



Tour description

for the individual bike & boat journey along the Danube

„Passau-Budapest-Passau“

Dear Cyclist!

We would like to give you a warm welcome to our Bike & Barge tour along the Danube from Passau to Budapest and back. The itinerary has been described from the cyclist's perspective, the way you will experience the route from your bike seat.

Before starting the cycle tour, the tour manager explains the respective route in a briefing, introducing the sights you will find on the left and on the right hand of the tour. Naturally, these are merely suggestions for a better planning of your trip.

Please note that this route description cannot substitute a guidebook.

Information and tips have been highlighted in colours to distinguish from the mere route description.

However, nobody is perfect — please note that the situation on-site can sometimes be different from the route description due to road works, new traffic signs, overturned or overgrown signs, etc. If you should encounter similar situations, please do not hesitate to inform us. Our team from SE-Tours as well as all cyclists using this route will be thankful for your suggestions! Of course, we also appreciate any proposal for improvement. Please note: all indicated ferry schedules may be subject to change.

We wish you a relaxing time and lots of fun on your combined bike and barge Tour.

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Legend:

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Map number



Caution!!



Point of interest

Direction arrows (for rough orientation only):



Straight on or follow the route



Turn right



Turn left

1 2 *Day 1: Arrival in Passau / Embarkation / Boat Tour to Engelhartszell*

For indication how to get to the mooring place in Passau and times for embarkation, please refer to your travel documents.

3 *Day 2: Cycle Tour: Engelhartszell - Untermühl, approx. 35 km / Boat Tour Untermühl – Bratislava*

Info: Founded in 1293, Engelszell Abbey in Engelhartszell is the only Trappist Abby in Austria. The Abby Church with its 76- metre-high tower is considered one of Austria's most authentic Rococo-style buildings. From 1754 to 1764, the abby church had been built and contains notable art works by Johann Georg Üblher, Joseph Deutschmann and Bartolomeo Altomonte. After being damaged, the ceiling was repainted in 1957 with an impressive contemporary painting from Fritz Fröhlich. Abby church opening hours: daily from 8:00 am - 08:00 pm; opening hours monastery gateway: April to October daily 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Tip: In Engelhartszell, you can take the ferry and cross over to the opposite bank (boats run daily from Apr./Oct. 10:30 am - 5:00 pm, May/Sept., 9:30 am - 5:30 pm, June 9:00 am - 6:00 pm, July/August 9:00 am - 6:30 pm), or - **violet route on the map** - cycle for about 3 km upstream until you reach the Jochensteinfels rock. There cross the Danube over the lock at the Jochenstein Power Plant.

Info: The myth-enshrouded Jochensteinfels rock rises out of the Danube and is believed to be the seat of the Danube mermaid „Isa“, a sister of the Lorelei.

Cross the Danube at the **Jochenstein Power Plant**.

→ After passing the electrical substation, turn right onto the lane **Am Jochenstein**.

Following the **Danube cycle path EV6 / R1** keep cycling alongside the river through the village of **Jochenstein**.

Follow the concrete pavement slab lane that forks off to the **Austrian border**.

Info: At the Dantlbach creek, cross the border from Germany to Austria.

From the **Engelhartszell bike ferry**, pick up the **towpath** and continue cycling directly **alongside the river**.

You pass through the village of **Kramesau**.

Shortly before the junction of the **Ranna River** with the **Danube**, you reach a country road.

→  Turn right towards **Niederranna**.

→ In **Niederranna**, just after the **church**, turn right and follow the signposts for the **Danube cycle path EV6 / R1** and pass under the **Danube bridge**.

4 Continue alongside the river.

After about **6 km**, you will reach **Au**.

Info: At the Schlägener Schlinge (Danube Loop), nature's powerful force and beauty becomes apparent. That was probably the reason why the loop was declared "Natural Wonder of Upper Austria" in 2008. The formation of the loop was initiated when the Danube carved its way through the Bohemian Massif. Through a subsequent uplift of land, the Danube incised for almost 300 m into the terrain, thus creating a valley in the Schlägen Danube Loop that almost forms a full circle. The Schlägen Danube Loop is often referred to as the most beautiful and most natural part of the Danube.

