Cycling The Danube - Vienna to Budapest

Trip Code: SGVB

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CYCLE	SELF-GUIDED	LEISURELY 2

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride through three countries on the EuroVelo 6 long distance cycle route along the Danube
- Immerse yourself into the rich history and culture of UNESCO Vienna
- Explore Bratislava's medieval old town and Baroque palaces
- Discover 'European Best Destination Award'-winning Budapest and its UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Pedal through the peaceful nature reserve of the Danube-Auen National Park

AT A GLANCE

- 6 days cycling & sightseeing
- Upgraded bike hire included
- Sat departures Apr & Oct
- Fri/Sat/Sun departures May & Sep
- Daily departures Jun/Jul/Aug
- Join at Vienna / End in Budapest

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

- 7 Breakfasts
- 7 nights Hotel

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Introduction

The mighty Danube, the greatest river in Western Europe, flows through ten countries from its source in Germany on its way to the Black Sea. On this one-week self-guided cycling holiday, you will pedal at your own pace through three countries - Austria, Slovakia and Hungary - following the popular EuroVelo 6 long-distance Danube cycle route.

Starting in UNESCO-listed Vienna, delve into the cultural capital of Austria with its plethora of museums, art galleries, stunning architecture and emotive music scene. Travel through rural landscapes of peaceful plains and idyllic nature reserves on your way to Bratislava, the picturesque capital city of Slovakia. This city has much more to offer than its famous bar culture and beer - learn about its noble history, with international influences over the centuries including the Romans and Hungarian nobles among many others. Crossing the Hungarian border, you will have time to immerse yourself in the beautiful old town of Esztergom before your journey culminates in Budapest, the vibrant capital city of Hungary. This UNESCO-listed city is a treasure trove of magnificent architecture, numerous thermal spas and cultural gems in addition to its sparkling nightlife.

Pedalling at a leisurely pace, you will have plenty of time to explore as you wish. Along the way you will stay in carefully selected 3-star and 4-star hotels on a bed and breakfast basis, chosen for their warm hospitality and ideal locations. With bike hire included and luggage transfers taken care of, you can simply relax and enjoy your ride. We can even assist you in extending your time in Vienna or Budapest to really get under the skin of these fabulous cities.

Looking to extend your holiday?

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

Is this holiday for you?

If you love to journey on two wheels, immerse yourself in history and discover new cultures, this holiday offers a great opportunity to do just that, all at your own pace. Over 6 days of cycling you will cycle an average of 50km a day, on purpose-built bike trails and quiet country roads. Some short sections in the

cities will be on roads shared with motor traffic. The majority of the route is asphalted; there are some short distances on unsurfaced track. On the whole, the route is well signed and waymarked, and is predominantly flat. You also have the option to upgrade to an e-bike if you prefer an extra boost to your pedal power. Staying in 3-star and 4-star hotels, some with wellness facilities, you can relax at the end of the day knowing that everything has been taken care of for you.

Itinerary

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DAY 1

Arrive in Vienna and immerse yourself in the city of culture.

Arrive at your hotel in Vienna, capital city of Austria. Depending on your time of arrival, you may have time to explore the UNESCO-listed historic centre before meeting with our local representative for your welcome briefing and bike fitting. Steeped in history, this incredible city is home to a wealth of magnificent architecture, notably from the Baroque, Art Nouveau and Habsburg periods. There is plenty to discover - we recommend an extra night here if you can.

Within the UNESCO-listed historic centre you will find the Hofburg Palace, former imperial palace of the Habsburg dynasty and today the official residence of the Austrian President. A visit here will offer an insight into the world of Emperor Franz Joseph and his wife Elisabeth, and imperial history dating back to the 13th century. The Belvedere Palace is also well worth a visit, particularly for those with an interest in art as it houses the world's largest collection of paintings by Gustav Klimt, including his most famous piece: The Kiss.

In the evening, take your pick from the many excellent restaurants this vibrant city has to offer, tucking in to delicious cuisine perhaps accompanied by some Viennese wine - there are around 700 hectares of vineyards within Vienna's city limits - and followed by a sweet treat of Sachertorte for dessert.

Accommodation
Hotel

DAY 2

Cycle through the tranquil Danube-Auen wetland reserve before crossing the border into Slovakia to reach Bratislava, your home for the night.

