

## Travelinformation „The Danube 4 Countries Tour Donau“

Passau – Vienna – Bratislava – Budapest – Passau by Bike & Boat

### 1. Mooring MS Prinzessin Katharina in Passau

**Passau, Lände Lindau / Steiger L4 Franz-Weismann-Str., 94034 Passau**

You will find your ship on 08.06./15.06./20.07./17.08./ at the following docking station:

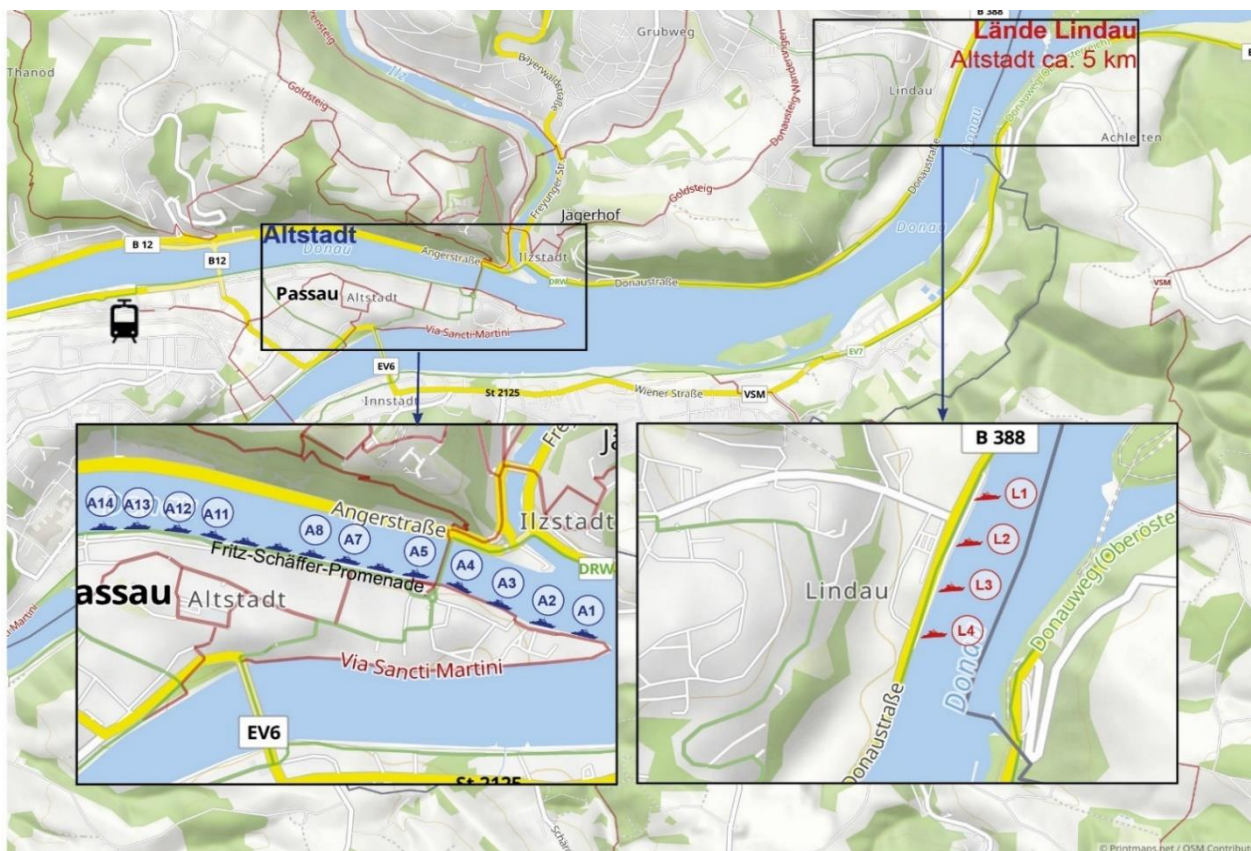
**Passau, Lände Lindau / Steiger L2 Franz-Weismann-Str., 94034 Passau**

You will find your ship on 25.05./01.06 / at the following docking station:

**Passau, Lände Lindau / Steiger L3 Franz-Weismann-Str., 94034 Passau**

**Please note:** The scheduled docking location may change at short notice. Local harbour authorities may assign several ships to the same berth thus your ship may be tied up behind another ship. If you cannot find your ship, please contact the tour manager number indicated in this booklet.

You will find out the docking station for disembarkation from your cruise manager on the last evening.



Please plan to arrive in a timely manner in order to respect the scheduled **embarkation at 4:00 pm.**

If you arrive later, please let us know in time. The ship must depart on time.

Please note that an earlier embarkation is not possible for organisational reasons. If necessary, however, you may deposit your luggage on board already from 2 pm onwards.

Please label all pieces of luggage with a luggage tag, making sure that it has your name, cabin number and the ships name on it.

