



# Drau Cycle Path classic

#### FROM LIENZ TO LAKE KLOPFINER SEE.

This cycle holiday is the most comfortable and sunniest route to get to know the South of Austria up close and personal: hand-picked beauty spots of the region oozing plenty of southern flair and hence creating light-hearted holiday bliss. Leisurely the Drau cycle path meanders along the river leading you through Eastern Tyrol and Carinthia. Both left and right you pass by mountains. You cycle past proud castles, palaces, languorous villages, and ancient towns. You proceed past the Lienz Dolomites, then through the Upper Drau-valley towards Carinthia. After that you cycle along beautiful dam-paths through the Rosental-valley to the beautiful Lake Klopeiner See, Europe's warmes lake featuring drinking water quality. Not to forget: the Italian cuisine, Tyrolean specialities and Carinthian delights, which all turn the Drau cycle path also into a culinary pleasure.

**Note:** This tour is also available as a <u>family tour</u>.

### Details about the Drau Cycle Path Classic

Head on two wheels towards the sun - and you get to know beautiful places every day. You will be impressed by the unique Austrian nature and will notice with every turn of the wheel how the everyday stress slowly melts away and the body and soul relax and refuel with new energy.

The best thing about it is that the Drau Cycle Path Classic is really suitable for every age and every fitness level. Because always going along the river means a flat course, without significant gradients and on well-developed cycle paths. So you can enjoy a cycling holiday with the whole family!

### The highlights of the Drau Cycle Path Classic

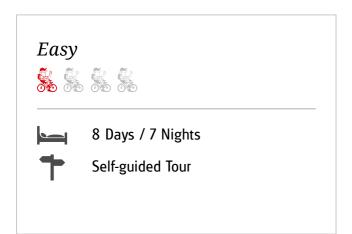
"Lienz": The sunny city of Lienz, where our popular cycle tour begins, usually lives up to its name. With over 2000 hours of sunshine per year, Lienz is one of the sunniest places in Austria. And the little town also has a lot to offer. Look forward to visiting!

- "Villach": Have you heard of the famous Villacher Fasching (Carnival)? But there's so much more to this town, we like it above all for its diversity. Regardless of whether it is a cultural holiday, cycle tour, lake holiday or shopping trip Villach can serve it all.
- **"Klopeiner See"**: It is one of the most popular lakes in Austria. No matter if its spring, summer, Autumn or winter the beautiful lake in Southern Carinthia has an almost magical attraction! Look forward to a dip in the cool water after a hard day on your bike!

### Things to know about the Drau Cycle Path Classic

Cycle around 225 kilometres from Lienz to the Klopeiner See over eight days with perfect travel documents. The stage lengths between 35 and 55 kilometres will certainly be easy for you, as the course of the Drau Cycle Path is always flat. Do you already feel like discovering the sunny south of Austria by bike? Then head off to Lienz!

Find here more information and tour tips about the <u>Drau cycle path</u>.



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# *Itinerary*



### Arrival in Lienz

Arrival in Lienz in Eastern Tyrol located at the confluence of the rivers Isel and Drau. With a total of two thousand sunshine hours annually it is Austria's sunniest holiday region. The breathtaking panorama onto the Alps and the Lienz-Dolomites will excite you.

Hotel (example): Schlossberghof



*Lienz* − *Innichen* − *Lienz* approx. 45 km + train ride

A train ride takes you comfortably from Lienz to Innichen. The river Drau is still a young river in this section, babbling and breaking her way through the narrow Pustertal-valley. Defiant fortresses, castels and palaces rise majestically above the valley and herald desires of the once rich and powerful. Modest Romanesque chapels, Gothic and Baroque churches, crucifixes and piety columns invite for a short break. Over a long distance the rugged, bizzare rockfaces of the Lienz-Dolomites tower over the landscape and hence turn today's stage into an unforgettable experience.

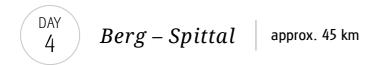
Hotel (example): Schlossberghof



*Lienz* − *Berg* approx. 35 km

From Lienz, the confluence of the rivers Isel and Drau, you again follow the river Drau now appearing in a shade of gray, by the locals called ,glacier milk', which is due to very fine rock particles coming from the gigantic rocks. Along ancient Roman trade routes - past ruins, castles, little churches and wayside crosses - you cycle through the picturesque Oberdrautal-valley. En route you pass pretty villages such as Pirkach, Oberdrauburg and the first market town on Carinthian soil, Dellach.

