

2024

„The Danube in the rythm of the waltz“

Passau – Vienna – Passau by Bike & Boat



MS PRINZESSIN KATHARINA ****

ORIGINALREISE

- Trip length: 8 Days / 7 Nights
- Departure and arrival day: Saturday
- Length of cycle tours: approx. 199 - 225 km
- Character of cycle tours: individual, unguided
- Difficulty: ●○○○
- Profil: Nearly all cycle tours can be classified as being easy.
- Languages on board: German/English
- Travel documents: German/English
- Booking code: DE-DOSWK-08I



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Tour Details

The bike tour along the German / Austrian Danube is a great experience, because your "swimming hotel" is always with you! Gently downhill, you will cycle along lush green river banks, through small, dreamy villages in the impressive Danube landscapes. You will discover the breathtaking natural wonder of the "Great Loop" (a swift 180° turn!) and immerse yourself in legendary Wachau with its vineyard terraces and enchanted castles and monasteries. Then Vienna – an abundance of sights! A city, hardly to describe – you have to see and feel it! Sights like St. Stephen's Cathedral and the city hall are easy to reach during a wonderful sightseeing tour by bike. A stroll through the Naschmarkt (famous food market) is a wonderful cultural and culinary adventure. You can also relax at any of the cosy coffee houses or at a typical traditional Viennese wine tavern in the suburbs. The highlights of the tour: Passau, the City of 3 rivers, the Schloegen Danube Loop, the World Heritage Site Wachau, Upper Austria's capital Linz, the cosmopolitan city Vienna with a plethora of sights.

(All times are subject to change)

| Day | Port | Arrival | Dept. |
|-------|---------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Day 1 | Passau, Embarkation 16:00 h | | 19:00 |
| Day 1 | Engelhartszell | 22:00 | |
| Day 2 | Engelhartszell | | 10:00 |
| Day 2 | Aschach | 13:30 | 16:00 |
| Day 2 | Linz | 18:30 | |
| Day 3 | Linz | | 04:30 |
| Day 3 | Mauthausen | 07:00 | 10:00 |
| Day 3 | Grein | 12:30 | |
| Day 4 | Grein | | 10:00 |
| Day 4 | Melk | 14:00 | 22:00 |
| Day 5 | Tulln | 04:00 | 09:30 |
| Day 5 | Vienna-Nussdorf | 13:00 | |
| Day 6 | Vienna-Nussdorf | | 22:30 |
| Day 7 | Rossatz/Dürnstein | 07:30 | 09:30 |
| Day 7 | Pöchlarn | 14:00 | 16:00 |
| Day 8 | Passau, Disembarkation approx 11:30 h | 11:00 | |

Day 1: Passau – Engelhartszell

The Episcopal city close to the Austrian border is also known as the "City of three Rivers." Boarding time is at approx. 4-5 pm, departure around 7 pm. Enjoy your first dinner on board and an evening sail to Engelhartszell.

Day 2: Engelhartszell – Aschach – „Great Loop“ – Linz, ca. 40 - 46 km

Need a boost? Try some of the special cordials and liqueurs in the Trappist monastery in Engelhartszell. Supposedly, they have "special healing power." Downstream, the way leads you to pretty villages amid natural landscape. For a change take the little ferry boat through the romantic Schlögener loop, where the river makes a very abrupt 180-degree turn (approx. € 6 per pers.). Shipping from Aschach to Linz. Tip: discover Linz, the capital of upper Austria while riding on the bright yellow City-Express.

Day 3: Linz – Mauthausen – Grein, ca. 36 - 40 km

In the early morning shipping to Mauthausen. You have the possibility to visit the memorial-place KZ-Mauthausen. The Celtic town Mitterkirchen gives you an insight of the past. The route continues through the fertile area of the Machland region. 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 a visit in Grein: the impressive Castle of Greinburg (closed on Mondays - can only be visited as part of an optional excursion).