Be sure to take the 2nd **ferry Au-Inzell** – the ferry dock is just next to  **Siegfried Pumberger's farm** (ferry runs daily Apr./Sept.-Oct. 9:00 am - 6:00 pm, May-Aug. 08:00 am - 08:00 pm) and cross over to the **opposite bank of the Danube**. Now continue along the **south bank, cycle path EV6 / R1**.

Through the marvellous **Schlögen Danube Loop**, cycle for about **3.5 km** and reach **Inzell**. From **Inzell**, continue alongside the river for approx. **5 km** up to **Kobling**.

Tip:

Alternatively, you can take the **ferry Donabus-Längsfähre Au-Grafenau** (daily May/June/Sept. 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, July/Aug., 09:30 am - 7:00 pm), directly from the bike ferry Au for approx. 5 km through the Danube loop up to the north river bank near Grafenau. Then you continue by bike on the north river bank to Obermühl (**violet dotted route**). *Attention:* you stay on the north river bank of the river.

5 In **Kobling**, take the **ferry to Obermühl** (ferry service daily Apr./Oct. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, May/Sept., 8:00 am - 6:00 pm, June to August 8:00 am - 7:00 pm).

You are now on the **north river bank** and follow the **signposting EV6 / R1** towards **Untermühl** to the **mooring place**

In **Untermühl** go aboard the ship and continue your journey with a boat tour to **Bratislava** respectively **Devin**. Your cruise manager will give you the exact departure time.

Day 3: Cycle Tour: MS SE-Manon Bratislava - Bratislava, approx. 54 km

Info:

Located in southwestern Slovakia on both banks of the Danube River, **Bratislava** is with about 500.000 inhabitants the capital of Slovakia, and is considered one of the youngest capitals in the world.

As it had been the capital of the former Kingdom of Hungary for several years, the city boasts a rich history. The Bratislava Castle is clearly visible already from afar. The Old Town with its quaint narrow lanes offers many historic sights, often accessible only for pedestrians. Bratislava is famous for its lively bars and cafés.



6 Set off from the ship, turn left and pick up the cycleway alongside the **bank of the Danube** to the **Most Lafranconi bridge**.

A **shared cycle and pedestrian ramp** leads onto the bridge.
Cross the **bridge** to the **other side** of the **Danube**.



At the **first possibility**, **get off the bridge**, turn left and follow the way that leads **parallel to the clearway**.

Continue onto **Hainburger Straße**, which leads directly to the (invisible) border between **Slovakia and Austria**.



Follow the cycleway through **Wolfsthal**. At the  **Statue of the Virgin Mary**, the cycleway leaves the **main road** and takes a right fork onto **Donaugasse**.

Cycle past **fields and meadows** until you get back to **Hainburger Straße**, continue cycling on the **cycleway** parallel to the street.

7 Follow the **Danube cycle path signposts** for **Hainburg** until you get back to the **bank of the Danube**.

Tip: To reach the village centre, keep to the right – otherwise keep cycling straight along the Danube cycle path.

Info: **Hainburg an der Donau** is known for its almost completely preserved ancient town walls. Amidst the Donau-Auen National Park, the town is nestled in forest and towers over the Danube. Three medieval town gates and 15 defence towers dating from the 13th century bear witness to the village's rich history. It was once part of Upper Hungary; the borders were changed only by the end of World War I. Eastwards you still leave the village through the Hungary Gate dating from 1260. On top of the Castel Hill, there are the expansive ruins of the castle facilities.

The **cycleway alongside the Danube** leads through **Hainburg**.

Follow the **Donaulände** (streetname), which later changes into **Hollitzerallee**.

←← Pass under the **Danube bridge** and continue left along **Hollitzerallee**, turn left again onto
→ **Steinerweg**, then turn immediately right onto the **cycleway of Am Stein** (streetname) and
← take a **left bend** onto the bridge. **Cross the Danube**.

Info: With a span of 228 m, a height of 76.33 m and a length of 1872 m, the Andreas-Maurer Bridge in Hainburg is one of the largest, longest and highest bridges in Austria.

→ **After crossing the bridge**, turn right onto the **cycleway**, pass under the **bridge** again to
→ the right and continue onto **Dammweg**.

