

Danube Cycle Adventure: Passau to Vienna



Overview:

Embark on a scenic cycling journey along the Danube Cycle Path from Passau to Vienna, covering approximately 320 kilometers. This self-guided tour is ideal for regular cyclists, offering a blend of natural beauty, cultural landmarks, and culinary delights. From the historic charm of Passau to the imperial grandeur of Vienna, experience the diverse landscapes and rich heritage of Austria.

Itinerary Highlights:

- **Scenic Beauty:** Experience the diverse landscape of the Danube Cycle Path, from the dramatic Schlägener Schlinge - a unique 180-degree bend in the river - to the lush vineyards and apricot orchards of the Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- **Cultural Richness:** Explore historic towns like Linz, which has a vibrant arts scene and the baroque splendour of Grein. Visit Engelhartszell's Trappist monastery to sample monk-produced liqueurs and cheeses and wander through medieval streets in Dürnstein, where history whispers from every corner.
- **Culinary Delights:** Savor authentic Austrian cuisine in charming gasthofs, indulge in Wachau's renowned wines, and treat yourself to local specialties like apricot dumplings and freshly baked pastries.
- **Accessible Adventure:** Designed for cyclists of varying fitness levels, the well-maintained and predominantly flat Danube Cycle Path ensures a leisurely ride, allowing you to immerse yourself in the journey fully.

Itinerary:

Day One: Arrive in Passau

Begin your journey in the charming city of Passau, known as the "City of Three Rivers" where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz converge. After checking into your hotel, explore the historic old town with its baroque architecture and winding alleys. Don't miss St. Stephen's Cathedral, home to the world's largest cathedral organ.

On arrival at your hotel, you will receive your detailed travel documents. The handover of your rented bike takes place in a bike centre in Passau.

Overnight: Nauders

Day Two: Passau to Feldkirchen/Aschach (70 km)

Set off along the Danube Cycle Path, traversing the picturesque Upper Danube Valley. Your first stop is Engelhartszell, home to Austria's only Trappist monastery. Here, indulge in monk-crafted liqueurs and cheeses. Continue to the natural wonder of the Schlägener Schlinge, where the Danube makes a 180-degree-turn a perfect spot for photos. Conclude your day in the quaint town of Aschach, characterized by its colourful facades and riverside charm.

Overnight: Aschach

Day Three: Feldkirchen/Aschach to Grein (85 km)

Today's ride takes you through the fertile Eferdinger Basin towards Linz, the vibrant capital of Upper Austria. In Linz, consider visiting the Ars Electronica Centre or enjoying a leisurely lunch in the historic main square. As you pedal onward, the landscape transitions to rolling hills and charming villages. Arrive in the baroque town of Grein, home to Austria's oldest theatre.

Overnight: Grein

Day Four: Grein to Krems (85 km)

Experience the enchanting Strudengau and Nibelungengau regions, where the Danube narrows, and the surrounding hills create a picturesque backdrop. Entering the Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site, you'll pass through renowned wine villages like Spitz and Dürnstein. Take time to explore Dürnstein's medieval streets and the ruins where King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned. Arrive in Krems, a 1,000-year-old city known for its wine heritage. Overnight at Gasthof Klinglhuber, where you can enjoy local wines and specialties.

Overnight: Krems at Gasthof Klinglhuber

Day Five: Krems to Vienna (80 km)

On your final cycling day, journey through the Tulln Basin, passing the Roman town of Tulln, known for its gardens and art installations. As you approach Vienna, the majestic Klosterneuburg Monastery comes into view, offering a last taste of Austria's rich history. Enter Vienna, the grand capital, where your tour concludes. Celebrate your accomplishment with a slice of Sachertorte in one of the city's famous coffee houses. Accommodation is provided at Hotel Roomz Vienna Prater, conveniently located to explore Vienna's many attractions.

Overnight: Vienna at Hotel Roomz Vienna Prater

Day Six: Departure

After breakfast, choose to depart or extend your stay to further explore Vienna's imperial palaces, museums, and vibrant cultural scene. Return transfers to Passau by train or bus are available upon request for an additional fee.

This tour offers a perfect blend of leisurely cycling and cultural exploration, making it an ideal choice for those seeking both activity and insight into Austria's rich heritage.

At a Glance:

- **Duration:** 6 days / 5 nights

- **Grade:** Moderate to intermediate
- **Activity:** 5 cycling days
- **Type:** Self-guided
- **Accommodation:** 3-Star Hotels
- **Meals:** Breakfast
- **Total Cycling:** 320km
- **Number of people:** From 2

Pricing 2025:

5 April - 11 April 4 Oct - 11 Oct	Double: R17,185 per person sharing	R20,660 per single
12 April - 25 April 20 Sept - 11 Oct	Double: R17,315 per person sharing	R22,450 per single
26 April - 19 Sept	Double: R20,345 per person sharing	R26,400 per single

Included:

- 5 nights in 3-star hotels and inns along the Danube cycle path Passau-Vienna
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel as far as Vienna
- 1 high quality handlebar bag for a perfect transport of your travel documents
- Travel Insurance
- E-Sim
- Bike Hire (21/24 speed touring bike) including repair service.
- Information booklet, including cycle map and route description) (1 per room)
- Travel Documents app and GPX-Files
- Emergency support 24/7

Excluded:

- Flights
- Visa
- Touristic Hotel Taxes
- Meals not mentioned
- Transfers
- Items of a personal nature

Payment Terms:

- 30% non-refundable deposit on booking
- 40% due 60 days before departure
- Balance due 30 days before departure

Note: All prices are subject to change, subject to rate of exchange fluctuations and subject to availability

Embark on this unforgettable cycling adventure and immerse yourself in the beauty and culture of Austria.

