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CYCLING & BOAT PASSAU - WIEN, MS PRINZESSIN KATHARINA

The Danube in the rhythm of the waltz

Travelling by bike & boat is particularly popular amongst cyclists. On this holiday, enjoy the wonderful nature along the River Danube by bike whilst being accompanied by your "floating hotel" - the MS Princess Katharina. On this bike & boat holiday, you travel from Passau, the 3 river city, via Upper and Lower Austria all the way to Vienna and back. Enjoy the impressive Danube landscape whilst treating yourself to the many regional specialities as well as the quality Wachau wine. Try the hearty dumplings or the light and sweet 'Most' (apple wine). After a leisurely cycle tour along the Danube, you will arrive in Vienna, a cosmopolitan city. In 2016 Vienna was selected for the sixth time in a row as the best city to live in worldwide.

There are numerous attractions for you to explore on a city tour by bike. Dive into the long forgotten Habsburg Empire and visit some of the 177 palaces. Historical stately buildings like the gothic style St. Stephen's cathedral, the Imperial Palace, the art nouveau of the Secession building, the famous baroque Schönbrunn palace, town hall and the natural history and

art museum are all sites where you can sense the former empire’s flair.

In the global capital of music, you can expect a diverse cultural offer ranging from Waltz, light opera and opera to musicals or symphony concerts. You are sure to find somewhere to relax in one of the cosy coffee houses or at the “Wiener Prater”, perhaps on its famous and huge giant wheel. Viennese food offers true culinary delights. You sure can round off your bike tour with lots of specialities.





8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided tour



Minimum number of participants:
80 person

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DAY
1

Arrival in Passau | Boat: Passau – Engelhartzell

Arrival as arranged by you in Passau. The city is located on the Bavarian/Austrian border between the Inn, Ilz and Danube rivers. Embarkation between 4-5 pm. At 7pm, the boat leaves the harbour bringing you to Engelhartzell where you will arrive at about 10pm. During the cruise we officially welcome you as guests of the cruise on the Danube and welcome you on board with a welcome cocktail and the first dinner.

DAY
2

Engelhartzell – Aschach I | Boat: Aschach – Linz

Worth seeing is the monastery of Engelhartzell, known for the beautifully renovated church, but also for the "healing" herbal schnapps. You cycle downstream on the former Treppelweg. For a special change of pace, take a ride on the walnut-shell-sized longitudinal ferry (approx. CHF 9.- per person) through the Schlägener Schlinge. From Aschach you can reach Linz by boat. Tip: Discover the city with the bright yellow City Express.

 approx. 40 – 45 km

DAY
3

Boat: Linz – Mauthausen | Mauthausen – Grein

Early morning boat trip to Mauthausen. On your boat and bike vacation, a tour by bike and boat to Grein awaits you on this day. Before you reach the town, however, you can first visit the Mauthausen concentration camp memorial site in the morning. It commemorates the atrocities in the largest concentration camp built by the Nazis during their rule in Austria.

Insight into older history is offered by a visit to the Celtic village in the market town of Mitterkirchen. The tour continues through the wide fertile plain of the Machland. The destination of the day's stage is the charming town of Grein. Also called the pearl of the Strudengau due to its idyllic location. Worth seeing: Greinburg Castle, Austria's oldest residential castle (closed on Mondays and can only be visited as part of the optional excursion offered).

 approx. 35 – 40 km

DAY
4**Grein – Melk | Boat: Melk – Tulln**

Today your cycling vacation starts with a tour in the fascinating landscape of the "wild Strudengau". The Strudengau is a beautiful, wooded valley of the Danube with a narrow section of the river that was once much feared by boatmen. The bike path continues to Melk with its magnificent Benedictine monastery. The impressive baroque building is considered a landmark of the Wachau and belongs to the UNESCO World Heritage as one of the most important baroque buildings in Austria.

In Melk you will board the ship again. Night boat trip through the Wachau and arrival in the garden city of Tulln.

 approx. 50 km

DAY
5**Tulln – Vienna – Nussdorf/Korneuburg**

Now you have already come very close to the Austrian capital by bike and boat: Just outside the gates of Vienna, however, there is still time for a visit to Klosterneuburg Abbey. Already visible from a distance is the dome of the 900-year-old baroque magnificent building. The "Verdun Altar" inside the monastery is one of the highlights of medieval goldsmith's art.

