

Self-Guided Danube Cycling: Passau to Vienna

Trip Code: SGPV

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SELF-GUIDED



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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

- Self-Guided
- 6 days cycling & sightseeing
- Luggage transfer
- BIKE HIRE INCLUDED
- E-bike upgrade available
- Daily departures available
- 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, 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, unearth 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 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* 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 Danube Cycling: Vienna to Budapest](#) holiday for a two week, four country bike 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. Plus we have the option of an e-bike upgrade should you would prefer an extra boost to your pedal power. Staying in 4* hotels, some with pools and wellness facilities along the way you can unwind at the end of the day in the comfort 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
- 21 gear bike hire
- A ferry ride (Au-Schloggen) including your bike
- A wine tasting in Wachau
- Navigation App and GPX tracks available

What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Bike Helmet
- 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
- 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.

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 holiday for your family, a centre based trip is a fantastic option as it allows you to easily opt out of a days 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. 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 with many departures from regional UK airports.

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

Meal Plan

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

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 many stews, schnitzel and delicious desserts on offer to fuel you along your ride. When you think of Austrian cuisine it is hard not to think of goulash, strudel and yummy chocolate Sachertorte for which the country is famed and there is a world of history behind these national favourites along with many more.

Austrian cuisine is symbolic of the former crownlands of the monarchy with its multi-cultural history with 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. Who would have thought this national dish was actually Turkish.

Part of the joy of being on this self-guided cycling holiday is we have designed it on a bed and breakfast basis allowing you to dine out wherever you fancy and stop off to sample the many cafes to discover the many delicious dishes Austrian's have adopted and created. We are sure you won't be disappointed.

Accommodation

On this trip you will stay in carefully selected 4* hotels each picked for their warm hospitality, excellent facilities and convenient locations. All of the hotels have Wifi and offer a fantastic continental breakfast. 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 and separate bedding).

Bike Hire

Standard hybrid bikes come with 21 gears and all bikes come equipped with a pannier and handlebar bag for your daily essentials plus a milometer, a bike lock, pump and repair kit.

The bikes provided for this trip come in two different frame types- unisex or male bike frame. Unisex bikes being provided for passengers up to a height of 185cm and male bike frames are provided for those above 185cm. If you would prefer a specific frame bike i.e. a male bike frame, please request this with our sales team.

You also have the option of upgrading to "Bike Plus" hire on this trip for an additional supplement of £ 70. The Bike Plus option provides a slightly sportier sitting posture and comes with upgraded items such as 27 gears, hydraulic brakes and a front suspension fork. This is a great option for those looking for a slightly comfier ride without upgrading to an e-bike.

We strongly recommend for you to bring your own helmet with you for the best comfort. Alternatively you can order a helmet to collect in Passau for an additional €40, payable on arrival, please contact our sales team to reserve this in advance of travel.

We also recommend packing a gel seat for extra comfort or a pair of padded cycling shorts, 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 comfortable ride.

We can arrange tandem bikes, children's bikes, trailers and child seats upon request. Please ask our sales team for details.

Upgrade to an E-bike

If you are looking for a bit of extra support 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 available on this holiday at an additional supplement of £255. Just request this upgrade option with 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.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents and visas for your holiday. Please ensure that you check for the latest advice before travel. For the most up to date information on entry requirements, please visit the [UK Government website](#).

Health & Vaccinations

Vaccinations

You should contact your doctor or travel clinic to check whether you require any specific vaccinations.

GHIC / Medical cover

UK residents should carry a free Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). This entitles you to state provided medical treatment when you're visiting an EU country or Switzerland. This is not a substitute for medical travel insurance which is vital when travelling overseas.

Severe Allergies

Please inform our KE Sales and support team of any severe allergies you may have before travel. We will always do our best to help but we are unable to guarantee an allergy free environment on our KE trips. We advise that you always carry your own treatment for the allergy with you such as 'adrenaline auto-injectors' if required. We also recommend that you discuss this with your accommodation on arrival so that they can better assist you.

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 part of Austria has a continental climate. Average temperatures vary through the summer season, from daytime highs of around 20 degrees Centigrade in May to 25 degrees in August and 15 degrees 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. North Americans can also check out the U.S. Department of State website: www.travel.state.gov for essential travel advice and tips.

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

EuroVelo 6. Donauradweg. A cycle path map at 100,000 scale.

The Danube from Passau to Linz and Wachau.

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

Cotswold Outdoor

Many of the equipment items listed above are available from [Cotswold Outdoor](#) - our '**Official Recommended Outdoor Retailer**'. When you book a holiday with KE you will receive a 12.5% discount with Cotswold Outdoor, Snow+Rock and Runners Need. The discount code can be downloaded from your MyKE account and you can use this code at the checkout, either in store or online.

Land Only Information

Please note 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.

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, ask our sales team to find out more about this.

Our sales team will be happy to provide you 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 hotel from the nearest airports, please refer to the 'joining arrangements and transfers' for further details for this trip.

Why Choose KE

Why KE?

Vienna has been named the world's best city to live in and we have ensured that you will have plenty of time to discover what makes this city so special. Unlike most tour operators we have included your hire bike in the cost of your trip.

Please Note This document was downloaded on 23/11/2024 and the trip is subject to change