

Cycling Safaris

Vienna to Budapest 2010 Along the majestic Danube and the Hungarian Lowlands Self Guided



The tour from Vienna to Budapest is very diverse with majestic highlights. Your tour starts in the world's city of charm. Then Bratislava invites you for shopping tours in the picturesque old town. The metropolis Budapest, one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, is the crowning conclusion of your journey. This tour offers a natural and cultural experience mostly away from the touristy centres. Untouched nature, little-known artistic treasures and cultural monuments can be found on this route between Vienna and Budapest. You cycle in the infinite widths of the Hungarian lowlands. You can also visit the famous "Arabian National Stud" in Babolna where you can explore the secrets of traditional horse breeding. The Basilica in Esztergom is the biggest Catholic Church in Hungary and accommodates many art treasures. Enjoy the friendly people and the Hungarian hospitality.

The tour is mostly flat, sometimes slightly hilly. The Austrian section is on well equipped bike paths, in Hungary you will often bike on country and side roads. Entering and leaving the cities, there is some traffic to pay attention to!

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: Vienna

Independent arrival to Vienna The magic of this lively city will delight you.

Day 2: Vienna - Bad Deutsch Altenburg/surr. (approx. 45 km/29 miles)

The Danube-Cycle-Path leads you on quiet trails through the „Donauauen“ National Park, passing the castles of Orth and Eckartsau until you reach the former Roman city Petronell Carnuntum (Roman excavations) or the health resort Bad Deutsch Altenburg.

Day 3: Bad Deutsch Altenburg/surroundings - Bratislava - Mosonmagyaróvár/Halaszi (approx. 60 km/38 miles)

You follow the Danube-Cycle-Path to Bratislava – the capital of Slovakia. The quaint old city centre with numerous sights, a lovely pedestrian zone and countless restaurants and coffee shops will invite you to an extended stroll. After you have visited Bratislava, you cycle to the "Little Alföld" which will surely enchant you.

Day 4: Mosonmagyaróvár/Halaszi - Győr (approx. 45 km/26miles)

Today, you will bike through the charming and idyllic landscape of the "Little Alföld" to Győr, one of the most important cities of the Hungarian lowlands with a glamorous, historical city centre. For a pleasant walk, the narrow lanes, churches and the palaces of the baroque city centre are very inviting.

Day 5: Győr - Tata (approx. 60 km/38 miles)

Through a landscape of rolling hills you will cycle to the town of Tata with its lakes, located at the foot of the hill range "Gerecse". Don't forget to visit the Arabian National Stud in Babolna, this is a historical place of culture.

Day 6: Tata - Esztergom/surrounding (approx. 55 km/34 miles)

You cycle to the hilly „Gerecse“ mountains, through the lush forests. If you prefer to take it easy: take the train (approx. 20 km/12 miles – not incl.). You reach the divided city of Komárom (a boarder-town between Hungary and Slovakia). Along the Slovakian Danube you bike through small farmvillages in a flat region to Esztergom, where you can admire the impressive cathedral.

Day 7: Esztergom/surroundings - Szentendre - Budapest (approx. 58 km/36 miles)

Steep mountain-slopes frame the picturesque landscape of the Danube Bend up to Szentendre island. You can learn more about the Hungarian architecture in the nearby open air museum. Go by bike or boat to Budapest (boat ride to Budapest not incl.) On the boat, the view on the sun deck is overwhelming.

Day 8: Budapest

You enjoy this day in the metropolis of Budapest. Departure by scheduled bus daily at 3.30 p.m. (on request after pre reservation by tour booking start also possible at 11.30 a.m., rebooking or cancellation after tour start not possible.) Arrival in Vienna at approx. 3.30 p.m. Bus schedule subject to change! The return is also comfortably possible by speedboat (subject to surcharge).

DEPARTURE DATES

17.04. – 03.10 Every Fri/Sat/Sun

TOUR PRICE

	Per person Sharing	For single occupancy
17 + 18 April , 24 + 25 April, 1 + 2 May, 2 + 3 October <i>Tours Available Saturdays and Sundays</i>	€665.00	€820.00
7 May – 27 June, 27 August – 26 September <i>Tours Available Friday, Saturdays and Sundays</i>	€705.00	€860.00
2 July – 22 August excluded Formula I Grand Prix Budapest – prices and availability on request <i>Tours Available Friday, Saturdays and Sundays</i>	€730.00	€885.00

Helmet = €15 per person

WHAT THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 nights accommodation in rooms with private facilities in the chosen category
- breakfast and 6 dinners (in Vienna only breakfast included)
- 7/21 gear bike
- daily luggage transfer up to hotel in Budapest (1 suitcase/ max. 20 kg / person)
- detailed maps, route description and tour information material for each room
- 1 free handlebar bag per room as a present
- return transfer by scheduled bus from Budapest to Vienna
- Service-Hotline (also on weekends)

Not included:

Arrival and departure; admission fees; ferries; insurance; Tips and personal expenses

If you wish to not avail of 6 dinners the half board reduction is €109 per person. (You need to specify this when booking this tour – other wise a €25 administration fee will apply)

TOUR ACCOMMODATION

Comfortable 4* hotels

Extra accommodation available:

Vienna 4****		Budapest 3*** excluded Formula I Grand Prix Budapest – prices and availability on request	
Double pps	Single Supplement	Double pps	Single supplement
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WHAT TO BRING

The tours are unescorted. All distances are "approx. distances" from the recommended cycle route. In your luggage there should be good rain clothing (jacket and trousers), sun hat and sun protection as well as sports shoes.

BIKE / FITNESS

7 or 21-Gear Unisex-Bike (please indicate preferred number of gears upon booking), incl. panniers, Odometer.

(please bring your own helmets)

TRAVEL INFORMATION

The arrival and departure from/to Vienna is individual. Vienna, respectively Bratislava (1 hour away from Vienna, shuttle service € 10) and Budapest are approached by many airlines. We are glad to help you in planning your arrival or departure.

BACK UP SERVICE

As this is a self led trip you do not have the back-up of a guide and support van. Our aim is to allow you feel like an independent traveller, free to cycle each day at your own pace while at the same time having the security of knowing that your luggage will be waiting for you in your next accommodation.

If you experience small problems with the bike (e.g., a puncture) you will have a spare tube, pump and tyre lever. You also have access to a 24 hour helpline.