→ At the end of the **Dammweg** turn right onto **Uferstraße** and pass the the **inn**  **Gasthof Forsthaus Stopfenreuth**. Afterwards, turn immediately right again onto **Dorfstraße**.

← → After the **church**, the **Dorfstraße** turns to the left. Afterwards make a **halfright turn** onto **Amerikagasse** and cycle **through the village**. Cross the **state road**, go straight until the **fork** and turn right. At the **next fork** turn left and cycle through the fields along **Industriestraße** until you reach **Engelhartstetten**.

← Continue following **Industriestraße** and turn left onto **Stopfenreuther Straße**.

→ From here, follow the **signposts** for the **Danube cycle path** to **Schloss Hof Castle**, turn right and cycle along **Untere Hauptstraße B3** for a short while, then turn left.

← You reach the **Bundesstraße 49 state road**.

→ Follow the **state road** for about **350 m** and **turn right before the bridge**. Continue cycling for about **3 km** onto the **gravel cycleway** that leads parallel to the **Russbach River**.

← At the next **small bridge**, cross the **Russbach**, turn left, and cycle up to the **farmstead**.

Continue following the **signposts** for **Schloss Hof Palace** - the **cycleway** joins the road that leads to the **castle**. Pedal along the **cycleway next to the road** until you get to the hill of **Schloss Hof Palace**.

If you want to visit the castle

Stay on this road and keep cycling straight on to the castle.

To continue for Bratislava, follow the signposts for the **Bike Bridge of Freedom**.

Info:

Baroque Schloss Hof Palace  : In 1725, Prince Eugene of Savoy purchased a seveneenth-century citadel with four wings and had it extended by two wings. 30 years later, Maria Theresia acquired the country estate. She also had made radical changes to the castle between 1773-1775; an additional storey was added to the palatial building and the rooms on the first floor were remodelled. Enjoy a short stop at the magnificent Imperial Palace with its estate animal farm and the Paradise Garden after a French model.

Tip:

Restaurant „Prinz Eugen“, right next to the castle on Prinz-Eugen-Straße. It has a terrace, delicious food and cold beer.

If you want to continue directly to Bratislava

→ **Dotted red line:** Underneath the hill, turn right and cycle **around the castle**. After approx. **2 km**, turn left and immediately right again and pick up the **cycleway** towards **Bratislava**.

← → Follow the cycleway and cross the **river Morava**, and thus the **Austrian – Slovakian Border** across the  **”Bike Bridge of Freedom“**.

Info: Opened in September 2012, “**The Bike Bridge of Freedom**“ is a shared cycle and pedestrian bridge over the Morava, leading from the Lower Austrian municipality of Engelhartstetten to Devínska Nová Ves, a borough of Bratislava in Slovakia.



After crossing the **bridge**, first turn left, then turn immediately left again and pick up the way that leads **parallel to the Morava River** until you reach **Devin**. In **Devin**, you get back to the **bank of the Danube**.

With wet weather:



Shortly before the Morava River flows into the Danube, the EV6 cycle path makes a right turn into a small wooded area. Do not turn right here, but continue cycling straight ahead and turn right after about 1 km after passing a restaurant at the T-junction. You reach the Freedom Monument and are back on the Danube cycle path EV6. This way you will bypass the little forest: after rainfall the bike path is often completely soaked.

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Cycle around  **castle ruin Devin** and keep following the **signposts**. After **about 1.5 km**, the cycleway ends and you continue along the **cycle lane on the road**.



For **6 km**, cycle along a heavily trafficked road, thus keep all to the right.

Pass under the **Danube bridge**. Always continuing along the **riverbank**, you reach the **ship's mooring place underneath the castle ruin**.

In the evening, sail from Bratislava to Budapest.

Day 3: MS Prinzessin Katharina

Cycle Tour: Devin - Hainburg - Bratislava, approx. 44 km (red route on the map) or

Cycle Tour: Devin - Hainburg - Bratislava direct, approx. 10 km (violet route on the map)

Info:

Devin (German: Theben) is a borough of Bratislava located underneath the Burg Devin Castle at the confluence of the rivers Morava and Danube. The King of Hungary confirmed the borough rights in 1568 and thus the castle marked Hungary's western border until 1918, which had also been the internal border for the Habsburg Monarchy from 1526-1918. In 1938, in the course of the implementation of the Munich Agreement, Devin was annexed by the Germanic Reich, Gau Lower Danube/Lower Austria for its German-speaking majority in the population. The particularity was that there was no direct land connection with the Reich as there was no bridge over the Morava river (up to the present day). Devin was incorporated into the reconstituted Czechoslovakia in 1945 and in 1972, integrated to Bratislava (Pressburg).

