

Cycling Safaris

Family bike tour "Danube Hits for Kids"

Self guided tour 2024

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
Grein – City Theatre
Amusement park Prater



TOUR ITINERARY

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. 40 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. 40 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. 50 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

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 + boat ride Spity-Krems

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 (Season 1+2 train ride Krems-Tulln).

Day 7: Tulln – Vienna

approx. 35 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 see street performers. When the kids need a change of pace, head to the eastside of Vienna to ride the worlds oldest Ferris wheel and explore 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 surcharge) or extended stay in Vienna.

2024 TOUR PRICE AND DATES

Daily departures from 27th April – 19th October

2024 Tour price

Season 1: October 5 – October 19

€620 adult price per person sharing / €850 single occupancy

Season 2: March 23 – April 26, September 21 – October 4

€670 adult price per person sharing / €930 single occupancy

Season 3: April 27 – September 20

€770 adult price per person sharing / €1000 single occupancy

Half board supplement (6 dinners, in Vienna B&B only)	+€155
7-speed-touring bikes with back pedal brake or 21-speed bikes	+€105
Electric-bike (limited availability, on request)	+€225
Electric-bike for children from 9 years on	+€225
Helmet purchase	+€40 (must be booked in advanced, to be paid locally)
Child Seat	+€40

Reductions for children:

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

0-8 years	No tour charge but a bike rental cost of €105 child's bike, or €40 child seat		
9-11 years:	Season 1: €310,	Season 2: €335,	Season 3: €385
12-14 years:	Season 1: €465,	Season 2: €505,	Season 3: €580

Children in their own room or Child 15 + sharing with two adults (additional bed)			
	Season 1: €560,	Season 2: €605,	Season 3: €695

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

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 nights in rooms with private facilities (3*+4*) with breakfast
- Daily luggage transport (1 suitcase per Person/ max. 23 kg)
- Children's "surprise" per booking
- 1 x ship ride Spitz – Krems, incl. bike (
- Child-friendly hotel equipment (playroom, playground or garden)
- One ride on the Viennese Ferris Wheel (Prater)
- Train ride Vienna – Linz (Transfer of own bikes not included)
- Service-hotline
- Handlebar bag with travel book, maps and information material, also available GPX files, one per room

Reduction for no train ticket from Vienna – Linz** € 34/adult
(MUST be noted at time of booking)

EXTRA NIGHTS

Double room Linz 4*:	€85 per person sharing single room €130
Double room Vienna 4*:	€85 per person sharing single room €130

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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 7 or 21 gears and a pannier bag. All bikes are equipped with a repair kit and a bike computer.

Accommodation is in family-owned, typical 3*+4* inns.

LUGGAGE TRANSFERS

- Please try to keep to one bag per person, max 23 kg
- Please use strong bags, if possible
- Do not put any valuables (money, important documents) in your luggage

WHAT TO BRING

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.