## 2. Emergency Numbers

You will be able to reach our tour manager via the following number:

**+49(0)170 9915159**

In case of emergency, you will reach the reception of the MS Prinzessin Katharina via the following phone number:

**+421-917-883-854**

SE-Tours emergency phone (on the day of arrival only): +49(0) 171 826 17 18

Should you have any questions prior to departure, please refer to your booking agent.

## 3. Tour Details

Accompanied by a cruise ship you cycle along Europe's second largest river Danube from the charming Bavarian "three river city" of Passau straight into the heart of the once glorious Imperial and Royal Monarchy. Enjoy three of the most enchanting European capitals: the lively Vienna, the Slovak coronation city of Bratislava at the foot of the Carpathian Mountains and Budapest, the "Hungarian Danube Queen"! By bicycle you discover the stunning natural spectacle of the Schlägener Donauschlinge ("Great Loop"), the legendary Wachau with romantic towns and mighty castles amidst lovely vineyards, the untouched alluvial forests of the Danube National Park, as well as the baroque town of Vác with its colourful 18th century houses. The highlights of the tour: Passau, the City of 3 rivers, the Schloegen Danube Loop, the Hungarian Danube Bend, the World Heritage Site Wachau, the metropolises of Bratislava, Budapest and Vienna.

(All times are subject to change)

Day	Port	Arrival	Dept.
Day 1	Passau, Embarkation 16:00		19:00
Day 1	Engelhartszell	22:00	
Day 2	Engelhartszell		10:00
Day 2	Aschach	13:30	15:30
Day 3	Vienna Nussdorf	08:00	18:00
Day 4	Budapest	10:00	
Day 5	Budapest		02:00
Day 5	Visegrad	07:00	15:00
Day 6	Bratislava	09:30	15:00
Day 7	Rossatz/Dürnstein	08:00	09:30
Day 7	Pöchlarn	14:30	15:30
Day 8	Passau, Disembarkation approx 11:30	11:00	

### Day 1: Passau – Engelhartszell

Arrival in the "Three River City". Passau attracts many with the world's greatest church organ at the Stephansdom and its charming Old Town. Embarkation will be around 4:00 pm, departure around 7 pm. Enjoy your first dinner on board and an evening sail to Engelhartszell.

### Day 2: Engelhartszell - Great Loop - Aschach – Vienna-Nussdorf, ca. 40 - 46 km

The day starts in Engelhartszell (the only Trappist monastery in Austria), where we head towards the "Great Loop" - one of the most beautiful and original sectors of the Danube. Your cycling will encounter small villages and cosy must-see taverns. You will board again in Aschach. Then, you "sail into the night" towards Vienna-Nussdorf.

### Day 3: Vienna-Nussdorf (day of rest)

You should be sure to see the most famous places of interest like the St. Stephens Cathedral, the Hofburg, the gorgeous boulevard "Ringstraße" with the Burgtheater, the State Opera House or the town hall that takes you back to the past. In the night shipping to Budapest.

### Day 4: Budapest (day of rest) or roundtrip to Szentendre, ca. 48 km

In the early morning, you enjoy the panoramic view of the Danube's gorgeous landscape on the sundeck. The gateway to Budapest is overwhelming, as many of the famous tourist features are situated directly next to the river bank. In the afternoon you can explore the numerous attractions of the city. Nearby, you find the Margaretheninsel which is outstandingly qualified for a small bike tour or the charming town of Szentendre with Mediterranean atmosphere and lively art life. In the night shipping to Visegrad.

### **Day 5: Danube Bend | Visegrad – Vác – Visegrad, ca. 36 km**

The Danube bend is definitely a delightful part and is called the Hungarian Wachau. Today's bike leg starts at Visegrad with its famous fortress and the ruins of the former palace. You cycle through the picturesque countryside via the Szentendre Peninsula to the baroque village of Vác, which has been influenced by the architects of the Austrian empress Maria Theresia. Via small Hungarian villages you return to Visegrad. In the afternoon shipping to Bratislava.

### **Day 6: Bratislava (day of rest)**

Arrival at Bratislava in the morning. Today discover the small lively capital of Slovakia. Tip: Enjoy a magnificent panoramic view from the castle and take a ride on a mini train through the enchanting old town. Alternatively, explore the city during a guided bike tour. In the night shipping to Rossatz or Dürnstein (Wachau).

### **Day 7: Wachau – Melk – Pöchlarn, ca. 40- 50 km, shipping to Passau**

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 small village of Pöchlarn you will board again. After the farewell gala dinner, you start "sailing" back to Passau.

### **Day 8: Departure from Passau**

Every journey draws to an end. Once again you enjoy on deck the first sunbeams and the peaceful silence of the Danube Valley. Take a last sight at the Schlögenger Schlinge ("Great Loop") before you arrive relaxed at Passau. Arrival: approx. at 11 am, disembarkation half an hour later. We recommend to book train connections from approx. 1:30 pm onwards.