From the wine tavern village Kahlenbergerdorf a short hike through the vineyards to the panorama terrace of the Kahlenberg is worthwhile. You will be rewarded with a beautiful view of the metropolis. During a city tour / city walk you can discover Vienna.

 approx. 30 – 40 km

DAY
6**Vienna/Nussdorf/Korneuburg (rest day) | Boat: Vienna – Wachau/Dürnstein (at night)**

Today, the countless sights of the Danube metropolis are on your agenda: perhaps St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Hofburg, the magnificent boulevard Ringstrasse with the Burgtheater, State Opera House and City Hall? There are countless possibilities. Nevertheless, take enough time to stroll around or visit one of the famous Viennese cafés. At night your ship will sail to Dürnstein or Rossatz in the Wachau.

DAY
7**Wachau – Pöchlarn | Boat: Pöchlarn – Passau (at night)**

Today, your last day of cycling, is a special highlight! Amidst small dreamy villages, apricot trees, vineyards, castles, monasteries and ruins, this slightly hilly landscape enchants everybody. A powerful ruin looms above the small Baroque town of Dürnstein, while the blue tower of the monastery church is a landmark of Wachau. In Spitz (possibility for a wine-tasting – optional), you will find comfy wine taverns right along the bike path. You have earned yourself a break! In the evening, enjoy a farewell dinner and cocktail.

 approx. 40 – 50 kmDAY
8**Passau | Departure or extension**

Enjoy the sun on deck and the silence of the Danube valley for the last time. Take in the last opportunity for a view of the Danube loop before you arrive in Passau at around 11am. This is where your trip ends.

We recommend booking train connections from about 13:30 p.m.

TOUR CHARACTER

Flat and slightly downhill, for relaxed cycling, suitable for beginners and children.



PRICES & DATES

PLACE OF ARRIVAL: PASSAU

	Season 1 20.04.2024 Arrival Saturday	Season 2 04.05.2024 21.09.2024 Arrival Saturday	Season 3 18.05.2024 22.06.2024 29.06.2024 06.07.2024 27.07.2024 03.08.2024 10.08.2024 31.08.2024 07.09.2024 14.09.2024 Arrival Saturday
Bike & Boat The Danube - MS Prinzessin Katharina - main deck, 8 days, DE-DOSWP-08I-H			
Base price	899.-	1'065.-	1'139.-
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin single use	50%	50%	50%
1-bed-cabin	335.-	335.-	335.-
Discount 2-bed-cabin front/back	-169.-	-169.-	-115.-
Bike & Boat The Danube - MS Prinzessin Katharina - upper deck, 8 days, DE-DOSWP-08I-O			
Base price	1'115.-	1'289.-	1'425.-
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin single use	50%	50%	50%
1-bed-cabin	335.-	335.-	335.-
Discount 3-bed-cabin	-225.-	-225.-	-225.-

Our rental bikes

	Price
Bicycle 7-gear	109.-
	245.-

Electric bicycle

Prices per person in CHF

SERVICES AND INFORMATION

Services

Included:

- Program according itinerary
- 7 nights in outside cabins with private facilities
- Full board (7x breakfast, 6x packed lunch, 7x 3-course-dinner)
- Coffee and tea in the afternoon
- Welcome- and Farewell drink
- Daily cabin cleaning
- Changing of towels and bed cloths if wanted
- Daily informational meeting
- Guide book for individual Tours (1x per cabin)
- Tour guide on board
- Passenger and port fees
- GPS-data available

Note:

- Extra nights in Passau are possible upon request
- Reservation fee of CHF 20.- per adult (incl. legally required customer money protection)

Information

Arrival/Parking/Departure:

- Passau mains station is about 5 km away from the pier
- Parking space (fenced area) incl. transfer parking space – boat – parking space CHF 85.- per week
Park garage incl. transfer park garage – boat – park garage CHF 99.- per week
(Registration form in the travel documents)

Other important information:

- The distance travelled is approximate and may differ from the actual distance.
- Travel cancellation insurance, including travel interruption insurance is recommended.

ACCOMMODATION



MS PRINZESSIN KATHARINA ☀



The comfortable MS Prinzessin Katharina provides the right ambience to make you feel at ease. On board the premium ship you can expect classic elegance, a tasteful interior and a friendly crew.

BEDS: 142

CABINSIZE: CA. 11 M²

LENGTH: 110 M

WIDTH: 11,2 M

DRAUGHT: 1 M

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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