

# Cycling Safaris

## Family bike tour "Danube Hits for Kids"

Self guided tour 2016

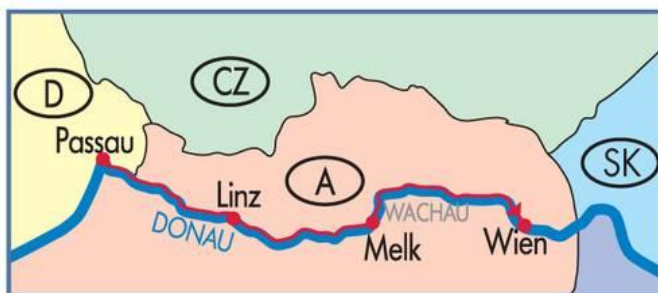
230 km | 8 days / 7-nights

The Danube is an adventure playground for all ages. This cycling tour is an exciting journey of discovery and a hands-on holiday for kids. The big kids (adults) will enjoy recreation and rest in dreamy landscapes with numerous sights and attractions, although the program is customized and focused on the younger cyclists. Lots of variety is guaranteed: a donkey riding adventure, a boat ride on the Danube in which a Captain's License is obtained and even a ride on the world's oldest Ferris Wheel are just to name a few of the numerous highlights.



The cycle through the Danube valley goes gently downhill the whole way, and usually there is a helpful tailwind.

Level 1; the cycling path is completely paved from one end to the other, flat, almost always directly along the riverbank and very suitable for beginners and children.



### Highlights:

Fairy tale land Linz - Pöstlingberg, Celtic open-air museum in Mitterkirchen, donkey adventure, Amusement park Prater and the Ferris wheel in Vienna

## TOUR ITINERARY

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### Day 1: Linz

A warm welcome is awaiting children and adults alike. Check-in. Dispersal of travel documents will follow. The rest of the day is up to you and at your leisure. Possibilities: let yourself be drifted away into a different world where you and your children can experience a new type of travel on the Dragon Train through the Land of Dwarves with a magical backdrop of the historical and stunning city of Linz.

### Day 2: Linz - Mitterkirchen

**approx. 43 km**

Today we tour into a Celtic Open-air Museum. In a village representing the Iron Age, you are shown and presented the ways of living and lifestyles of the long past. Accommodations for this night will be in a cosy farmhouse in the region of Machland. Dinner will be served with exceptional hospitality and catered with delicious Austrian homemade specialties.

**Day 3: Mitterkirchen – Strudengau****approx. 43 km**

Old markets and castles nestled in forested rolling hills are along the path on your way to Strudengau. In the Maritime Museum of Grein, you will find impressive models of ancient ship building craftsmanship and early naval architecture. In Ardagger there is a paradise of recreation and pleasure. A water park recreational facility and sandy beach volleyball courts are just the beginning of the endless possibilities for fun and action. Enjoy!

**Day 4: Strudengau – Wachau****approx. 49 km**

Shortly after Pöchlarn, you will enter into the world-renowned Valley of the Wachau, one of the most gorgeous riverside landscapes Europe has to offer. The impressive and breath-taking Benedictine Abbey of Melk overlooks the city and can be seen from afar. Cycling through the seemingly endless vineyards you will reach the winery village of Spitz, built around the so-called "Thousand-bucket-hill".

**Day 5: Rest Day Wachau****approx. 25 km**

You can enjoy the beautiful landscape of the Wachau. The children can go swimming in the pool or can play in the hotel garden. Explore one of the numerous wine cellars in this wonderful wine region.

**Day 6: Wachau – Tulln****approx. 40km + 20 km boat ride**

Starting the day by biking through a spectacular landscape with steep rock walls, sun-kissed terraced vineyards, beautifully blossoming orchards, quaint villages, dignified monasteries and authentic castles, take advantage of all the splendid panoramic outlooks, until you reach Tulln.

