

## Travel Information „The Danube in the Rhythm of the waltz“ Passau – Vienna – Passau by Bike & Boat

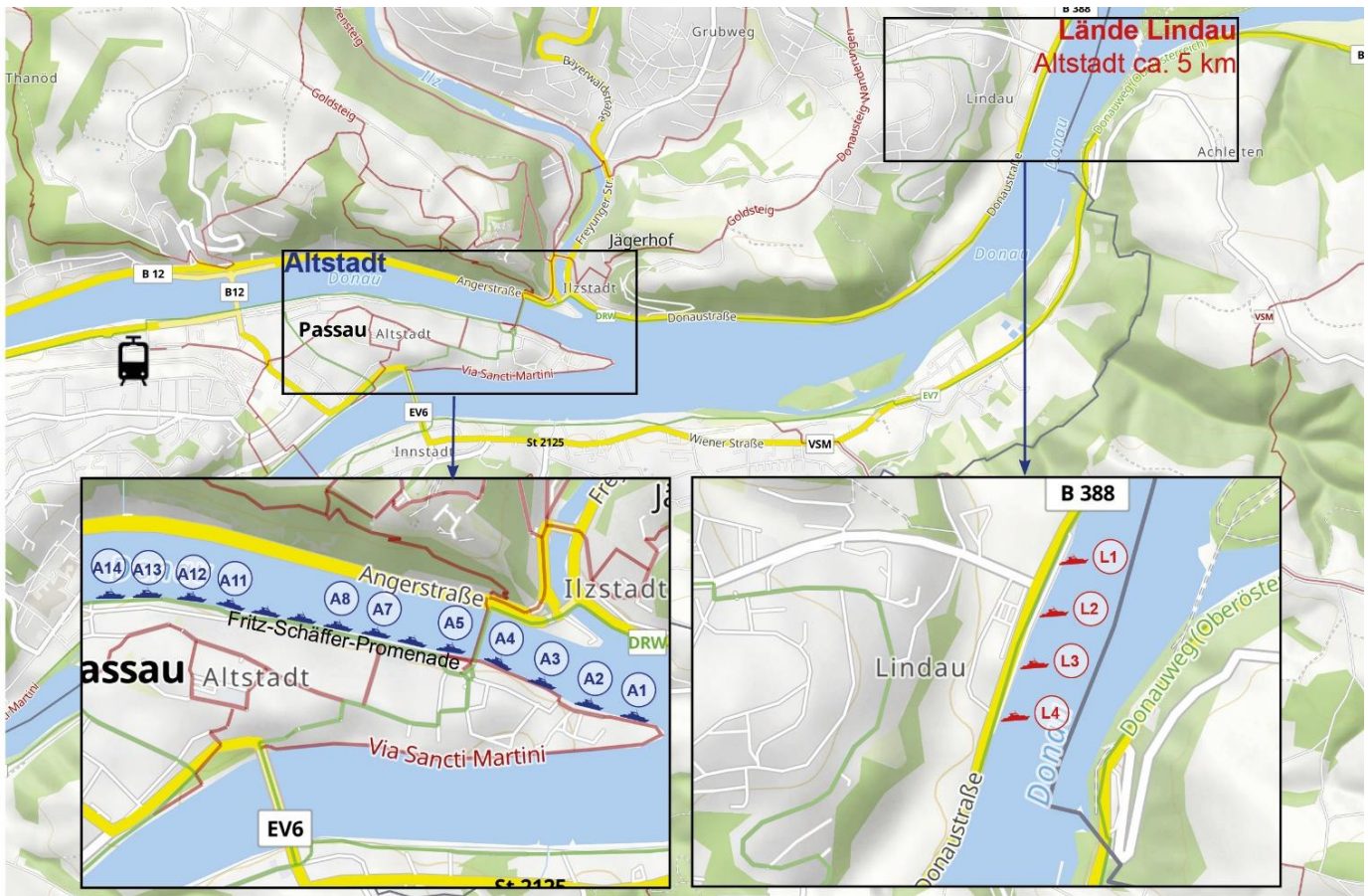
### 1. Mooring MS Prinzessin Katharina in Passau

You will find your ship at the following cruise dock:

**Passau, Lände Lindau / Steiger L2**

**Departures: 20.04./04.05./29.06./27.07./31.08./21.09./ Steiger L4**

**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 good time 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 ship's 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

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.

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

## 4. Optional Excursions



#### **LINZ: Round trip with the City-Express, Sunday, approx. 7:30 – 8:00 pm**

Linz City Express is the name of the little bright yellow train that takes you on a relaxing trip round the narrow lanes of the Old Town, visiting places you cannot see by car or which are not within walking distance. In Linz, history meets modernity – a city can hardly be richer in contrast. Enjoy the marvellous sights you will see on this audio-guided tour, while listening to the information about culture and history that are accompanied by music. The round trip usually starts at the mooring site at the Linz bank and ends at the baroque Main Square

Minimum number of participants: 35 persons

**Price: EUR 10.-**

**Duration approx. 30 minutes**



#### **Grein: Guided tour to Greinburg Castle (grand tour) on the Danube River, Monday, approx. 4:30 – 5:45 pm**

Greinburg Castle on the Danube, Austria's oldest residential Castle, dates from the late medieval era and was purchased in 1823 by the Dukes of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. The Royal Houses of England, Belgium, Portugal, and Bulgaria are descended from the Ducal House, so is the mother of the today's King of Sweden. The castle is well worth a visit. Within a guided tour you can admire the Hall of Knights, the castle chapel, the Late Renaissance arcaded inner courtyard as well as the Coburg festival rooms.

Minimum number of participants: 25 persons

**Price: EUR 13.-**

**Duration approx. 75 minutes**



#### **VIENNA: Walking tour through the city centre with bus transfer service from/back to the dock, Wednesday, approx. 1:30 – 4:30 pm**

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.

Minimum number of participants: 25 persons

**Price: EUR 40.-**

**Duration: approx. 3 hours**



**VIENNA: Waltz and Operetta Concert,  
Wednesday, approx. 7:30 – 11:00 pm**

With good reason, Vienna is considered the "World City of Music". Enjoy an unforgettable evening full of Viennese charm and joie-de-vivre. Virtuoso musicians, ballet dancers and excellent opera singers will perform a program featuring the most popular waltz and operetta pieces by Johann Strauss as well as opera arias and duets by W.A. Mozart. A wonderful way to top off the evening is to see the gorgeously illuminated Ringstrasse Boulevard at night on our way back to the ship.

**Duration (transfers included): approx. 3.5 Hours**

Minimum number of participants: 25 persons

**Price: EUR 75.00.-**

**(concert approx. 8:30-10:15 pm, break incl.)**



**VIENNA: City tour by bike,  
Thursday, approx. 09:00 – 12:00 am**

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.

Minimum number of participants: 25 persons

**Price: EUR 42.00.-**

Duration: approx. 3 hours, 25 km

## 5. Reservation of the excursions:

- ✓ 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.