# Cycling The Danube - Passau to Vienna

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the historic towns of Passau, Linz and Vienna
- Sample Riesling and Gruner Veltliner wines at a wine tasting in Wachau
- Cycle through vineyards, farmland and picturesque valleys shaped by the river
- End your trip with a slice of Vienna's famous Sacher Torte, where it was invented in 1832

**AT A GLANCE**

- 6 days cycling & sightseeing
- Upgraded bike hire included
- Daily departures
- Join at Passau / End in Vienna

**ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS**

VIEW DATES, PRICES & BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY HERE

# Introduction

Explore the Danube on two wheels on this fantastic self-guided cycling holiday from Passau to Vienna on what is one of the most famous cycle paths in the world - and for good reason. You will follow Europe's second largest river from Passau to Vienna in just one week, as it winds its way through forests, vineyards, and pretty towns to the Danube metropolis, Vienna. Your route, which makes up part of the EuroVelo 6 from the Atlantic to the Black Sea, will take you to stunning monasteries and fortresses, unearthing ancient legends and traditions; and you will enjoy some of the best wines in the world at a wine tasting in Wachau. With so much to discover, coupled with its fantastic cycling infrastructure, it is easy to see why cycling along the Danube is so popular.

The great thing about experiencing the Danube self-guided is that you choose your own pace to explore, making it perfect for all the family. You will cover an average distance of 50km each day on mostly flat cycle paths, plus we have included bike hire in the cost of your holiday so you have no unexpected expenses. Along the way you will stay in fantastic 4-star hotels on a bed and breakfast basis, specially selected for their warm hospitality and great locations, perfect for unwinding after a day on your bike. Your trip ends with a final night stay in Vienna allowing you the opportunity to explore the many sights and spectacular palaces Austria's capital has to offer. We can even assist you in extending your time Vienna to really submerge yourself in the city's culture.

## Looking to extend your holiday?

Fancy the ultimate Danube cycling experience? Why not combine this trip with our self-guided Cycling The Danube - Vienna to Budapest holiday for a two-week, four-country cycling adventure.

## Is this holiday for you?

This holiday is the perfect introduction to cycling in Europe and experiencing Austrian culture. Almost the entire route is on well marked and maintained cycle paths with very little ascent. Pedalling an average of 50km a day you will have plenty of time to discover the beautiful towns, vineyards and monasteries along the way while your luggage is transported to your hotel ready for your arrival. We also have the option of an e-bike upgrade should you would prefer an extra boost to your pedal power. Staying in 4-star hotels along the way, some with pools and wellness facilities, you can unwind at the end of the day in the knowledge that everything has been taken care of for you.

Please note the daily itinerary provides an average distance for that section. We can use a number of accommodations along the route so the overnight locations each night can vary a little, therefore the actual distance ridden each day depends on the location of your hotel.

# Itinerary

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# Holiday Information

## What's Included

- All accommodation as described
- Meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Self-guided information pack containing your route notes
- Luggage transfers
- A ferry ride (Au-Schlogen) including your bike
- A wine tasting in Wachau
- Upgraded bike hire
- Welcome briefing
- Navigation App and GPX tracks available

## What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Travel to Passau
- Travel from Vienna
- Visas (if applicable)
- Tourist taxes may apply and are usually under 5 Euros per person per night
- Some meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Personal equipment
- Bike helmet
- Any e-bike upgrades
- Any additional activities/excursions indicated as optional

## Your Self-Guided Pack & Route Notes

Each self-guided holiday comes with comprehensive route notes and a map or pocket guidebook of the area you are exploring. The route notes contain information about the places you will visit and the local transport you might need, along with the detailed route notes for your daily walks or cycle rides. We even include some tips for the best places to stop for lunch.

You can expect to receive your Self-Guided Pack containing your route notes, a map or guidebook, and all your relevant documents, no later than 3 weeks before your holiday start-date. We will send your documents using a signed-for courier so that you can track your package and know that it is safely on its way to you. For bookings of more than 4 people we will send an additional Self-Guided Pack. If you do not need this additional pack please inform our Sales Team. Your pack will be sent to the lead booker, so please remind them to pack it before setting off.

Should your self-guided trip be part of a longer adventure requiring you to leave home more than three weeks before your holiday start-date, please inform our Sales Team so that we can make alternative delivery arrangements.

## GPS Travel App

This holiday includes a GPS navigation app, which contains the routes for you to follow each day, as well as attractions, coffee stops and points of interest along the way. The app does not need to have Wi-Fi connection to work, you simply follow the instructions we provide you to download the app to your personal smartphone device before you leave home and you are ready to go.

While the travel app is running, your phone battery charge can be consumed faster than normal, so we strongly recommend that you pack a power bank with you just in case you require it.

## Self-Guided Families

Our Self-Guided Holidays are perfect for your next family holiday and are suitable for children of all ages.

Our partner hotels and accommodations are able to provide cots for young children, and some offer family rooms. We can also arrange hire of children's bikes and tag along bikes for most of our self-guided cycling trips and with trips such as Lake Constance and the Danube offering routes on designated cycle paths you can rest assured in keeping your family safe.