Hotel (example): Sunshine

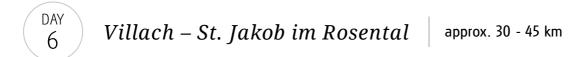


Today you cycle mostly along the river Drau through the marvellous Carinthian farmland featuring forests, fields, old farm houses and little hamlets. Cosy wine taverns, called "Buschenschenken" await with proper farm food and invite you to take a break. Past time-honoured farm houses decorated with flowers the well-developed Drau cycle path takes you to Spittal an der Drau. The centre of Spittal features a main square, which you might call "cute" and a particularly beautiful palace, which is considered one of the most impressive Renaissance building with the clearest style in all of Central Europe and is called "Porcia" named after the previous owners.

Hotel (example): Ontheway 24

Today you cycle through the ,Cultural Promenade of Upper Corinthia'. You leave the area of Spital along the river Drau and immerse yourself into an ancient cultural scenery, meadows and forests and idyllic wetland- areas. Past Kellerberg palace always along the river Drau you reach Villach. The heart of Villach features the pretty old part of town with its Italian flair and the cosy pubs and restaurants. The Drau-metropolis presents itself to visitors adequately as vivacious and oozing southern flair. Part of the character of the town is definitely the river Drau, meandering through Villach just like a blue ribbon.

Hotel (example): Palais 26



Today's tour leads you through the enchanting Rosental.-valley. The Karawanks-mountain range and the river Drau offer a more than impressive backdrop for an unforgettable day of cycling. Amazing conglomerate rocks flank the river and again and again offer fascinating views. On one of these rocks Hollenburg castle rises, the landmark of the Rosental-valley. If you fancy slightly extending the in comparison rather short tour, we recommend en route a detour to Velden.

Hotel (example): Rosentaler Hof



### St. Jakob im Rosental – Lake Klopeiner See

approx. 55 km

Along beautifully designed dam-paths the cycling tour leads you through meadows and fields and past little hamlets towards the giant Völkermarkter-reservoir. Now you bid farewell to your loyal companion the river Drau, so you get to enjoy Lake Klopeiner See with its marvellous location. Time to drink in the lakescape and leave all your cares behind.

Hotel (example): Menüwirt



### Departure or extension

## Tour character

The Drau cycle path mainly runs directly along the Drau-riverbank, is perfectly developed, good road conditions and is signposted throughout.

## Prices and events

Place of arrival: Lienz

	Season 1	Season 2	Season 3
	30.04.2023 - 13.05.2023	14.05.2023 - 03.06.2023	04.06.2023 -
	01.10.2023 - 15.10.2023	10.09.2023 - 30.09.2023	09.09.2023
	Arrival Saturday	Arrival Sunday	Arrival Sunday
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Base price	899.00	959.00	999.00
Surcharge single room	219.00	219.00	219.00

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

# Additional nights

Place of arrival: Lienz

	<b>Season 1</b> Apr 30, 2023 - May 13, 2023    Oct 1, 2023 - Oct 15, 2023    Arrival Saturday	Season 2 May 14, 2023 - Jun 3, 2023   Sep 10, 2023 - Sep 30, 2023   Arrival Sunday	<b>Season 3</b> Jun 4, 2023 - Sep 9, 2023   Arrival Sunday
Lienz			
Double room p. P.	85.00	85.00	85.00
Surcharge single room	25.00	25.00	25.00
Villach			
Double room p. P.	85.00	85.00	85.00
Surcharge single room	25.00	25.00	25.00
Lake Klopein			
Double room p. P.	79.00	79.00	79.00
Surcharge single room	19.00	19.00	19.00

## Our rental bikes

	Filter
21-gear unisex incl. rental bike insurance	99.00
21-gear gents incl. rental bike insurance	99.00
7-gear unisex incl. rental bike insurance	99.00
rental bike PLUS incl. rental bike insurance	159.00
Electric bike incl. rental bike insurance	239.00

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,
- 1 train ride Lienz Innichen incl. your bike
- App for Navigation and GPS-data available
- Service hotline

#### Optional:

- Return transfer by minibus to Lienz every Sunday morning, costs EUR 95 per person from Klopeinersee and EUR 79 per person from Villach, extra EUR 29 for your own bike, to be paid for in advance, reservation is necessary
- Bike rental, including rental bike insurance

#### Infos

#### Arrival / Parking / Departure

- Lienz train station
- Klagenfurt airport
- Public car park near the hotel approx. EUR 35 per week, parking spaces free of charge at the edge of town.
- From Lake Klopeinersee by bus or taxi to Völkermarkt and then by train to Lienz
- From Villach good train connection back to Lienz

#### Things to note

- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price!
- Further important information according to the package travel law and additional information about your bike and boat trip 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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### **Book now**

