

Cycling Europe

DANUBE BY BIKE & BOAT 2020

PASSAU - VIENNA - PASSAU

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS – Guided or Self Guided



its vineyard terraces and enchanted castles and monasteries. Arrive Vienna – an abundance of sights! A city, hard to describe – you have to see and feel it! Sights like St. Stephen's Cathedral, the city hall and the world's oldest Ferris Wheel (Riesenrad) are easy to reach during a wonderful sightseeing tour by bike. A stroll through the Naschmarkt (famous food market) is a wonderful

Cycle and sail down the Danube, taking in some of the most exciting sections of one of Europe's great waterways. Your boat becomes a home away from home, while you cycle along lush green river banks, through small, dreamy villages in the impressive Danube landscapes. You will discover the breathtaking natural wonder of the "Great Loop" (a swift 180° turn!) and immerse yourself in legendary Wachau with

cultural and culinary adventure. You can also relax at any of the cosy coffee houses or a typical traditional Viennese wine tavern in the suburbs.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR

- Passau, the Bavarian city of 3 rivers
- The "Schloegen Loop"
- Glide through the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site of the Wachau Valley and taste some of the local wine
- The cultural capital Linz
- Visit the Danube's greatest historical city of Vienna.



GRADE: EASY

Although almost completely flat this cycle tour is graded easy to moderate as the daily distance ranges from 26 – 45 km. You will be cycling on the Danube Cycle Path which follows traffic free cycle paths and some quiet roads. This tour is particularly well suited to families and novice cyclists as the route is flat, path predominantly traffic free and you have the option of staying on board if you don't feel like cycling. **Electric bikes are also available (limited number).**

CYCLING ROUTE – SUMMARY:

Day 1: Passau (boarding 4 pm)

Day 2: Engelhartszell - Brandstatt approx . 45 km

Day 3: Brandstatt - Linz, approx. 26 km

Day 4: Mauthausen – Grein, approx. 35 km

Day 5: Vienna –Rest day

Day 6: Wachau Valley round trip, approx. 25 - 40 km

Day 7: Weissenkirchen - Pochlarn, approx. 35 km

Day 8: Passau (disembark approx 9.00am do not book onward travel before 11 am)

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DAY 1: Boarding time is from 4.00 pm. The "Bishop City," close to the German/Austrian border, is also known as the "city of three rivers." Use your free time and stroll through the old charming centre, visit the world's largest church organ in the cathedral, and enjoy the easy atmosphere of a typical Bavarian beer garden. At 6.30 p.m. cast off! Your vacation begins with a boat ride through the romantic Danube Valley. (**Bags can be left on the boat from 3 pm**)

Day 2: Great Danube Loop | Engelhartszell - Brandstatt, approx 45 km

Today's bike tour takes you directly along the Danube where you have time to enjoy the pretty meadow landscape. Explore the pristine countryside of the Upper Danube Valley on the cycle path as it runs past sleepy villages. The Danube Loop (Schlögenger Blick) observation point offers a stunning view of the Great Schlögenger Loop where the river carves its way through a gorge and doubles back on itself.

Day 3: Brandstatt to Linz, approx. 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. At the ARS Electronica Museum you can try out some of the most impressive examples of modern technology for yourself.

Day 4: Mauthausen – Grein, approx. 35 km

Today you will explore the idyllic and slightly hilly back country of the Studengau by bike on a beautiful and varied route: the celtic village Mitterkirchen gives you an insight into the past; the baroque monastery of Baumgartenburg and the romantic ruins of the "Clam Castle". Grein, with its mighty castle, is the destination of today's cycling. After a romantic night time cruise past villages of twinkling lights you arrive in the early morning in the City of Waltz - Vienna.