As a parent we trust that you know your own child's capabilities, so please read the itinerary details to ensure the distances covered each day are suitable for your family. If this is a first time walking or cycling holiday for your family, a centre-based trip is a fantastic option as it allows you to easily opt out of a day's walking if a day of building sand castles, swimming in the pool, or visiting museums is calling instead.

Please discuss this further with our Sales Team who will be happy to assist in picking the best trip for your family.

## Joining Arrangements & Transfers

The trip starts at your hotel in Passau and ends in Vienna. All of our self-guided holidays are sold on a Land Only basis allowing you the flexibility to choose the travel method which best suits you. The nearest airport for this trip is Vienna Airport served by many departures from UK regional airports.

If you are flying into Vienna Airport you can take a train direct to Passau from the airport. The trains run every hour and the travel time is around 3 hours with a change in Linz.

If you are flying out of Vienna Airport at the end of your trip, you can take the City Airport Train (CAT) from Wien Mitte station. Wien Mitte station serves both the S-Bahn and regional trains and is the main station for the CAT. The journey to the airport takes around 20 minutes with departures every 30 minutes.

## Meal Plan

This trip is on a bed and breakfast basis to allow you the most flexibility during your holiday.

## Special Diets

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot always provide for special diets. Due to the nature of some of the trips that we operate and the countries in which we operate them, it can be very hard (and sometimes impossible) to cater for a wide range of dietary choices and you may have to supplement your meals with food/snacks from home. If you have specific dietary requirements please do speak to our sales team and they will be able to advise you whether or not we will be able to offer your specific choice. Please note that we are unable to provide separate menus and cannot accept liability for any problems arising from special dietary requirements or intolerances.

## Food & Water

Water from the taps is perfectly drinkable on this holiday - please use this to fill your personal bottles for your daily activities. We do not encourage the purchase of single-use plastic bottles.

Food in Austria is a hearty affair with stews, schnitzel, and delicious desserts on offer to fuel you along your rides. When you think of Austrian cuisine it is hard not to think of the goulash, strudel and yummy chocolate Sachertorte for which the country is famed.

Austrian cuisine is symbolic of the former crownlands of its monarchy, with its multi-cultural history drawn from Hungarians, Bohemians, Slovaks, Poles, Croatians and immigrants from the Dalmatia, Subcarpathia, Bukovina and Carnola all bringing their favourite recipes with them as they came to Vienna. The best of the best have become fully integrated into the Austrian menu. Take the Apfelstrudel for example which originally came from Turkey after being adopted by Hungary. How many people would have known that this national Austrian dish was actually Turkish?

Part of the joy of this self-guided cycling holiday being on a bed and breakfast basis is that it allows you to dine out wherever you fancy and to stop off during your rides at one of the many cafes and discover the many delicious dishes Austrians have adopted or created. We are sure you won't be disappointed.

## Accommodation

On this trip you will stay in carefully selected 4-star hotels each chosen for their warm hospitality, excellent facilities and convenient locations. All the hotels have Wi-Fi, and offer a fantastic continental breakfast. Accommodation is on a bed and breakfast basis in a double or twin room, typically with Austrian style twin beds as is traditional in this area (two beds within one bed frame, with separate bedding).

## Bike Hire

Upgraded 'Bike Plus' bike hire is included in the cost of this holiday.

Upgraded bikes are lighter than standard hybrid bikes and have a crossbar for improved stiffness and stability, offering a sportier ride. Utilising higher-grade bike components such as hydraulic brakes and Shimano 20/27-speed gears, you can enjoy more precise handling and smoother gear changes. High-quality front suspension forks and a more athletic saddle offer increased comfort over a variety of surfaces and distances.

Upgraded bikes are available in the following frame sizes: 46 / 50 / 51 / 55 / 60 / 63 cm. These bikes are suitable for rider heights between approximately 155cm and 205cm.

All bikes come equipped with a pannier and handlebar bag for your daily essentials, plus a milometer, bike lock, pump, repair kit, and spare inner tube. Hire bikes do not come fitted with bottle cages as these impede with securing the bikes during transportation.

We strongly recommend that you bring your own helmet with you for the best comfort. We also recommend packing a gel seat for extra comfort or a pair of padded cycling shorts as whilst the cycling is leisurely and there are plenty of opportunities to stop and explore, it is always nice to have some padding for a more comfortable ride.

We are also able to arrange tandem bikes, children's bikes, trailers, and child seats. Please ask our Sales Team for details.

## Upgrade to an E-bike

If you are looking for an extra boost whilst in the saddle, you can upgrade to an e-bike to make your ride even more leisurely. Equipped with a battery and motor, these electric bikes give you a helping hand whilst you are pedalling, making it easier to climb hills and travel further with less effort and more comfort.

E-bikes have four different modes and an 8-speed internal gear hub with back-pedalling brake, along with disc brakes and front suspension. E-bikes are suitable for rider heights between approximately 148cm and 190cm.