Hopping onto your bike this morning, your ride will take you out of the city and through the verdant landscapes of the Danube-Auen National Park. As you travel silently on two wheels through this tranquil landscape, keep your eyes peeled for the diverse wildlife that make their home in this floodplain environment. There is a great diversity of flora and fauna here, from delicate orchids to robust poplars and willows, and creatures great and small including sandpipers, kite, kingfishers, beaver, boar and deer.

Reaching the spa town of Bad Deutsch-Altenburg, you might like to take a small detour to visit the Carnuntum Archaelogical Park for a taste of Roman history. This important settlement was founded in the 1st century AD and, as a major crossroads for trade on the Danube, became one of the most

important cities in the Roman Empire. Continuing your journey, you will pass through the medieval city of Hainburg, where you may like to explore the castle ruins perched on a hill overlooking the Danube, offering far reaching views from Austria across the riverine border to Slovakia. Getting back on your bike, you soon roll in to Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia and your home for the night. Check in to your hotel and freshen up, ready to explore the city. The imposing Bratislava Castle is strategically positioned overlooking the banks of the Danube; nearby in the old town you will also find handsome historic buildings including the striking pink-hued Primate's Palace, one of the most beautiful classicist buildings in Slovakia. Or if you simply wish to relax and watch the world go by, the main square in the heart of the old town is the ideal spot to soak up the atmosphere over a drink, before choosing a restaurant for your well-earned dinner tonight.

Meals: **B**

Accommodation
Hotel

Distance
65KM

DAY 3

Cross the border into Hungary, cycling through charming villages to reach Mosonmagyaróvár.

Today you will cross the border into Hungary. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and continue your ride, leaving behind the city with its old-world charm and enter cultivated rural areas, cycling through villages reminiscent of a bygone era. Before leaving Slovakia behind, you might like to pay a visit to the Danubiana Meulensteen Art Museum, positioned on a narrow spit of land in the middle of the wide river, housing a vibrant collection of modern art in both indoor and outdoor exhibition spaces. Entering Hungary, your route takes you along quiet country lanes and through peaceful pastures before you reach your welcoming hotel in the spa town of Mosonmagyaróvár, on the edge of the Szigetköz wetland reserve. Settle in for the night and perhaps take advantage of the hotel spa to rejuvenate your muscles.

Meals: **B**

Accommodation
Hotel

Distance
40KM

DAY 4

Ride peacefully through the natural paradise of Little Rye Island on your way to Györ.

Your route today will take you through the open green fields and quaint villages of Little Rye Island, an alluvial region that forms part of the Little Hungarian Plain. "Little" is somewhat of a misnomer for this vast plain that stretches over parts of the three countries of Hungary, Slovakia and Austria, bisected by

the great Danube. Sandwiched between the main body of the Danube and the sinuous tributary of Mosoni-Duna (Little Danube), this flat island is a fertile plain that has been cultivated for generations. Passing through the village of Hédervár at the mid-point of your ride, you might like to take a lunch break here, perhaps with a picnic in the tranquil gardens of Hédervár Castle. Continuing your ride through the lovely flat plains, you soon arrive at the dynamic city of Győr. Positioned at the confluence of three rivers, this was once an important point for Danubian river trade. Some of Győr's oldest buildings date as far back as the 13th century, and with some fine examples of Gothic and Baroque architecture on offer it is well worth allowing yourself plenty of time to explore the city. Checking in to your hotel, you are free to wander along the riverfront or through the cobbled streets and alleys of the old town and soak up the atmosphere, and refuel on some delicious and hearty Hungarian cuisine.

Meals: **B**

Accommodation
Hotel

Distance
40KM

DAY 5

Continue your journey along the Danube to the divided town of Komárom/Komárno on the Hungarian/Slovak border.

Your peaceful ride continues through cultivated plains and sleepy villages along the Danube riverbank, with your destination this evening the divided town of Komárom/Komárno that straddles the river on the Hungarian/Slovak border. On the Hungarian side, you might like to visit historical sites such as the Roman Lapidary or the strategic military bastions of Monostori Fort or Fort Csillag overlooking the river, so-named for its star-shaped layout ('csillag' meaning 'star' in Hungarian). A similar fortress can be found on the Slovak bank; Fortress Komárno, the biggest historic monument in Komárno.

Meals: **B**

Accommodation
Hotel

Distance
40KM

DAY 6

Pedal through vineyards on your way to Esztergom and discover the largest basilica in Hungary, where kings were crowned.