9 Red route on the map: Cycle Tour Devin - Hainburg - Bratislava, approx. 44 km

From the **mooring**, cycle briefly upstream along the Danube, past **castle ruin Devin**, then follow the course of the **Morava river** until you reach the **„Bike Bridge of Freedom**.

With wet weather:

After passing the castle ruins, you will reach the Freedom Monument, directly at the mouth of the Morava River into the Danube. The EV6 cycle path leads you straight ahead into a wooded area, directly along the Morava River. Do not go straight, but turn right and take the first left (there is a restaurant on your left) and continue straight again. This way you will cycle around the little forest. After about 1 km you will come back to the Danube cycle path EV6: after rainfall the bike path in the little forest is often completely soaked.

Info:

The **Bike Bridge of Freedom** is a shared cycle and pedestrian bridge over the Morava and was opened in September 2012, leading from Devínska Nová Ves, a borough of Bratislava in Slovakia, to the Lower Austrian municipality of Engelhartstetten.



Cross the river and continue cycling straight to **Schloss Hof Palace**.

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Follow the way straight through the **Schloss Hof Palace** along **Prinz-Eugen-Straße** (the entrance to Prinz-Eugen-Straße may be closed. In this case, keep to the right and follow the signposts for the castle).

Tip:

Restaurant „Prinz Eugen“, right next to the castle on Prinz-Eugen-Straße. It has a terrace, delicious food and cold beer.

Info:

Carnuntum-Schloss
Hof-Bratislava Tour



Please follow the signs „**Carnuntum-Schloss Hof-Bratislava Tour**“ and/or the signposts **EV6**.

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To proceed, cycle straight on until you reach the **turning** to the **Schlossallee**, follow this road to the left. At the end of the street turn right, cycle along until you reach a **T-junction** and turn left (you are still on the **Schlossallee**). Continue a short way along this street, then change to a **cycleway** on the **left side** of the street. Continue straight ahead.

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Dotted red line: If you do not want to visit **Schloss Hof Palace**, after the bridge take the second opportunity to turn left and then turn immediately to the right and cycle around the castle (the hill is on your right). This way joins the main road (**Schlossallee**). Turn left onto the **cycleway** and keep straight ahead.

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You get to a **little wood**. Here turn half-left and pick up the cycleway (cycleway's name is **Niederweiden**).

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Follow the cycleway. You cycle round a **farmyard** and afterwards cross the **Russbach creek**.

→
Directly **after the bridge**, turn right and cycle on an **unpaved gravel path** along the **Russbach** for about **3 km**.

← → On reaching the main road (**Bernstein Straße**), turn left. Follow the road, then change at the **sewage plant Engelhartstetten** to the **path on the right** next to the **main road B49** in the direction of **Engelhartstetten**.

→ ← Turn right onto **Untere Hauptstraße B3**, then turn left onto **Stopfenreuther Straße** and turn right onto **Industriestraße** and cycle through **Engelhartsstetten** towards **Stopfenreuth**.

Follow the path further through the fields in the direction of **Stopfenreuth**.

← → Shortly before reaching the **main road (L8)**, turn left at the **fork**, cross the **main road** and keep right onto **Amerikagasse**.

← ← ← From the **Amerikagasse** turn half-left onto **Dorfstraße**, past the **church** and **at the end of the road**, at the T-junction, turn left onto **Uferstraße** - *Watch out*: no signposting - and immediately left again onto **Dammweg** and cycle up to the **bridge** over the **Danube**.

→ → Cross the **Danube** and leave the bridge in a **right-hand bend**. Follow the **cycleway** back to the **Danube**, pass under the **bridge** (you are now cycling along **Hollitzerallee**) and follow the **Danube cycle path EV6 / R1 to Hainburg**.