## **4. Optional Excursions**

### **Day 3 | Vienna | Walking tour through the city centre with bus transfer service**

approx. 9:00 – 12:00 pm, Duration approx. 3 hours

**EUR 42,00**

Experience the charming and loveable city of Vienna on a two-hour walking tour with an experienced local guide. Vienna is not only the declared favourite city of all gourmets: Vienna is where history meets modern life and design meets tradition. The bus takes you from the ship to the famous Viennese boulevard "Ringstraße", past the State Opera House, the Parliament, the Burg Theatre, and the University. Get off at the Imperial Palace (Hofburg) and walk towards St Stephen's Cathedral, Austria's highest church. From here, start for a relaxing walking tour to the Graben, Vienna's major square, and via the Imperial Palace (Hofburg) with the Joseph's Square and the Spanish Riding School reach the Albertina Square. Bus transfer via Ringstraße back to the ship. If you prefer, you may also stay in the city centre.

#### **OR**

### **Day 3 | Vienna | City tour by bike**

approx. 9:00 – 12:00 pm, Duration: approx 3 hours, 25 km

**EUR 42,00**

Get up close and personal with Vienna's famous sites...

One of the nicest ways to discover Vienna. The bike tour will offer you close-up looks of the impressive Viennese buildings. Accompanied by an experienced local guide, enjoy the beauty of architecture and culture in small groups. From Nussdorf, cycle along the Danube Canal via Spittelhof and Urania to the Hundertwasser House and to the major sights, including the State Opera House, the Johann Strauss Memorial in the City Park, the Imperial Palace (the former Habsburg winter residence), and the New City Hall. The tour ends at St. Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna's best-known landmark. Several stopovers for picture taking.

### **Day 4 | Budapest | City tour by bike – Cycle Budapest!**

approx. 10:30 am – 13:30 pm, Duration: about 3 – 3,5 hours, approx. 12 km

**EUR 27,00**

Also in Budapest, it is possible to explore the city by bike. Discover the most beautiful sites of the Danube metropolis as close as you can get. An experienced guide will take you to see the many sites: The tour starts directly from the ship. You will cycle alongside the Danube River up to the Margaret Bridge where you can enjoy marvellous views. Arriving in Pest, you cycle past the World Heritage Site Andrassy Avenue, the Opera House, the F. Liszt Square and the former Parisian Warehouse up to the Heroes` Square with two impressive art museums. In the City Park, you cycle along the Vajdahunyad Castle and the world-famous Szechenyi Spa. On your way back, you

will stop over at another viewpoint on the Danube, from where you can enjoy the panorama with the most important sights of Buda such as the Royal Palace, St Matthew 's Cathedral and the Fisherman's Bastion. Finally, you cross the world-famous Chain Bridge back to the ship.

**Day 4 | Budapest| Budapest at night with Hungarian folklore dance show**

approx. 8:00 – 11:00 pm, Duration: approx. 3 hours

**EUR 45,00**

At the dock, a bus picks you up and takes you to a typical Hungarian restaurant, where you will be welcomed with a traditional schnapps and the famous gipsy music. Enjoy a folk performance full of fiery temperament, try some of Hungary's white or red wines and the typical Hungarian Goulash Soup. But, if you have not seen Budapest at night in the sea of lights, you have really missed something! Enjoy the panoramic ride through the illuminated city to a viewpoint – from there you will have a beautiful view of the city. Returning at about 11:00 pm.

**Day 6 | Bratislava | City Tour by Mini Train and walking tour**

approx. 10:15 – 12:15 pm, Duration, approx. 2 hours

**EUR 32,00**

On this tour, we will introduce you to the cultural, economical and political centre of Slovakia. The excursion starts with an interesting city tour by mini train. Then continue your discovery tour by foot with our tour guide. It leads you through the enchanting Old Town, which has many lovingly restored historic buildings and shines now in new splendour. You will get back to the mooring place where the round trip ends. The program can be subject to change.

**OR**

**Day 6 | Bratislava | Bike Tour „The Bridges of Bratislava“**

approx. 10:15 – 13:45 pm, Duration: approx. 3,5 hours, 37 km

**EUR 32,00**

Go on a guided bike tour along the Danube. Together with your guide you cycle right and left of the Danube with varying perspectives, changing sides of the Danube again and again over the numerous Danube bridges of Bratislava.

After a short break at a typical "Danube kiosk" (consumption not included), you return to the ship. Start and end of the tour directly from the ship.

*Please note: helmets are compulsory. Warning vests are compulsory in poor visibility.*

**5. Reservation of the excursions:**

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- ✓ The excursions can ONLY be booked on board.
- ✓ You will receive the vouchers directly from your cruise manager.
- ✓ Payments will be made directly to your cruise manager aboard the ship (only cash payment, payments in EUR only)
- ✓ The excursions have capacity limitations – short term reservations may not be considered. We recommend that you attend the tour information sessions.
- ✓ Minimum number of participants per tour: required.
- ✓ Once the tour has been booked and paid, no refunds will be made. (Except of cancellation by SE-Tours or if the minimum number of participants has not been reached).
- ✓ Please note that due to low/high tides or wait times there can be delays on the locks and therefore tour programs as well as boarding and landing sites can change.

Itinerary as well as tour programs are subject to change.  
Rates in February 2024 – subject to change.