E-bikes are available on this holiday at a supplement of £110 - please request this upgrade option from our Sales Team at the time of booking.

## Baggage Allowance

Your main luggage will be transferred between each of your hotels while you are out on your bike. We ask that you please ensure your luggage is under 20KG and that your luggage is ready for collection each morning.

# General Information

## Passport & Visas

### Europe

Your passport must meet 2 requirements. It must be:

- less than 10 years old on the day you enter (check the 'date of issue')
- valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date')

For the latest details on visiting countries within the EU or the European Economic Area (EEA), please check the UK Government website

**The information that we provide is for UK passport holders.**

A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required**,** and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

For other nationalities, please refer to your own Government website for the latest information.

**It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates** *(see Health & Vaccinations below),* **and visas for your holiday.** Please ensure that you check the FCDO for the latest advice for **each country visited** before travel.

## Health & Vaccinations

**Vaccinations:**

You should be up to date with the routine vaccinations recommended in the UK for overseas travel.

You must also contact your doctor or travel clinic to check if there are specific vaccinations or other preventive measures that you need for the area you are visiting, in good time before you are due to depart.

Please ensure you are looking at the recommendations for all countries visited on your holiday plus recommendations for any borders you cross.

On holidays to more remote areas you should also have a dental check-up.

**It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates.**

**Please check the FCDO and Travel Health Pro. For all of your intended destinations for up-to-date advice.**

**Severe Allergies:**

If you have a severe allergy please inform the KE office before you travel. We will do all we can to help, but we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment on KE trips.

## Currency

The currency for part or all of this holiday is the Euro.

## Preparing for your Holiday

The advantage of a self-guided cycling holiday is that you decide the pace. This trip is designed for leisure cyclists and does not require you to be in peak fitness. Having said this it is always sensible to get some additional exercise before going on an active holiday. After all, the fitter you are the more enjoyable your cycling will be. You should be comfortable with cycling 40-60 km a day on easy cycle paths and it is advisable to dust off your bike and head out on a few rides before your holiday.

## Climate

This region has a continental climate. Average temperatures vary through the summer season, from daytime highs of around 20 degrees centigrade in May, 25 degrees centigrade in August, and 15 degrees centigrade in early October. You can expect some occasional showers at any time of the year so it is always worth remembering to pack your waterproof just in case.

## Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's **'Travel Aware'** campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that before travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at travelaware.campaign.gov.uk and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. All other nationalities should check their government websites for relevant information.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates directly from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

## Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

## Books

- Cycling The Danube Cycleway Volume 1, EuroVelo 6 - Mike Wells (Cicerone)
- Lonely Planet Pocket Vienna
- Secret Vienna - Michaela Lindinger
- The Radetzky March - Joseph Roth

## Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our Travel Insurance page for further information and to get a quote.

# Equipment Information

## SelfGuided Cycling Equipment List

- Cycling shorts
- Cycle helmet
- Functional base layer
- T-shirts
- Scarf
- Hat
- Windproof jacket
- Fleece / extra layer
- Rain protection
- Rucksack (approx. 20 l)
- Small first aid kit for your rucksack
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle or hydration pack
- Camera (batteries/memory card)
- Mobile Phone (ensure your data package covers your destination)
- Handlebar mount that is compatible with your smartphone
- Power bank
- Waterproof phone cover

- Sun glasses
- Personal wash kit
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping to avoid the use of plastic bags
- Tupperware for picnics

### Land Only Information

Please note that our 'from' price listed is based on 4 persons on twin or double occupancy, however we can quote for any number of travellers including solo travellers - contact our Sales Team for a quote.

When considering your travel dates, you might like to investigate any seasonal opening times of attractions and points of interest.

All of our self-guided holidays are sold on a Land Only basis allowing you the flexibility to choose the travel method which best suits you. You may even wish to make this holiday part of a bigger adventure or pair it with one of our other holidays. We can arrange additional nights' accommodation before or after your self-guided trip - please ask our Sales Team to find out more about this.

Our Sales Team will be happy to provide you with a quote for scheduled flights, or alternatively you may wish to book your own flights with a low cost carrier from your nearest regional airport.

Please DO NOT book your flights before you have received your booking confirmation and your deposit has been taken.

We offer some transfers to your accommodation from the nearest airports - please refer to the 'Joining Arrangements & Transfers' section for further details for this trip.

# Why Choose KE

### Why KE?

Vienna has been named the world's best city in which to live, and we have ensured that you will have plenty of time to discover what makes this city so special. Easily combine this trip with our self-guided Cycling The Danube - Vienna to Budapest holiday to a make a two-week, four-country cycling holiday combining Germany, Austria, Slovakia, and Hungary in one epic adventure.We have included upgraded bike hire in the cost of your trip so you can relax knowing that this is all taken care of for you, and E-bike upgrades are available if you would like an extra boost. In addition, we have included a wine tasting in the renowned wine-producing region of Wachau.

**Please Note** This document was downloaded on 17/11/2026 and the trip is subject to change