Info: With a span of 228 m, a height of 76.33 m and a length of 1872 m, the Andreas-Maurer Bridge in Hainburg is one of the largest, longest and highest bridges in Austria.

In **Hainburg** follow the course of the **Danube**.

→ After the **water tower**, turn right, follow the way around a long bend and **pass under the railway line twice**.

Tip: If you want to take a **side trip** to the village centre, after the **long bend** turn right onto **Opitzgasse**. Via **Klosterplatz Square**, you reach the **Main Square**. To continue your tour, cycle the same way back to the **railway underpass**, and then out of the village.

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You are now cycling along **Nibelungengasse**.

→ ← Turn right onto **Krükstraße** and before the **railway crossing to station Hainburg/Donau Ungartor**, turn left onto **Kriemhildengasse** and cycle through the village.

At the end of the village keep to the left and cycle onto **Thebenerstraße** to leave the town of **Hainburg**

↑ **10** Follow the cycleway to **Wolfsthal**.

← In **Wolfsthal** at the  **Statue of the Virgin Mary**, turn left onto the **main road** and cycle through the village.

← After approx. **2 km**, turn left onto the **cycleway**. Onto this cycleway along the clearway (**Hainburger Straße**), cross the border between **Austria** and **Slovakia**. Continue cycling until you reach the **Danube bridge Most Lafranconi in Bratislava**.

→ **Underpass** the **bridge** and turn right onto a **pedestrian/cycle ramp**. Cross the **bridge** over the **Danube**.

Cycle down the bridge and follow the **cycleway** alongside the **bank of the Danube** to the **ship's mooring place**.

At night, sail from **Bratislava** to **Budapest**.

10 [Violet route on the map: Cycle Tour Devin - Bratislava, approx. 10 km](#)

From the **mooring**, cycle up to the **main road**.

Follow the road and the **signposts** for **Bratislava** until you reach the **ship's mooring place** on the **bank of the Danube**.



Watch out: only partly along cycleways, approx. **6 km** of this section lead **along a heavily trafficked, small road**. Therefore, it is **indispensable that you always keep to the right**.

Pass under the **Danube bridge**. Always following the **waterside promenade**, you reach the **ship's mooring place underneath the castle**.

Day 4: Rest Day in Budapest

Your cruise manager will inform you about the various possibilities you have, to spend the day in Budapest.

Info:

Budapest is a global city and is renowned for art and operetta, a city that fascinates every visitor. Originally sister city of Vienna, Budapest asserts itself until today, in a state with rapidly changing political systems.

The city was already founded more than 2000 years ago by the Romans. However, it was not before 1873 that the legal founding of the city took place by the merger of three previously independent cities: Pest, Buda and Obuda. In 1896, in Budapest was inaugurated the first electric underground on the European continent. The metro stations and market halls made of steel and glass date from that period.

The Danube River gently floats through the city separating the Buda part from Pest. There are eight magnificent bridges in the city area. Numerous historical and cultural sights are waiting to be discovered.

Cycle tour from Budapest to Szentendre, located north of Budapest, approx. 40 km

11 **12** From the mooring, cycle upstream along the left bank of the Danube.

Info:

Due to its proximity to Budapest, Szentendre is a popular tourist destination and a small artist town with well-preserved buildings in Baroque style. The townscape is dominated by pastel-coloured houses. 12 museums, the Open Air Ethnographic Museum, and an Open Air Stone Collection on the grounds of the Roman Limes Fortress await the culturally curious tourist.

The cycleway to **Szentendre** leads almost always alongside the **Danube**.

Short description:

*The main route offers beautiful landscapes though there are sections that are difficult to cycle. Recommended only for experienced cyclists who are able to navigate well with GPS. Especially after rain, the route may be muddy. **Please be careful!***



11 Between **Margaret** and **Àrpád Bridge** you cycle through small alleys without cycle paths, the signposting is insufficient. We therefore recommend the alternative route via **Margaret Island**. Around **Romaifürdő** there are many small restaurants and snack bars, many pedestrians and there are no cycle paths. You cycle on pebble paths of poor quality.

11 **12** After **Csillaghegy** the bike path is new, well maintained and signposted.

At night, boat tour to Visegrad.

