

Kat's Great Adventures

Austria – Germany - Danube Impressions Bike and Boat Tour 2022
Passau – Vienna – Passau
Self-Guided or Guided Tour
8 Days / 7 Nights



It was in Passau that Sisi began her journey along the Danube as a young bride to Vienna, where she was eagerly awaited by her Emperor Franz. Follow in the footsteps of the Austrian empress by bicycle and on a nostalgia ship as you discover breathtakingly beautiful river scenery with small sleepy villages, castles and palaces set in gorgeous countryside and enjoy warm Austrian hospitality at every stage of your cycling tour. The region is a gourmand's paradise and famous for its cakes, pastries and other irresistible culinary treats. After wiener schnitzel, sachertorte and apricot dumplings it'll be much easier to burn up the miles... Wines from the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Landscape Wachau enjoy an international reputation, Linz, the capital of Upper Austria is home to the biggest church in Austria. And then there's Vienna... Enchanting, charming and perhaps slightly eccentric, the City of Waltz will capture your heart in an instant. Magnificent buildings from the imperial age bear witness to the impressive history of times gone by.

Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Arrival in Passau/Surroundings

Experience Mediterranean flair in Passau, the city of three rivers. You should definitely set aside some time on the day of your arrival for a walk through the picturesque baroque city with its narrow lanes and Passau cathedral home to the largest church organ in the world. Your cycling holiday begins after embarkation (4:00 p.m.) when you sail into the sunset and Passau's magnificent silhouette with its church towers and domes slowly fades into the horizon behind you.



Day 2: Engelhartszell – Brandstatt 45 km

Breathe in the fragrance of the dense forest and freshly mown meadows. Explore the pristine countryside of the Upper Danube valley on the former towpath as it runs past sleepy villages. Small, rustic inns at the edge of the trail invite you to linger, the aroma of fresh fish grilled according to tradition on a stick wafts through the air. The Schlögener Blick observation point offers a truly stunning view of the Schlögener Schlinge where the Danube carves its way through a gorge and doubles back on itself.

Day 3: Brandstatt – Linz 26 km

Catch some fresh country air again - at lunch time, you'll reach the Upper Austrian capital of Linz. Discover the European Capital of Culture 2009 on a bright yellow miniature train (optional). The cathedral is the biggest church in Austria, the Pöstlingbergbahn the steepest adhesion railway in the world. Are you curious about the future? At the ARS Electronica Museum you can try out some of the most impressive examples of modern technology for yourself. Make sure you don't miss it!

Day 4: Mauthausen – Grein 35 km

A beautiful and varied route lies ahead of you as you explore the idyllic hinterland of the Strudengau by bike: the Celtic Village of Mitterkirchen, the Baroque monastery of Baumgartenberg and the romantic ruins of Burg Clam castle. Then it's time to enjoy the little medieval town of Grein with its Baroque facades, imposing castle and the oldest municipal theatre in Austria. After a romantic journey sailing past towns and villages full of twinkling lights, you arrive - just like Sisi did way back then - in the City of Waltz early in the morning.





Day 5: Tulln – Vienna 35 km

Right in front of Vienna's entrance, embedded in a breathtaking scenery, the monastery of Klosterneuburg is situated. You can already see the dome of this 900 year old baroque building from a distance. "Kahlenbergerdorf" with its wine taverns is only a hop from the shipping pier and definitely worth a visit. After a stroll through the vineyards, you can enjoy the panoramic view over Vienna. During a city tour by bus in the afternoon, you will pass most of the numerous and famous sights and have a guided walking tour through the historic center of Austria's capital (optional, not included).

Day 6: Vienna (day of rest)

On a city tour of Vienna all the sights are within reach from the saddle of your bike or on the HOP ON HOP OFF bus (optional). The magnificent Ringstraße will remind you of times long past and inviting coffee houses will tempt you with delicious Viennese cakes and pastries, while the Naschmarkt market is a feast for all the senses. End the evening on a magical note with a concert of waltz and classical operetta music in Sisi's summer residence (optional).

Day 7: Wachau Valley round trip 35 km

An unforgettable day in the picturesque Wachau. Cycle through delightful wine growing villages surrounded by terraced vineyards and apricot trees. The charming little town of Dürnstein with its narrow lanes is an absolute highlight. In Weißenkirchen – the most important wine growing village in the World Cultural Heritage Landscape – you can discover the first rate famous Wachau wines.



Day 8: Departure from Passau

Enjoy the first rays of sun and the early morning tranquillity one last time from the deck of the ship before you reach Passau, your heart bursting with memories. Disembarkation: approximately 9 a.m. We recommend that you do not make any arrangements for onward trains departing before 10.30 a.m. To be on the safe side, later departure times would be even better.

Route



Technical Characteristics:

Tour Profile: Easy. The cycle route is completely flat, at times on a gentle downhill slope, and is ideal for bikers with less experience and children. The tour is rated easy on mostly flat terrain.