Near Komárno, on the Slovak side of the riverbank, lies the remains of the Roman castellum of Kelemantia, part of the UNESCO-listed Danube frontier of the Roman Empire. A visit here is possible this morning, before settling in to the saddle for your journey to Esztergom (Hungary), passing vineyards and green pastures on this leisurely ride through flat plains and quaint villages.

Reaching the attractive city of Esztergom, you can delve into its rich history. The nation's first king, Saint Stephen, was born here and it has served as the seat of Roman Catholicism in Hungary for centuries, hence it is also known as "Hungarian Rome". The city's most impressive sight is its magnificent basilica, sitting on a commanding position high above the town and the river. This is the largest church in Hungary and boasts a 72m-high central dome and striking neoclassical architectural features. The church also includes beautiful examples of Italian Renaissance marble stonework in the Bakócz Chapel, a rich ecclesiastical collection of precious metals and jewels in its treasury, and a crypt beneath the basilica which houses the tomb of Cardinal József Mindszenty among others. Adjacent to the basilica is the Castle Museum, housed in the old Royal Palace - a labyrinthine collection of alleys, passages and arches forming a defensive bastion overlooking the Danube. Take the time to immerse yourself in the city's historical tapestry: discover the Ottoman-era mosque, Turkish baths and the Christian Museum in the waterfront neighbourhood of Víziváros; the medieval marketplace of Széchenyi Square; or learn more about the importance of the waterway you are following at the Danube Museum.

Depending on your accommodation arrangements, you will either stay in Esztergom or in Visegrád tonight. If you are staying in Visegrád, you will take either a boat or a train from Esztergom to Visegrád today, depending on the services running on your particular day of travel (boat/train ticket included).

Meals: **B**

Accommodation
Hotel

Distance
60KM

DAY 7

Explore Visegrád, admire the Danube Bend, and delight in the Baroque town of Szentendre on your way to Budapest.

This morning you will have the opportunity to explore the town of Visegrád, and feast your eyes on the famous view of the Danube Bend as the river winds its way through the forested mountainous landscape. Probably the best spot from which to gain a wonderful panorama over the river is from the Visegrád Citadel, perched atop a steep hill above the town. For a thrilling experience, you may like to visit the nearby Toboggan Park with its summer bobsled and alpine coaster tracks - you'll certainly get a different perspective of the Citadel as you race down the tracks! For a more tranquil experience, the Royal Palace and gardens would make for a relaxing stop and an interesting slice of history.

Making your way to the attractive Baroque town of Szentendre, it's definitely worth having a stop here and losing yourself in its cobblestone streets and Mediterranean vibes. This colourful town has a charming old town and a thriving arts scene, with many museums and galleries showcasing the works of some of Hungary's best contemporary artists that were drawn to this very town. Here you will also find the quirky Marzipan Museum, displaying some impressively elaborate confectionery-based works of art. From Szentendre you will make your way to Budapest, the final stop of your week's tour. If your journey today started from Esztergom, you will take the boat or train (included) from Szentendre to reach Budapest, so your overall distance cycled today remains roughly the same.

Arriving in Budapest, the jewel of Hungary, check in to your hotel and get ready to immerse yourself in this fascinating capital city. Formerly independent towns of Buda and Pest, you can still discover the city's different personalities which grace opposite banks of the Danube. Perhaps you might like to take a stroll down Andrássy Avenue, recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and enjoy your evening meal at one of the restaurants or cafes along this elegant boulevard whilst soaking up the atmosphere.

Meals: **B**

Accommodation
Hotel

Distance
65KM

DAY 8

Departure day, or extend your stay in Budapest with additional nights.

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and, depending on your time of departure, take a final stroll along the river before making your onward journey.

It's easy to see why Budapest has captivated so many and has been recognised by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site of Outstanding Universal Value. Unmissable sights include the Hungarian Parliament Building with its beautiful neo-Gothic styling sitting right on the banks of the Danube; the Castle District with its emblematic castle, Fishermen's Bastion and the Gothic Matthias Church; St. Stephen's Basilica; Heroes' Square at the end of Andrássy Avenue; and the iconic Széchenyi Chain Bridge with its stone lions, offering fantastic views of the architectural gems on either side of the river. Budapest also has an abundance of thermal springs and spas - the largest medicinal spa complex in Europe can be found here at the Széchenyi Baths. If you have the time, discover a surprising green haven in the midst of the city hubbub on Margaret Island and relax in its idyllic parks and gardens. The Palatinus Strand here, with its thermal and open-air baths, is also excellent for soothing your muscles.

