

# The Danube Cycle Path from Passau to Vienna

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 310 – 325 KM BOOKING CODE: OE-DOPW7

## Your tour

Cycling from Passau to Vienna in one week is one of the most popular cycling tours of all. The tour is particularly suitable for beginners and families with children due to the completely flat course and the very well signposted paths. But the Austrian Danube is also a popular route for "old hands" due to the cultural and historical richness and the scenic beauty of the Danube valley.

## Itinerary

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Day 1	Individual arrival in Passau
Day 2	Passau – Schlögen / Donauschlinge, approx. 40 – 55 km + Ferry ride
Day 3	Schlögen – Linz, approx. 55 km
Day 4	Linz – Grein region, approx. 55 km
Day 5	Grein – Wachau, approx. 50 – 60 km
Day 6	Wachau – Krems / Traismauer / Tulln, approx. 40 – 75 km
Day 7	Krems – Vienna, approx. 45 – 75 km
Day 8	Individual departure

## Services

 $\rightarrow$  5 overnight stays with breakfast, national 2\* / 3\* level, in Vienna 4\* level (Cat B)

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- → 7 nights with breakfast, national 4\*-level (Cat A)
- → Ferry ride Au Schlögen incl. bike
- → Luggage transport from hotel to hotel to Vienna, max. 20 kg / piece
- → Cycle route description with maps (1 x per room)
- → Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. 08.00 p.m.)

## Not included services

- → Train ride Tulln Vienna
- → Citys or visitors tax, if payable

## Travel time

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Season A	29.03. – 11.04.	27.09. – 12.10.	
Season B	12.04 02.05.	06.09. – 26.09.	
Season C	03.05 05.09.		

Daily arrival 29.03. – 12.10.2025 The season is dictated by the arrival date.





Basic price per person	Category B Category A
Doubleroom, Season A	759,- 989,-
Doubleroom, Season B	839,- 1079,-
Doubleroom, Season C	899,- 1149,-
Additional fee single room	299,- 329,-

Additional night prices per person	Category B	Category A
Passau DBL / BB	75,-	99,-
Passau SGL / BB	115,-	135,-
Vienna DBL / BB	69,-	95,-
Vienna SGL / BB	119,-	175,-

Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec*	269,-
Rental bike (7- / 21-gear)*	99,-
Return transfer excl. bike	85,-
Return transfer incl. bike	125,-

<sup>\*</sup>including rental bike insurance





**Exemplary hotel list Category A** 

Passau	Passauer Wolf Passau	https://www.hotel-passauer-wolf.de
Schlögen / Donauschlinge	Donauschlinge Riverresort, Schlögen	http://www.donauschlinge.at
Linz	Arcotel Nike Linz	https://nike.arcotel.com/de/
Grein / Umgebung	Wellnesshotel Aumühle, Grein	https://www.aumuehle.at/
Wachau	Post Melk, Wachau	https://www.post-melk.at/
Krems / Traismauer / Tulln	Gasthof zum Schwan, Traismauer	https://www.hotel-schwan.at
Wien	Arcotel Kaiserwasser Wien	http://www.arcotelhotels.com/de/ kaiserwasser_hotel_wien/

**Exemplary hotel list Category B** 

Schlögen / Donauschlinge	Gasthof Draxler, Donauschlinge	http://www.donau-urlaub.at/
Linz	Donauwelle, Linz	https://linz.twhotels.at/
Grein / Umgebung	Gasthof zur Donaubrücke, Grein	https://www.gasthof-froschauer.at/
Wachau	Wachauerhof Melk, Wachau	https://www.wachauerhof-melk.at/de
Krems / Traismauer / Tulln	Gasthof zum Schwan, Traismauer	https://www.hotel-schwan.at
Wien	Simm`s Hotel, Wien	https://www.simmshotel.at/

Child reduction on basic price

0 - 5 Years	100%
6 - 11 Years	50%
12 - 14 Years	25%
15 - 17 Years	10%

Reduction for children is valid for accommodation in room with two full-paying guests.

## **Languages Travel documents**

→ German, English, French

## **Additional note**

- → All bookings are on request.
- → In Austria, helmets are compulsory for children up to the age of 12.
- → Return journey from Vienna to Passau / Schärding: Optionally with a minibus (daily), duration approx. 3.5 4 hours, pick-up approx. 2 p.m. directly at the hotel, must be specified when booking.
- → Alternatively on your own by train, connections several times an hour, duration approx. 3 hours, 1 x change.
- → Twin / double rooms / separate beds are only occasionally available. We treat requests as non-binding customer requests, if above mentioned room types are a booking condition, it must be mentioned as a condition at the time of booking.

## **Equipment of our rental bikes**

- → Comfortable saddle
- → Bike lock
- → Odometer
- → Air pump
- → Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- → Waterproof pannier
- → Waterproof handlebar bag with map holder

## Journey to Passau

- → Nearest airports: Linz, Munich, Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest
- → Train station: Passau

## Parking in Passau

→ Public parking garage in Passau, cost: approx. 5 € per day. No reservation by Radweg-Reisen possible.

