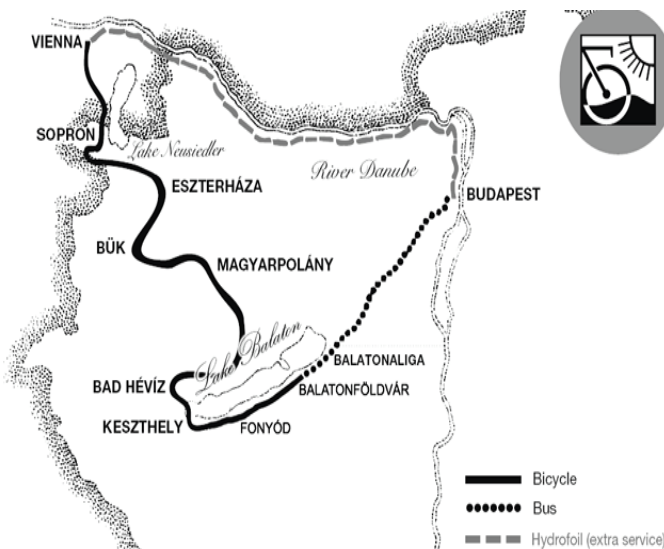


## VIENNA TO BUDAPEST – SMALL GROUP INN-TO-INN CYCLING

8-day / 7- night moderate guided & supported cycle tour - ideal for more experienced cyclists



Travel from Vienna to Budapest between the two capitals of the “Danube Monarchy”. Travel beside beautiful lakes, through ancient forests and charming rustic villages - through a largely undiscovered region of eastern Austria & Hungary. We pass by two of the most beautiful and important Hungarian lakes and to the unique thermal lake of Hévíz.

The cycling route is varied with plenty of places of interest along the way with gentle undulating hills.

**Highlights:** Vienna – Burgenland and Lake Fertő – Thermal Lake Hévíz – Lake Balaton – Budapest

**Departs:** 13 May, 3 June, 1, 29 July, 12, 26 August, 9, 23 September 2012

**Cost:** \$1270 per person (twin share) \$250 Single room supplement

**Includes:** Twin Share rooms in comfortable hotel/guesthouses with ensuite bathrooms, 7-breakfasts, 6-dinners (wine included with 2-dinners) bus transfers as shown, a Budapest by Night coach tour, 21-gear bicycle hire with, panniers, support vehicle, luggage transport, admission fees as shown in the itinerary, English-speaking cycling guide and technical support

**Distance:** Moderate cycling – 50 to 65 kilometres on undulating terrain.

### Suggested itinerary:

#### Day 1. VIENNA.

Arrive at your hotel in the late afternoon. Dinner tonight is at your own arrangement in one of the many local restaurants. Overnight in Vienna.

#### Day 2. PRATER AND BURGENLAND

Cycling @ 52km

There is an 8.45am meeting with your guides to fit your bikes and a briefing. Today we cycle through the Prater Park to Bruck an der Leitha. This is an idyllic old town with St. Martin’s church on one of Eastern Austria’s most beautiful baroque town squares.

#### Day 3. LAKE FERTŐ AND SOPRON

Cycling @ 62km

We cycle to Parndorf, then along the reed-covered shore of Lake Fertő. On our way is the picturesque town of Rust, famous for its storks that roost in the town’s chimneys. We cycle to Mörbisch: where the “Small Hungarian Plain” begins. Our day ends in Sopron, the only Hungarian city where almost the entire centre has survived from the Middle Ages.

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#### Day 4. HAYDN & THE ESZTERHÁZY DYNASTY

Cycling @ 56km

Cycle towards Lake Fertő. The salty water of the lake and its surrounding marshland are home of 250 types of waterbirds. We cycle on towards Fertőd (Eszterháza) and its impressive baroque palace built by the Prince Eszterházy family. Joseph Haydn was court musician here for 30-years.

Our destination today is Bük/Sárvár which used to be small health resorts with healing mineral water springs.

#### Day 5. RURAL BAROQUE IN MAGYARPOLÁNY

Cycling @ 66km

We cycle through the villages of the Eszterházy family towards Magyarpolány. This is a rather special place to visit and it's worth climbing the 150 stairs of the Calvary Hill for the views. The settlement is protected for its historical significance and it was given the Europa-Nostra prize in 1992.

Tonight a rustic dinner: Goulash-soup from the kettle with wine.

#### Day 6. LAKE HÉVÍZ

Cycling @ 62km

A wonderful cycling route leads us through typical and traditional villages. Stork nests decorate the roofs and steeples. The next stop will be the spa resort Hévíz on the largest natural thermal lake in Europe. It has a constant water temperature of 30/35°C.

#### Day 7. LAKE BALATON

Cycling @ 63km

Ride around the shores of Lake Balaton with again many pretty small villages. This is flat, easy cycling to Balatonföldvár where we leave our bikes and board the bus to Budapest, on the River Danube. Travel time is approximately 1.5 hours by bus.

On arrival in Budapest where we spend the last night, you have some free time before dinner followed by a city tour to see the sights and lights of Budapest.

**Day 8. BUDAPEST** The tour ends after breakfast at the hotel in Budapest.



**These are just a few of the many small group guided or self-guided inn-to-inn cycling tours we offer in Europe - including river rides from Passau to Vienna along the Danube.**

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