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## Passau-Vienna along the Danube

(Cycling tour in Germany & Austria)  
**Munich Oktober Fest**

### Info

The Danube is Europe's second-longest river. It originates in the Black Forest in Germany and flows generally eastward for a distance of some 1776 miles (2857 km), passing through several Central and Eastern European capitals, before emptying into the Black Sea via the Danube Delta in Romania.

Alongside of the "blue" Danube lies the renowned and most famous cycling path in Europe. Passau to Vienna is an absolute cycling classic. Discover the enchanting river landscape, picturesque villages, lush vineyards and countless cultural sites from the time of the Romans and Nibelungengau. As you cycle comfortably along the banks of the mighty river, enjoy the wooded forests and the magical meadows of the Schlägener Loop, Strudengau, Nibelungengau and Wachau, as each region offers its own impressive and unique attractions. Art and cultural features convey myths and stories of the past while quaint accommodations and taverns invite you to relax in the culinary world of Austria. The welcoming Austrian hospitality and the scrumptious Austrian cuisine add to this absolutely remarkable experience.

### Highlights

- Passau: a town in Lower Bavaria, Germany. It is also known as the **Dreiflüssestadt** or "City of Three Rivers," because the Danube is joined at Passau by the Inn from the south and the Ilz from the north.
- Great Danube Loop
- Linz – Capital of Upper Austria
- Grein - City Theatre
- Wachau
- Abbey of Melk
- Krems
- Waltz metropole Vienna

### Tour profile

Level 1: the cycling path is completely paved from one end to the other, flat, almost always directly along the riverbank, very suitable for beginners.

### Itinerary

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Day 1: Munich to Passau – By Bus

Individual arrival in Munich. Depart for Passau by bus. Overnight at Passau.

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept - Day 2: Passau

Use the day for a city tour or get to know the "City of Three Rivers" by a walk through the picturesque old part of town. Between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. bike hand over.

#### 24<sup>th</sup> Sept - Day 3: Passau – Schlägener Loop, approx. 41 km



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Start the first cycling route through the Upper Danube Valley to Schlägen. In Engelhartzell, you can visit the one and only "Trappist" monastery in Austria and you can even sample some delicious liqueurs straight from the convent. Continue the journey to the impressive "Schlögenger Loop", where the river makes a complete 180-degree turn.

**25<sup>th</sup> Sept - Day 4: Schlögenger Loop – Linz, approx. 55 km**

Between the banks of the Danube there are small passenger ferries waiting for you to take them. Next, you cycle through the slowly widening fertile basin of Eferding and further to Linz, the capital of Upper Austria and European Culture Capital of 2009. Enjoy a magical summer evening doing some shopping around the lovely main square of the city.

**26<sup>th</sup> Sept - Day 5: Linz – Strudengau, approx. 60 km**

An excursion to Enns, the oldest town in Austria is highly recommended and worthwhile in any case. This leg guides you through beautiful meadows and tranquil hinterland while passing the Celtic village Mitterkirchen, rolling by the majestic church in Baumgartenberg and on to the romantic castle of Clam.

**27<sup>th</sup> Sept - Day 6: Strudengau – Nibelungengau, approx. 50 km**

Today's tour is enjoyed by cycling through the fascinating landscape of tall and densely wooded rock formations on both sides of the Danube. High above the Danube is the Pilgrimage Church of Maria Taferl. From there, you are greeted from afar by the marvellous Benedictine Monastery of Melk.

**28<sup>th</sup> Sept - Day 7: Nibelungengau – Krems/surroundings, approx. 50 km**

Another highlight of this tour is the chance to cycle through the magnificent Wachau. A landscape where you will find terraced vineyards, apricot groves interspersed with castles, palaces and monasteries. There is also the possibility to take a break off your bike and relax on a short boat excursion. On your way to Krems you cycle through the winery villages of Spitz, Weißkirchen and Durnstein. Through these charming villages you will see quaint alluring taverns, which are just waiting to present Austrian hospitality at its best. Something you have to experience first-hand.

**29<sup>th</sup> Sept - Day 8: Krems/surroundings – Vienna, approx. 40 km + Train ride Krems - Tulln**

By train you will depart from this UNESCO World Cultural Heritage region. After arriving in Tulln, you will ride your bike for the last time on this tour directly through the Vienna Woods (Wiener Wald) and pass through "The Gates of Vienna". Along the way don't forget to stop in and visit the impressive monastery in Klosterneuburg and then continue on to "The City of Music": Vienna.

**30<sup>th</sup> Sept - Day 9: Vienna to Mumbai or to Munich for Oktober Fest**

Some say that one must personally experience this great city. A few of the must-sees include the famous Naschmarkt (international food/goods market), the City Opera, the Ringstrasse, (a beautiful boulevard with imposing buildings which bear witness to ancient times) and of course the gorgeous imperial castle Schönbrunn. Depart for Mumbai by evening flight /

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**1<sup>st</sup> Oct - Day 10: Munich**



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Spend the day at the Oktober Fest in Munich.

### **2nd Oct - Day 11: Munich to Mumbai**

Spend the day at the Oktober Fest in Munich. Depart for Mumbai by evening flight.

#### **Included services**

All accommodation in 3\* hotels and inns.  
Breakfasts (Except on Day 1) and dinners (Except on Day 9)  
Cycle Rent  
Munich – Passau Transport

#### **Excluded Services**

Air fare to Munich and from Vienna/Munich.  
Visa Fees.  
Lunches on all days.  
All drinks.  
Personal Expenses of all kinds.  
Internal transport other than that arranged for the group

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### **Registration Process:**

Please click on the link below to fill up the registration form in order to reserve your place on the tour: <https://goo.gl/forms/kdsNwU3tudcsDcvP2>

In order to confirm your place on the tour please either pay the tour cost by cheque drawn in favour of '**GREEN EARTH ADVENTURES**' or transfer to the following bank account:

Account Name: **Green Earth Adventures**  
Bank Name: **ICICI Bank, Pune Bhandarkar Road**  
Current Account No.: **624005017291**  
IFSC: **ICIC0006240**

**Note:** Please make sure you write your name as well as the event name in the remarks column in case you transfer the amount by NEFT.

### **Cancellation charges:**

1. More than 30 days prior to departure - 20% of the **Tour Cost**
2. Less than 30 days prior to departure - 50% of the **Tour cost**