## Luggage transport

→ Luggage pick-up from 09.00 a.m., delivery to the next hotel by 06.00 p.m. at the latest, labeling of luggage is 1 x for the whole tour. No restriction on the number of pieces of luggage, but max. 20 kg per piece of luggage.

## Travel documents

- → 1 set (per booked room) consists of: hotel list and voucher, travel information with details on daily stages, short travel guides and route descriptions, maps, luggage tags
- → Travel document dispatch to the arrival hotel, hotel list and arrival information in advance by e-mail

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## Stages description

## Day 1: Individual arrival in Passau

Once you've arrived, why not saunter through the tranquil alleys of this seemingly Mediterranean city where Danube, Inn and Ilz meet. It has loads to offer for everyone interested in culture and history. We recommend you visit the Dome of St. Stephen which thoroughly dominates the cityscape, or the pilgrimage church of Mariahilf. Or, you could instead opt for a leisurely cup of coffee in the historic centre.

## Day 2: Passau – Schlögen / Donauschlinge, approx. 40 – 55 km + Ferry ride

You start your tour on the northern bank of the Danube and cycle through the Upper Danube Valley to the small market town of Obernzell. A little later you cross the border to Austria and arrive in Engelhartszell with its famous Trappist monastery. At the Schlögener Schlinge, the Danube winds in a tight loop around a huge granite hill on which the romantic Haichenbach ruins are enthroned. From Au you cross over to the other bank by ferry and reach your stage destination.

## Day 3: Schlögen - Linz, approx. 55 km

Through the bird paradise of the Eferdinger Becken and various small market villages, today's stage will take you to Linz. The state capital of Upper Austria was European Capital for Culture in 2009 and is home to the Lentos, one of Austria's most important museums for contemporary art. The Linz City Express will take you to all the city's important sights. You can enjoy a beautiful view of the city from the Pöstlingberg.

## Day 4: Linz - Grein region, approx. 55 km

You cycle through the region and cultural landscape of Machland to Enns. There is also a lot to discover in Austria's oldest town. The main thing, however, is that you discover it absolutely stress-free. Because Enns is the first Cittàslow in Austria. Here, deceleration and quality of life are writ large. The last kilometres of today's stage you cycle through the legendary region of the Strudengau. This was once a section of the Danube much feared by boatmen. Grein was an important trading centre back then. The town theatre in the town hall is the oldest theatre in Austria still in use. Even towards the end of the 19th century, primary school pupils in Grein only received their school-leaving certificate if they had attended a certain number of classical plays in this theatre. By the way, today is half-time on your eight-day cycle tour from Passau to Vienna! Time flies faster on a bike than you think.

## Day 5: Grein - Wachau, approx. 50 - 60 km

When you reach Melk with its famous monastery, it is almost too late for a break. You will have already covered most of today's route. Nevertheless, you should visit the pompous Benedictine monastery. In the village, various themed trails lead to all the important sights. Now you have reached the Wachau wine-growing region. It has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2000. Fruit, especially grapes, are grown here. It is home to internationally renowned white wines. In the evening you should definitely visit a Heuriger. These are traditional small pubs where local winegrowers sell their own wines. Usually they also serve small regional dishes. You are sure to learn one or two insider tips for tomorrow's stage from the innkeepers and local guests. You can quickly strike up a conversation over a glass of wine.

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

Today you cycle through the Wachau once again. Depending on the season, you can pick apricots or grapes along the way. Richard the Lionheart was once held prisoner in the castle in Dürnstein. The castle ruins still tower over the town today. Dürnstein Abbey, on the other hand, was built directly on the banks of the Danube. The blue tower of the collegiate church is considered the landmark of the Wachau. You have finally reached the end of the Wachau in Krems. The town is already more than 1000 years old. It was first mentioned in a document in 995. Stroll through the old town, where you can still see the prosperity of the former port city today. The magnificently decorated bay windows and portals are true architectural treasures.

## Day 7: Krems – Vienna, approx. 45 – 75 km

On the last stage you cycle through the extensive Tulln basin. On the flat and well-maintained cycle paths you will make good progress. If you want to have more time for Vienna, you can shorten the route by train from Tulln (not included). This shortens your stage by approx. 45 km. Finally you will reach the destination of your cycling tour: The capital of Austria. You should not miss the world-famous sights of Vienna. The Prater is the world's oldest amusement park. It is still a popular destination today. Schönbrunn Palace, St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Spanish Riding School are also among the most popular tourist destinations. In addition, there are countless other treasures to discover. You can get a great view of the former imperial city from the Danube Tower. Dinner becomes a special experience in the revolving tower restaurant. Of course, you can also simply enjoy a Viennese melange and a piece of Sacher cake in the tower café.

## Day 8: Individual departure

After breakfast you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay.