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Salzburg - Villach

ON TWO WHEELS FROM SALZBURG TO VILLACH

The starting point of the first stage of the Alpe-Adria cycle path is the beautiful Salzburg. You cycle from the city of Mozart through the lovely Salzach and Gastein Valleys into the sunny heart of Carinthia. On this trip you will always be accompanied by a fantastic mountain backdrop. Enjoyment is definitely in the foreground. Towns full of culture, picturesque lake landscapes and regional delicacies make the cycle route something very special. What are you waiting for? Get on the saddle and off you go on a cycle tour through two beautiful Austrian states!

Details of the cycle tour from Salzburg to Villach

Leisure cyclists and nature lovers will love the cycle tour through the two beautiful regions of Austria. This trip is all about nature, culture and cuisine. Massive mountain peaks, medieval castles and impressive waterfalls are the highlights of the first stage of the Alpe-Adria cycle path. Tip: Treat yourself to a break now and then and really enjoy the picturesque landscape.

The highlights of the cycle tour from the city of Mozart to Villach

- Salzburg Festival City: A walk through the home of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart holds culture and history at every turn. The alleys and squares invite you to linger. Insider tip: Enjoy a cappuccino in one of the well-known cafes and let the charm of Salzburg's old town work its magic on you. You will love it!
- Golling Castle: The hill castle from the 13th Century is located in the heart of the market town of Golling an der Salzach. In addition to the imposing building, the beautiful market square and the Gollinger waterfall are also worth a visit!
- Warm hospitality and regional delicacies: on the way from Salzburg to Carinthia, it is not just the landscape that will lift your mood. The warmth of the locals and the regional delicacies also make

foodies happy. Culinary tip: You should definitely try Salzburg Nockerl and Carinthian Kasnudeln.

Useful information about the Alpe-Adria Cycle Path I

You cover the approximately 200 kilometres by bike comfortably on well-developed paths over eight days. Stages of between 35 and 55 kilometres are on the programme every day. Fitness is required, because the route has some climbs. What if you need a break? The demanding stretch between St. Johann im Pongau and the Gastein Valley can be covered by train.

Do you have any questions about the tour or need help with booking? The Eurobike team are always at your disposal with information and helpful advice.

- Get all information and many more tour tips for our [cycle tours in Carinthia](#) and our cycle tours along the [Alpe-Adria cycle path](#).
- More information about the topic [Crossing the Alps](#) you'll find here.

Medium



7 Days / 6 Nights



Self-guided Tour

To the online version



Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrival in Salzburg

Individual arrival to Mozart town Salzburg. Winding alleyways and squares are inviting for a stroll. You should visit a typical café to taste some Austrian delicacies. With every step you breathe in culture and history. Stroll through Getreidegasse, discover Mozart's birth house or take your time for some shopping. In the afternoon distribution of rental bikes, if booked.

Hotel (example): [Hotel Goldenes Theater](#)

DAY
2

Salzburg – Golling | approx. 30 km

Your bike tour starts in Salzburg, and you continue through the shady Salzach lowlands along the river. You cycle to Hallein, which was due to its excavation of salt a rich Celtic city in former times. Hallein impresses with its romantic old city, small alleyways, gates and precious houses. Main attraction is the popular Celtic museum. Along the river you reach the waterfall, the beautiful market square and the fortress from 13th century in Golling. If you want to extend your tour you can make a tour through romantic valley Bluntaul.

Hotel (example): [Hotel Gollingen](#)

DAY
3

Golling – St. Johann | approx. ca. 35 km

From Golling up to Pass Lueg, enjoy the views onto the beautiful mountain range. You will even not notice the slightly climb. The mountains are coming nearer, and the water is getting louder. You pass the so-called "Salzach-Öfen", an imposing canyon which was built through the river. At the foot of mountain Hochkönig you reach Werfen. The biggest ice cave in the world is inviting you for a loop tour through the bewitching world of shimmering ice (duration about 4 hours). A last view onto fortress Hohenwerfen before you continue to Bischofshofen. Within a few kilometres you reach St. Johann. Unmistakably - like double mountain peaks - the towers of the Pongau Cathedral rise up here. We recommend visiting the dome with its towers and the wild romantic Liechtensteinklamm (gorge).

