

# Danube cycle path | sporty self-guided | Germany to Austria - 5 Days

This tour, which starts in the three-river city of Passau and leads to beautiful Vienna, is quite something - in many respects. You cycle the 325 km route at a sporty pace in five days. The stage destinations are a string of highlights that combine nature and cities, culture and action as well as culinary delights and enjoyment. So what are you waiting for?

## Highlights

The Danube Cycle Route offers a wealth of magnificent views, for example from Passau Veste to the convergence of the Inn, Ilz and Danube rivers, in Schlägen to the Schlägener Schlinge (river bend) or from Pöstlingberg to Linz. In Vienna, the Ringstrasse offers pure culture.

## Itinerary

- Day 1: Arrival in Schärding/Passau
- Day 2: From Schärding/Passau to Linz (95-115km by bike)
- Day 3: From Linz to Melk (100km by bike)
- Day 4: From Melk to Vienna (115km by bike)
- Day 5: Departure or Extension

All distances are approximate. Due to circumstances beyond control, weather conditions or provisions issued by local authorities, the itinerary may be subject to some changes before and/or during your holiday. For example, along the way you may find temporary deviations/detours caused by roadwork. In this case, please follow the directions posted on site.

## Itinerary:

### Day 1: Arrival in Schärding/Passau

Stroll through the pretty little baroque town of Schärding and marvel at the famous "Silberzeile" lane or take a walk through the "New Centre" of Passau, the three rivers town, which has been completely redesigned as a pedestrian, car-free area.

### Day 2: From Schärding/Passau to Linz | 95-115 km

First, you will follow the river Inn to Passau where it joins the Danube and then you will cycle along the Danube towards Engelhartzell. Here you should not miss visiting the abbey Engelhartzell with its own liquor production. On your further journey to Linz you will come across the unique nature phenomenon "Schlägener Schlinge" (river bend), where the Danube is forced to make a 180 degrees turn. Once you have reached the European culture capital of 2009, you can enjoy the lively historic old town, the scenic views of Linz from the Pöstlingberg, or simply a walk along the Danube.

### Day 3: From Linz to Melk | 100 km

## services:

### SERVICES

- Accommodation in category A in 4\*\*\*\*-hotels and hotels on a 4\*\*\*\* level, in category B in 3\*\*\*- and 4\*\*\*\*-hotels
- Breakfast
- Welcome briefing (German, English)
- Luggage transfer
- terranova developed route
- Detailed travel information 1x per room (German, English, French)
- 1 ferry ride (Au-Schlägen) incl. bike
- 1 wine tasting in the Wachau region
- App for navigation and GPS-data
- Service hotline

## added options / discounts:

gravel bike	179 €
rental bike PLUS	155 €
e-bike	249 €
Additional night in Schärding/Passau doubleroom p.P.	75 €
Additional night in Schärding/Passau singleroom p.P. from	124 €
additional night in Vienna doubleroom p.P. from	75 €
additional night in Vienna singleroom p.P. from	130 €
return transfer	85 €

## dates & prices:

05.04.2025 - 11.04.2025 - Danube sporty

doubleroom Cat. A p.P.	629 €
doubleroom Cat. B p.P.	559 €
singleroom Cat. A p.P.	848 €
singleroom Cat. B p.P.	768 €

12.04.2025 - 02.05.2025 - Danube sporty

doubleroom Cat. A p.P.	699 €
doubleroom Cat. B p.P.	629 €
singleroom Cat. A p.P.	918 €
singleroom Cat. B p.P.	838 €

03.05.2025 - 05.09.2025 - Danube sporty

doubleroom Cat. A p.P.	729 €
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You will leave Linz and cycle towards Strudengau and Nibelungengau. You will cycle past the Celtic village Mitterkirchen and just before the border between Upper and Lower Austria you will see the baroque town of Grein with Austria's oldest city theatre and the castle Greinburg. Then you will continue your journey to Maria Taferl and Melk. Here you should stop briefly and look up – otherwise you may miss the beauty of the abbey Melk, which towers above the Danube.

