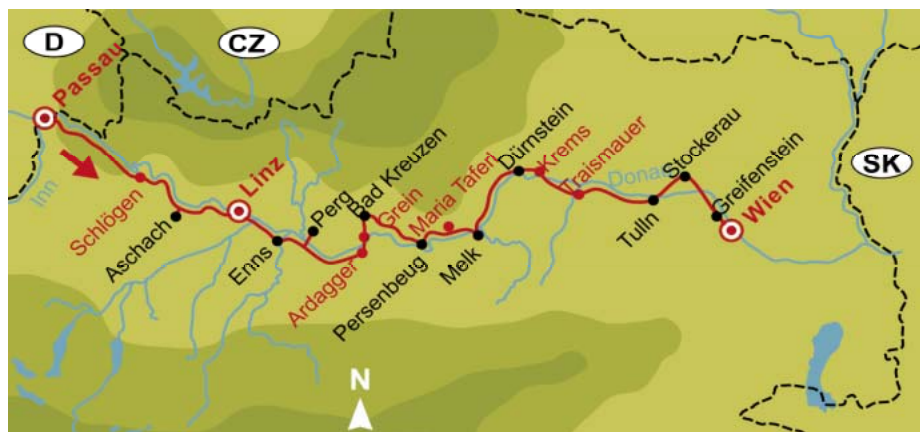


## GERMANY & AUSTRIA – ALONG THE RIVER DANUBE

8-days / 7-nights self-guided inn-to-inn cycling from Passau in Germany to Vienna in Austria



One of the most popular cycling routes in Europe, this easy to moderate 8-day Inn-to-Inn cycle tour along the River Danube is guaranteed to be a memorable active holiday. This mighty river has and still does play a vital role in both tourism and travel in this part of Europe and the bike track along its banks and through towns and villages along the route allow you to experience the tranquil beauty of the countryside and the mountains. You will follow the river from Germany into Austria through pretty villages, past ancient monasteries; see fabulous examples of baroque architecture, romantic castles, old market towns and vineyards.

We offer you the choice from two versions of this easy to moderate tour, with slightly different cycling distances and endings. **Trip A** avoids the traffic and suburbs as you enter Vienna by taking a train on the last day. **Trip B** follows the trail and city roads all the way to your hotel in Vienna. You can also choose either the Bed & Breakfast option or Half Board, which includes breakfast and dinners (usually traditional local cuisine) as shown below:

Costs Per person:	TRIP A (Twin Share)		TRIP B (Twin Share)	
	B&B	or Half Board	B&B	or Half Board
Off season	\$1165	\$1510	\$1075	\$1330
Low season	\$1270	\$1615	\$1195	\$1450
High season	\$1380	\$1725	\$1255	\$1510
Single supplement	\$ 440	\$ 440	\$ 425	\$ 425

**Departs:** Daily from 17<sup>th</sup> April to 17<sup>th</sup> October 2010

**Starts:** Passau, Ends Vienna

**Seasons:**  
Off: 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2010  
Low: 24<sup>th</sup> April – 18<sup>th</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> September – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010  
High: 19<sup>th</sup> June – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2010

**Tour Includes:** Twin Share in comfortable hotels with ensuite bathroom with breakfast each day. The Half Board option includes daily breakfast and 7 x 3-course dinners, multi-geared bike hire (ideal for the relatively flat terrain) with a bike lock, daily luggage transfers, monastery admission fee at St. Florian and Melk, tour information and a route map, emergency telephone assistance if required, one-way train travel from Greifenstein to Vienna (only on Trip A).

**Tour does not include:** Meals not described, drinks, other optional entry fees, ferries & other transport. Helmets are not provided or compulsory in Germany or Austria but we do highly recommend you bring or buy a bike helmet for this tour.

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## Suggested itinerary:

### Day 1, Arrival in Passau (Germany)

Train from Vienna or from most mainline German/Austrian railway networks easily reaches Passau. We suggest you plan to arrive at your pre-booked hotel mid-afternoon to collect your detailed trip documentation, maps and travel vouchers. You will then collect and adjust your rental bike with time to explore before dinner.

### Day 2, Schlögen 43 km

After breakfast you begin cycling passing Oberzell with its gloriously colourful market square to Engelszell with its spectacular monastery. Continue to Au and Schlögen.

### Day 3, Linz 59 km

Today is the "King's Stage" as you cycle through the quiet and sparsely populated valley towards Kaiserau, Aschach and Eferding. There is time for coffee or lunch and sightseeing here before continuing through Brandstatt and Wilhering to reach Linz.

### Day 4, Grein 73 km

Cycle to St. Florian where there is the opportunity to enjoy a guided tour through the abbey, said to contain 800 rooms. Back on the trail you cycle on to Wallsee and Grein.

### Day 5, Melk 53 - 62 km

Every Friday from May to September at noon there is an invitation to attend a reception with champagne in the Knight's Hall of Grein Castle followed by an operetta concert. Continuing with the cycling you pass the legendary island Wörth to reach the Black Wall and the Nibelungengau. Your ride then passes through Persenbeug to Pöchlarn and Melk.

### Day 6, Krems 53 km (Trip A) or Traismauer, 56 km (Trip B)

Today you will cycle through the Wachau to Willendorf and Spitz crossing onto the left hand side of the Danube to Dürnstein. The route continues to Krems (for those doing Trip A) or to Traismauer (for those doing the slightly longer Trip B).

### Day 7, Greifenstein-Vienna 58 km (Trip A) or 55 km (Trip B)

Travelling through the fruitful Tullner fields you reach Greifenstein near the Wienerwald. For those on Trip A, you can drop-off your bike and take the train to the centre of Vienna. Those on Trip B will cycle all the way by bike to the hotel in Vienna, and leave your bike there.

### Day 8, End tour in Vienna (Austria) and departure.

The tour ends after breakfast. For those planning to return to Passau we can organise a bus transfer.



Our experienced staff offers an extensive knowledge of cycling holidays in Europe and can help you choose the right tour. We offer bike & barge, small group or self-guided inn-to-inn cycling holidays in **France, Italy, Germany, Holland, Ireland, Spain, Croatia, Canada, Vietnam, Australia & New Zealand** – ask for details.

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