**Day 7: Tulln – Vienna****approx. 30 km**

The goal in mind you cycle cosy along the Tullnerfeld. Approaching Vienna you will have a fantastic view of the skyline, far away from the fast paced city and all the traffic. Vienna is a city that loves its music and food. Kids will have a great time enjoying traditional sweets and hot chocolate. At nearly every corner you will hear waltzes, impromptu violin concerts and various street performers. When the kids need a change of pace, head to the eastside of Vienna to ride the world's oldest Ferris wheel and round around the fun filled all-year-round amusement park "Prater".

**Day 8: Vienna**

Before you leave Vienna make sure to visit the famous Naschmarkt (international food / goods market) and stop by the beautiful imperial castle Schonbrunn or even the ZOO. Including train ride back to Linz (own bike with purchase) or extended stay in Vienna.

**2016 TOUR PRICE AND DATES**

Daily departures from 25 March – 15 October

**2016 Tour price (including bike rental):**

Season 1: 25 March – 15 April & 8 Oct – 15 Oct	€560 adult price per person sharing
Season 2: 16 April – 29 April & 17 Sept – 7 Oct	€640 adult price per person sharing
Season 3: 30 April – 16 Sept	€700 adult price per person sharing

Single room supplement	€180
Half board supplement (6 dinners, in Vienna B&B only)	€130
Bike rental 21-Gear-bike	included (not in the price for children)
Electric-bike (limited availability, on request)	€80
Discount if you bring own bike	€70
Helmet rental (must be reserved at time of booking)	€20 (to be paid locally)

### Reductions for accommodation\*:

Discount for the third person with two fully paying adults in a double room (additional bed):

0-8 years**	-100%
9-11:	- 50%
12-14	-25%
15-99	-10%

Single parent sharing a room with a child (with one fully paying adult in a single room):

0-8**:	- 100%
9-11:	- 50%
12-14:	-25%

Child in own room – 0-15 years – 10%

\*\*Cots only available on request, costs could occur (payable locally). Please advise need of a cot at time of booking!

### TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

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- 7 nights in rooms with private facilities
- Breakfast
- Bike rental ( 7 speed touring bikes with back pedal brake or 21-speed bikes )
- Daily luggage transport (1 suitcase per Person/ max. 20 kg)
- Children's "surprise" per booking
- 1 x ship ride Spitz – Krems, incl. bike (in season 1: train ride Krems-Tulln)
- 1 x ferry ride Spitz – Arnsdorf, incl. bike
- Child-friendly hotel equipment (playroom, playground or garden)
- One ride on the Viennese Ferris Wheel (Prater)
- Train ride Vienna – Linz (Transfer of personal bikes not included)
- Service-hotline
- Handlebar bag with travel book, maps and information material, one per room
- Free WLAN in all hotels

Reduction for no train ticket from Vienna – Linz\*\*  
(MUST be noted at time of booking)

€ 16,-/adult

### EXTRA NIGHTS

Double room Linz 4*:	€65 per person sharing   single room €95
Double room Vienna 3*:	€70 per person sharing   single room €100

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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The bike tours are unescorted. All mileages are approximate distances of recommended routes. Your luggage should include good rain clothing (jacket and trousers), sun hat and sun protection as well as sports shoes.

Trekking bikes are equipped with 21 gears or 7 gears and a front and a back brake, pannier bag. All bikes are equipped with a repair kit and a bike computer. For children: seats, child trailer, trailer bikes; children bikes.

Accommodation is in family-owned, typical 3\* inns.

## LUGGAGE TRANSFERS

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- Please try to keep to one bag per person , max 20 kg
- Please use strong bags, if possible
- Do not put any valuables (money, important documents) in your luggage.

## WHAT TO BRING

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Your enjoyment of the tour will also depend on whether you choose the right clothes to take along. We would recommend that you bring padded cycling shorts and / or a gel saddle cover which will make your days cycling more comfortable. Cycling gloves are also a good investment, as are hard-sole shoes which will help protect your feet. And don't forget raingear including a rain jacket, rain pants and slip-on boots. A hat will protect you from getting too much sun.

**In Austria it is a mandatory for children under the age of 12 to wear a helmet when on a bike.**

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

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Train station: Linz, Vienna

Airports: Munich, Linz, Vienna

Transfer: Train ride Vienna -Linz (excluding bike) is included in the price