Day 5: Vienna (Rest day or optional activities)

During an optional city tour by bike or bus you will experience Vienna's most famous examples of architecture: the imperial Hofburg, St. Stephens Cathedral, the gorgeous 'Ring'-boulevard and the State Opera House, the Burgtheater and town hall and, of course, the colourful "Hundertwasserhaus". There is enough time in the afternoon to stroll or visit one of the famous Viennese cafés. The evening can end in numerous ways – such as a Waltz and Opera concert at a famous Viennese Palace (optional).



Day 6: Biking Wachau Valley – round trip, approx. 25 - 40 km

Today's biking day is a special highlight! Amidst small dreamy towns, apricot trees, vineyards, castles, monasteries and ruins, this hilly landscape enchants everybody. You will be biking on cloud nine! A powerful ruin looms above the small Baroque town of Durnstein with its narrow lanes, while the blue spire of the monastery church is a landmark of Wachau. In Weißenkirchen you will find comfortable wine taverns right along the bike path (possibility for an optional wine-tasting).

Day 7: Weissenkirchen to Pöchlarn, approx. 35 km

Enjoy this stage passing through the romantic scenery along the Danube with its rustic villages set among the vineyards. In Spitz take the ferry to the sleepy Southern bank of the river and after a leisurely ride you will reach the gorgeous baroque monastery of the Benedictine brethren of Melk. Once you reach the town of Pöchlarn, which featured in the Niebelungen saga, relax and enjoy the views of the rugged and romantic Niebelungengau region.

Day 8: Tour Ends in Passau

Enjoy the first sunbeams and the peaceful silence of the Danube Valley on deck before you arrive relaxed at Passau. Disembark at approx. 9.00a.m. We recommend arranging connecting travel after 10.30a.m, in case of delays. (Do not book trains departing earlier than 11 a.m.)

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

The following optional excursions (not included in the tour price) can be booked and paid for on board with the cruise director.

- **Vienna:** City tour by bike or HOP ON HOP OFF bus, Classical waltz & operetta concert in Vienna's famous Schönbrunn palace
- **Wachau:** Wine tasting with a local winegrower
- **Grein:** Visit of Austria's oldest theatre

GENERAL INFORMATION

All bike tours are self-guided unless you opt for the 'Guided cycle tour'.

All mileages are approximate distances of recommended routes. You will receive a detailed road book with maps and information when you arrive on board. There will be a daily briefing on the route about the specifics and tips for sightseeing. Please be aware that the cabin storage space is very limited.

Your riverboat is a "floating hotel", and also a means of transport that moves with motor power and must always be operated, even at night. **If you are light sleeper, bring some ear-plugs.**

Faults can happen with locks, this is the case for all Danube journeys and cannot be avoided. Please bear in mind that riverboats are restricted (bridge passages, locks) in size (length, height, width) and therefore cannot be compared with sea-going vessels. The cabins are limited in space but are nevertheless comfortable and furnished.

In the event of extremely high or low water, the shipping company reserves the right to bridge stages by bus or even to cancel the trip at short notice without any legal claim arising there from (water levels are force majeure). The same applies for officially decreed repairs to locks or bridges, not announced in advance, or in the event of motor or propulsion damage to the ship without attributed fault. Errors, changes in prices and availability accepted. Tariffs as of July 2017.

MS THEODOR KÖRNER ***+

Our spacious, traditional ship was completely redecorated in the winter of 2013/14, and offers a comfortable atmosphere in modern Art Deco style. Excellent service and attention to detail are the priority of the captain and crew who are looking forward to welcoming you on board. Your bike tour through various countries is also a culinary expedition through the diversity of national and the regional cuisine. The ship offers a restaurant, a panorama bar with a dance floor, a salon with a sunny patio as well as a broad sun deck with comfortable deck chairs. Books and magazines from our library provide reading pleasure and parlour games offer all kinds of disport. After an eventful cycling day you will find relaxation in the sauna. In the evening a musician will perform for you to dance! The MS Theodor Körner also offers Wi-Fi (connection speed may vary).

