

RIVER DANUBE - AUSTRIA GERMANY SLOVAKIA HUNGARY

River cruising & self-guided cycling

Bike and Barging, cruising and cycling along the **River Danube** is a highlight of any tour to Europe and this is a **self-guided** program for those who want to be more active and to travel at their own pace. We offer cabins on a floating hotel on a route that is generally gently downhill, mostly with a helpful tailwind. Spend your days exploring the river from Bratislava, the former city of Hungarian kings, to **Vienna** with St. Stephen's Cathedral, beautiful town hall and Riesenrad (Ferris wheel). The Naschmarkt (food market) in Vienna is a cultural and culinary adventure and there are cosy coffee shops, bars and typical Viennese wine taverns.

Bike and Barge cruises combine two popular ways to explore Europe (cycling & river cruising), allowing partners of different abilities & interests to holiday together (trips are just as interesting for non-cycling partners, leisure cyclist OR enthusiasts), unpack once & come 'home' each night to a wonderful meal and a comfortable cabin with your own bathroom.



The **MS THEODOR KÖRNER** is a spacious, traditionally built cruise ship with an attentive crew and a comfortable atmosphere carrying a maximum of 135 passengers. Cycling through various countries there is a chance sample regional cuisine on-board. The ship offers a library, restaurant and bars, with sunny patio and a broad sun deck with comfortable deck chairs. The ship has 65-well-furnished cabins, which are cosy (approximately 9-10sqm) with either 2 adjoining beds (2-Bed-Cabin) or with bunk beds (Double-Cabin) all with en suite (shower and toilet), TV, radio and air conditioning. All cruises starts & ends in Passau (Germany)

River Danube Bike & Ship Cruise: 8-days (7-nights)

Regular Season:	\$1825 per person (twin share). Single cabin supplement: \$900 - all seasons
Departs:	Danube Impressions: 1, 15, 22 May, 28 Aug, 11, 25 Sep 2010 Danube Waltz: 10, 17, 24 Apr, 2, 9, 10 Oct 2010
Mid Season:	\$1935 per person (twin share).
Departs:	Danube Impressions: 5, 12, 26 Jun, 17, 31 Jul, 7, 21 Aug 2010 Danube Waltz: 8 May, 4, 18 Sep 2010
High/Festival Season:	\$2025 per person (twin share).
Departs:	Danube Impressions: 10 Jul 2010 (Festival period cost: \$1995 per person) Danube Waltz: 29 May, 19 Jun, 3, 24 Jul, 14 Aug 2010

Includes: Twin-share (outward facing) cabins with air-conditioning for 7-nights, full board (breakfast, packed lunch & dinner), welcome cocktail, onboard entertainment & Gala Dinner with farewell cocktail. Bike hire (7-speed-roadster with saddlebag), detailed route map and cycling information, daily city or sightseeing options (at extra cost) with guide, all services on-board the ship.

Not Included: Arrival/departure transfers, entrance fees, sightseeing fees, gratuities or personal expenses.

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DANUBE IMPRESSIONS - GERMANY & AUSTRIA

Suggested route: Passau – Vienna – Passau

Day 1: Arrival in Passau We suggest you plan to join the ship in the late afternoon @ 5.00pm. In the evening there are welcome cocktails followed by dinner with live music entertainment.

Day 2: Passau – Obermühl - Linz (50km) Sightseeing tour with City-Express Linz (optional)
Today the river takes you through to pretty villages and a rural undulating landscape. Try the special cordials and liqueurs at the Trappist Monastery in Engelszell with its healing powers. Cycle through or relax on the sun deck as the ship cruises through the romantic Schlägener loop. After dinner, an optional excursion on the bright yellow City-Express and discover Linz, the capital of upper Austria.

Day 3: Linz - Grein (65km), Visit of Austria's oldest theatre (optional)
Today's cycling takes you along the Danube to the ancient Celtic town of Mitterkirchen. There is an alternative more challenging hilly route via Clam Castle through the beautiful backcountry of the Strudengau. Grein is the destination today where you will find Austria's oldest city-theatre and the Castle of Grein.

Day 4: Grein – Melk - Tulln (51km)
Today's route offers a diverse landscape with a comfortable riding distance. At the beginning there is the Strudengau – a narrow point of the Danube – then the valley opens from Persenbeug and you can cycle to Melk with its gorgeous baroque Benedictine monastery. A chance to enjoy sunset on deck and the beautiful illuminations of Wachau. Today's destination is Tulln, with its numerous market gardens.

Day 5: Tulln - Vienna (35km)
Before we reach Vienna we pass through a breathtaking landscape past the 900-year old baroque monastery of Klosterneuburg. Kahlenbergdorf with its wine taverns is only a short distance from the river and definitely worth a visit. After a stroll through the vineyards, enjoy the panoramic view over Vienna.

Day 6: Vienna (Rest day), City tours by bike or bus, Waltz Concert (optional)
You can discover this city of vitality by bike or bus. The most famous places of interest are Prater, St. Stephens Cathedral and the Hofburg, the gorgeous boulevard "Ringstraße" with Burgtheater, State Opera House and the town hall. There is enough time in the afternoon to visit one of the famous Viennese coffee bars and in the evening perhaps a waltz and opera concert at the Wiener Kursalon or party at a tavern.