With so much to discover in Budapest, why not extend your stay here to really get under the skin of this beguiling city? We can assist with arranging additional nights' accommodation for you - just ask our Sales Team for more details.

BUDAPEST WINE FESTIVAL: Held in September in the grounds of Buda Castle, this is an annual four-day showcase of national and international wines, along with gastronomic treats and live music and performances.

Meals: **B**

Holiday Information

What's Included

- All accommodation as described
- Meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Self-guided information pack containing your map and route notes
- Luggage transfers
- Boat or train ticket from Esztergom to Visegrad or Szentendre to Budapest including your bike
- Upgraded bike hire
- Welcome briefing
- Navigation App and GPX tracks available

What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Travel to Vienna
- Travel from Budapest
- 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 Vienna and ends in Budapest. 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 to Vienna Airport you can take the train directly from the airport to the city, which takes around 15-30 minutes depending on which train you take. At the end of the trip you can take the direct train or bus from Budapest Kelenföld back to Vienna Airport - the journey takes around 2.5 hours to 3 hours.

It is also possible to fly to Budapest Airport. From the airport, you can take the bus to the city and then the train from Budapest Kelenföld to Vienna. The total journey takes around 3 to 3.5 hours. Alternatively you can take a direct bus from Budapest Airport to Vienna Central Station - the journey takes around 3.5 to 4 hours.

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 this region blends influences from all around Central Europe, offering up hearty and delicious fare made with seasonal ingredients hailing from the countryside. Meat features strongly in many of the dishes of the region. Expect many varieties of comforting goulash, stews, soups and dumplings of potato or flour, as well as savoury pancakes and gnocchi. You can find many sweet treats too, including the famous Austrian Apfelstrudel and yummy chocolate Sachertorte, and the lesser known Hungarian chimney cake (Kürtőskalács), or Slovakian poppy seed pastry roll (Makovnik). Perhaps you might also like to sample some of the wines for which the Danube region is renowned, such as Grüner Veltliner or Riesling.

Accommodation

On this trip you will stay in carefully selected 3-star and 4-star hotels, guesthouses, and country inns, each chosen for their warm hospitality and ideal locations as you cycle along the Danube. All the hotels have Wi-Fi, and offer continental breakfasts to fuel you on your way. Some hotels also offer spa or sauna facilities to help you relax after a day in the saddle. Accommodation is on a bed and breakfast basis in a twin or double room, some with Austrian style twin beds as is traditional in this area (two beds within one bed frame, with separate bedding).

Bike Hire

Upgraded 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 27 gears and hydraulic brakes, 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.

These bikes are suitable for rider heights between approximately 165cm and 210cm.

All bikes come equipped with a pannier and handlebar bag for your daily essentials, plus lights, a 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 can arrange tandem bikes, children's bikes, trailers and child seats upon request. Please ask our Sales Team for details.

In Slovakia and Hungary, it is a requirement for pedestrians and cyclists to be equipped with reflective strips. It is recommended that you carry a high-visibility reflective vest with you on your rides.

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 are suitable for rider heights between approximately 160cm and 210cm.

E-bikes are available on this holiday at an additional 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.

The unit of currency in Hungary is the Hungarian Forint (HUF).

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 part of the Danube basin has a continental climate. Temperatures vary through the season, with typical average daytime temperatures of around 15-20 degrees Centigrade in May, 20-25 degrees Centigrade in August, and 11-15 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 waterproofs 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
- Lonely Planet Pocket Budapest
- Only in Budapest: A Guide to Unique Locations, Hidden Corners and Unusual Objects - Duncan J D Smith

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.

Why Choose KE

Why KE

Easily combine this trip with our self-guided Cycling The Danube - Passau to Vienna holiday to a make a two-week, four-country cycling holiday combining Germany, Austria, Slovakia, and Hungary in one epic adventure.Enjoy this classic long-distance cycle route with comfortable accommodation and luggage transfers taken care of for you. Plus, 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. E-bike upgrades are available too.

Please Note This document was downloaded on 14/11/2026 and the trip is subject to change