CABIN TYPES:

- 2-Bed-ECO: **bunk** bed cabins
- 2-Bed: 2 separate beds on floor, approximately 11 square meters
- Junior-Suite: double bed, approximately 13 -16 square meters. There are two junior suites on the promenade deck and three on the upper deck. On the promenade deck, one of the suites is designed for two people only (105), and is therefore smaller than the other junior suites. Assignment of suites are first come, first served.
- Additional bed: only in Junior Suite (Sofa) or 2-Bed cabin promenade deck (folding bed above)

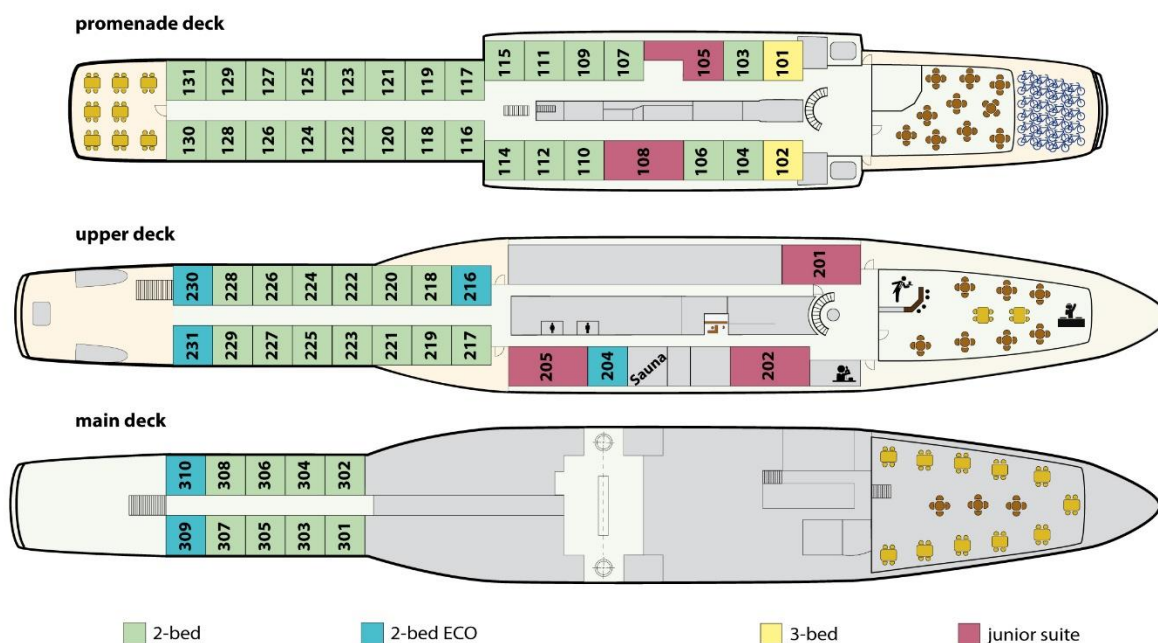
DECK CATEGORIES:

- Main (bottom)
- Upper (middle) - Windows can be opened
- Promenade (top) - Windows can be opened

SHIP DETAILS:

- Length x Width: ca. 87 x 17 meters and a ca. 1.7 m draft. Speed 25km/h.
- 60 newly designed cabins each equipped with air conditioner, private facilities, flat screen TV, safe, and hairdryer
- Ship capacity: 126 passengers, 40 crew members
- Lobby, panoramic bar, and lounge
- Spacious junior suites with queen beds
- Flat screen television, safe, and hairdryers in all cabins
- Infrared sauna
- WiFi (free of charge in bar and reception area)
- Library equipped with books magazines, and board games





2020 TOUR DATES: MS THEODOR KÖRNER

THURSDAY Departures: 30 April - 08 October 2020 (first and last tour date)

We offer tours departing on Sundays and some Saturdays on alternative boats: Passau – Bratislava – Budapest – Vienna – Passau (please request details).