Day 4: Grein – Melk – Tulln, ca. 51 km

Today's stage is marked by a diverse landscape. At the beginning, there is the Strudengau – a narrow point of the Danube which used to be notorious amongst skippers. The valley expands from Persenbeug and the bike tour leads you further to Melk with its gorgeous baroque monastery of the Benedictine brethren. On deck, you enjoy the sunset and the beautiful evening illumination of the Wachau. At night shipping to Tulln, famous for its numerous market gardens where the famous Art Nouveau artist Egon Schiele was born.

Day 5: Tulln – Vienna-Nussdorf, ca. 32 - 38 km

Right in front of Vienna's entrance, embedded in a breathtaking landscape, the monastery of Klosterneuburg is situated. You can already see the cupola of this 900-year-old baroque building from a distance. "Kahlenbergerdorf" with its wine taverns is definitely worth a visit. After a stroll through the vineyards, you can enjoy the panoramic view over Vienna.

Day 6: Vienna-Nussdorf (day of rest)

You should be sure to see the most famous places of interest like the St. Stephens Cathedral and the Hofburg, the gorgeous boulevard "Ringstraße" with the Burgtheater, the State Opera House or the town hall that takes you back to the past. Take your time in the afternoon to stroll or visit one of the famous Viennese coffee bars. In the night shipping to Rossatz or Dürnstein.

Day 7: Wachau – Pöchlarn, ca. 40 - 50 km

Your last biking day is a special highlight! Amidst small dreamy villages, apricot trees, vineyards, castles, monasteries and ruins, this gentle 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 the evening farewell dinner and cocktail.

Day 8: Departure from Passau

Every journey draws to an end. Arrival in Passau is about 11 am, disembarkation half an hour later. We recommend to book train connections from approx. 1:30 pm onwards.



Travel Dates 2024 / From Saturday to Saturday

Season A: 20APR – 27APR

Season B: 04MAY – 11MAY | 21SEP – 28SEP

Season C: 18MAY – 25MAY | 22JUN – 29JUN | 29JUN – 06JUL | 06JUL – 13JUL | 27JUL – 03AUG | 03AUG– 10AUG | 10AUG – 17AUG | 31AUG – 07SEP | 07SEP – 14SEP | 14.SEP – 21SEP

Prices per person in Euro

| | Main Deck | | | Upper Deck | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2-bed Eco* | 2-bed-cabin | 1-bed cabin | 3-bed-cabin | 2-bed-cabin | 1-bed-cabin |
| Season A | 699.- | 849.- | 1.149.- | 849.- | 1.049.- | 1.349.- |
| Season B | 799.- | 949.- | 1.249.- | 949.- | 1.149.- | 1.449.- |
| Season C | 899.- | 999.- | 1.299.- | 1.049.- | 1.249.- | 1.549.- |

* Cabins in front and at rear of the ship; perceptible engine and generator noise (when ship is in motion and in locks)

Supplements / Reductions

Child reduction: till 13 years 20% in a triple cabin with 2 adults

2-bed cabin for single use: 50% (limited quantity)

Rental bike fee 7-gear-Unisex: € 89.-

Rental bike fee 8-gear-E-Bike: € 199.-

Bring your own bike / own E-bike: € 29.- (on request only, limited number)

Bikes:

- 7-gear-Unisex-trekking bikes und 8-gear-E-Bikes (brand: Velo de Ville - special SE-Tours edition)
- With hand brake and pedal brake or hand brakes only (subject to availability, please indicate as a non-binding customer request by the booking)
- Pannier bag and rental bike insurance included.
- E-Bikes on a limited number only
- Please indicate your body height by the booking

Travel safe and secure with SE-Tours: We recommend to wear a bike helmet.

Please bring your own bike helmet (no onboard selling) from home.

Please note: In Austria, helmets are compulsory for children under the age of 12.