Day 5: Cycle Tour Visegrad – Esztergom, approx. 25 – 60

Info: The **Danube Bend**, the stretch between Vác and Nagymaros, is one of Hungary's most stunning landscapes. Here the Danube breaks its way through the Visegrad Mountains at an angle of almost 90 degrees.

Red route on the map: Cycle Tour Visegrad - Esztergom, approx. 25 km

Generally: Always follow the **signposts for the Danube Cycle Path EV6** to the **ferry in Visegrad**, continue to the **ferry in Szob** and then to **Esztergom**:

13 From the mooring in **Visegrad**, cycle **upstream** alongside the **riverbank** to the **ferry dock** where the **ferry** leaves to **Nagymaros** (service runs from 6:45 am to 7:45 pm, every hour), and cross the river.



On the **other bank**, turn left and cycle onto the **cycleway EV6** along the **bank of the Danube** to **Zebegény und Szob**.

In **Szob**, catch the **ferry** again (service runs from 6:40 am to 5:40 pm, in June/July/August until 7:40 pm, every hour).



14 On arrival on the **other bank**, follow this way straight ahead until you reach the **state road 11**. Turn right and follow the **state road** towards **Esztergom**.

Watch out: there is no cycleway for the next 5 km!

Please continue following the signpost for the **Danube cycle path EV6**.



- After about **5 km** you will come to a **bike signpost** in **Esztergom-Szamárhegy**. About 100 m after this sign you will come to a **bus stop**. Here you turn right at the **kiosk/snack bar „Adri Büfé“** onto the **cycle path**. This cycle path takes you **alongside the Danube** directly to your **mooring place in Esztergom**.

In the afternoon, shipping to Vienna.

Violet route on the map:

Cycle Tour Visegrad - Syentendre Island – Vác - Esztergom, approx. 60 km

15 From the **mooring**, follow the **state road 11** to **Tahitótfal**. The road takes a bend and then follows the **branch of the Danube downstream**.

You cycle along the **branch of the Danube** until you reach **Dunabogdany** and then proceed along the **state road 11**. You reach **Tahitótfalu**. Here there is a **bridge** that leads to **Szentendre Island**. Continue cycling until you reach the **ferry dock for Vác** where you cross over to the island (service runs from 6:15 am - 7.15 pm, every hour).

Info: The town of Vác is strongly influenced by Baroque architecture and art: Hungary's only Baroque square is in Vác. A must-see is also the Triumphal Arch, which was built to welcome Empress Maria Theresia. In this town, the old world meets the modern world and together they form a cultural and economic centre.

← On arriving in **Vác**, turn left and follow the **cycleway EV6 upstream**.



Pick up the **cycleway** that leads **parallel to the bank of the Danube** and follow the **cycleway signposts EV6 to Kismaros**.

You reach **Kismaros**. Cycle along the cycleway **EV6** next to the **state road 12**.

16 Continue cycling via **Nagymaros, Zebegény and Szob** alongside the **bank of the Danube, cycleway EV6**



Watch out: dedicated cycleways only in parts; look out for the traffic!

In **Szob**, catch the **ferry to Pilismarót** (service runs every hour from 6:40 am to 5:40 pm, in June/July/August till 7:40 pm, every hour).



17 On arrival on **the other bank**, follow this way straight ahead until you reach the **state road 11**. Turn right and follow the **state road** towards **Esztergom**.

Watch out: there is no cycleway for the next 5 km!

Please continue following the signpost for the **Danube cycle path EV6**.



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In the afternoon, shipping to Vienna.

Day 6: Rest Day in Vienna

The Cruise Manager will inform you about the possibilities to spend the day in Vienna.
At night, sail from Vienna to Dürnstein or Rossatz.

Day 7: Cycle Tour Wachau - Pöchlarn, approx. 39 km / Boat Tour Pöchlarn – Passau

Today enjoy the last cycle day of your journey through the marvellous Wachau Valley. The beautiful scenery with gently rolling hills dotted with picturesque villages, terraced vineyards, castles, monasteries, and ruins will enchant you.

Info: Depending on your **mooring place in Rossatz or Dürnstein**, there are different variants:

18 **Red route on the map – Mooring in Dürnstein**



If you would like to take a quick **side trip** to the **town centre of Dürnstein**:
Mind out! In the pedestrian zone, you have to walk your bike!

