

Cycling Safaris

DANUBE Impressions tour 2025 Passau – Vienna Tour (Bike & Boat)

Self Guided Tour
170km/105 mi | 7 nights / 8 days



It was in Passau that Sisi began her journey along the Danube as a young bride to Vienna, where she was eagerly awaited by her Emperor Franz. Follow in the footsteps of the Austrian empress by bicycle and on a nostalgia ship as you discover breathtakingly beautiful river scenery with small sleepy villages, castles and palaces set in gorgeous countryside and enjoy warm Austrian hospitality at every stage of your cycling tour. The region is a gourmand's paradise and famous for its cakes, pastries and other irresistible culinary treats. After Wiener Schnitzel, Sachertorte and apricot dumplings it'll be much easier to burn up the miles... Wines from the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Landscape Wachau enjoy an international reputation, Linz, the capital of Upper Austria is home to the biggest church in Austria. And then there's Vienna... Enchanting, charming and perhaps slightly eccentric, the City of Waltz will capture your heart in an instant. Magnificent buildings from the imperial age bear witness to the impressive history of times gone by.

Highlights:

- Passau, the Bavarian city of 3 rivers
- The "Great Loop Schlögener Donau Schlinge"
- Cultural capital Linz
- The World Cultural Heritage Site Wachau
- The cosmopolitan city of Vienna with plenty of sights



Day 8 (Sat) Passau/ surroundings

Enjoy the first rays of sun and the early morning tranquillity one last time from the deck of the ship before you reach Passau/ surroundings, your heart bursting with memories. Disembarkation: approx. 9 a.m. We recommend that you do not make any arrangements for onward trains departing before 10.30 a.m. To be on the safe side, later departure times would be even better.

2025 TOUR DATES & COSTS

MV SWISS CROWN (Saturdays)

April 26, May 24, May 31, June 14, July 12, July 19, July 26, August 2, August 23, September 6, September 20

TOUR DATES: Saturday start from 26th April – 20th September

SEASON 1: April

SEASON 2: May, July, August

SEASON 3: June, September

Per person	Self guided	Self guided	Self guided	Self guided
	Standard	Comfort	Mini Suite	Superior
Season 1	€920	€1210	€1320	€1420
Season 2	€1020	€1310	€1420	€1520
Season 3	€1120	€1410	€1520	€1620

There is a 55% supplement for those who want a single cabin

Child reduction available. Please contact us in the office for more details.

WHAT THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 nights in outside cabins with private facilities and air condition
- Port charges
- Program according to itinerary from/to Passau
- Captains greeting and Welcome cocktail
- Full board: rich breakfast buffet, lunch on board (non-cyclists) or packed lunch (cyclists), afternoon coffee break, dinner (2/3 dishes to choose from)
- Gala-dinner with farewell cocktail
- Board musician
- Tour guide on board (does not cycle with the group)
- Daily information meeting
- Detailed travel documents, cycling guide App incl. voice navigation

Not included in the tour price:

- Drinks onboard (drinks package to be chosen on boarding)
- Meals ashore
- Entrance fee to excursions/attractions (individual visits)
- Tips for crew and guides
- Cycling guide accompanying you each day – this is available as part of our comfort relax package (Group Tour)

Excursions

The following optional excursions (not included in the tour price) can be booked separately and on board only:

- Linz:** Guided City Walk
Vienna: City tour by bike or HOP ON HOP OFF bus
Wachau: Wine tasting with a local wine grower
Grein: Visit of Austria's oldest theatre

Optional extra's

- Bike rental available for a supplement of €110 / E-bikes €235
- Helmet rental available for €15 (needs to be pre-booked)
- Bringing your own bike €30 / E-bike €50
- Insurance against theft and damage of the rental 21-speed hybrid bike €18 / per week or rental E-bike €50 / week (not insured deliberate damages)
- Additional nights in Passau 4* Hotel: €90 per person sharing / €140 single occupancy

