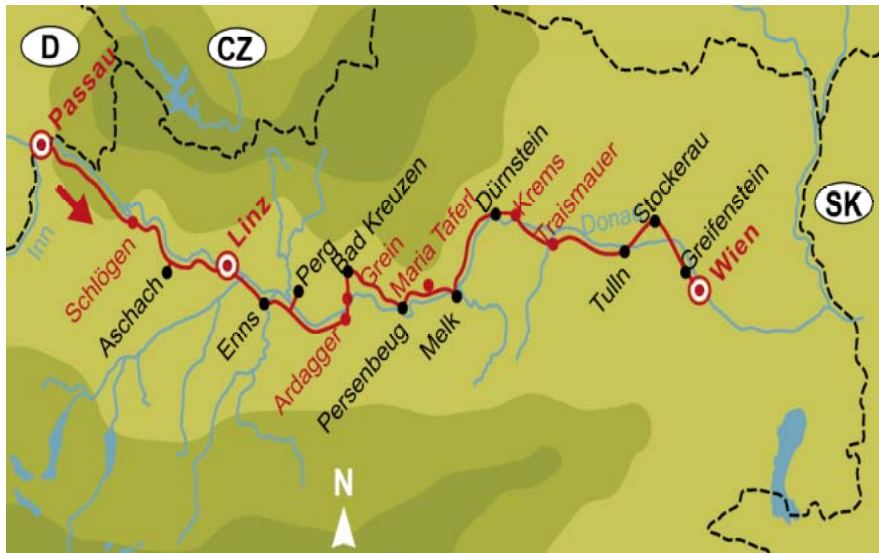


GERMANY & AUSTRIA – ALONG THE RIVER DANUBE

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



One of the most popular cycling routes in Europe, this easy to moderate cycle tour along the River Danube is guaranteed to be a memorable active holiday experience. This mighty river still plays a vital role in both tourism and travel in this part of Europe and cycling along the well-maintained cycle paths has become a must-do cycling holiday for all ages. Being self-guided gives you flexibility to travel at your own pace, to stop and relax or explore secure in the knowledge that your room is waiting for you, your bags have gone ahead and the river is your guide

The bike trail passes through towns and villages along a flat to slightly undulating route. It is well used and allows beautiful cycling often flanked by woods and forest often framed by mountains (giving a more challenging ride for those looking to do longer or hill riding if they prefer). The route follows the river from Germany into Austria through traditional villages, past ancient monasteries with some spectacular examples of the Baroque style of architecture, romantic and historic castles, old market towns and world-renowned vineyards.

We offer the choice of meal inclusions on this tour. You can choose either the Bed & Breakfast option or Half Board (which includes breakfast and dinner each night - usually based on traditional local cuisine):

Costs Per person

Twin share:	B&B	or	Half Board	Seasons
Off season	\$ 795		\$ 995	7 th – 20 th October 2012
Low season	\$ 880		\$1080	21 st April – 15 th June, 10 th September – 6 th October 2012
High season	\$ 925		\$1130	16 th June – 9 th September 2012
Single supplement	\$ 315		\$ 315	

Departs: Daily from 21st April to 20th October 2012 from Passau to Vienna

Tour Includes: Twin share accommodation in comfortable hotels with ensuite bathroom and breakfast each day or the Half Board option which includes daily breakfast and 3-course dinners on 7-nights. For both options 21-gear bike hire is included (ideal for the relatively flat terrain) with a pannier & handlebar bag (1 per room), daily luggage transfers, monastery admission fee at St. Florian and in Melk, cycle tour information and a route map, emergency telephone assistance if required.

Tour does not include: Meals not described, drinks, other optional entry fees, ferries and other transport or any personal expenses. Helmets are not provided (and are not currently 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, Arrive in Passau (Germany)

The train from Vienna or from most mainline German / Austrian railway stations will link you with Passau. We suggest you plan to arrive at your pre-booked hotel mid-afternoon to collect your detailed trip documentation, maps and travel vouchers. Collect and adjust your rental bike with time to explore the town before dinner.

Day 2, Schlögen 43 km

After breakfast begin cycling along the Danube passing Oberzell with its gloriously colourful market square to Engelszell – perhaps stopping to visit the 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 plenty of time for a coffee break or lunch and sightseeing here before continuing through Brandstatt and Wilhering to reach Linz.

Day 4, Ardagger/Grein 63 km

Cycle to Saint Florian where there is the opportunity to take a guided tour through the abbey. The abbey is huge and said to contain 800 rooms. Back on the trail cycle we follow the river to Wallsee and Grein.

Day 5, Melk 49 km

You may wish to visit Grein Castle before cycling on past the legendary island of Wörth and reach the Black Wall and the Nibelungengau. Your route then passes through Persenbeug to Pöchlarn and Melk.

Day 6, Traismauer 56 km

Today you cycle through the Wachau to Willendorf and Spitz crossing onto the left hand side of the Danube to reach Dürnstein. The route continues to Traismauer.

Day 7, Greifenstein-Vienna 61 km

Cycling through typical rural scenes of Tullner you reach Greifenstein near the Wienerwald. Then you continue cycling to the hotel in Vienna, and leave your bike there.

Day 8, Vienna (Austria)

The tour ends after breakfast.

For those planning to return to Passau a bus transfer can be organised (at extra cost).



Outdoor Travel's experienced staff can offer an extensive knowledge of guided or self-guided cycling holidays in Europe and can help you choose the right tour to suit your interests and abilities.

We offer Bike & Barge cycling tours or small group or self-guided inn-to-inn cycling holidays in **France, Italy, Germany, Holland, Ireland, Spain, Croatia, Romania, Vietnam, Australia & New Zealand.**

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