



LIFESTYLE Self-Guided HOLIDAYS - AUSTRIA

Passau to Vienna – 8 days ex Passau



The beautiful Blue Danube is home to Europe's most famous cycling path: Passau to Vienna. Discover a wonderful landscape, picturesque villages and numerous impressive sights from the Roman and Nibelungen times. You will cycle along the the Danube through gorgeous landscapes of rolling hills, forests and meadows. Cycling along the riverbank, you will pass many delightful castles, ruins and abbeys whilst visiting historic places such as Linz, Melk and Krems. The final destination of Vienna is one of Europe's most beautiful cities, the perfect place to explore, enjoy great food or take in a concert.

Experience the beauty of the Danube: Highlights of this 8 day self-guided cycling tour include Passau, Linz (Capital of Upper Austria), Grein (City Theatre), Wachau, Abbey of Melk, Krems and Vienna.

Great accommodation: On this tour enjoy comfortable rooms in 4-star hotels

Lifestyle cycling at your pace: The cycling path along the Danube is completely paved, is flat and almost always directly along the riverbank. It is also suitable for children and beginners.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1. Arrive Passau

Independent arrival in Passau. Once in Passau enjoy any spare time you have to explore the picturesque old part of town. Historical heritage is to be found and encountered around every corner. You may also consider a boat cruise around this '3 river city' (not included).

Accommodation: Hotel Passau

Meals: None

No cycling

Day 2. Passau - Schlogen

You bike through the Upper Danube Valley to Schlöggen. In Engelhartszell you can visit the only 'Trappisten' Monastery in Austria. You bike on through to the impressive Danube Loop, where the river makes a 180 degree turn.

Accommodation: Hotel Schlogen

Meals: Breakfast

Cycling: approx 44km



Day 3. Schlogen - Linz

Today, crossing the fertile plains of the Eferdinger basin, continue to the quaint and charming villages of Aschach, Ottensheim and Wilhering. Then you will approach Linz the capital city of upper Austria. This elegant city will prove to impress with its historical old square and a large rolling hill (Polstlinger) that is accessible by cogwheel train on a rack railway. It is also a great place to enjoy summer evening shopping.

Accommodation: Hotel Linz

Meals: Breakfast

Cycling: approx 53km

Day 4. Linz - Emmersdorf

After breakfast, travel by train to the Baroque village of Grein. Don't miss the Grein Maritime Museum and the oldest theatre in Austria. Then continue cycling through Ybbs-Persenbeug and Maria Taferl until you reach Emmersdorf, gateway to the Wachau. On the other side of the Danube is the magnificent monastery of Melk and is observed from afar, but not without a lasting impression.

Accommodation: Hotel Emmersdorf

Meals: Breakfast

Cycling: approx 51km + train

Day 5. Emmersdorf - Krems

Another highlight of this tour is the picturesque rolling hills and vineyards of the Wachau. The biking route will lead you through the lovely and romantic winery villages of Spitz, Weissenkirchen and the gorgeous little village of Dürnstein. In Dürnstein you can visit the original jail, in a castle of course, where King Richard the Lionhearted was imprisoned. Make sure you stop in at one of the wine taverns (Heuriger) and have a taste of the local specialties and experience the Austrian hospitality.

Accommodation: Hotel Krems

Meals: Breakfast

Cycling: approx 40km

Day 6. Krems - Vienna

Today you will leave the unique cultural landscape of this UNESCO world heritage region by train. In Tulln you will start the last leg of your biking trip cycling along the river bike path. You will see the beginning of the Vienna Woods (Wiener Wald) and its forested foothills. Looking around you will see the castle of Greifenstein

and the pointy spires of the monastery in Klosterneuburg (well worth a visit) before you arrive in the capital of Austria: Vienna!

Accommodation: Hotel Vienna

Meals: Breakfast

Cycling: approx 39km + train

Day 7. Vienna

This is a day of true imperial leisure. Spend the day in the summer palace Schönbrunn while taking the 'Grand Tour' complete with audio guide. Cast a glance into the magnificent and stunning imperial Bergzimmer (state room) and wander through a fantastical maze.

Accommodation: Hotel Vienna

Meals: Breakfast

Cycling: Optional

Day 8. Vienna Departure

Before leaving Vienna, make sure to visit the famous Naschmarkt (international foods/goods) and stop by the beautiful imperial castle Schönbrunn. The train ride is provided back to Passau (bus transfer with personal bike is possible with a 27 Euro surcharge), or of course you can extend your stay in Vienna, the city of the music.

Accommodation: None

Meals: Breakfast

No Cycling

Tour Information



Included in the tour price:

- 7 nights in rooms with private facilities with breakfast and luggage transfer each day
- Welcome drink
- 1 bottle of wine
- A tasting of regional products
- 1 x ferry ride on the Danube (Schlogen)
- 1 x train Linz - Enns incl. bike - and – train Krems – Tulln incl. bike
- 24 hour public transport ticket Vienna
- Train Vienna - Passau
- Service-hotline
- Handlebar bag with travel book, maps and informational material
- Bike Hire

Not included in the tour price

- International flights and/or Travel visas (where applicable)
- Single Supplement
- Meals not included above
- Drinks & snacks during cycling
- Travel Insurance
- Tips for guides and restaurant / hotel staff

Tour Grade

This tour is graded 1/2 or Easy (on a scale of 1-10 with 9/10 being extreme).

Fitness Required

A low level of fitness is required, exercising at least once a week prior to the tour.