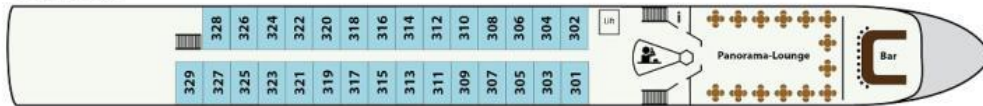
THE BOAT

MV Swiss Crown (all cabins with shower/toilet)

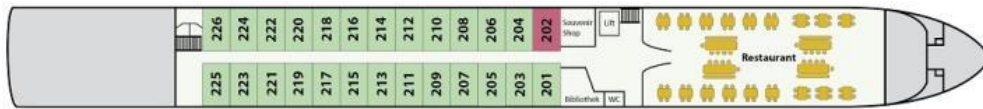
Stylish, elegant and timelessly beautiful - this is how the premium ship MS Swiss Crown presents itself as it glides gently along the Danube river. You will immediately feel at home on board as soon as you enter the spectacular foyer. Designed in warm wood tones, the ship radiates a comfort and leaves nothing to be desired. The simple elegance of the timelessly beautiful staterooms, which are decorated with great attention to detail, will inspire you. Sit back, enjoy the serene, relaxed atmosphere, the fantastic views of breathtakingly beautiful natural landscapes, sometimes from the bicycle seat, sometimes from the inviting, partially covered sun deck. Let yourself be pampered by the friendly, accommodating crew and create on board relationships alongside memories to last a lifetime.



Oberdeck



Mitteldeck



Hauptdeck



Standard
 Komfort
 Superior
 Mini-Suite



The 68 outward-facing cabins are spacious 14qm and convince with elegant, comfortable interior. The cabins have a double bed (can be separated to 2 single beds), shower/WC, hairdryer, SAT TV, safe, coffee maker and individually adjustable air conditioning.

3 passenger decks:

Standard: Main deck, double bed to be separated, windows not to be opened

Comfort: Middle deck, double bed to be separated, windows be opened

Superior: Upper deck, double bed to be separated, private balcony

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STANDARD cabin:

the approx. 14 m² cabins are located on the **main deck**, equipped with a double bed (which can be moved apart) and smaller, raised windows (NOT openable). In some cabins a 3rd bed (bunk bed) can be used for children.



COMFORT cabin:

the approx. 14 m² cabins are located on the **middle deck**, equipped with a double bed (which can be moved apart). The panoramic window can be opened.



SUPERIOR cabin:

the approx. 14 m² cabins are located on the **upper deck**, equipped with a double bed (which can be moved apart) and private balcony.



MINISUITE:

the approx. 16 m² cabin is located on the **middle deck**, equipped with a double bed (which can be moved apart), panoramic window, minibar and coffee station

We will gladly accept your non-binding cabin request when booking. However, information about cabin numbers is expressly not part of the contract.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Restaurant / Kitchen

The full board consists of: breakfast, packed lunch for bikers (resp. light meal for guests on board), dinner. On four evenings you have the choice between 2-3 menus. Not claimed meals cannot be refunded. Your table number will be provided during boarding. Special meals have to be ordered latest by 3 weeks prior departure.

Board- und Excursion program

A musician will provide evening entertainment. On the last evening the crew invites you to an evening of entertainment, good mood and fun! Excursions can only be booked on board with our cruise director.

Internet / Mobile phone

If you want to be reachable on board in urgent cases, please leave our office number at your family. We will forward you the message as soon as possible. The ship also offers Wi-Fi (chargeable). We only have very limited internet connections on board. If possible we send urgent E-Mails for you.

Life on board

There is no special dress code on board. Casual clothing is sufficient. We suggest appropriate clothing for the bike-tours as e.g. cycling pants, bike-gloves, sportive shoes, etc...sun- and rain protection – please don't forget! warm sweater for rather cool evenings on deck. Swim wear for using the opportunity on hot days along your bike-leg.

Medical care

For emergency cases doctors are also shortly available ashore.

Smoking on board

Please note that the whole ship (incl. cabins, restaurant, café) is absolutely a non-smoking area. Smoking is allowed only on the open sundeck.