Day 7: Wachau - Krems-Emmersdorf (36km)
Your last day of cycling is a special highlight as you pass an enchanting landscape of small towns, apricot orchards, vineyards, castles and monasteries. This is pure biking enjoyment and in Spitz you will find wine bars and restaurants beside the bike path for a celebratory break. In the evening, onboard your boat there is a ceremonial gala dinner with a live show.

Day 8: Passau
Enjoy an early breakfast at sunrise and the peaceful silence of the River Danube Valley. Take your last pictures of the Schlägener Schlinge (Great Loop) before you arrive at Passau. The cruise ends & you disembark at around 12:30 p.m.

DANUBE WALTZ - GERMANY, AUSTRIA, SLOVAKIA, HUNGARY

Suggested route: Passau – Vienna – Bratislava – Budapest – Vienna – Passau

Day 1: Arrival in Passau Board the ship at 5.00pm. The boat departs at about 9.00pm for the cruise to the Austrian resort town of Engelhartszell, which is the former summer residence of the bishops of Passau.

Day 2: Donauschlinge – The Great Loop (40km)
Starting from Engelhartszell Castle the bicycle tour continues through one of the most beautiful and unspoiled sections of the Danube with its small villages and cosy taverns. You re-board the boat at the charming village of Aschach for dinner and the boat cruises through the night towards Vienna.

Day 3: Vienna - Bratislava (55 – 75km) Walk through the Old Town (optional)
Before Vienna you can explore the Donauauen National Park, which is one of the last big unspoiled floodplains in Europe. Bratislava is today's destination and during a walkabout in the evening (optional) you can discover hidden alleyways, shops and squares, cafes, bars and restaurants.

Day 4: Budapest (Cycling rest day)

Sightseeing tour at night (optional)

In the morning, enjoy the panoramic cruise and views of the gorgeous landscape perhaps the greatest bend on the Danube. The gateway to Budapest is breathtaking with many of the famous tourist features situated next to our mooring point. Nearby too you can explore Margaretheninsel by bike. The market hall – called “the stomach of Budapest” – is full of Hungarian treasures and handicrafts. As the city lights-up at night why not consider a city tour of Budapest.

Day 5: Danube bend (24 - 57km)

North of Budapest is the picturesque, slightly hilly landscape of the Hungarian Wachau (Danube Bend). Two choices for cycling day today, a longer option with a side trip to the Island of Szentendre and the baroque village of Vác. The small town of Szentendre is a paradise for cyclists and artists alike with an open-air museum. For those who prefer, you can shorten the distance and cycle directly to the town of Estergom. Overlooking the village of Esztergom is the Basilica, the biggest church in Hungary.

Day 6: Vienna (Cycling rest day)

Optional Sightseeing tour by bike or bus – approx. 3½ hours

Today you can discover Vienna by bike, by bus or walking. Discover the most famous examples of Viennese architecture: the imperial Hofburg, St. Stephens Cathedral, the gorgeous boulevard “Ringstraße” with the State Opera House, the Burgtheater and town hall, the colorful “Hunderwasserhaus” and the Ferris wheel at the Prater. Enjoy the many small coffee bars and shopping plazas and, as the evening ends enjoy a waltz and an opera concert at the Wiener Kursalon (optional) or relax onboard.

Day 7: Wachau: (40km)

Passing small towns, apricot orchards, vineyards, castles and monasteries, this hilly landscape is enchanting. This is great cycling country and in Spitz you can find wine bars, taverns and restaurants beside the bike path to celebrate your achievements. Walk your bike through the narrow alleyways of Dürnstein where the English King Richard the Lionheart was detained during mediaeval times. Visit Melk with its gorgeous baroque Benedictine monastery and after a ceremonial gala dinner onboard there is a live show for your final night.

Day 8: Passau

We will reach Passau in the late morning & you can expect to disembark at @ 12:30pm.



General Information: Please note the timetable & itinerary are indicative only & are subject to change without notice. These cruises are subject to water levels and navigation of locks & bridges, etc. The tour is subject to minimum numbers - status will be confirmed 4 weeks before departure – ask for further details. The ship cruises & has engine power at night, so if you are sensitive to noise, we recommend you bring earplugs.

You will need to make your own way to and from Passau. The bicycle tours are unguided. All distances shown are approximate only. Cabin space is limited (soft or foldable bags are recommended). We suggest you bring or buy locally a good quality bike helmet. We suggest you also bring your own good quality rainwear (jacket and trousers), sunshade, sunscreen, sports shoes and bathing shoes.

Other Bike & Barge cruises are available from **Outdoor Travel** in **France, Holland, Belgium, Italy, Germany, Croatia, Greece & Turkey**. We offer inn-to-inn guided or self-guided cycling tours in most areas of Europe & river and canal hotel barge cruises. Sailing holidays are available in Corsica, Tuscany or Sicily in Italy. Bike & boat holidays are also available in Vietnam & on the St Lawrence River in Canada:

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