Services included

- 7 nights in outside cabins with private facilities in the booked cabin category
- Programme according itinerary from/to Passau
- All passenger fees and port fees
- Captains greeting and Welcome-Drink
- Daily cabin cleaning. Changing of towels and bed cloths as necessary.
- Full meals: 7x breakfast, 6x packed lunch for cyclists or lunch snack on board (non cyclists), 6x afternoon coffee break, 6x 3-course-dinner and 1x farewell-dinner with farewell-drink
- Daily informational meeting
- Information pack with route book (one per cabin)
- GPS tracks
- Tour guide on board

Services not included

Journey to and from Passau, shuttles, bike rental, entrance fees and excursions, city maps, ferry fees, travel insurances, parking fees, tips, drinks on board

Passenger car parking options in Passau

Parking space inclusive transfer to/from ship € 78.-

Parking garage inclusive transfer to/from ship € 92.-
(registration form in the travel-documents, payable on site)

Ship's description | Remarks

MS PRINZESSIN KATHARINA

Year of construction 1990 | **Refurbishment** 2015 | **Registry** Slovakia | **Length** 110 m | **Width** 11,20 m | **Draft** 1 m | **Number of Crew** approx. 30 | **Passengers** max. 140

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. Enjoy the special atmosphere and let yourself be spoiled by the good cuisine. On two passenger decks you will find a panoramic restaurant, a comfortable salon, one bar and an inviting foyer, a book corner, a small shop and a massage parlour. On the spacious, partly covered sun deck there are enough deck chairs available.



Cabins All 71 cabins are outside cabins and comfortably and tastefully furnished featuring en-suite facilities with shower/WC, hair dryer, air-conditioning, TV, on-board-radio, telephone and a small refrigerator.

Upper deck 29 two-bed cabins, 1 triple cabin und 2 single cabins; all cabins have approx. 11 m² with French balcony (= floor-to-ceiling windows which can be opened). 2-bed cabins with a sofa bed and a pullman bed (stowed during the day for more comfort). In the triple cabin a 3rd bed is folded down from the wall (max. 80 kg).

Main deck: 38 two-bed cabins, 1 single cabin (all cabins have approx. 11 m²) with two sofa beds standing in a right angle and a picture window (not to open). In some cabins in the front and rear part of the ship (category Eco) engine and generator noise may be perceptible.

Important remarks

Embarkation from 4 to 5 pm | **Disembarkation** approx 11:30 am

Minimum number of participants 80 guests (must have been reached within 21 days prior to departure)

To bring your own bike
On request only – due to lack of space on sun deck. We exclude any liability for loss, theft and damage - this also applies to damage caused by transportation from shore to ship or vice versa.

Excursions We offer a small excursion program, that can be booked directly on board at the cruise director only. You will get a brief description together with your travel

documents. Depending on the number of participants some excursions could be carried out in 2 languages (German/ English). **Luggage** We recommend: rainwear, bicycle helmet, sunhat and sneakers.

Schedule and program changes Basically, we reserve the right to make changes of routing and program. In case of flood or low tide, the shipping company reserves the right to bridge parts of passages by buses. In extreme situations, the shipping company reserves the right to cancel the journey on short notice. No legal right shall be constituted of both situations. The same applies for officially ordered - previously not announced - repair work on locks or bridges.

Notes Please be aware that a cruise ship on the Danube is not only your hotel but also a machine, working with engine power also during the night. Especially crossing locks and bridges - and the preparation work - may cause noise. If you are sensitive please bring your own ear plugs

Travel documents EU-citizens (without special situations like dual citizenship, main residence abroad or a limited-validity passport) are required to have a valid passport or ID-card, not expiring within six (6) months of the return of your cruise. We kindly ask non-EU citizens, EU-nationals with multiple citizenship or anybody who has to respect special legal entry requirements for the country to visit, to inform about visa and entry documents at the competent embassy. **This trip is not suitable for guests with reduced mobility.** We recommend that you take out a **travel health insurance with repatriation coverage as well as baggage, accident and travel cancellation insurances.**