2020 TOUR COST - MS THEODOR KORNER (per person in Euros)

	April October	July August	May, June & September
Main deck –twin bed	€ 719	€ 819	€ 869
Upper deck – twin bed	€859	€ 959	€1009
Junior Suite – queen bed	€1029	€1129	€1179
Promenade deck – twin bed	€ 899	€ 999	€1049
Junior Suite – queen bed	€1029	€1129	€1179
Single cabin Main deck	€1079	€1229	€1305
Single cabin Upper deck	€1289	€1439	€1515
Single cabin Promenade deck	€1349	€1499	€1575

Eco-cabins are **BUNK BEDS**

Eco- cabin Main deck	€659	€759	€809
Eco- cabin Upper deck	€759	€859	€909
Eco-cabin Main deck single	€ 989	€1139	€1215
Eco-cabin Upper deck single	€1139	€1289	€1365

3rd person in Promenade Deck "2 bed" On request
 3rd Person Upper-deck in Junior Suite On request

BIKE RENTAL:

21-speed or 7-speed €75 (7 speed unisex bike with back and/or hand brake)
Electric bike €175 (limited availability)

Helmets are available for purchase on board (from € 25 - €45).

Helmets are mandatory in Austria for children up to 12 years!

In Slovakia it is compulsory for adults to wear helmets to cycle outside the city limits – however, if you stay on the recommended tour route you will not be required to wear a helmet by law.

Child seat, bikes for children, bike trailer or trailer bikes - price on request

All rental bikes are equipped with pannier bags.

SERVICES INCLUDED (Standard tour)

- 7 nights in outside cabins with private facilities and air conditioning
- Port Charges
- Captains greeting and welcome cocktail
- Daily cabin cleaning, towels and bed linen
- MEALS: breakfast, lunch on board for non cyclists or packed lunch for cyclists, afternoon coffee, dinner (2 or 3 choices) **including house wine, draught beer and soft drinks.**
- Gala-Dinner with farewell cocktail
- Farewell-Crew-Show
- Daily live music
- Cruise director/Tour guide on board (does not cycle with group)
- Daily information meeting
- Information pack with road book (one per cabin)

2020: FULLY GUIDED CYCLING OPTION: + €150 per person

Departures: June 04; July 09 & September 03

(Further dates on request – minimum of 10 participants)

Guided cycle option is based on minimum 10 participants/ maximum 22

In order to offer the guided option a minimum of 50 passengers must be booked on the cruise, (must be achieved at least 4 weeks before the start date).

ADDITIONAL INCLUSIONS WITH GUIDED CYCLING PACKAGE

- Cycling tour guide
- Ferry rides
- Rental helmet

Time of Year

Cycling the Danube is possible from April to October. May to September are the busiest months, and July and August are the hottest. These trips book out extremely quickly for the busiest months in particular, so we recommend booking early if you have specific travel dates in mind. We would suggest between 8 and 6 months in advance if you would prefer May and around 10 months in advance for September, this way you have a better chance of getting your preferred cabin.

Navigation, Route Notes & Maps

The Danube Cycle Path is well signposted, as it is one of the main European waterway cycle routes, and very popular. You will be issued with tour specific route notes and maps upon arrival. Your tour director will also give you a briefing each evening or in the morning about the days cycle. You will find that along the route there are arrowed stickers to guide you during the day, these have been placed there by the tour guide. What could be easier?!

Airport Transfer: Munich Airport - Passau price on request (approx. €69 one way / €119 return)

Passau parking: garage €79/ space €68 (incl. transfer to/from ship, payable on-site)



21 speed bikes



EXTRA NIGHTS PASSAU

We can book additional nights in Passau before or after your bike and boat tour.

Double room 3 star hotel €65 per person

Single room €93 per person

Double room 4 star hotel €74 per person

Single room €106 per person

BOOK THROUGH

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