GERMANY & AUSTRIA – ALONG THE RIVER DANUBE
8-days / 7-nights SELF-GUIDED inn-to-inn cycling from Passau in Germany to Vienna   *GREAT VALUE*

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 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 you the choice of two versions of this tour, with slightly different cycling distances and ways to end the ride. You can avoid the traffic and suburbs as you enter Vienna by dropping off your bike on the outskirts and taking a train on the last day (only possible with normal bike hire, not e-bikes). Or you can follow the trail and city roads all the way to your hotel in Vienna. You can also choose to add Half Board at extra cost. This adds four 3-course dinners - usually based on traditional local cuisine.

Departs: Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays & Mondays from 26 April to 6 October 2024

Cost per person twin share from:

	4-Star	3-Star	
Off season	$1260	$1075	26 - 29 April and 30 September - 6 October
Low season	$1620	$1420	3 - 13 May; 17 - 30 June; 8 – 29 September
High season	$1660	$1475	17 May – 16 June and 1 July - 7 September
Single supplement	$420	$370	

Half Board Supplement (includes 3-course dinners on 4 nights): $260 per person   E-Bike Hire: $190 per bike

Includes: Twin share accommodation in either mostly 4-star hotels or a mix of 3- and 4-star hotels with ensuite bathroom and breakfast each day; multi-geared bike hire with pannier; daily luggage transfers; cycle tour information and route map; GPS tracks on request, emergency telephone assistance if required.

Not included: Meals not mentioned, drinks, other optional entry fees, trains, ferries and other transport, any personal expenses, city taxes, refundable security deposit if hiring an E-Bike (credit card swipe). Helmets are not provided (not currently compulsory in Germany or Austria) but we do highly recommend you bring or buy one.

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Suggested itinerary:

Day 1 Arrive in Passau (Germany)
We suggest you arrive mid-afternoon at your pre-booked hotel in Passau, to collect your detailed trip documentation, maps and travel vouchers. Collect and adjust your rental bike with time to explore the town.

Day 2 Schlögen / Wesenufer   **cycling @ 40km**
After breakfast begin cycling along the Danube passing Obernzell with its gloriously colourful market square to Engelhartszell – perhaps stopping to visit the spectacular monastery. Continue to Au and take the ferry (fare paid on the spot) to Schlögen, located on the Danube bends known as the famous "Schlögener Schlinge".

Day 3 Linz   **cycling @ 56km**
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 Ottensheim to reach Linz.

Day 4 Wallersee / Au   **cycling @ 42km**
Ride along the track on the left bank of the Danube through the Machland region past Abwinden, Mauthausen and Wallsee Castle. Continue then on to your overnight stay in Wallsee or Au.

Day 5 Marbach / Maria Taferl   **cycling @ 56km**
Head past Ardagger, Grein and Bad Kruezen at the entrance to the narrow Strudengau. Passing Wörth island you reach the Nibelungengaulf region. If time permits you may wish to visit Grein Castle this morning before crossing the Danube to cycle the right bank past the Habsburg-era Schloss Persenberg and on to the famous place of pilgrimage, Maria Taferl.

Day 6 Krems / Traismauer   **cycling @ 51 or 66km**
Today you cycle through the famous UNESCO World Heritage listed wine-growing area of the Wachau past Melk with its famous abbey and Spitz, crossing onto the left hand side of the Danube to reach Dürnstein. The route continues to Krems (4-star) or to Traismauer (3-star). If you wish to take a shortcut then take a boat/ferry ride through the Wachau from Spitz to Krems (optional, booked and paid locally).
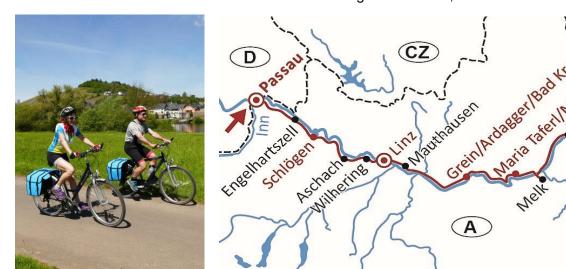
Day 7 Tulln / Vienna   **cycling @ 59km + train *or* 74km**
Cycling through typical rural scenes near the Roman town of Tulln, on the outskirts of Vienna. Then either return your bikes (tour bikes only, not e-bikes) and continue by suburban railway to Vienna (cost @ €9.50 paid locally) or cycle via the Klosterneuburg Abbey to the hotel in Vienna and leave your bike there.

Day 8 Vienna (Austria)
The tour ends after breakfast. Ask about additional nights in Vienna, at extra cost.

Outdoor Travel's experienced staff offer extensive knowledge of guided or self-guided inn-to-inn cycling holidays in most areas of Europe and the UK, in South Africa and New Zealand and we can help you choose the right tour to suit your interests and abilities. We offer small group or self-guided inn-to-inn **cycling holidays**, **Bike & Barge** or **Bike & Boat** cycling tours in many parts of Europe

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