Tipping

On cruise ships gratuities will be collected at the end of the cruise in a box at the reception. This form of giving a tip is useful to credit all crewmembers. A noncommittal directive would be approx. € 5,- to 6,- per person and day. The cruise director is not included in this system. If you have been satisfied with his work during the week – there will be a tip box available directly at the cruise director's desk.

Riverboats are limited in size (length, height, width) (bridge passages, locks) and therefore cannot be compared with ocean-going vessels. The cabins offer more limited space than hotel rooms, but are also comfortably equipped. On the one hand, a riverboat is a "vacation hotel", but on the other hand it is also a piece of working equipment that moves with engine power and has to be operated constantly (also at night, partly with lock and bridge passages and the resulting retraction and extension of the superstructures).

Unfortunately, disruptions during the lock passages cannot be avoided. During berthing times, visibility may be restricted (other ships, harbour walls).

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 therefrom (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.

BIKE AND FITNESS

21-gear ladies bikes come as standard bikes with 28" wheels in frame sizes 46 / 51 / 56 cm .

For men taller than 186 cm we offer men frames.

Our bicycles are equipped with:

- 1 good sized waterproofed pannier bag,
- 1 handlebar bag, repair kit, air pump, lock



Electric bikes, children's bikes, specialized equipment for children upon request

Helmet rental is €15 and need to be pre-booked.

Cycling clothes are available for purchase on board.

Tour profile:

The cycle path is completely flat, at times on a gentle downhill slope and is ideal for bikers with less experience and children. The tour is rated easy on mostly flat terrain.

WHAT TO BRING

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. **You can rent a helmet for €15. This needs to be pre-booked.** And don't forget raingear including a rain jacket, rain pants and slip-on boots. A hat and sunglasses will protect you from getting too much sun and, in the evening, mosquito repellent should ensure a good night's sleep. Finally, please try to pack lightly.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

It is possible to book a transfer from/to Munich city centre to Passau/barge €360 one way (1-8 people), from/to Munich airport to Passau/barge €290 one way (1-8 people)

Flying to Passau

- **Munich Airport (MUC)**

The closest airport to Passau is Munich Airport (München Flughafen / MUC) with its huge number of cheap flights to mostly German and European destinations.

Passau is around 160 km (100 miles) from Munich Airport. Driving time is around 90 minutes. From the airport, take Autobahn A92 towards Deggendorf and turn southeast onto Autobahn A3 when reaching the Danube.

You can also arrange your own transfer from Munich Airport to Passau by train from nearby Freising station. They run at least once an hour, and you can purchase tickets after you arrive in Munich (about € 25-30 per person). You'll need to take a 20-minute bus ride from the airport to the Freising station (they leave at 21 after each hour), connecting with a train from Freising to Passau (about 1 hour, 45 minutes).

High-Speed Inter-City-Express Trains to Passau

Passau is on the high-speed railway line that links Frankfurt am Main and Vienna. Luxury, high-speed Inter-City Express (ICE) trains run on this route roughly every two hours.

The ICE trains to Frankfurt am Main Hauptbahnhof (Main Station) take around four hours and stop en route in Plattling (30 minutes), Regensburg (1h), Nürnberg / Nuremberg (2h), and Würzburg (3h). Many trains continue to Frankfurt International Airport and on to Cologne (Köln) and further destinations.

From Passau to Vienna on the ICE train is three hours with a stop en route in Linz (1h10).

- Passau station (Bahnhof) is at the edge of the old town in Donaustadt. From the station to the heart of the old town is an easy fifteen-minute walk through pleasant shopping streets.

Regional Trains to Passau

Many regional trains also pass through Passau. Although slower than the ICE, regional trains can be significantly cheaper and on short distances, the time differences can be negligible. In addition, discount tickets such as the Bayern Ticket and Schönes-Wochenende-Ticket may be used on regional trains only.

German discount tickets are not valid on regional trains into Austria but the slower trains are cheaper than the ICE. Regional trains run to Linz (90 min to 2h) and Vienna (5h).