

Austria - Adria Alpe Cycle Path 1 from Salzburg to Villach Bicycle Tour 2022
Self-Guided Tour
7 Days / 6 Nights



The starting point of the first stage of the Alpe-Adria cycle path is the beautiful Salzburg. You cycle from the city of Mozart through the lovely Salzach and Gastein Valleys into the sunny heart of Carinthia. On this trip you will always be accompanied by a fantastic mountain backdrop. Enjoyment is definitely in the foreground. Towns full of culture, picturesque lake landscapes and regional delicacies make the cycle route something very special. What are you waiting for? Get on the saddle and off you go on a cycle tour through two beautiful Austrian states! Leisure cyclists and nature lovers will love the cycle tour through the two beautiful regions of Austria. This trip is all about nature, culture and cuisine. Massive mountain peaks, medieval castles and impressive waterfalls are the highlights of the first stage of the Alpe-Adria cycle path. Tip: treat yourself to a break now and then and really enjoy the picturesque landscape.

Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Arrival in Salzburg

Individual arrival to the Mozart town of Salzburg. Winding alleyways and squares are inviting for a stroll. You should visit a typical café to taste some Austrian delicacies. With every step you breathe in culture and history. Stroll through Getreidegasse, discover Mozart's birth house or take your time for some shopping. In the afternoon distribution of rental bikes.



Day 2: Salzburg – Golling 30 km

Your bike tour starts in Salzburg and you continue through the shady Salzach lowlands along the river. You cycle to Hallein, which was due to its excavation of salt a rich Celtic city in former times. Hallein impresses with its romantic old city, small alleyways, gates and precious houses. The main attraction is the popular Celtic museum. Along the river you reach the waterfall, the beautiful market square and the fortress from 13th century in Golling. If you want to extend your tour you can make a tour through romantic valley Bluntautal.

Day 3: Golling – St. Johann 35 km

From Golling up to Lueg Pass, enjoy the views onto the beautiful mountain range. You will even not notice the slight climb. The mountains are coming nearer, and the water is getting louder. You pass the so-called "Salzach-Öfen", an imposing canyon which was built through the

river. At the foot of Hochkönig Mountain you reach Werfen. The biggest ice cave in the world is inviting you for a loop tour through the bewitching world of shimmering ice (duration about 4 hours). A last view onto the Hohenwerfen fortress before you continue to Bischofshofen. Within a few kilometres you reach St. Johann. We recommend visiting the dome with its towers and the wild romantic Liechtensteinklamm (gorge).

Day 4: St. Johann – Mölltal 60 km + train ride

Feeling fresh and rested you start your third leg to Schwarzach im Pongau. Marvel at the pretty Schloss Schernberg on the hill above the village before hopping onto the saddle. Shortly after Schwarzach you leave the Salzach and will be accompanied by the Gasteiner Ache through the wild and romantic Gastein valley. Gather your strength before travelling uphill to the "Ausgleichsbecken", which will see you cover 2.5 kilometers with an elevation change of 130 metres – you'll definitely work up a sweat. Now comes the Klamm Tunnel, where you can cycle its 1.5 kilometers on a cycle path. If you want to avoid the tunnel, you can take a train or shuttle service from Schwarzach (about a 10 kilometer drive). Via Dorfgastein and Bad Hofgastein you cycle to the renowned spa and winter sports resort of Bad Gastein, at the foot of the Hohe Tauern, which offers a wealth of natural history and architectural sights. It is then only a stone's throw to Böckstein,



where a train from the Tauernschleuse takes you to Mallnitz on the other side of the Alps in just 10 minutes (self-paid about €5/person). Back in the saddle you can enjoy rushing downhill to your hotel in the Mölltal

Day 5: Mölltal – Spittal 30 km

First off, as you travel along the Möll River you cycle through impressive mountain landscape. In Möllbrücke the Drautal begins, and the sunny south of Austria. Take a leisurely pedal over the last kilometres to Spittal an der Drau. In the middle ages this city was an important junction for pilgrims. Here you can visit the Renaissance Porcia Palace, built in the 16th Century in the style of Italian palazzo – sometimes referred to as ‘the most beautiful Renaissance building north of the Alps’.



Day 6: Spittal - Villach 40 km

Enjoy this route – it leads slightly downhill along river Drau. You should plan a stop in Paternion with worth seeing churches and palaces. Within short distance you reach Villach with beautiful old city, southern flair and homelike pubs and restaurants.

Day 7: Departure or Extension

Unfortunately you have reached the end of your journey! One thing is certain though: you can head home full of new experiences and impressions.



Route



Technical Characteristics:

Route Profile: Medium. This bike path leads through flat and slightly hilly terrain, even if the surrounding mountain area is not far away. Two longer climbs can be skipped by going by train. You cycle on asphalted roads and nature paths. An about 8 km long descent leads along a road with more traffic.

Distance: 195 km

Travel Season: Departures Sundays from April 30 to October 8, 2022

Season 1: April 30 – May 13 and October 1 – October 8

Season 2: May 14 – June 3 and September 10 – September 30

Season 3: June 4 – September 9



Price per Person:

Double Occupancy B&B Season 1	€ 659.00
Double Occupancy B&B Season 2	€ 699.00
Double Occupancy B&B Season 3	€ 749.00
Surcharge Single Occupancy	€ 219.00
Rental Bike Plus (including insurance)	€ 139.00
Rental Electric Bike (including insurance)	€ 199.00
Extra Nights Salzburg Double Occupancy B&B Season 1 + 2	€ 79.00
Extra Nights Salzburg Double Occupancy B&B Season 3	€ 95.00
Extra Nights Salzburg Single Occupancy B&B Season 1 + 2	€ 134.00
Extra Nights Salzburg Single Occupancy B&B Season 3	€ 150.00
Extra Nights Villach Double Occupancy B&B	€ 79.00
Extra Nights Villach Single Occupancy B&B	€ 128.00

Accommodation:

Category: 3* and 4* hotels

Included:

- Accommodation in your selected category
- Breakfast buffet
- Welcome briefing
- Luggage transfer between hotels
- Excellently planned routes
- Detailed travel documents 1 per room (route maps, route description, local attractions, important telephone numbers)
- 1 train ride Bockstein – Mallnitz including your bike
- App for navigation and GPS data is available
- Service hotline

Not Included:

- Local taxes payable locally
- Return transfer by minibus to Salzburg every Saturday morning, costs EUR 85 per person including your bike, to be paid for in advance, reservation is necessary

Bikes



Hybrid Bike

Rental Bike Plus allows for a slightly sportier sitting posture, 27 gears offer the highest flexibility and a high quality Suntour suspension fork provides the best possible comfort across all surfaces.

Available in 63/60/56-51 sloping/46 cm sizes

Also includes Saddle bag (water-repellent), handlebar bag (water-repellent), service-Set with tools and extra bicycle tube, pump and combination lock



Electric Bike

You need no driver's license, the electric bike assists up to a speed of 25 km/h. The handling is easy and manageable after a short explanation. These bikes are supported through an electric motor that is fixed in the bottom bracket. The supply of energy takes place through a removable battery, which permits a reach of 120-180 kilometers.

Sizes: 56/51/46/46 "xs" cm