Please keep following the **signposts EV6 / R1 Danube cycle path**.

In **Dürnstein**, follow the cycleway **along** the **A-road** and continue along an **agricultural road** through vast terraced **vineyards**.

Continue **alongside the railroad tracks** to **Weißkirchen**.

Tip: In Weißkirchen you can find a lot of Heurige (wine taverns) in narrow lanes.

19 Via **Wösendorf**, keep cycling **parallel to the Danube** until you reach **Spitz**.

Info:

It is a good idea to take the ferry to St. Lorenz in Weißenkirchen (ferry Weißenkirchen - St. Lorenz, service runs Mo-Fr 8:00 am - 11:45 / 1:30 pm - 6:45 pm and Sa/So/bank holiday 8:00 am - 6:45 pm). Alternatively, take the ferry in Spitz (Ferry Spitz - Arnsdorf, service runs from Mo-Fr 6:15 am - 6:00 pm and Sa-So 8:15 am - 6:00 pm) to cross the river, in order to avoid the cycleway along the heavily trafficked Danube A-road (B3).

If you take the **ferry in Weißenkirchen** to cross over to **St. Lorenz** (you are now on the **violet route**), after the crossing pick up the cycleway that leads to **Bacharnsdorf** and **Mittarnsdorf**.



Watch out: The cycle path just before **Bacharnsdorf** to **Hofarnsdorf** is closed due to construction work until the end of the year. The detour runs parallel on the road.

Through **wine villages** and **orchards** cycle past **Hofarnsdorf** along the **towpath** to **Oberarnsdorf**.

Info:

If you take the **ferry in Spitz**, you will arrive in **Oberarnsdorf** and here you join the **violet route**.

Continue along the **bank of the Danube**, past **St. Johann im Mauerthale**, **Aggstein**, **20 Aggsbach Dorf** and **Schönbühel** towards **Melk** .

21 21a Shortly before reaching **Melk**, cross the little **river Pielach** and pass under the **bridge** to pick up the **Danube Cycle Path** in the direction of **Pöchlarn** until you reach the **mooring place**.

Info:

If you decide to continue along the northern bank to **Pöchlarn** anyway (**red route**), cycle from **19 Spitz** to **Schwallenbach**. Here the **cycleway** leads shortly away from the **bank of the Danube**.

20 21 After **Groisbach**, you get back to the road alongside the river. Pick up the at times **narrow cycleway alongside the A-road** until you reach **Aggsbach Markt**. From here, follow the **Danube Cycle Path** via **Schallemerdorf** and **Emmersdorf** up to **Klein Pöchlarn**. When the **A-road** leads away from the bank, you can either cycle up alongside **the dam** or you continue left of it onto **the towpath**. In **Klein Pöchlarn**, turn left and cross the **bridge** to reach **Pöchlarn** on the **other side of the Danube**. After crossing the **bridge**, turn right and continue cycling **alongside the bank** until you reach the **mooring place**.

18 **Violet route on the map: Mooring in Rossatz**

At the beginning of **Rossatz**, you meet a cycleway that leads **parallel to the road**. Follow the **cycleway** through **Rossatzbach** and **Rossatz**. Here the **cycleway** leads away from the **Danube** for a while.

On an agricultural road, cycle through **orchards to Rührsdorf**.

At the **ferry dock St. Lorenz**, the way leads back to the **Danube**. Continue along the cycleway to **Bacharnsdorf** and **Mittarnsdorf**.



Watch out: The cycle path just before **Bacharnsdorf** to **Hofarnsdorf** is closed due to construction work until the end of the year. The detour runs parallel on the road.

19 Through **wine villages** and **orchards**, pedal along the **towpath** past **Hofarnsdorf** to **Obarnsdorf**.

Keep cycling along the bank of the **Danube**, past **St. Johann im Mauerthale**, **Aggstein**, **20 Aggsbach** and **Schönbühel** until towards **Melk** .

21 21a Shortly before reaching **Melk**, cross the little river **Pielach**, pass **under the bridge** and continue cycling onto the **Danube Cycle Path** to **Pöchlarn** until you reach the **mooring place**.

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