\*

[www.simmshotel.at](http://www.simmshotel.at)