#### Day 4: From Melk to Vienna | 115 km

Today, you will leave Melk and cycle into the landscape of the Wachau region, where you will be enchanted by the atmosphere of the typical fruit orchards and vineyards. Today, we will organise wine tasting for you – which is a must during a visit to the Wachau region. Refreshed, you will cycle past the wine towns of Spitz and Weißenkirchen as well as the ruins of Dürnstein castle. During the last kilometres of your bike tour you will cycle via the 1,000-year-old town of Krems and the Roman town of Tulln to the Danube metropolis of Vienna.

#### Day 5: Departure or Extension

- **Total Distance:** 330km (205miles)
- **Daily Distance:** 95-115km (59-71 miles)
- **Route information:** Flat or slightly downhill route along the Danube; well-built cycling path almost off-road all the time. Minor roads make up only very short sections of this route – the Danube cycle path is a perfectly laid out cycle route.
- This tour is available between 05.04. - 12.10.2025
- Starts everyday

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Examples Hotels Cat. B

#### Schärding: [Hotel Stiegenwirt 3\\*](#)

As soon as you enter, you can feel the family warmth of the hotel, which has been family-owned since 1910. From the personal welcome at reception to your departure, you will be looked after by friendly and attentive people, just as you deserve.

The quiet location in the center of Schärding with a view of the baroque Silberzeile on the town square is unique, as is the beautiful surrounding nature. You will find a wide range of leisure and excursion options as well as cultural events in Schärding as well as peace and relaxation.

#### Linz: [Courtyard 4\\*](#)

An invigorating experience awaits you. Our award winning, environmentally-conscious, family hotel is adjacent to the Design Center Linz and a short distance from the extraordinary architecture, shopping and

doubleroom Cat. B p.P.	669 €
singleroom Cat. A p.P.	948 €
singleroom Cat. B p.P.	878 €

06.09.2025 - 26.09.2025 - Danube sporty

doubleroom Cat. A p.P.	699 €
doubleroom Cat. B p.P.	629 €
singleroom Cat. A p.P.	918 €
singleroom Cat. B p.P.	838 €

27.09.2025 - 12.10.2025 - Danube sporty

doubleroom Cat. A p.P.	629 €
doubleroom Cat. B p.P.	559 €
singleroom Cat. A p.P.	848 €
singleroom Cat. B p.P.	768 €



dining in Linz's city center. Stay fit in our 4 star hotel's onsite fitness center, then ease into sublime relaxation in our sauna and steam bath. Satisfy your craving at Kitchen and Bar at Courtyard serving a wide range of innovative cocktails and fresh, seasonal cuisine incorporating the traditional flavors of Linz. Our business hotel's versatile venues are complemented by ample parking facilities, audiovisual technology and professional planning services. Newly renovated, stylish hotel rooms provide all of the comforts of home, with featherbed mattresses, ergonomic chairs, high-speed WiFi and floor-to-ceiling windows. Book one of our Junior Suites, which include a convenient sofa bed and enough room for everyone. Let us treat you to the legendary hospitality of Upper Austria at Courtyard Linz.

**Melk:** [Donauhof Pichler 4\\*](#)

Holidays in the family-run 4-star Hotel Donauhof – eventful & relaxing – and in many respects something very special. The classy comfort of our house, as well as the cordial hospitality will guarantee carefree vacation days. Attentive service, excellent culinary and the picturesque and at the same time easy to reach location at the river Danube with a view of the baroque Melk monastery will make your holidays an unforgettable experience.

**Vienna:** [Hotel Schani UNO City 4\\*](#)

In the shadow of the Vienna International Centre – also known as the UNO-City – and surrounded by skyscrapers and the Danube, we have created a meeting point for the whole world. At Hotel Schani UNO City you never really know who you might bump into. Holidaymakers, relaxing in the cosy garden. Businesspeople from all over the world, working in the hidden corners of the lobby. Or perhaps, a mysterious new acquaintance, enjoying a drink at the bar with a view of the UNO-City. One thing is for certain: The latest member of the Schani family, our modern hotel at the Danube, is something special!