Hotel (example): [Brückenwirt](#)

DAY
4*St. Johann - Mölltal valley*

approx. 60 km + train ride

Feeling fresh and rested you start your third leg to Schwarzach im Pongau. Marvel at the pretty Schloss Schernberg on the hill above the village before hopping onto the saddle. Shortly after Schwarzach you leave the Salzach and will be accompanied by the Gasteiner Ache through the wild and romantic Gastein valley. Gather your strength before travelling uphill to the "Ausgleichsbecken", which will see you cover 2,5km with an elevation change of 130metres – you'll definitely build up a sweat. Now comes the Klammer Tunnel, where you can cycle its 1,5km on a cycle path. If you want to avoid the tunnel, you can take a train or shuttle service from Schwarzach (about a 10 km drive). Via Dorfgastein and Bad Hofgastein you cycle to the renowned spa and winter sports resort of Bad Gastein, at the foot of the Hohe Tauern, which offers a wealth of natural history and architectural sights. It is then only a stone's throw to Böckstein, where a train from the Tauernschleuse takes you to Mallnitz on the other side of the Alps in just 10 minutes (self-paid about €5/person). Back in the saddle you can enjoy rushing downhill to your hotel in the Mölltal.

Hotel (example): [Erlebnishotel Mölltal](#)

DAY
5*Mölltal valley – Spittal*

approx. 30 km

First off, as you travel along the river Möll you cycle through impressive mountain landscape. In Möllbrücke the Drautal-valley begins, and the sunny south of Austria. Take a leisurely pedal over the last kilometres to Spittal an der Drau. In the middle ages this city was an important junction for pilgrims and also owed their prosperity in part to these. Here you can visit the Renaissance Porcia Palace, built in the 16th Century in the style of Italian palazzo – sometimes referred to as 'the most beautiful Renaissance building north of the Alps'.

Hotel (example): [Erlebnis Post - Hotel mit EigenART](#)

DAY
6*Spittal - Villach*

approx. 40 km

Enjoy this route – it leads slightly downhill along river Drau. You should plan a stop in Paternion with worth-seeing churches and palaces. Within short distance you reach Villach with beautiful old city, southern flair and homelike pubs and restaurants.

Hotel (example): [City Hotel Villach](#)



Departure or extension

Unfortunately you have reached the end of your journey! One thing is certain though: you can head home full of new experiences and impressions. Alternatively you could continue cycling from Villach to Triest... the Adriatic coastline is calling!

Tour character

You cycle mainly on well-maintained cycle paths and quiet side roads. Only a few sections are on roads with heavier traffic or unpaved paths. Overall, the route is gently hilly, whereby the most challenging section between St. Johann and the Gastein valley can be bridged by train.



Prices and events

Place of arrival: Salzburg

	Season 1 27.04.2024 - 10.05.2024 28.09.2024 - 05.10.2024 Arrival saturday and sunday	Season 2 11.05.2024 - 24.05.2024 07.09.2024 - 27.09.2024 Arrival saturday and sunday	Season 3 25.05.2024 - 06.09.2024 Arrival saturday and sunday
Alpe - Adria - Cycle Path I, 7 days, Salzburg - Villach, AT-AARSV-07X			
Base price	859.00	899.00	989.00
Surcharge single room	289.00	289.00	289.00

Category: 3*** and 4**** hotels

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Salzburg

	Season 1 Apr 27, 2024 - May 10, 2024 Sep 28, 2024 - Oct 5, 2024 Arrival saturday and sunday	Season 2 May 11, 2024 - May 24, 2024 Sep 7, 2024 - Sep 27, 2024 Arrival saturday and sunday	Season 3 May 25, 2024 - Sep 6, 2024 Arrival saturday and sunday
Salzburg			
Double room p. P.	99.00	105.00	119.00
Surcharge single room	65.00	65.00	65.00
Villach			
Double room p. P.	89.00	89.00	89.00
Surcharge single room	55.00	55.00	55.00

Our rental bikes

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21-gear unisex incl. rental bike insurance	99.00
21-gear gents incl. rental bike insurance	99.00
Rental bike PLUS incl. rental bike insurance	169.00
Electric bike incl. rental bike insurance	259.00
7-gear unisex incl. rental bike insurance	99.00
Prices per person in EUR	

Services and infos

Services

Included:

- Accommodation as already mentioned
- Breakfast
- Welcome briefing (German, English)
- Luggage transfer
- EUROBIKE developed route
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room (German, English, French)
- 1 train ride Bockstein – Mallnitz incl. your bike
- App for Navigation and GPS-data
- Service hotline

Optional extras:

- Return transfer to Salzburg every Saturday morning, costs EUR 105 per person, extra EUR 39 for your own bike, to be paid for in advance, reservation is necessary
- Bike rental, including rental bike insurance

Infos

Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- Salzburg train station
- Salzburg airport
- Hotel car park about EUR 10 to 15/day, to be paid for at the time, no reservation possible/necessary! Public park garages approx. EUR 95 per week
- Good train connection from Villach to Salzburg

Things to note:

- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price!
- Further important information according to the package travel law can be found [here!](#)

Contact & booking

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.



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