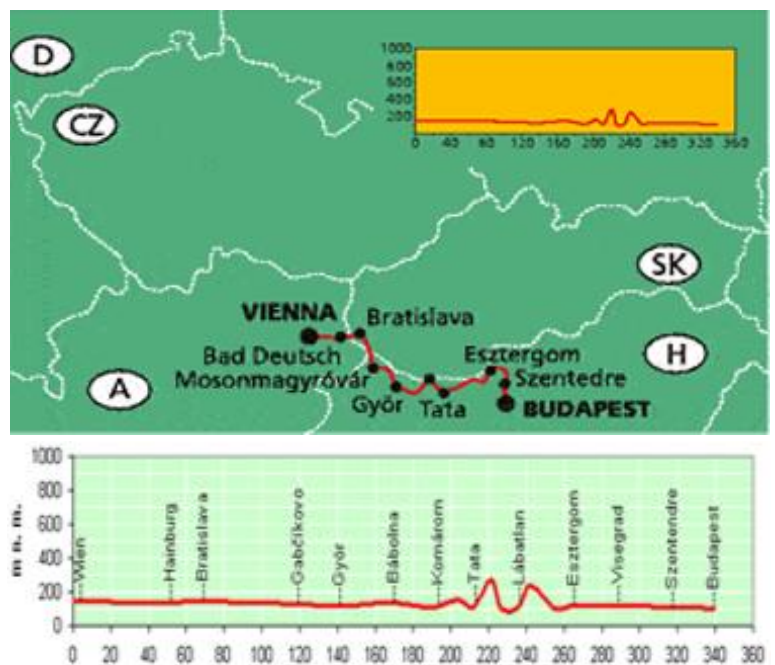


Cycling Europe

VIENNA TO BUDAPEST 2020

SELF GUIDED & GUIDED CYCLE TOURS

8 days/7 nights - 348 kms



On this tour you cycle along the Danube into Hungary enjoying a breathtaking mix of rural riverside scenery and the impressive palaces and exquisite architecture of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire as you pedal. From Vienna cycle along the Hungarian side of the Danube through Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. Continue into Hungary where you will stay in the historical towns of Győr and Esztergom. Before you reach Budapest, stop at the artist's town of Szentendre with its many galleries, museums and cafes.

GRADE & TERRAIN: Easy - Gently to moderately rolling with ascents on Day 6 leaving Tata.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: VIENNA

Arrive in Vienna, Austria's capital built beside the Danube River. Vienna's attractions are many – from St Stephen's cathedral, to Schönbrunn Palace, the amazingly original Hundertwasser House designed by Friedensreich Hundertwasser in 1985, the giant Prater ferris-wheel and the beautiful horse-drawn carriages in the historic city centre. **Overnight in Vienna**

DAY 2: VIENNA – BAD DEUTSCH/ALTENBURG

This morning you will receive your bike and meet your local contact person who will brief you on the tour. Then it's off along the Danube river valley to the town of Bad Deutsch/Altenburg.

Overnight in Bad Deustsch. Cycling: 51km / 32 miles

DAY 3: BAD DEUTSCH/ALTENBURG – BRATISLAVA - MOSONMAGYAROVA

Today's ride takes you briefly into Slovakia via Bratislava with its historical town centre. Then it's on to Hungary where your day's ride finishes in Mosonmagyaróvár. This delightful town is located beside a small subsidiary of the Danube.

Overnight in Mosonmagyaróvár. Cycling: 65km / 40 miles

DAY 4: MOSONMAGYAROVA – GYOR

The ride between Mosonmagyaróvár and Győr winds its way through pastures and small farming towns. Today's destination of the city of Győr was a Hungarian stronghold from 90AD. Its 12th century cathedral is superb.

Overnight in Győr. Cycling: 45km / 28 miles

DAY 5: GYOR - TATA

Cycling close to the Danube through a rural landscape, today's ride ends in the town of Tata on the shores of Lake Tata. The lake is an important wildlife/ migratory bird centre and Tata castle which overlooks the lake is well worth a visit.

Overnight in Tata. Cycling: 71km / 45 miles



DAY 6: TATA - ESZTERGOM

Get ready for an ascent through the forests (the first real climb of the tour) which will reward you with views over vineyards and beyond to the Danube followed by a straight run to Esztergom. This town has the largest cathedral in Hungary. Dating from 1822 it incorporates an earlier, renaissance church from the 16th century.

Overnight in Esztergom. Cycling: 57km / 35 miles

DAY 7: ESZTERGOM - BUDAPEST

The last day of cycling through the Danube takes you to the small town of Visegrád and the gem of the tour ... the town of Szentendre (St Andrew) with its many churches, galleries, museums and cafes. Visit the river island of the same name before pedalling on to Budapest. This magnificent city, once a centre of the Austro-Hungarian Empire boasts truly stunning architecture.

Overnight in Budapest. Cycling: 77km / 49 miles

DAY 8: BUDAPEST

Tour arrangements end after breakfast.



Parliament Buildings, Budapest

TIME TO GO: CLIMATE

On the continent in Central Europe the weather is cold with snow in the winter but the summers are lengthy with a lot of sunshine and clear days. Our cycling tours run from the beginning of April to the end of October – the optimum months here for a good bicycle trip. May, June and September are the times to experience the cooler, but still warm weather. The temperature in the summer can get high, particularly in July and August. April and October temperatures are changeable and can be chilly.

TOURIST NUMBERS

July and August tend to be the busiest times in terms of crowds. We feel it is important to mention this in case you are expecting to see some national monuments relatively crowd free.

2020 SCHEDULE

Self-guided tours

Every day from April to the end of October

2020 Guided Tours:

These set date departures guaranteed to depart with a minimum of four people

Dates to be reconfirmed: 3 – 13 July & 7 – 14 September 2020

Private guided tours available every day from April to the end of October (price on request)

2020 COST PER PERSON IN EURO

SELF GUIDED

Double/twin share € 1490

Single room supplement € 350

(prices above for minimum 2 people – for solo travellers a 15% surcharge applies)

GUIDED

Double or twin share €2240 (min. 4 persons)

Single supplement € 350

Private Guided tour 8+ people: Double or twin share €2040 Single supplement € 350

SELF-GUIDED COST INCLUDES

- Accommodation for in selected hotels and pensions
- Daily Buffet breakfast
- Luggage transfer
- English route descriptions
- Detailed cycling maps
- Town maps
- Global Positioning System (GPS) console
- Transportation by car according to program
- Welcome briefing upon arrival
- Quality TREK bike rental + Helmet rental
- Stand-by support (cell phone and contact person)

GUIDED COST INCLUDES

- Professional bilingual guide
- Accommodation in selected hotels and pensions
- Support van
- Buffet breakfast and dinner included
- Luggage transfer
- English route descriptions
- Detailed cycling maps
- Town maps
- Global Positioning System (GPS) console
- Quality TREK bike rental with helmets
- Guided tours at castles, museums and other selected attractions
- Special events, including wine tasting and picnic

TREK FX 3

Lightweight aluminum frame

Carbon fork

Groupset Shimano Alivio

Trek FX 3 is a lightweight hybrid bike with a carbon fork which brings both speed and comfort to any of our routes you choose. It comes in all sizes to fit you perfectly and it is available also in Women's Specific Design.

Size Men : 15" 17.5" 20" 22.5" 25"

Size WSD: 15" 17" 19"



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