Distance: 166 - 181 km

Travel Season: Self-Guided: Departures Saturdays April 30; May 21; June 4; June 25; July 9; July 30; August 6; August 27; September 10 and October 1, 2022

Guided: Departures Saturdays June 4; July 30 and October 1, 2022

(further dates upon request, minimum 10 participants required)

Season 1: April and August

Season 2: August

Season 3: May, June, July and September



| Prices per Person: | Season 1 | Season 2 | Season 3 |
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| Standard Cabin | € 699.00 | € 799.00 | € 899.00 |
| Comfort Cabin | € 829.00 | € 929.00 | € 1029.00 |
| Superior Cabin | € 929.00 | € 1029.00 | € 1129.00 |
| Mini Suite | € 929.00 | € 1029.00 | € 1129.00 |
| Standard One Bed Cabin | € 799.00 | € 899.00 | € 999.00 |
| Superior Cabin (2 bed) for Single Occupancy | | +55% | |
| Guided Tour | | € 165.00 | |
| Bike Rental (21/24 speed unisex trekking with freewheel) | | € 80.00 | |
| Electric Bike Rental | | € 180.00 | |
| Extra Nights Passau 3* Double Occupancy B&B | | € 51.00 | |
| Extra Nights Passau 3* Single Occupancy B&B | | € 79.00 | |
| Extra Nights Passau 4* Double Occupancy B&B | | € 68.00 | |
| Extra Nights Passau 4* Single Occupancy B&B | | € 96.00 | |

Included:

Self-Guided Tour

- 7 nights in outside cabins with private facilities and air conditioning
- Port charges
- Program according to itinerary from/to Passau
- Captains greeting and Welcome cocktail
- Daily cabin cleaning, towels and bed linen
- Full board plus: breakfast buffet, lunch on board (non-cyclists) or packed lunch (cyclists), afternoon coffee break, dinner including house wine, draught beer and soft drinks (2/3 dishes to choose from)
- Gala dinner with farewell cocktail
- Farewell Crew Show and daily live music
- Tour guide on board (does not cycle with the group)
- Daily information meeting
- Detailed road book per cabin

Guided Tour *above plus the following*

- Cycling tour guide
- Ferry rides
- Rental Helmet (adults only)

Not Included:

- Personal expenses

The cruise ship MV Swiss Crown

Stylish, elegant and timelessly beautiful - this is how the 4* SUPERIOR ship MS Swiss Crown presents itself as it glides gently along the Danube river. You will immediately feel at home on board as soon as you enter the spectacular foyer. Designed in warm wood tones, the ship radiates a comfort and leaves nothing to be desired. The simple elegance of the timelessly beautiful staterooms, which are decorated with great attention to detail, will inspire you. Sit back, enjoy the serene, relaxed atmosphere, the fantastic views of breathtakingly beautiful natural landscapes, sometimes from the bicycle seat, sometimes from the inviting, partially covered sun deck. Let yourself



be pampered by the friendly, accommodating crew and create on board relationships alongside memories to last a lifetime.

3 passenger decks:

Upper deck + Middle deck (windows can be opened), Main deck (windows cannot be opened)

Cabins:

The 68 outward facing cabins are spacious 14 m² (single cabin 12 m²) and convince with elegant, comfortable interior. The cabins have a double bed (can be separated to 2 single beds), shower/WC, hairdryer, SAT TV, safe, coffee maker and individually adjustable air conditioning.

Standard: Main deck, double bed to be separated, windows not to be opened

Comfort: Middle deck, double bed to be separated, windows to be opened

Superior: Upper deck, double bed to be separated, balcony, windows to be opened

Mini suite: Middle deck, double bed to be separated, windows to be opened, minibar



Bikes



Our bicycles are modern and high standard quality of KTM. We offer 28 Zoll Unisex tour bikes with deep comfort entrance. The bikes are equipped with a precious Shimano 7 gear hub with back pedal and caliper breaks or 21 derailleur gear with override, caliper breaks and robust wheels. Our bicycles are mostly not older than 3 years.

Our bicycles are equipped with:

- 1 good sized, waterproofed pannier bag
- 1 handle bar bag
- repair kit
- air pump
- lock

Electric bikes | E-Bikes | Pedelects

You will receive modern high quality E-Bikes of the brands Flyer/Kalkhoff and KTM with 8 gear hub, individual regulated use of support of pedal use, robust wheels and deep Unisex comfort entrance. The bikes have a strong Panasonic Pedelec mechanism and a strong lithium ion battery. The battery lasts up to 70 kilometres, depending on sort of cycling, weight and routing. The more hills to go, the heavier the weight, the more capacity will be used. You can regulate range of the battery if you use less support at the beginning and raise it if needed. Batteries will be loaded with the battery recharger by night in your room.